



Invitation and Agenda

Meeting: No. 8 Wednesday 5th August 2009

Place: Cairns City Library meeting room 1

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

The Network's charter is to identify, develop and action projects that will have a measurable impact on the uptake of sustainable building practices in Far North Queensland. To achieve this, builders, construction service professionals, building material manufacturers, retailers, government representatives, industry and community associations and other interested stakeholders are invited to work together.

A 'contact register' is being circulated. Please leave business cards on the table near the door.

5.30 pm **Introduction** from everyone present and a short explanation of their interest/ activities in Green Building/ Development or Urban Sustainability. A full list of Network participants and their details can be found if you register onto the Forum at <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum/>

5.45 pm **Latest News and Announcements:**

- Green Home Loan <http://www.environment.gov.au/greenloans/>
- Release of BCA 2010 Energy Performance Requirements.
- Tour of the Bedminster Waste Disposal Facility.
- Cairns Regional Council launch the Sustainability and Climate Change website: <http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/content/Sustainability/SustainabilityandClimateChange.htm>

6.15 pm **Issues for discussion**

- **Submission for Ergon Energy Envirofund** for 'Literature on Tropical Retrofit House' publication.
- **Sustainable House Day:** Sunday 13th September 2009 and register of 'Green' Buildings in Far North Queensland. Create a working subgroup.
- **Building Material Recycling:** Establishing a subgroup to create a knowledge base of current and future opportunities.

6.45 pm **Presentation - Collaborative Cottage Project by Malanda North Project Co-ordinators**

Evidence suggests that many Tablelanders buy a block of land and can only afford a small house/shed (sometimes never moving out of the shed!) which often, due to financial constraints, takes the form of a colorbond construction. The project is pursuing a solution that may create an affordable, small dwelling which comes in at close to the price of a colorbond/ kit construction but which rates higher in terms of aesthetics, design, comfort, individuality, environmental compatibility (eg. orientation, local materials, passive heating and cooling, smaller carbon footprint, lower resource use whether water/electricity/building materials, etc).

7.15 pm **Subgroups:**

Insulation: Letter from the Minister for Environment, Water Heritage and Arts: Reflective Thermal Insulation included in rebate for Climate Zone 1 including placement under the roof sheeting.
Editorial in the Cairns Sun.
Rainwater Tanks: No Activity.
Water Management: No work in progress.
Grey Water Systems: Memorandum document between Council and TAFE
For more details about the aims and work of the subgroups: <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum>
Meeting break into subgroups as required.

7.30 pm **Close.** Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 5.30 to 7.30 pm at the Cairns City Library. Next meeting 2nd September 2009