

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

FACILITATOR: Emma Thirkell

MINUTES: Emma Thirkell

DATE: 2 September 2009

PRESENT: See attached list

GUEST SPEAKER/S: Keiran O'Brien from Project Air conditioning.

APOLOGIES: See attached list



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Regional Sustainable Initiative and Townsville CETD news.	Minutes of these meetings can be found on www.greenbuild.com.au/forum		
New release" Cairns Regional Council releases 'Positive Change – Climate Change Risks and Opportunities for the Cairns Region"	No Action		
Tour of the Material Recovery Facility and SETA (Bedminster) Composting Facility 24 th September from 3 to 5 pm.	No Action		
Issues for Discussion			
BCA 2010 Energy Performance	The session is a 'Live Link-up' from the JCU Cairns Campus and Townsville and will provide technical information about the Thermal Performance	Organisation of link-up and marketing. Michael Plunkett to be the speaker.	Emma and Michael

Requirements: Session planned for 7 th September.	Simulation software Accurate and BERS Pro used for assessing the Building Codes of Australia Energy Performance Codes. The Codes are currently being revised and a Regulatory Impact Statement may be available for comment in September/ October 2009.		
Sustainable House Day	Sunday 13 th September 2009 run by Australia and New Zealand Solar Energy Society (ANZSES). Rhianna Rickard and CAFNEC have provided great support and preparations have required work. Call for working subgroup to promote the event and volunteers to man the houses: Julatten Mareeba Kewarra Beach Manoora, Manunda See the houses on: http://www.sustainablehouseday.com/queensland.php#Cairns	Volunteers: Maurice Evans Morgan Bleek Chris Ansell	Sarah Hoyal Emma
Presentation			
Presentation by Keiran O'Brien from Project Airconditioning.	Keiran presented a session on the latest technology and system installation in Air-conditioning that reduces energy needs and brings about a longer life of a system. We had a look at a ducted system and its costs and benefits compared to split systems. He also took us through some basics of how systems work and getting the correct size system for the space it is required for. We went through the new regulations regarding the sale of 4 star plus systems.	Ph Keiren on 0402 688 557	
Subgroups			
Insulation	Letter submitted to The Hon. Jim Turnour MP to address with the Minister for the Environment concerning the insulation rebate where the rebate fails to include insulation to the roofs of outdoor living areas.		
Grey water systems	TAFE is still organizing the GIS students and the project inclusion in their curriculum.		
Rainwater Tanks	No activity		
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 Oct 2009 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ Cairns Library		