

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

FACILITATOR: Emma Thirkell

MINUTES: Emma Thirkell

DATE: 7 October 2009

PRESENT: See attached list

GUEST
SPEAKER/S:

APOLOGIES: See attached list



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Sustainable House Day: Big success and thanks to all involved.	Rhianna Rickard who helped organise the day presented information: There were 5 houses around the region opened to the public on Sustainable House Day. The details of the houses are available on the website: http://www.sustainablehouseday.com/ . A big thank you to all involved.		
Urban Design Advisory Board: Presentation of Air-Conditioning issues in Cairns	A presentation was made to the UDAB at the Cairns Regional Council on Air-conditioning problems and recommendations for change. The presentation can be found on the www.greenbuild.com.au forum.		
Issues for Discussion			
BCA 2010 Energy Performance Requirements:	The 'Live Link-up' from the JCU Cairns and Townsville campuses was a great success with over 40 people attending at the Cairns campus and about 15 in attendance at the Townsville campus. Michael Plunkett presented technical information about the Thermal Performance Simulation software Accurate and BERS Pro used for assessing the Building Codes of Australia Energy Performance Codes. A big thank you to Michael for giving up his valuable time. The Codes are currently being revised and a Regulatory Impact Statement is available for comment. I reply is due by the 30 th October 2009. The response that we need to make was discussed.	Response document to be compiled a written.	Emma
The Cairns Regional Council Waste Management Strategy	• The Cairns Regional Council Waste Management Strategy seeks feedback before the 16th October 2009. The recent tour of the Material Recovery Facility and SETA (Bedminster) Composting Facility held on the	Response document to be compiled a written.	Emma

	24 th September provides a background. The Meeting discussed the tour and the response required		
Presentation			
	No presentation this evening.		
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	Dave Nahlows from Wombat Plumbing discussed plumbing fittings for rainwater tanks in a bid to work through cost effective solutions.		
Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 Nov 2009 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ Cairns Library		