

Tropical Green Building Network (TGBN) Steering Committee

Minutes: Meeting 6, Wednesday July 4th, 10am-11.30am, Draper Room, Cairns Regional Council, Spence St.

Present:

Organisation	Representative present
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)	Kathy Rankin
Greenbuild and Recyclebuild	Emma Thirkell
Arup	Rupert Allen
HIA	Russell Parnicott
Reef and Rainforest Research Centre	Nicky Swan
Building Designers Association of Queensland (BDAQ)	Chris Dimarco (in place of Sophie)
TGBN	Jane Kennedy

Apologies

BlueScope Water	Nick Skutenko
Building Designers Association of Queensland (BDAQ)	Sophie Barrett
James Cook University	Lisa Law
Cairns Regional Council, Planning and Environment	Peter Boyd
Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)	Nikki Huddy
Australian Institute of Architects (Total Project Group)	Edi Piagno
Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute, DERM	Jemma Picco

Meeting chair: Kathy Rankin

Minutes: Anna McGuire

Topic	Content	Actions
1. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to Jane Kennedy, the new TGBN Officer- Welcome to Chris Dimarco, attending in place of Sophie	
2. News and announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Living Expo, 15th July 2012<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The TGBN has registered to exhibit at the Sustainable Living Expo. A notice has been sent out to members to provide promotional materials for display. We just need people to help staff the stall (2 x 2.5 hour shifts).○ Jane can help out on the day.	Send out an email to members asking if anyone can help on the stall (Anna)
3. Issues arising from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New website, splash page<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emma will update the splash page with the image/idea supplied by Sophie.• It would be good to compile case studies of 'green' buildings in the region – commercial, industrial and residential. These could be	Update the splash page (Emma) Send example case study templates to Rupert (Emma) Create a template for green building

	<p>posted up onto the forum and would be a useful resource. Rupert will get together a draft template for these. Then we will look at who has capacity to compile the information. The network will aim to have these completed by the Austropex Conference (November 30th).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TNQ Regional Economic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma has already signed this and returned to Advance Cairns. - Greywater mapping group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group has a new member, Sam Koci from Arup. A draft outline has been sent out to the working group for comment. Awaiting meeting with Council staff. - CPD Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We now have a sign up sheet for events and a template letter which is sent to all who request confirmation of attendance. - New TGBN officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Kennedy has been offered the position of TGBN Officer for 6 months from July to December 2012. - Inviting all TGBN members to register onto the forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was decided that Emma and Jane will register all network members onto the forum site. 	<p>case studies (Rupert)</p>
<p>4. Continuing the success of the TGBN</p>	<p>- Suggestions/plans for funding and facilitation post 2012</p> <p>Suggested sources/contacts for funding and support:</p> <p><u>JCU/Cairns Institute</u> (Nicky)</p> <p><u>Green Building Council of Australia</u> (Emma)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Star tool needs updating for the tropics - Need to have stronger links with GBCA 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to work with Townsville and approach GBCA as NQ (dry and wet tropics) <p><u>CRC Economic Diversification fund</u> (though not sure if this will still be happening) (Kathy)</p> <p>If no other funding is available, TGBN may need to consider doing a member drive (paid membership) (Kathy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There would then be high expectations from members, they may not see value in this (Emma) - Would be an administrative burden (Anna) <p><u>Corporate sponsorship</u> - TGBN could seek sponsorship of the network each year, rather than membership (Nicky)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This may make the network less likely to secure funding from other sources (Emma) - No, more likely money attracts money (Kathy, Nicky) - If industry is contributing, more likely to access certain funding (Kathy) <p>General discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why is not much happening in Townsville anymore around tropical design? (Centre for Excellence in Tropical Design has been very quiet). Nicky will ask about this when she goes to JCU Townsville in next couple of weeks. - We need to communicate the message that northern Australians are the best in this field <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emma will draft up a 'Business Case' document and send around to the steering committee for others to contribute. - Get Green Star professionals (GBCA members) together to discuss where to from here for the 	<p>Find out about the tropical design centre at JCU Townsville (Nicky)</p> <p>Draft up a business case document and circulate to steering committee for others to contribute (Emma)</p> <p>Contact local GBCA members to discuss their views on how to approach GBCA</p>
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	<p>region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TGBN members who are GBCA members should be asked to sign onto a letter to GBCA 	(Emma and Jane)
7. Connecting capability to market (Kathy)	<p>Project Update</p> <p>The Green Build Directory was launched at the Build & Design Expo in Brisbane in May and has been receiving positive feedback since.</p> <p>This was the first part of the project, the second part will be a summary of the industry survey that was conducted. It would be good to launch the directory and the survey locally, as a TGBN event.</p> <p>It was decided that the launch will be the September TGBN event on 12th September.</p>	
10. Other business	<p>The TGBN display house in Redlynch is nearing fitout. Tablelands display building project is progressing. The JCU Tropical Architecture course is still being negotiated, being driven by the local chapter of Institute of Architects.</p> <p>An outline of the steering committee is available on the forum site, though this needs updating.</p>	Send latest steering committee outline to committee members (Anna)
11. Next meeting	<p>Wednesday 3rd October</p> <p>10am-11.30am</p> <p>Council admin building, Spence St</p> <p>Meeting room TBC</p>	

