



Media Release

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Looking for green homes

Do you have a low power bill or a wonderful vegetable garden? Would you like to show others how it's done? If so NQ Dry Tropics would love to hear from you.

The call is out to sustainable homeowners to open their house to the Townsville public to share their ideas and experiences as part of this year's Sustainable House Day on Sunday September 12.

Hundreds of people attended last year's Sustainable House Day.

NQ Dry Tropics and ecoSAVVY together with the Townsville City Council and Solar Shop Australia are looking for homeowners who have achieved good tropical design, energy efficiency and urban biodiversity.

Specific homes being sought include:

- a relatively new home that has been designed specifically to work well in our tropical climate
- a family with teenagers and household electricity use less than 15kWh per day
- a Queenslander (of any age) that has been renovated with sustainability in mind
- a home built in the 90's or 00's where significant changes have been made to minimise reliance on air-conditioning and reduce electricity use
- a semi-rural home on acreage where native vegetation has been retained as habitat for wildlife
- a household who practices organic or permaculture gardening and embraces sustainable living behaviours

Features of the homes might include capturing cooling breezes, minimising heat gain (eg shaded windows and western walls, insulation, painting the roof white, improving ventilation of the roof), reducing energy use by appliances or lighting, improving the efficiency of air-conditioners or pool pumps, purchasing a heat pump or solar hot water, installing solar panels for electricity generation, creating a garden that cools the air around the home, promotes biodiversity or produces food, and whose occupants adopt environmentally responsible behaviours.

If you think your home fits the bill and you are willing to open your doors and share your experiences to promote sustainable living please contact Sandy McCathie on phone 4721 5242 or 0409 294 798 or sandy.mccathie@ecoSAVVY.com.au. Or contact Judy Warner at NQ Dry Tropics on 4724 3544.

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