

Meeting Minutes

Name of meeting **Green Star - Design & As Built – Technical Advisory Group
Workshop 1**

Date Monday 5th August 2013

Time 1:30 – 4:30

Venue The GreenHouse, 179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Present

Adriaan Window	AECOM	Matthew Low	AE Smith
Anne Kovachevich			
(by phone)	Arup	Nikki Paton	APM
Chris Nunn	NDY	Phillip Cook	Wood & Grieve
David Sanders	FDC Building	Patrick Campbell	WSP
		Rob Gration	
Davina Cameron	Umow Lai	(by phone)	WSP
Digby Hall	Aurecon	Ross Davies	Bluescope Steel
Greg Johnson	Stockland	Steven McKellar	City of Port Phillip
		Suzanna Remmerswaal	
Hannah Morton	Cundall		Northrop
James Wewer	Lend Lease	Tim Bush	SKM
Jonathan Dalton	Viridis	Rachael Lindup	GBCA
Julien Lepetit	Aecom	Robert Milagre	GBCA
	Edge		
Marlon Kobacker	Environment		

1. Aims of Green Star - Design & As Built

The aims of Green Star - Design & As Built 2014 were presented by RM.

TAG members discussed what would be the role of 'Custom' projects be once the new rating tool is released. It was discussed that a large percentage of buildings would be covered by 'most' building types by developing the framework to focus on core sustainability issues.

This will be used as a discussion point in the Green Star - Design and As Built Consultation Paper. This paper will be issued to the TAG for comment before a draft is publically released in September 2013.

2. Credit road map

A credit road map, which shows the mapping of current and proposed future credits to the updated credits proposed for Design and As Built (D&AB)

Members of the TAG requested information on the Green Star Operations and Certification review in 2013/2014. The Green Star 2014 scope of works can be found here: <http://www.gbca.org.au/green-star/green-star-2014/g2014-home/>

Orjan Lundberg, Executive Director for Green Star Certification, will be exploring alternative certification and assessment models in parallel to the development of Green Star – Design & As Built. Industry will be consulted via 'Thought Leaders' and more broadly via a separate discussion paper.

The role of the Technical Manual/Submission Guidelines was discussed by the TAG. It was debated whether the Technical Manual was certification guidance or technical guidance (i.e. advice) for a best-practice building. This should be added as a discussion point in the Consultation Paper.

TAG members discussed the need for clear English in Technical Manuals. The GBCA will be appointing a sub-editor to improve the readability of the credits.

Some members for the TAG have found credit flowcharts to be useful.

3. Most and Least Frequently Achieved Credits

RM presented the results of some research that listed the most and least awarded points. A summary is included in the workshop slides.

TAG members requested more details. The data presented is part of an ongoing research project and the finalised results will be made available to the TAG.

4. The online approach and Green Star - Performance

The Green Star Development team have developed a new rating tool, Green Star Performance to be delivered online.

The new Green Star – Design & As Built rating tool is intended to be launched with an online technical manual and submission process similar to Green Star - Performance by October 2014. Lessons learned from this process will be used in the development of Green Star – Design & As Built.

5. Proposed Project Timeline

The GBCA has committed to publish the draft rating tool credits by April 2014 and launch the online rating platform by October 2014.

A copy of the project timeline can be found in the presentation slides.

To achieve the goals of the project, the team will aim to have reviewed all the proposed credits at least once by April 2014.

6. Technical Advisory Group & Expert Reference Panel

The GBCA is still actively looking for more members for the TAG. The GBCA aims to add a structural or civil engineer to the TAG and have larger representation of builders and developers.

To assist the work of the TAG, the Expert Reference Panel will be available to provide expert technical advice for the development of credits. Communication with the TAG will be organised by RL.

Several member organisations have become GBCA 'Thought Leaders'. More information on this can be found here [link](#).

7. Governance

The new Green Star - Design & As Built rating tool will be presented to the GBCA Technical Steering Committee and Board before release as a Pilot Rating tool.

8. Consultant Reviews

The GBCA has appointed external consultants to provide a peer review of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions credit, the Water category and the Land Use and Ecology category. External consultants are being used to obtain an independent review of the material and to ensure that advice is provided in time to feed into the TAG consultation process.

The scope of these reviews includes a peer review the current credits / categories, recommendations to update benchmarks and methodology and ways in which the category can be aligned across all Green Star rating tools from Communities, Design & As Built, Interiors and Performance.

9. Consultation Cycles

Consultation will take place in fortnightly cycles. Credits will be issued to the TAG and comments are to be returned to RL by email within two weeks of receiving content.

The Green Star team will then collate the comments and make them available to the TAG via an online portal.

Members of the TAG expressed concern about reviewing the detail of credits before big-picture issues had been discussed. The TAG will be asked to comment and provide input into the Green Star - Design & As Built Consultation Paper, which deals with big picture issues.

10. Feedback

RL and RM discussed the types of feedback the GBCA would like on the credits. This includes:

- Technical Content in general terms;
- Benchmarks, what is business as usual vs. best practice;
- Relevant guidelines and standards;
- Credit Criteria and Compliance Requirements;
- Ways to make documentation simpler and streamlined 'deemed-to-satisfy' criteria.

It was recommended that TAG members don't spend too much time amending language, grammar, spelling and layout. Credits will be edited and formatted before they are released by an external party.

11. Examples of credit feedback

RM presented an example of usual feedback that was received as part of the Green Star – Performance consultation process, to illustrate the kind of feedback required.

12. Any other business

TAG members agreed to have their contact details circulated to the group.
