

DIPLOMA in PERMACULTURE DESIGN System 5.0
ASSESSMENT of INDIVIDUAL DESIGN PROJECTS
 with feedback to the apprentice



Diploma Apprentice's name: **Nim Robins**

Date first registered for Diploma accreditation: July 2011

Date of feedback for accreditation: Dec 2012

Names of assessment tutor(s): Richard Perkins

PROJECT TITLE:	Life Review and ALP	
Date started: Sept 2011	Date completed: Oct 2011	Implemented: yes / no Yes

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
1. Demonstrating design skills		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Use of an appropriate design framework, and reference to permaculture ethics and principles.	Very nice response to the task	Could have used time references on your ALP to create a learning schedule
Use of a range of design methods which suit the needs of the situation.	Great mix of self reflection and visioning into the future. Enjoyed your life review a lot.	
Use of a diversity of design tools, techniques and processes.	Nice mind maps, web design and planning built on observations and reflections	
The design is intelligible, coherent and effective (ie. it met the needs of the client).	Yes, seems to flow in an organic manner reflective of the perceived pathway, innately full of changes...	Would be nice to see a deeper self review of how this has worked out by PR5 and what you need to tweak for the final year

How the design shows competence in practice and learning are progressing.	Evidenced in the reflection and positive action following life review	Your self review could be extended to summarise and clarify the overall pattern of the journey so far
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
2. Applying permaculture to own life		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Outline of changes needed to enhance personal and household sustainability.	Very clear process in life review, clear pause and reflection and realistic approach to goal setting	
Explanation of how the implementation of design happened.		Self review fully completed before IPA
Evaluation of success of the design.	Whilst I have noted points on the right, I must add your self reflection and process documentation along the pathway in your PRs and appendices has been great, a pleasure to follow your progress and learning.	As above.
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
3. Applying permaculture to your work and projects (complete if relevant to the design and use the 12 areas checklist)		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Which of the 12 areas of application the design uses.	Project Management	
Appropriateness of the design solution(s) to the activity	Fantastic, great reflection, appraisal of the situation and clear next steps	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Great self reviews and reflection process throughout this and following PRs	

COMPLEMENTARY CRITERIA:	
1. Dissemination The process of sharing your work with others.	Your LR is locked to outside viewers, this is totally fine, but contains a lot that informs your journey. Perhaps it could be nice to have a key summary to make this PR more cohesive to an outside reader? Great website with added benefits of links/ resources, etc. Really nice way to disseminate
2. Community Building The active process of developing supportive social networks.	Demonstrated through linking, blogging, peer support, etc. Excellent
3. Symmetry The process of reciprocating support received from other permaculture individuals and networks.	Peer reviews are a great example of this. Your willingness to help others via our forum is also present. Thanks
4. Evaluation and Costings The effectiveness of the design is described, and the overall costs are included in that.	NA
Comments about project format, general or specific issues	
Any issues not covered above?	A great start Nim, really seeing the benefits of the additional work I have requested, feels like it has been a great shared experience at the beginning of this journey.

Ready for presentation?	<p>Yes. I think this would benefit from a more extensive Self Review to look at how the pathway has gone, what was challenging, what needs tweeking for next year to leverage your learning opportunities. This would be nice to have linked in the Appendix of PR1 so we can clearly see your process and progression.</p> <p>May be nice to consider summary of key events/ learnings from your self review that have informed the creation of your ALP for readers who cannot see your LR</p>
What are the apprentice's next steps?	Please focus in on your Self review and link this back to your ALP and how that may have changed, etc

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signed: RICHARD PERKINS

Date: _____19/ 12/ 2012_____