

**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**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	<b>Nomadic Adventures</b>	
Date started: Dec 2011	Date completed: Feb 2012	Implemented: yes / no Yes

<b>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:</b>		
<b>1. Demonstrating design skills</b>		
	<b>What's gone well?</b>	<b>What could have been done differently?</b>
Use of an appropriate design framework, and reference to permaculture ethics and principles.	Nice blend of design thinking, action research and action based on rapid integration of new knowledge	
Use of a range of design methods which suit the needs of the situation.	Reflection, research, analysis through different methods. Good	
Use of a diversity of design tools, techniques and processes.	Great to see your development in the process side. Good active experimentation and use of journaling, etc	
The design is intelligible, coherent and effective (ie. it met the needs of the client).	The design seems to develop into multiple layers	Consider updating particularly design/ evaluation in this PR. Links are missing to travel website, blogs of travels, etc

How the design shows competence in practice and learning are progressing.	Great documentation of your internal learning journey.	Could add reflections on different aspects of learning. What happened to the travel website? What worked, what changed? How did your travels go, how did this work influence them, etc
<b>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:</b> <b>2. Applying permaculture to own life</b>		
	<b>What's gone well?</b>	<b>What could have been done differently?</b>
Outline of changes needed to enhance personal and household sustainability.	Well documented personal process, something you do very clearly and cohesively	
Explanation of how the implementation of design happened.	Nice organic flow and development- interesting how new projects develop out of new ways of approaching things	This could do with tweeking in my mind, as noted above. An update defining exactly what the design work involved, what was implemented, what changed, why? How? You can document both beneficial learning outcomes as well as practical outcomes too.
Evaluation of success of the design.		Could be extended with reflection from this point, poignant as your travels ended not so long ago
<b>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:</b> <b>3. Applying permaculture to your work and projects</b> (complete if relevant to the design and use the 12 areas checklist)		
	<b>What's gone well?</b>	<b>What could have been done differently?</b>
Which of the 12 areas of application the design uses.	Project Management, touches on entrepreneurial	
Appropriateness of the design solution(s) to the activity	Very useful exercise in applying learning and research to everyday life, a challenging thing to document well!	
Evaluation of success of the design.		See above

<b>COMPLEMENTARY CRITERIA:</b>		
<b>1. Dissemination</b> The process of sharing your work with others.	Very well documented	
<b>2. Community Building</b> The active process of developing supportive social networks.	Evidenced in Peer reviews and your activity on our forum. Is there reflection/ documentation around other travelling Mums related to your website idea you could include here?	
<b>3. Symmetry</b> The process of reciprocating support received from other permaculture individuals and networks.	Good links in general, leaving effective breadcrumbs and resources for others to discover... Peer reviews and support on our forum	
<b>4. Evaluation and Costings</b> The effectiveness of the design is described, and the overall costs are included in that.	NA	
<b>Comments about project format, general or specific issues</b>		
Any issues not covered above?		

Ready for presentation?	I think this is a valuable piece of reflection/ research, but could do with some tweeking to really highlight how it affected actions you took and how this has developed over time.
What are the apprentice's next steps?	Please revisit this PR, particularly around design and reflection of success, outcomes, etc. I think you could spend some time making this PR really clearly demonstrate the value of your learning process.

**Name(s) of Permaculture Association Accredited Diploma Tutor**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_19/12/12\_\_\_\_\_