

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>	Free Bird Cafe	
Date started: May 2011	Date completed: Jul 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 use of design frameworks, good referencing throughout	
Use of a range of design methods which suit the needs of the situation.	Reflection, research, analysis through different methods. Good example of rapid group design. Simple enough, clear, straight forward. Very nice step into land based design	
Use of a diversity of design tools, techniques and processes.	Nice to see you enjoying exploring new tools/ formats, eg, PASTE	
The design is intelligible, coherent and effective (ie. it met the needs of the client).	Yes, very clear and logically presented. Very nice	

How the design shows competence in practice and learning are progressing.	Good use of design tools/ frameworks. Clear analysis and observations.	
<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.	Nice reflection on group process work. This has highlighted insights you've documented-great!	
Explanation of how the implementation of design happened.	Nice mix of slideshows and documentation in notes/ prose.	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Nice you left care sheets with the owners, good move. Nice self review, the group learning process seems like a very beneficial aspect of this PR for you.	
<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.	Land based design Project management/ Facilitation	
Appropriateness of the design solution(s) to the activity	Great. Simple, clear and effective	
Evaluation of success of the design.	It may have been interesting to interview your peers in this regard too, a way of getting outside opinion and confirmation...	You could expand a little more on this through interviewing the client, etc. No problem, but think about creative ways to do this in future PRs

<b>COMPLEMENTARY CRITERIA:</b>	
<b>1. Dissemination</b> The process of sharing your work with others.	Really nicely documented and linked
<b>2. Community Building</b> The active process of developing supportive social networks.	Nice group process and reflection. Nice you have found support in your local “guild” good initiative
<b>3. Symmetry</b> The process of reciprocating support received from other permaculture individuals and networks.	Shared learning in group process, peer reviews...
<b>4. Evaluation and Costings</b> The effectiveness of the design is described, and the overall costs are included in that.	You have highlighted in your self review that costing is not something you have got into so deeply. This would be good to focus on in future PRs where relevant, and good that PR6 looks at personal finances.
<b>Comments about project format, general or specific issues</b>	
Any issues not covered above?	Please review Assessment sheets for individual PRs and the Summary sheet and respond accordingly. PR 2 and 3 could do with some tweeking, other than that I feel like everything is great, really nice style of documenting and sharing your process NIm, great to be part of this journey!

Ready for presentation?	Yes
What are the apprentice's next steps?	Nice considerations in your self review leading up to IPA. Make sure links are live...

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