

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



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<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	<b>A sustainable life</b>	
Date started: Oct 2011	Date completed: Dec 2011	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 quadrant theory, nice simple Design articulation and approach	
Use of a range of design methods which suit the needs of the situation.	Yes, quite a reflective piece fitted into a simple but useful design cycle	Would be good to add to quadrant reflections at this time, and some aspect of self review a year on...
Use of a diversity of design tools, techniques and processes.	Nice journaling into principles/ ethics, quadrant theory...	
The design is intelligible, coherent and effective (ie. it met the needs of the client).	Yes, it is always interesting to document and process non land based design work	Again, I feel this PR could have further self reflection, LJ extracts, etc to show how this has been effective over time

How the design shows competence in practice and learning are progressing.	There is evidence that this reflection work has influenced your learning pathway, in your approach to PR3 and 4. Nice journaling and self analysis	
<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.	Great reflection and documentation of this so far.	Could you summarise the Design points you are focused on, what? How? Why? When?, etc
Explanation of how the implementation of design happened.	You have documented this, but might be nice to add further reflection over time.... What changes have come about since?	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Some self reflection, and great to see you integrating quadrants into this	I think you could gain deeper insight revisiting this, the quadrants in particular. Consider adding another layer to this by reviewing whats happened since...
<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	
Appropriateness of the design solution(s) to the activity	Good, reflection and deeper enquiry are sometimes optimal for leveraging effective ACTION	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Nice use of new skills and tools	Could extend this as noted above

<b>COMPLEMENTARY CRITERIA:</b>	
<b>1. Dissemination</b> The process of sharing your work with others.	Nice links and sharing of internal process work, thanks for sharing
<b>2. Community Building</b> The active process of developing supportive social networks.	Some note to develop this aspect through PR 3 and 4. Was this achieved? Again, a further level of self reviewing could be useful
<b>3. Symmetry</b> The process of reciprocating support received from other permaculture individuals and networks.	Evidenced in Peer Reviews, links, etc. Great.
<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?	Looking back at check in around this time there was notes made about some of what you were talking about inner processes and reflections, "ARE YOU DOCUMENTING THIS" See if there is any relevant learning journal extracts, etc that feel relevant to include in this PR

Ready for presentation?	I would like to see this PR polished up before presentation. This is a great framework and starting point but lacks the potency of continued self reflection, etc. If you pick up on any learnings, insights, reflections in later PRs be sure to link them back and forwards. I recommend you revisit the Design and the Quadrant page and the Evaluation and see if you add deepen your documenting.
What are the apprentice's next steps?	Add another layer of self review from the vantage point you are at now. Be sure to link this reflective piece to further reflections/ insights later in the portfolio to demonstrate a progression in learning, etc.

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