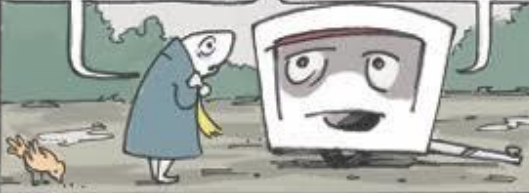




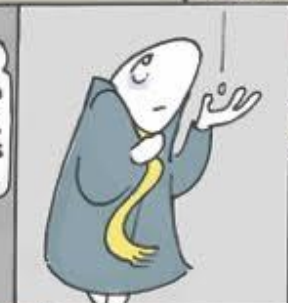
Hi, Food Truck. How are you? It's pretty miserable out today

Hey Gap Filler. It's pretty slow... Winter's on the way...



Hi Greening the Rubble. How's it going?

A bit lonely. The Commons is so lovely in summer, but seasons change.



We need another shelter here, for Food Truck customers and to host more events in Winter.



Last Winter we hired a shipping container for shelter, but it didn't get used much... and it was kind of ugly... and didn't really feel like a community space



Yeah! A community space... We could involve lots of people from different disciplines. And build a grand shelter with lots of community help and sponsorship...



The city's not the same as when you built the Pallet Pavilion...



We could make it a competition, and encourage anyone to enter - not just professional architects. We could be more inclusive, and show the government how it's done!



Did you talk to the NZIA about their pavilion competition that never got built? Or to CERA about the failed residential demonstration project competition?



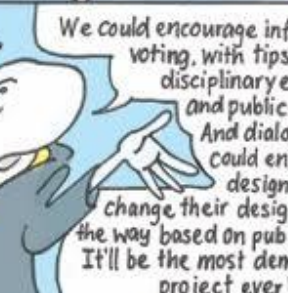
And forget a secret expert judging panel.. Anyone can vote in our competition. Power to the people! We'll let the public decide what kind of shelter design they want...



Yeah, coz that usually turns out well...



We could encourage informed voting, with tips from disciplinary experts, and public forums. And dialogue: we could encourage designers to change their designs along the way based on public input. It'll be the most democratic project ever!



THAT'S how we'll do it!



What's important? We want to show how building this shelter can build community!

It would be great if the public could help build it... And it would provide shelter for 10-30 people... And be relocatable in case Council sells this site... And we don't have much money for materials...



We'll go to the media and get loads of coverage. It will generate a huge buzz... All the designs on the front page of The Press... A big, citywide conversation about how public developments are done.



The timeline is tight...



but it's only Spring..



We'll get it out there... The press will pick it up and the public will love it...



It's the final day for submissions... Just a couple more. That makes nine in total.. Not quite what we were hoping for... Still, we have a competition to hold.



NOVEMBER 2015. OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS  
THE PANEL MEET TO ASSESS WHETHER THE SUBMITTED DESIGNS MEET THE BRIEF AND CAN BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN BUDGET

Ok, everyone. This is an architecture competition, but with a difference. The most important criteria aren't architectural but are about building community. So let's get a shortlist together of entries that meet the brief - and then put them through to the public vote.



This one is so different to the others, much bigger, grander, modern.

It doesn't really seem to be about community.

I don't think it's a fit.

Well, if we want to encourage public debate we've got to include it!

I love it!

**THE SHORTLIST**

- HUB
- Electric Eel
- The Meeting House
- DOCK 70
- Garden City Pavilion

We're running behind. I need to get these up online NOW to let everyone see the exciting options for the public vote. If I get this done fast enough they could all be on the front page of The Press tomorrow!



**THE PUBLIC VOTE ONLINE**

**CONGRATULATIONS DOCK 70!**

Hey guys, I'd like you all to meet DOCK

Hi Everyone. I'm excited to be part of The Commons, and look forward to working with you all very soon.

Whoah. Hi Hi Dock.

Um... I don't thrive in the shade

Can I have a word? Is this where he's going to be? He's kind of interfering with this whole "being prominent" thing I'm doing... I've got plans too for a paving project and he'll be right in the way.

Hey Dock wanna try out that spot over there?

Um... I don't thrive in the shade

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**LOGISTICS**

**COSTINGS**

- \$ LOTS
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**SPECIAL REPORT**

WEATHER QUESTIONABLE

NO PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

OH NO.



I think we got too caught up in the spirit of collectively doing a project, and neglected to lead, and really take ownership of the whole thing. These two principles are NOT mutually exclusive. In fact, in retrospect, it takes strong leadership to get good collective buy-in and consensus.

Cancelling the project at this stage, given all that had happened, was unquestionably the right decision. But man it was a hard one, to 'give up' after so many months, to disappoint lots of people (especially the architects), to not have a product to show off at the end of a long process.

But the biggest obstacle to making the right decision was Pride. It hurt to admit that we'd screwed up, and allowed things to get screwed up.

But we feel this could be an important lesson for Christchurch, where some politicians and officials might be stubbornly sticking to building some anchor project because they said they would and too much pride is involved, and money spent.

But they may just need to make the responsible decision.

