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Dear Helen and Tristan,

We have worked with the material you sent us and tried to respond to our assignment in an interesting way. We quickly realized that there was no way that we could fully understand these objects without their context, what parts they play in the economic and social structures of Melbourne.

The objects that we were given all derive from a need and are connected to the local and global programmatic system in the area. Like many European architecture offices working out of context, for example in China, we perform an architectural colonialism by ignoring the objects' context and functions. Instead we invent a new programmatic system for the objects to work within.

Three ideas have been produced for this, concepts that can be used individually or somehow combined:

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The Talking Totem Pole

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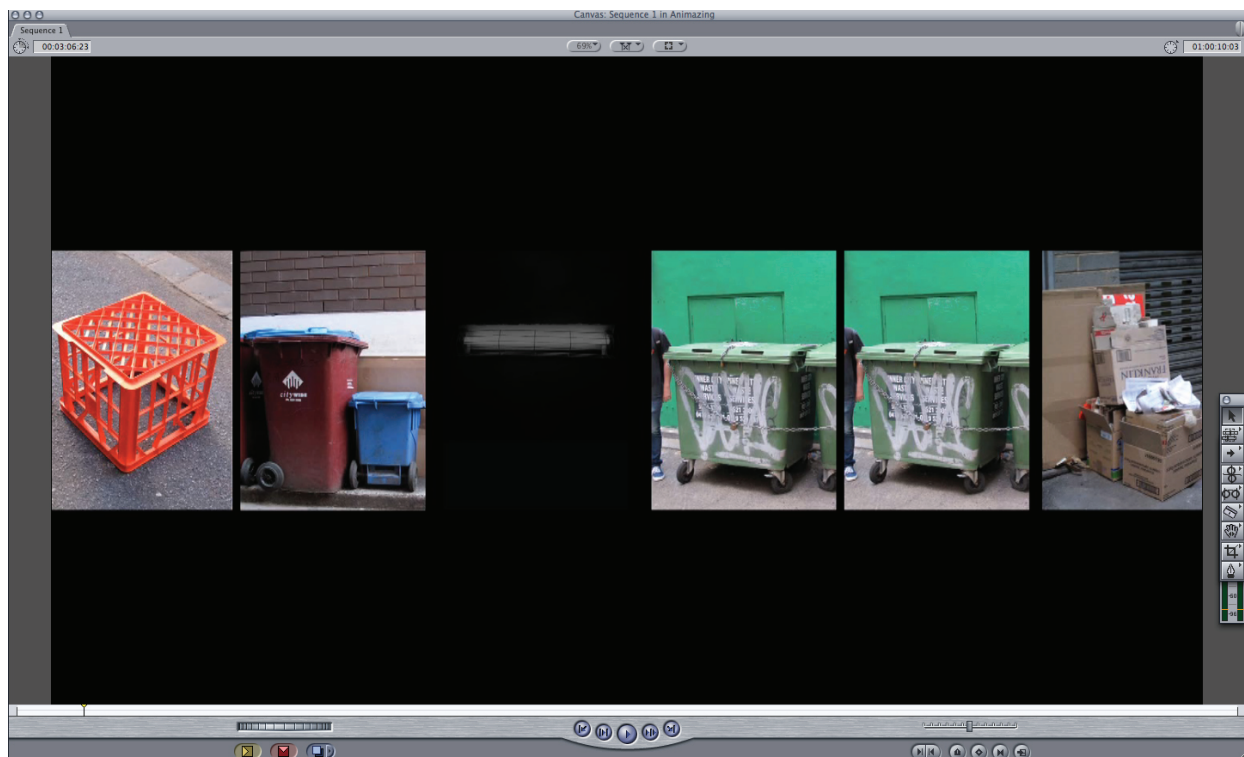
We like the Laneway Band a lot, it is sort of a favourite of ours. We find it would give new life to objects that, for us, are dead. Hope you will enjoy this material and find it useful. Talk to you soon!

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