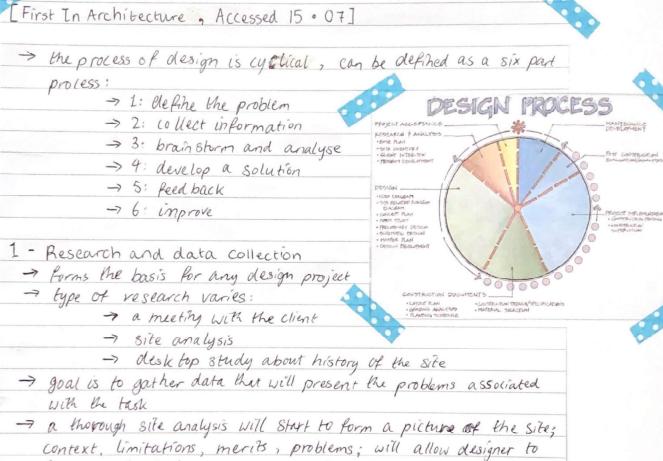
# WHAT IS THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS?

## ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS-1

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facus on developing a response to these issuses -> discussion with client and developing a brief will also give valued data about and uses of the building, its users and overall goals

- discovering historical data relating to site and surrounding context can lead to developing a concept that reflects history

-> research can take form of data collection, discussions, studies, model making and sketching etc. to discover as much about site as possible

## SITE ANALYSIS

#### NOTE

Site analysis for this project wont be as detailed, as it isn't very close to any roads or buildings on other properties - I will focus on the location, size, topography and climate (nothing else really matters in the project)

#### [First In Architecture, Accessed 22.07]

- -> before starting the design, client will want to know if they can build on the site
- → site analysis (extensive) will assess whether development is finacially feasible, and will establish parametres to implement the best design that responds to physical and environmental features of the site
- contextual analysis is research of existing conditions of the site, along with any imminent or potential future conditions
- -> used so our initial design thinking about a site can incorporate considered responses to the external conditions
- -> site analysis looks at site location, size, topography, zoning, braffic conditions and climate
- -> analysis needs to consider any future developments or changes to the site's surroundings (change of road designations, changing cultural patterns, significant building developments in the area)

Key points

- Analysis must be thorough: without proper research, the design can be substandard since you won't have all the available info

-> Soft data: site conditions that can be changed

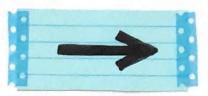
Hard data: more concrete elements like site boundaries, site areas, utility locations contours, dimensions, site features, climate, legal information

-> Then establish which elements are considered to have a neg impact / pos, impact, and create a heirarchy (systematic approach to design)



site analysis

Desktop	study	
-> Location		
- Colle	-> Geological maps to discover main type of soil or no	ock on site
	-> Aerial photographs and maps, as well as his	storical maps
	if possible (can be interesting)	,
	-> Distances and travel times between site and	other location
	of importance	
-> Legal 1	h formation:	
jui	-> Rights of way, rights of access, town and cou	intry planning
	restrictions	/ /
	-> History of site - anything you can use to inform	design (hum
	disused mores, archaeological interests under the	e site)
	-> Historical use of the site - could industrial pr	
	contaminated the land?	
	-> If the site sits in a conservation area or close	to historical
	listed buildings	
	-> Development (ontrols - is the site subject to any	specific
	planning controls or health and safety?	
-	-> Are there any trees on-site? Do they have Tr	ree Preservation
	Orders on them?	1.3
-> Utilities	: determine wheter here are water, electricity,	gas, telephon
	ge or other services connected to the land	
-> Climate	*	
	-> Climate conditions of the site larea	
	-> Sun paths and ongles	
	-> Is the area sensceptible to flooding, is it cons	idered a floor
	rish area?	



Visitina	the site
-> Site	the site and surroundings:
	-> Location:
	· Site Location details (road names, address, major
	land marks etc.)
	· Current context (existing buildings, car parking
	roads)
	-> Neighbourhood Context:
	· Look at existing and proposed building uses in a
	· What condition are the buildings in?
	· Are there exterior spaces and what are they i
	Por?
	· tre there activities in the neighbourhood that ma
	create strong vehicle or pedestrian traffic?
	· Existing venicle movement and patterns
	· Street lighting
	· Vernacular context, materials, architectural fea
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	· Any nearby historic buildings
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	· Buildry context
	· Surfaces and materials around site
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	· Any building height restrictions
	· Access to the sile - car parking, bus routes, train stations
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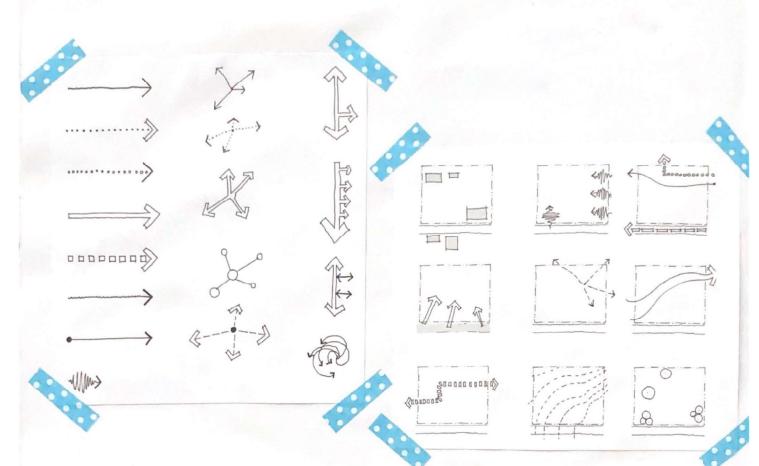
## Site analysis

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7	Natural Rapures:
	· Topography of the 817e, Valleys, ridges, slopes etc.
	· Vegetation - landscaping, greening, shrubs and trees, open spaces
	· Size levels. How does this affect your design process? How
	does he site drainings work, would here be any potential
	Broklens with drainage?
7 /	Man-made features:
	What was the previous use of this ofte? Would there be
	any contamination concerns?
	· Are there existing buildings on the site - what is this
	state of repair? Is there any orign of oubsidence or
	settlement damage?
	· Are the existing buildings part of the project?
	· Any walls, retaining walls on the site, or other built
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→ (	irculation:
	· Circulation - how do VISTIONS/pedestrians/braffic to or
	near the site flow around or within it
	· Accessibility - current provisions of disable access to
	the 87se and how will this need to be considered
	· Does the existing pedestrian movement need to be preserve
	· What is the vehicle peak loads and whom?
	· Public bransport close to the site
	· Locations of best access to site for both vehicles and
	pedestrians
	· Travel time to walk across site
-> Ut	tibles:
	· Location of all services: electricity, gas, water, server,
	beliephone. This includes both underground and above
	· Location of power poles
	· Drasnage

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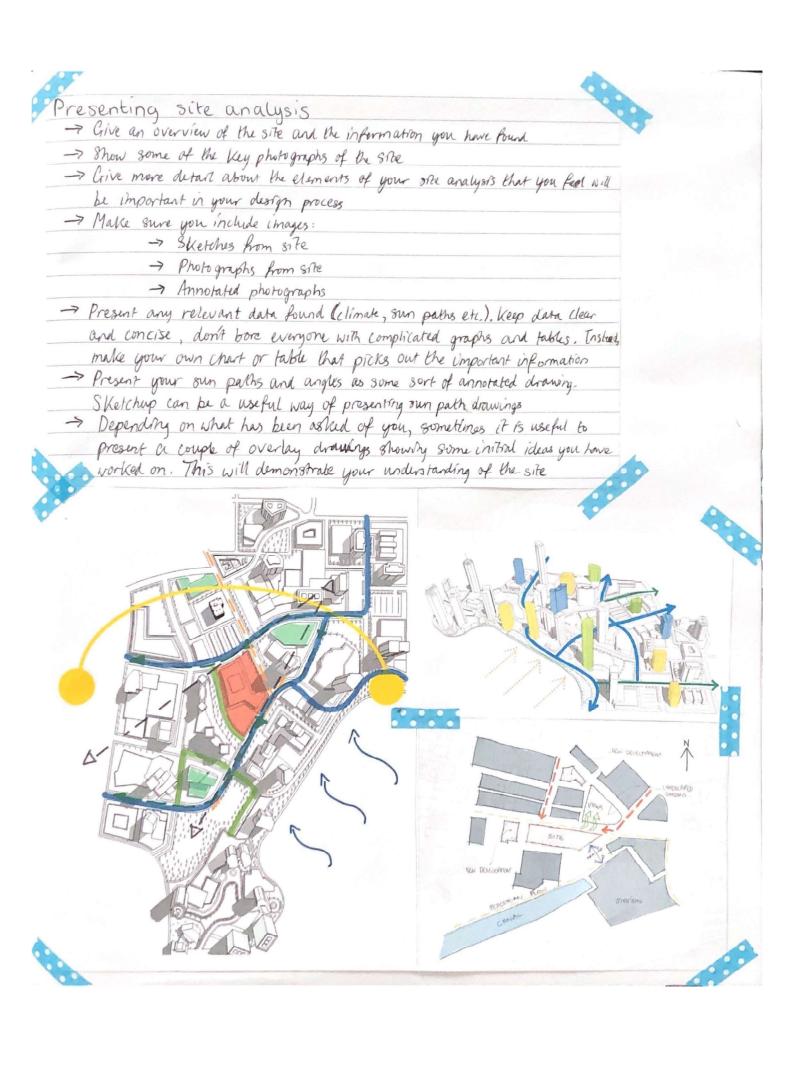


#### DIAGRAMMING YOUR FINDINGS - 1

- -> best way to present duta is through diagrams
- -> some approaches include more data than others, which use a number of smaller diagrams to demonstrate particulars
- → 30 175 not confusing, a single diagram demonstrating many site conditions will be a larger drawing
- → so the heirarchy of the drawing is clear, use different pen thicknesses to demonstrate the different aspects

#### DIAGRAMMING YOUR FINDINGS - 2

- -> data can be represented in plans, elevations and sections, isometrics or perspectives (there are best options for duta)
- -> We want diagrams to be simple and clear (bold)
- -> emphasis should be on the information being communicated
- -> if there is a series of drawings, make sure the sile drawing is always the same orientation, and scale so that the drawings are easier to understand



Exist In Architecture, Accessed 05.08]

-> Architectural design brief forms the beginning of the design process

-> Thorough and informative briefs are an essential reference for the architect and people involved in the design and implementation of the project

-> Decision making and public solving processes are more effective with the information guthered from the client (formul into a brief)

Types of design briefs

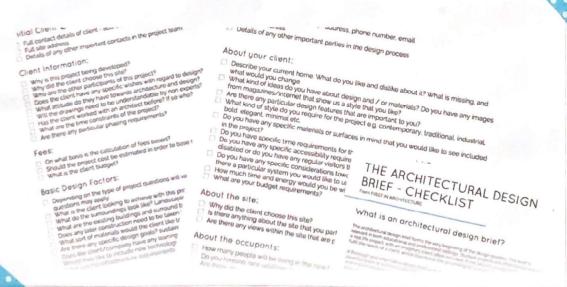
-> Main types of briefs are for either private or commercial clients

-> Commercial clients are generally more experienced however, and have ray different priorities to a domestic client

How the brief evolves

-> The brief must be developed with the client and end uses to teffect the changes and challenges that occur as the project progresses

-> Brilf must fulfil abstractic and functional requirements and needs



INITIAL CLIENT QUESTIONS  1. Fill contact details of client - address, phone number, erasil 2. Full site address 3. Details of any other important parties in the design process	ABOUT YOUR CLIENT - 1  1. Describe your current home, what do you like/dolke about it? What is missing, and what would you charg?  2. What kind of ideas do you have about bedisign and/or materials? Do you have any ingles that show a style you lik?  3. Are there any particular disign features that are important?  4. What kind of style do you require for the project?  5. Do you have any specific materials or surfaces in mind that you would like to see included in the project?  6. Do you have specific the requirements for the project to be complete?
ABOUT THE SITE  1 • Why did the client choose this site? 2 • Is there anything about the site that you particularly like or dislike? 3 • Are there any views within the site that are particularly important to you?	ABOUT YOUR CLIENT - 2  7. Do you have any specific accessibility regularants, for example is any one in your family disabled or do you have any regular visitors with special needs?  8. Do you have any specific considerations toward sustainably and energy efficiency (or a particular system you want).  9. How much time and energy would you be willing to invest to mentary your home?  10. What are your burlet requirements?
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ABOUT THE OCCUPANTS  1 · How many people will be living / sleeping in the new home?  2 · Do you foresee new additions to the home (in children)  3 · Are there any pets that will need to be accommodated?	ABOUT THE LIFESTYLE  1 · Describe your lifestyle and the kind of spaces that you need. For example: work from home, enter took often etc.  2 · How much time do you spend in the different oreas of your home (Indoors and outdoors)?  3 · What type of entertalment systems do you require? Music, TV, projectors, speakers croudless that type of storage do you require? Specific hobbies that require took of storage? Longe wardobe space?

SPECIFICS FOR CLIENTS WANTING TO RENOVATE

1 · What would you like to see it your newly extended ren avated home that it currently lacks?
2 · What additional areas / functions factivities

be happy to reconsider the internal layout?

#### INDOOR SPACES

1 . Number of floors/poons/spaces and use for each

1. Number of floors/poons/spaces and use for the series of floors/poons/spaces and use for the private that of the first floors for particular rooms you would 2. What additional areas / functions / archivities will be housed in the new proposed space?

3. Do you have any preferred room layouts (south heiry th.) 3. Do you have any particular preferences to the relationship between the rooms? Would you have any particular preferences to the relationship between the proms? Would you have any particular preferences to the relationship between the proms?

1. Do you have any specific ideas for the outside spaces that you would like us to consider?

## ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS - 2

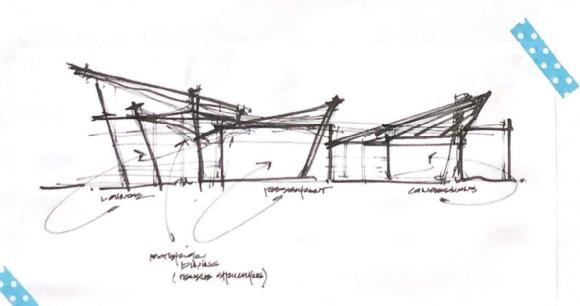
2 - Proposals

-> after research phase is complete, there is enough information to begin establishing ideas and concepts, and develop solutions to identified problems

-> initial research and proposal stages intertwine as solutions and response are made as research is collected

-> as proposal stage continues, more definite ideas emerge

-> sketches and models will be used in plans, elevations and section to develop proposals in proposal phase, also 3D discoveries to imagine a contextual approach to design



### architectural concepts

#### [First In Architecture , Accessed 12 . 08]

- A concept is an idea, theory or notion, but in architecture we could also describe it as 'an approach' to the design
- -> a concept can be littled to many factors and can evolve as the design grows
- -> architectural concepts ove the designer's way of sesponding to the design situation; are a means of translating the non-physical design problem into the physical building product
- -> every project will have critical issues, and there are a number of approaches to these general issues

#### Approaches to the design

There are several areas the designer may focus on at the early stages of design that will begin to inform the concept and direction: these areas can be drawn upon throughout the project, weaked into each other

can be combined

expand and explore

the different approaches

and shifted to

- be approaches can be categorised as
  - > Functional
  - -> Material
  - -> Contextual
  - -> Conceptual
  - -> Formal
  - -> Collaborative
  - -> Philosophical

#### WHAT IS A CONCEPT?

- Concept definition
  - 1. an abstract idea
  - 2. a plan or intention
- 3. an idea or invantion to help sell or publicise a commodity
- 4. edec, notion, theory, conviction, opinion

#### Functional

- -> particular buildings have function higher priority (factories, hosiptals)
- -> ensures building can be used effectively

### architectural concepts

	> can approach design by looking at materials
	of the structure
-	-> we can be lead towards particular forms
	of construction when focusty on specific
• •	materials
· • -	-> selectify a natural approach based on site
	context (suggest historical use of marrieds)
	-> local materials give local visitors sense of
	comfort and familiarity; gives mad to
	natural surroundings and environmental
	benefits of sourcey locally

# Contexual -> looks at context of site and surroundings, historical features and people that occupy the area -> heavily draw from site analysis (physical and non physical elements) -> every project should have an element of contextual approach, but some designs yely on it more than others -> might not always on't "hamoniously" ih surroundings, but always depends

Conceptual

→ sole focus is about the idea instead of a

combination of approaches and methods

→ conceptual architecture is sometimes never

built, but instead a form of thought

provocation and exploration

# Formal To a formal approach uses formal architectual language to develop a concept The classic orders give formality to elements of design such as proportion, scale and form



	Collaborative
	-> must projects are
• • •	different people
	architectural desi
	engineers, survey
	-> and user is often.
	however

#### Philosophical > design philosophy inform design > can investigate i -> artistic vs -> rational vs -> personal vs -> Visual vs 1 -> needs vs N. -> indivisual. -> also values in terms of waryn. -> ordered us random -> structured us unstructured -> objective vs subjective one answer vs multiple solutions creative vs conservative specific vs general -> man vs nature -> complexity vs simplicity

# ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS-3

- Analysis of proposals

-> after development of initial proposals, must be analysed and entiqued to establish feasibility of these proposals

-> establish enteria (either client needs, performance, of bruiding, budjet, aesthetics and so on): diverse criticis, with varying factors to evaluate

→ once criteria is established it is possible to analyse, in proffessional setting this means discussion between orchitect and client



# ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS-4

4 - Review and develop

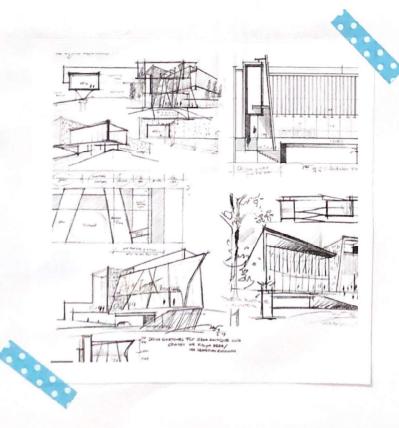
-> review and development stage can happen multiple times

-> after design is analysed, designer can refine the design ideas and start to develop the scheme

-> analysis can present issues in design that require extra refining; however the design could only need the tuning

this stage requires constant reflection and reference to the research and data and initial ideas

This stage cycle continues until the analysis suggests that the criteria has been met



## ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROCESS - 5

Design development there comes a point in the design process when the client will approve the design so it can be taken to the next developmental stage at this Stage drawings are developed at scale with the integration from structural engineers, mechanical engineers and other external team members design will be more detailed, considering elements such as molterials, fixtures and fittings along with finishes cost will also become a more important factor, and for larger projects a quantity surveyor may be brought in to manage that aspect of the project the project may need to be prepared for planning application so might require 3D nodels or visualisations technical information will be developed to begin to provide a full picture of the design and how it vill be constructed

# PRO JECT



#### Site analysis

#### Desktop study

#### Location

#### Soil

The most common soil around the area is red-brown gradational soil, which has a strong fine structure (high pedality), slightly acidic to neutral pH, high clay content, high free iron content, and high nutrient levels. Although the soil is very easy to dig, it is laced with floaters, which are large pieces of broken off rock that can however be easily removed by a bulldozer.

#### Rock

Blue Mountain is a steep high lava volcano with a broad lava flow to the northwest. The mountain consists of two slightly differing types of trachyte lava - the bulk of the mountain and the northern flow are of anorthoclase trachyte while a small flow near the summit is a coarser rock with phenocrysts of feldspar. However, the rocks around the site area a lot bluer toned and are more likely to be weathered basalt, which is also an igneous rock which makes sense.

#### Distance between site and key locations

- Blackwood road (closest highway): 3.3km, 7 minute drive

Trentham centre: 5.7km, 9 minute drive Blackwood centre: 9.5km, 13 minute drive Woodend centre: 28.8km, 27 minute drive Melbourne home: 102km, 1h28min drive

#### History

The property and surrounds have a history of gold mining during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and further down the mountain there are signs of abandoned mine shafts, however they wouldn't travel near the site. Further down the line the property had minor agriculture and potato production since the nutrient rich soil provides a perfect environment for farming, and most recently the site was used for logging and doesn't have many older trees, however it is still well populated with younger trees.

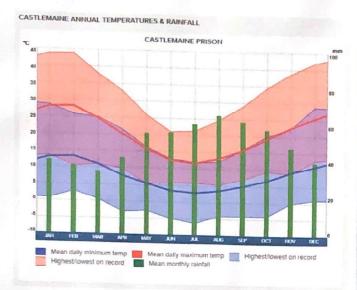
#### Utilities

Being off the grid, there is no connection to public utilities including water, electricity, gas, telephone and sewage, however there is an existing bore pump on the property which taps into an aquifer so there is no shortage of drinkable water on the site.

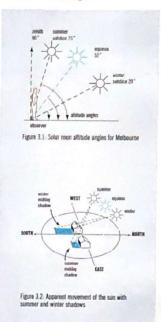
#### Climate

#### Climate conditions

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
Mean Max (°C)	28.0	28.2	24.7	20.1	15.8	12.6	11.7	13.2	15.7	19.2	22.7	25.5	19.8
Mean Min (°C)	13.0	13.3	11.0	7.7	5.5	3.5	2.9	3.6	5.0	6.7	9.2	11.0	7.7
Mean Rain (mm)	40.2	37.3	34.5	41.9	55.6	56.2	61.0	65.6	62.4	58.1	48.1	40.3	600.6
Median Rain (mm)	30.8	19.2	22.6	33.5	47.2	42.3	57.7	67.4	50.8	49.2	40.0	35.0	611.0
Mean Rain Days	6.1	5.1	6,5	8.0	12.0	14.2	17.1	16.2	13.4	11.2	8.7	7.4	123.9



#### Sun paths and angles



#### Risky areas

Being in the midst of a eucalyptus forest, there is a great risk from bush fires, since dried eucalyptus leaves are very flammable, fires can spread quickly, trees commonly fall in the high winds and forests provide both fine fuels that burn very quickly and heavy fuels that will burn very hot for long periods of time. Also being near paddocks means there is dry and brown grass that easily catches on fire nearby.

#### Visiting the site

Site and surroundings

Location

Site location details

1 Blue Mount road Newbury 3458

Current context

Current holiday home, 2 story small dwelling (70m2)





View east from edge of clearing (further up mountain near existing house)



View east from site of proposed design

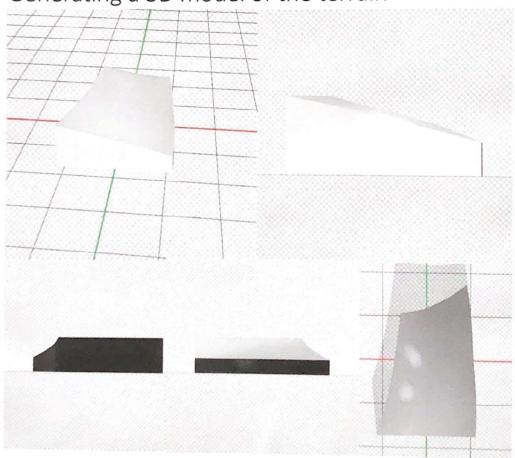
Surveying This is the drawing I created whilst doing the surveying of the site.
The drawing isn't to scale but it shows all the information I gathered







#### Generating a 3D model of the terrain





#### Process

- in 3D cad, always start off by creating a 2D drawing
- add existing house (reference) measurements in metres
- add point 0 (on existing house)
- add point 1 (in relation with length and angle)
- keep on adding points
- used a new layer for each new level (just makes drawing it easier)
- curve --> freeform --> fit to points (select points in line, and gives curves for straight line sections
- surface --> network surface (generates a surface from a curve network [select all freeform curves included in surface])
- solid --> extrude surface --> straight

#### Design brief

Asking my dad about what he imagines this project to look like

#### Initial client questions

Full site address: 1 Blue Mount road, Newbury 3458

#### About client

He like the current house on the property because it is compact and small, it has beautiful views into the bush, and it is a sustainable house to live in. He dislikes it because it isn't insulated enough and has thin windows, there isn't enough solar energy collected and stored, and he wants more space for living and sealed off bedrooms. Some ideas for the design are to include natural materials that fit with the environment, have the design look like it's a part of the bush, and fire safety must be essential.

Design features that he imagines in the design include solar panels, a firewood heater, hot water powered by

firewood and/or solar panels, and the house to be completely off grid.

The style of the design should be contemporary and something that fits into the environment.

Specific materials that he wants to include are natural stones, wood, and glass.

The house should be very easy to maintain, and it should be able to be visited once every 4-6 weeks, so the irrigation and bore pump should be automated.

#### About the site

The site was chosen because of the elevated position and natural environment it's in.

He likes the site because of the views, high elevation, wildlife, natural forest and the snow that sometimes occurs. The views that are important on the site are the views across to Mount Macedon and Mount Gisbon.

#### About the occupants

The house will accommodate 3 people sleeping minimum, multiple dogs, and should have 2-3 bedrooms.

#### About the lifestyle

The house should be an environment with less computer contact and more tradition entertainment forms (reading, playing card/board games, sitting around fire, writing, drawing).

The time spent in parts of house depends on the weather, time, season (farming and outdoor working times spend a lot of time outside; cold days have everyone inside; natural flow of activities on property).

The only entertainment system the house should have is a good hi-fi system in the living area.

The design only has basic storage requirements so that clutter isn't encouraged.

#### Indoor spaces

The house should have two floors, be open plan with kitchen, meals and living connected, have one bathroom, and 2-3 bedrooms.

The kitchen, meals and living should be connected, whereas the bedrooms should be sealed off and more private. The living room should have the views (facing east) and direct sunlight (from north) in winter but not summer (use shades on windows).

#### Outdoor spaces

There should also be a place near the house with a shelter/pergola with a stone floor, wood fired heater and seats. The design also requires exterior firewood storage near the house and a mudroom connected to the front door with a seat, shoe storage, coat hanger.

#### Reflection

I think if I was to do this IGNITE unit again, I wouldn't be doing the same subject. I switch between hobbies and passions a lot, and by the end of the semester I was losing motivation to continue working on the project. It didn't help that the online learning situation meant that I wasn't working in a school environment where there aren't as many distractions and there are teachers to motivate your learning. But I think I would struggle to stay interested in any subject so I wonder if I would ever stay completely motivated.

The quarantine situation particularly affected my topic, since I wasn't able to access the site and do any on-site research or get inspiration for the design. I was lucky that I completed the surveying before the restrictions were established so I couldn't travel there, and I definitely gained a lot from the hands-on experience; I think the surveying was my favourite part of IGNITE. However not being able to go to the site also contributed to my lack of motivation, not being able to see the site and get excited to design something there.

Because of these circumstances, I didn't achieve as much as I wanted to, and didn't end up with as much evidence of what I had accomplished in terms of something like a house plan or 3D model like I had intended to do. However, I still answered my big question, and I am happy will the quality of my end product.