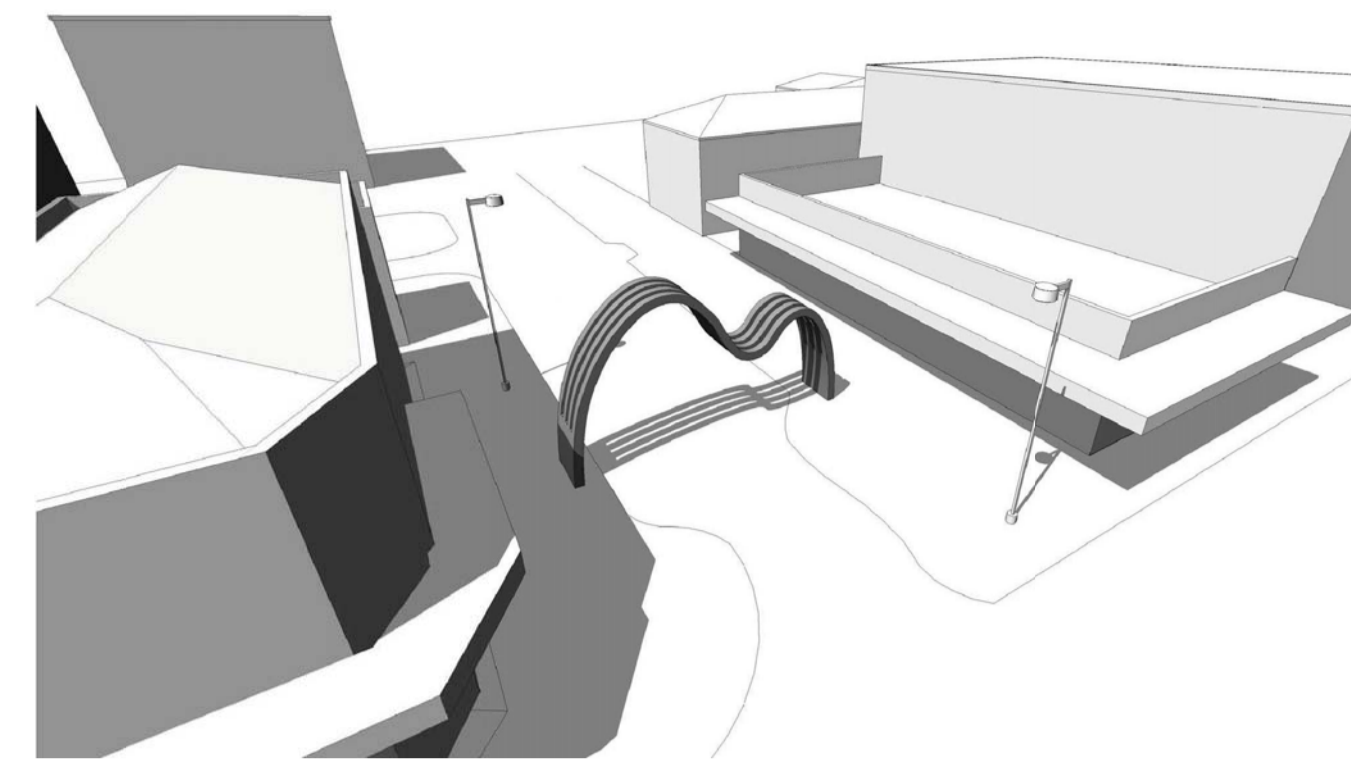




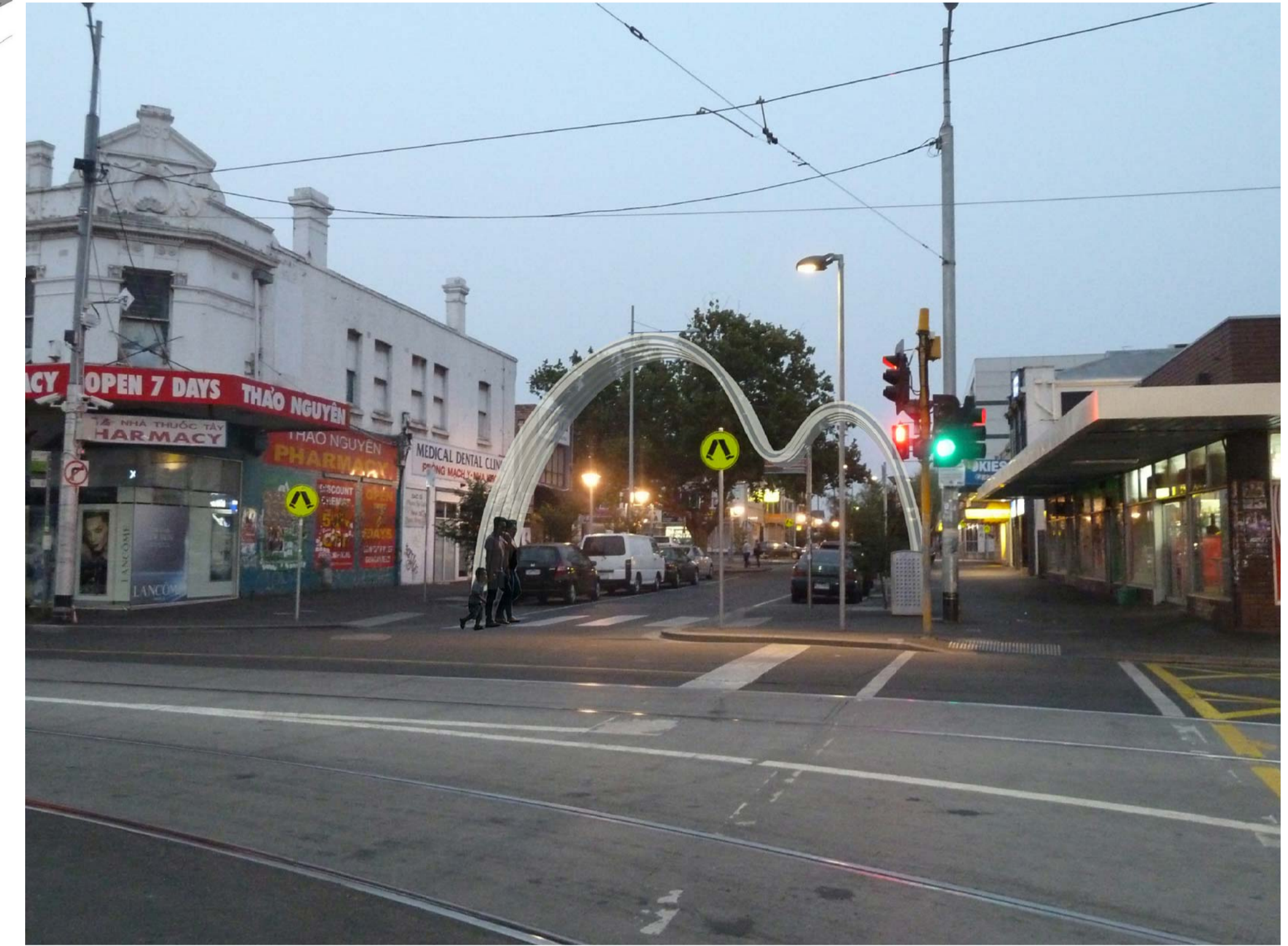
Looking North East from Hopkins St



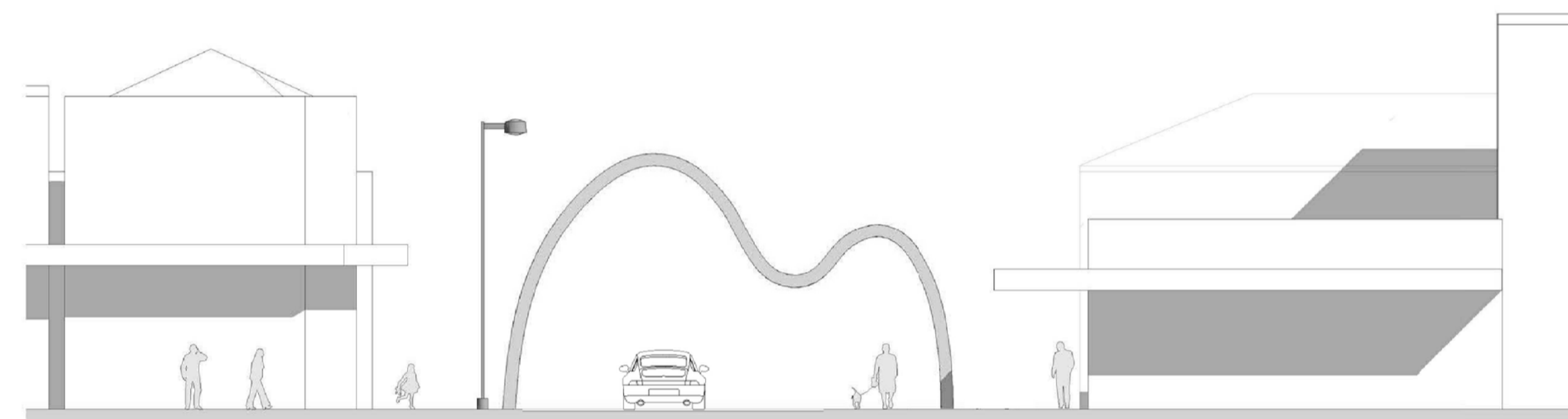
Looking North from Hopkins St



View from above



Photomontage: Saigon Arch by night



Hopkins St Elevation



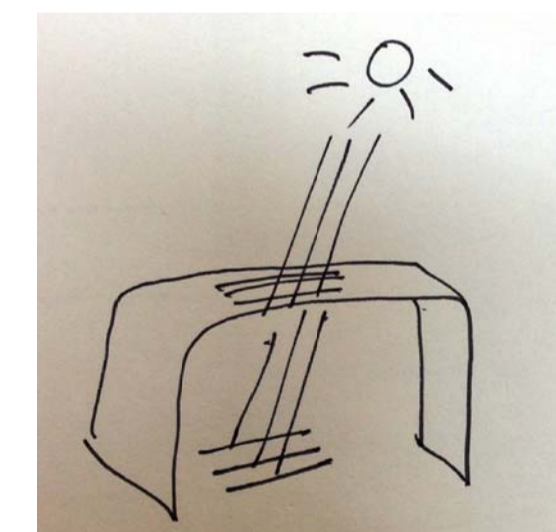
The Shadow knows



We came, then we said "thank you".
And now that we are here, Australia says "thank you".



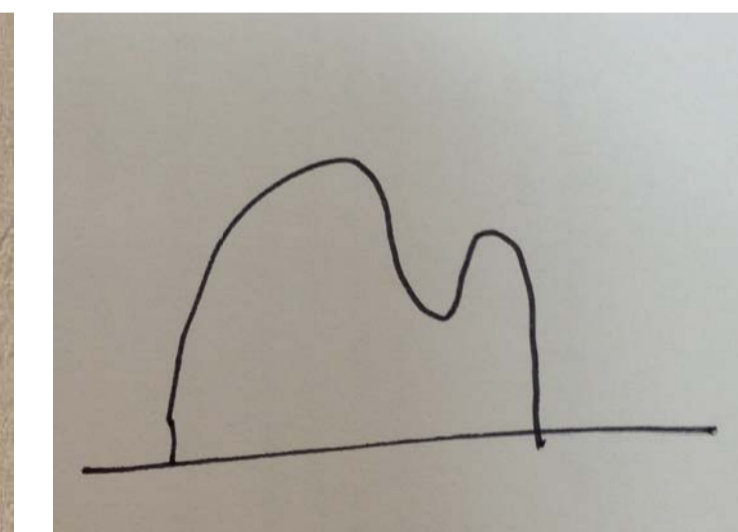
The Vietnamese flag (representing the democracy of Vietnam) is the key symbol in this design. It represents the Vietnamese from all three parts of Vietnam (North, Central and South) in this flag. The woman in the long dress is wearing the Australian flag in front and the Vietnamese flag at the back: this image expresses who we are today.



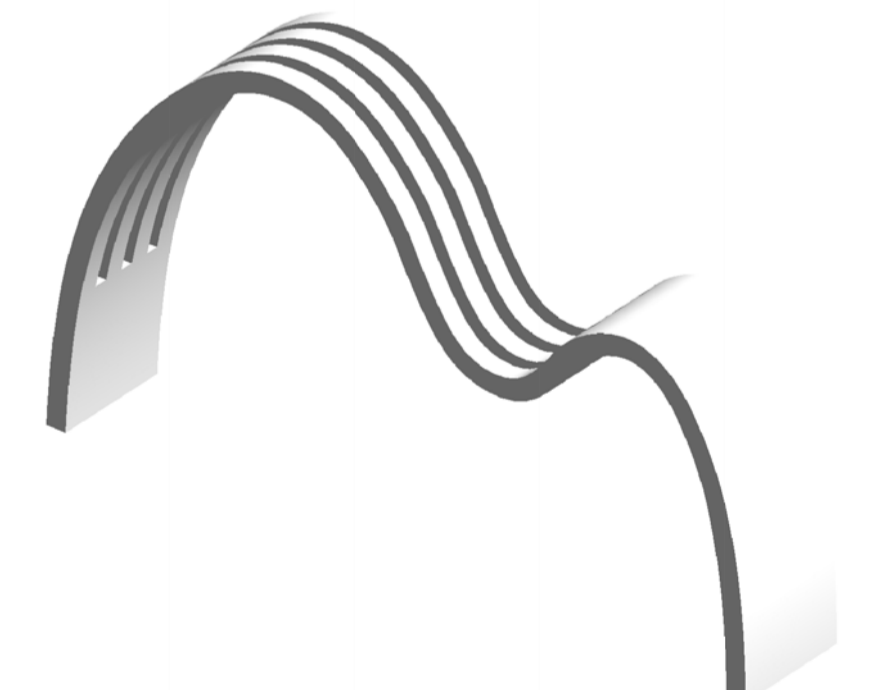
The sun, the light, the shadow. Every time the sun shines on the Arch it will remind us of who we are, the three lines of Vietnamese blood in us, and to be thankful to the land that allows us to shine on.



The welcome hand, the footstep. The welcome hand and the footstep lead to the shape of the arch.



A simple study sketch of the hand and the footprint, this explores the presence and contribution of the Vietnamese to the local community in Footscray, Victoria.



The final concept of the Arch is formed.

Design Backgrounds

The Saigon Arch welcomes you...

The design of the Arch represents the idea of the Vietnamese community wonderfully integrated into Australia, where we now call Home. The three (3) line of lights will shine every time the sun is above the Arch. It helps remind us to be thankful of the land that we live on. The unique shape of the Arch represents the strength, flexibility, and contribution of the Vietnamese people to Australia.

Cổng chào Sài Gòn

Cổng chào này thể hiện ý nghĩa cộng đồng người Việt hội nhập vào cộng đồng chính mạch một cách tuyệt vời, nơi chúng ta gọi là tổ ấm. Ba (3) đường ánh sáng hiện lên mỗi khi mặt trời rọi xuống nhắc nhở chúng ta là người Việt Nam và biết ơn mảnh đất mình đang sống. Hình dáng đặc biệt của cổng thể hiện sự dẻo dai, và linh động của người Việt đồng thời cũng thể hiện sự lớn mạnh và sự đóng góp của cộng đồng cho nước Úc nói chung.