



Stainless Steel Athletes Sculpture

Internationally renowned, Yackandandah based, sculptor Benjamin Gilbert was commissioned to create a series of sculptures for Melbourne's Commonwealth Games. Extending six metres in the air, the pieces symbolized three different representations of a pole-vaulter, displaying the versatility and artistic merit of stainless steel. He has worked with stainless steel for 10 years and believes it is cost effective and cheaper to use than other materials. Furthermore, the added ability of using off cuts in his work suited Benjamin's 'green' focus.

Benjamin also says that because stainless steel doesn't need to be painted makes it an attractive material. The sculptures used 100 kg of stainless steel. To enable them to flex in the wind, the 35 mm poles are re-enforced with inner tube to build up spring, similar to a leaf spring on a trailer suspension.

(courtesy of Australian Stainless Magazine)

Details

Location:	Victoria, Australia
Grade:	Type 304
Sculptor:	Benjamin Gilbert
Supplier:	atlassteels.com.au
More information:	assda.asn.au

