Reflective Lullaby-Frankie

Location: Melbourne, Australia
Artist: Gregor Kregar

The Gnome, also known as “Reflective Lullaby-Frankie” is a stainless steel sculpture, standing 9 metres high, which was made from mirror polished 316 material. The structure was fabricated with stainless steel pipes and sheets ranging from 2.5-3mm. This sculpture was commissioned by the McClelland Sculpture Park and the Peninsula Link Freeway. It will remain in its present location, next to the Freeway for 4 years, after which it will be relocated to the McClelland Sculpture Park.

The cute garden gnome is often overlooked as purely decorative, yet the word gnome originates from the Greek word gnosia, for knowledge. The gnome plays with the notion of heroic monumental sculpture; he is not the hero of one event but rather the funny philosopher of everyday life. He peers out over the landscape and the freeway, and looks reflective (in both senses). The artist sees him as a comic-heroic ornament for the surrounding environment.