

Stefan Sky Needle

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The Skyneedle was built for Expo 88 that was held in Brisbane in 1988. The height of the Skyneedle is 88m to represent the year 1988. Stefan purchased the Skyneedle after World Expo 88 - it was a chance phone call to Stefan by an unknown caller begging Stefan to not let the Expo Skyneedle to be sold to Tokyo, Disneyland.

Stefan underwent negotiations, to keep the Skyneedle in Brisbane and promised the people of Brisbane it would always remain in Brisbane as their Skyneedle to commemorate such an amazing time in Brisbane history.

The Stefan Skyneedle is now heritage listed and is one of the very few recognised landmarks in Brisbane, it is such an iconic landmark for the city.



Skynedle Restoration

The Stefan Skyneedle underwent a radical facelift ready for the Q150 Celebrations. It also lights up the sky for the annual Stefan awards.

Stefan's Skyneedle was dismantled on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of March ready for a dazzling set of new lights to be installed. The new lighting panels will deliver an endless stream of colour combinations and is set to become a major tourist attract.

Two of the tallest cranes ever assembled in Brisbane weighing 250 tonnes and 350 tonnes, were used to dismantle the top 22 metres of the iconic Expo 88 needle.

It took some weeks for the light engineers to install a three-in-one-system - the most sophisticated configuration in Australia. There is a LED strip light from Italy, able to produce 16 colours in endless combination. The Skyneedle ball contains its own set of lights which are also from Italy.

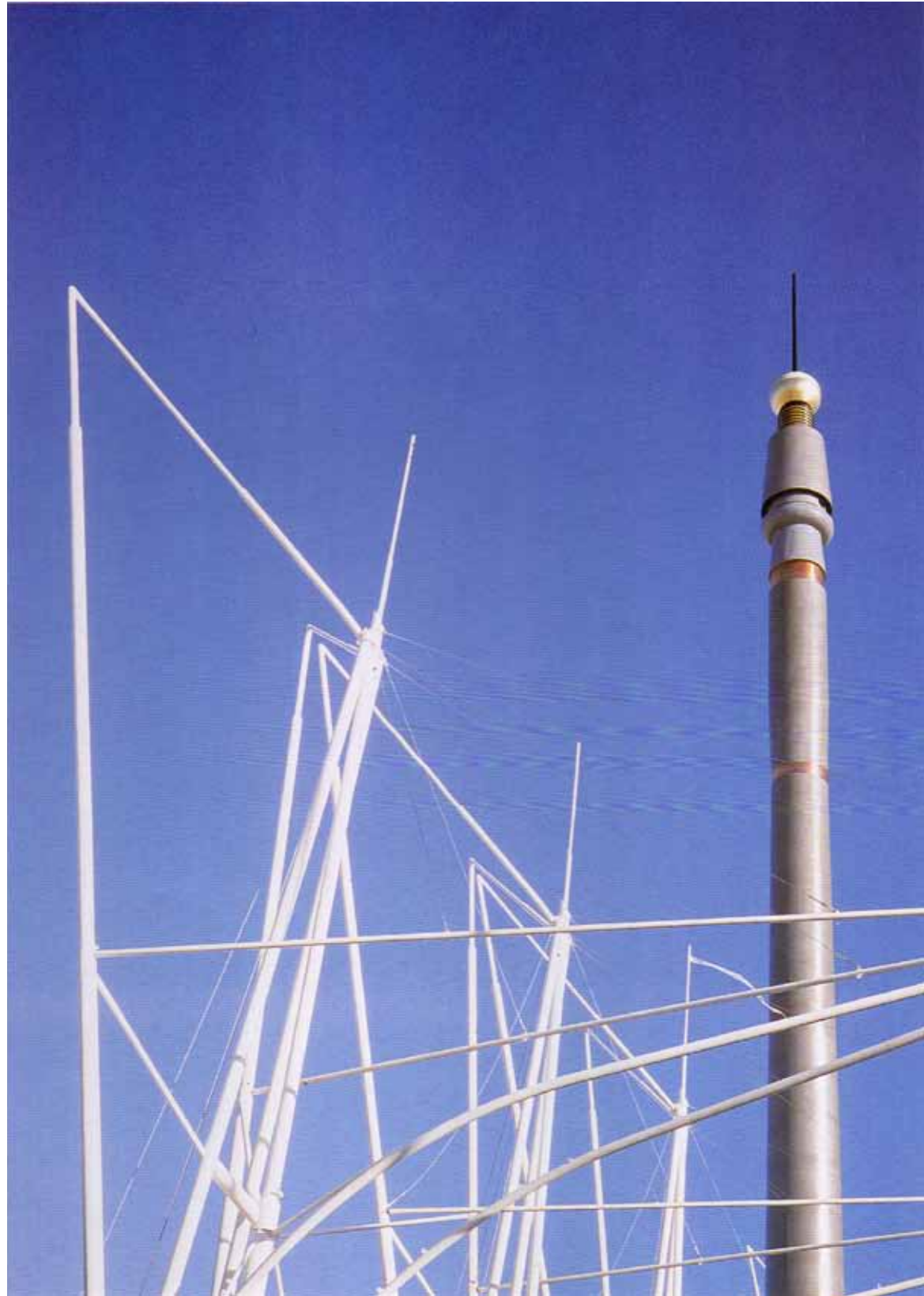
Completing the effect, is a powerful set of German-made spotlights. The entire system is capable of spectacular computer generated light show. "The Stefan Skyneedle is my gift to Brisbane" says Stefan



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Night Companion. 1988
Based on a sculpture by Robert
Owen and interpreted by Charles
Sutherland
Steel/fiberglass/stone/concrete/
polypropylene/copper
H:8800mm
Sponsors who kindly offered their
assistance:
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