GENE MCLAREN

**Artist Statement**

Earlier in life Gene studied engineering pattern making and one can see his interest in the angles and architectural elements of his new work as they involve mixed mediums of corten steel, cement, aluminium and other metals to produce the final sculpture.

Over a number of years Gene has participated successfully in a number of sculpture exhibitions and at Blenheim had works in Pulse exhibition and Shapes in Spaces inaugural exhibition last year.

It is one thing to have the skill to understand materials and what they will do but to have a final concept in mind and see what can result is equally special.

**Gene McLaren**

**CV**

Gene McLaren

1991 Graduated RMIT – Engineering Pattern Making.

1992- completed trade Engineering Pattern Maker.

**One Person Exhibitions:**

2019 Blenheim Gallery and Garden, Longford Tasmania

2022 Anita Denholm and Gene McLaren, Blenheim Gallery and Garden, Longford Tasmania

**Group Exhibitions**

2006 Entry Eskleigh Art Prize.

2007 Entry Eskleigh Art Prize.

Entry Woolmers Art Prize.

Deloraine Craft Fair Exhibitor.

Wychwood Sculpture in the garden.

2008 Entry Eskleigh Art Prize.

Deloraine Craft Fair Exhibitor.

Wychwood Sculpture in the garden.

2014 Eskleigh Art Prize Sculpture winner.

2015 Commissioned Sculpture, Bradken Foundry. Launceston.

Entry Eskleigh Art Prize.

2016 Entry Eskleigh Art Prize.

2017 Pulse, New Art New Artists, Gene McLaren, Tracey Delphin, Rachell Mighell, Blenheim Gallery and Garden, Longford, Tasmania

 Entry Tasmanian Craft Fair

2018 Bakhap sculpture prize finalist-high commendation.

Artentwine Sculpture Prize finalist.

2019 Blenheim Gallery Shapes in Spaces Sculpture Prize, Blenheim Gallery and Garden, Longford Tasmania

Birchs Bay sculpture prize finalists.

Gippsland sculpture prize finalists.

2021 Winner Blenheim Gallery Shapes in Spaces Sculpture Prize, Blenheim Gallery and Garden, Longford Tasmania

 Gippsland Sculpture Prize Finalist

**Collections**

Bridestowe Lavender Estate,

Blenheim Gallery and Garden

Private and Corporate collections