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# Sunbury Gun



Tps41 - City of Hume  
Heritage Study: Former Shire  
of Bulla District, 1998

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## Location

Stawell Street SUNBURY, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 2, 2003

SoS from 1998 Heritage Study and 2003 Heritage Review:

**Recommended Level of Significance:** State

The 'Sunbury Gun' is a rare artillery piece of at least state significance. It is a 3 inch calibre Armstrong 12 Pounder, manufactured in England in 1864. This was the first wrought iron type of gun, the first breech loading artillery, and the first rifled gun to be used in the British service. It is a memorial to the Rupertswood Battery of

Horse Artillery, established by Sir William Clarke in 1884. It was also one of the type of gun which had been employed in the military encampments on the *Rupertswood* property during the 1860s and 70s. It was restored by the Army in 1978-80.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hume - City of Hume Heritage Study (Fmr Shire of Bulla), David Moloney with Vicki Johnson, 1998; Hume - Hume City Heritage Review, David Moloney with Rohan Storey, 2003;
Construction dates	1864, 1978,
Hermes Number	127297
Property Number	

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## Historical Australian Themes

**Historical Theme(s):** 'Stage: Military Encampments'; 'Social and Civic Life'

## Veterans Description for Public

The 'Sunbury Gun' is a rare artillery piece, prominently situated on the 'village green' reservation (the former Stawell Street). It is a 3 inch calibre Armstrong 12 Pounder, manufactured in England in 1864. This was the first wrought iron type of gun, the first breech loading artillery, and the first rifled gun to be used in the British service. It was also one of the type which had been employed in the military encampments at Sunbury during the 1860s and 70s. It was presented to Janet Lady Clarke by the Victorian Government in 1897 as a memento of the late Sir William Clarke's patriotic action in maintaining the Rupertswood Battery of Victorian Horse Artillery. The gun was presented by the Hon. Russell Clarke MLC to the Shire of Bulla in 1922. It was also one of the type of gun which had been employed in the military encampments on the *Rupertswood* property during the 1860s and 70s. It was restored by the Army in 1978-80.

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