

# GUN FACTORY

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Place No. 24

**ADDRESS** 6-8 Naughton Avenue (cnr. Hutchinson Ave.)  
Warrandyte **Last Update**

**DESCRIPTION** -

**Condition** Good **Integrity** Not known  
**Threats** Sale, Demolition, Abandonment **Key elements**  
**Designer**

**HISTORY** Merv Naughton established a business manufacturing high quality rifles for export and local use from a building at the rear of his house in Hutchinson Avenue.

During World War II Merv Naughton went to work at the munitions factory at Maribyrnong making anti-aircraft guns; after the war he worked for Alcock and Pierce, an old established Melbourne gunsmith firm.

He started to build his home at Warrandyte at around the same time, and then started converting surplus army rifles to sporting rifles. He went on to manufacture a rifle which he developed to his own design and marketed under the name "Fieldman Naughton". Over time he developed other models of the Fieldman. Another project was designing a rifle for the Forests Commission to fire incendiary projectiles for use during fuel reduction burns.

His works the building and the machinery were virtually all designed and built by him. At one time he is believed to have been the only manufacturer of firearms in Australia [13].

It has not been possible to inspect his factory during the study, but it is believed to be relatively intact. This requires further investigation.

<b>Creation Date</b>	<b>Change Dates</b>
<b>Associations</b>	<b>Local Themes</b>
Merv Naughton	6.04 - Local commerce & industry

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of at least local significance as evidence of an unusual and successful manufacturing enterprise that expressed the creativity and skills of one man.

**LEVEL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Heritage Register Listings			
Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

**Extent**

**Heritage Schedule**

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

**Conservation Management**

**BIBLIOGRAPHY** [13] Bruce Bence, undated notes