

HISTORY : Built by George Fincham, the important Australian organ builder¹ in the late 1860s for private use. It was purchased for its present location in 1892 from Fincham (and installed in the earlier church on this site, then relocated in the present church). The Fincham works is at 2 Stawell Street (ref : 47).

VISUAL DESCRIPTION : A single-manual chamber organ of six stops. It has a delightful grained timber case, comprising five flats of diapered dummy pipes, surrounded by fretwork panels and cusped pipeshades, all beneath a prominent cornice.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS : It is similar in style and construction to the organ at the Uniting Church, East St Kilda. There are other Fincham organs at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 290 and 292 Burnley Street (ref : 34) and St Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, Church Street.

SIGNIFICANCE : A single-manual chamber organ of six stops, built by the important Australian organ builder, George Fincham in the late 1860s for private use. It is a largely unaltered rare example of Fincham's earliest Australian work, retaining its delightful grained timber case. Of local aesthetic and historical significance.

INTACTNESS : Largely unaltered. Its original location is not known. The cornice has been raised on the casework and electric blowing has been introduced. It was not inspected.

CONDITION & THREATS : Not known.

REFERENCES : 1. National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No.6362.