

Pipe Organ Sub-Committee
30/5/83.

PIPE ORGAN BY
MERKLIN & CIE
IN SACRE COEUR
CHAPEL GLEN IRIS:

839C

The meeting considered and adopted a draft citation prepared by the Chairman for the Merklin & Cie organ in Sacre Coeur Convent Chapel, Glen Iris.

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(contd.)

"This organ was built by the noted French firm of Merklin & Cie, Paris & Lyon, in the late 19th century for St Joseph's Convent, Marseilles. When the Religious Order was disbanded by government decree, the organ was shipped to Melbourne and erected in the Chapel by Fincham & Son in 1905. Apart from the addition of electric blowing, the organ appears to remain totally intact and is thus a rare example of French romantic organbuilding. The console is reversed, with terraced stop-jambs and foot-operated couplers, and the Gothic case has been grained in an oak finish."

Resolved to recommend to the Building Committee that the pipe organ by Merklin & Cie in the Sacre Coeur Convent Chapel be classified with the level of classification to be decided at a later date.