

St Thomas the Apostle Blackburn

Whitehorse Historical Society

ND 2126

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- First Advisory Committee
Formed late 1949
President Mr E. W. Corder
Function to direct the raising of funds sufficient to enable a start to be made on building operations.
Cash in hand £650 Weekly envelopes
House parties
Effort continued per medium of Weekly envelopes House parties fete stalls etc
- Sept 1950
Likely site for building inspected by architect
- Feb 1951
Architect commissioned to draw plans for School building
- May 1951
School Bldg plans exhibited –
Location Maple st & Whitehorse Rd.
- estimated cost £10,000
- July 1951
Mr Corder returned as President of Advisory Committee
Mr Anderson new president Dec 1951
Credit £3,300
- Early 1952
Property at 57 Central purchased on behalf of Blackburn (Fr. Casey administrator at time)
- Dec 1952

Bank overdraft of £10,000 extra obtained – school building to commence

Building Fund Appeal L. 1953 realised £850

- St Thomas School Church
Opened Nov 15th 1953 by Archbishop Mannix
Midnight Mass at Christmas 1953
1954
- 1954 Jan 16th
Blackburn became a parish
Father Paul Ryan has PP his first Parish
- Feb 2nd 1954
School of St Thomas the Apostle opened with 50 foundation pupils
- Dec 1954
Presbytery blessed & and opened by Dean Simmonds