

HEADQUARTERS EXPAND FLOOR SPACE

Building extensions which have added 1,000 square feet of much needed accommodation are due to be opened at Brotherhood headquarters early this month.

The extensions, all at first floor level, have been achieved by linking the main building, known to most Brotherhood supporters, with the building next door. This building, a former clothing factory, was tenanted until recently. The Brotherhood acquired it some years ago.

The front part of the building, where new doorways have been forged through near century-old bluestone walls, is being turned into a suite for the accounts department.

Addition of the new suite will mean that a main office will be freed for the expansion of staff in the youth and children's work.

Expansion through to the new offices will also mean that the Community Abroad Aid office next door, previously isolated, will now be linked with the Brotherhood. The rear section of the newly acquired offices will become a duplicating room and a staff lunch room, replacing a narrow passage-type room far too small for staff needs.

In addition to the acquisition of the new office building, a small building behind headquarters used as a craft room by the Coolibah Club, is having a section converted into an office suite for the social service bureau.

Overdue

Mr. Bruce Buchanan, Brotherhood secretary, says that the extension of office space is long overdue, and that lack of it has prevented the Brotherhood pre-

viously from effectively staffing some departments. H adds that lack of facilities for staff in promotional, research and social action aspects of Brotherhood work have created difficulties.

"It is indicative of the expansion of Brotherhood work during the last four to five years," he says.

The extension work will cost the Brotherhood about \$3,500 and this will have to come out of its working income, says Mr. Buchanan.

He adds: "We have no reserves. It is something we have had to do to keep our heads above water."

But Mr. Buchanan pays tribute to Brotherhood supporters who have already given help.

Much of the labour required for the extension work has been supplied voluntarily thanks to the generosity of friends like builder Mr. Norton Miller and this has meant a \$1,500 saving to the Brotherhood.

Another who has played a prominent part in the extension work is the Rev. Michael Furmedge, who has done much of the organising of voluntary labour and a great deal of work himself.

Mr. Furmedge has been working temporarily with the Brotherhood to help

with the building programme and the evaluation of existing Brotherhood assets. He is experienced in this field.

The extension work, which has been proceeding over the past four months, will not change the outside appearance of the buildings. But inside a spacious "New Look" will give the Brotherhood a flying start into 1967.

P.S. The Brotherhood's adventure playground behind headquarters was enlarged last year by the demolition of three old terrace houses.

The vacated houses, given to the Brotherhood many years ago, formerly faced Fitzroy St.

An area 60 feet deep and about the same width has now been added to the playground.

Extensions at Carinya

Work is continuing on the extensions to Carinya, the Brotherhood's hospital for the frail aged at Box Hill.

The extensions, which have been in progress since late last year, will increase accommodation at the hospital from 20 to 40 beds.

MORVEN HOLIDAY

At the request of the Sunbury Mental Hospital, the B.S.L. agreed to make Morven available for a holiday for 60 male patients.

They were housed under canvas in the grounds. These were all working men in positions of trust.

Due to their circumstances, none of them would have otherwise had a chance to enjoy a holiday in the outside community. At the time of publication, the first camp of 20 had been successfully completed and the second was well under way. A number of interesting outings and the opportunity to engage in some useful service work were part of the overall program.

The project has helped B.S.L. also, because they have undertaken to dismantle all the camping equipment used by the children in our January program thus saving the staff a long and hard job!



Father Peter Hollingworth and Graeme Bull inspect the cleared area opposite the Brotherhood headquarters in Brunswick Street, which will be developed by the Housing Commission.