

New Ambassador College HQ to be opened next week

THE new national headquarters of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God will be officially opened at Burleigh Heads next week.

The 1300 square metre HQ is a spacious, low-profile building set among the trees in the Burleigh Gardens Industrial Park on the Mudgeeraba road.

It will house the chief administrators and staff of the church and educational organisation which began its work in Australia in 1956. It will be almost 20 years later to the day that its national offices at Burleigh Heads are opened.

Gold Coast and Albert Shire civic leaders have been invited to a ceremony next Thursday at 3pm when Mr Les McCulloch, vice-president in charge of the international division of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God, from Pasadena California, will turn the key in the door of the new headquarters.

The enterprise will be officially welcomed to the region, and to Queensland, by the Mayor, Ald Neumann, and the Chairman of Albert Shire, Cr Muntz.

The official opening of

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the national offices will also be marked by the annual conference of the 30 ordained ministers who conduct the Worldwide Church of God services in the major Australian cities.

It will be held at the new building during the whole week of the official opening.

The regional director of the organisation in Australia, Mr Dennis Luker, said yesterday that to most people on the Gold Coast, Ambassador College had been thought of as a religiously-oriented publisher of fine books and magazines.

"It was planned to move the Ambassador College press from Sydney to Burleigh Heads, but this has been shelved because of the economic climate in the printing industry," said Mr Luker.

"But our work here will be just as important for the organisation and for the Gold Coast and Albert region we have adopted for our home," he added.

Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God are American founded organisations. Headed by Mr Herbert Armstrong, and assisted by his son, Garner Ted Armstrong.

The name Ambassador College stems from the two college campuses in America, which house a total of 2000 students from all parts of the world.



THE Regional Director of Ambassador College, Mr Dennis Luker, and Miss Pat Tuck, 17, of Burleigh Heads, who is employed as a mail reader, are pictured in the college's rustic landscaped surroundings. The hardwood logs in the picture, some weighing up to two tonnes, are from the old Tallebudgera Creek highway bridge.

Broadcasting and publishing are extension services.

At Burleigh Heads, the major part of the organisation will be devoted to maintaining a massive flow of printed material on a wide range of social issues to individuals, schools, libraries and other organisations throughout Australia and South-East Asia.

"It was in 1973 that the world economic climate, sky-rocketing rents and congestion in Sydney, forced us to look elsewhere for a permanent home," said Mr Luker.

"An extensive feasibility study revealed that the Industrial Park at West Burleigh Heads would be the answer to our problems."

The Burleigh building is a rustic and spacious complex of offices, featuring thousands of square metres of exposed timbers and beams and seven different varieties of bricks. The roof is made of cedar shingles.

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