Thanks also to those members who turned up for working bees and to Dusan for restoring the Bellambi Light in time for the Westpac Exhibition. We hope to display the light permanently some time in the future.

Joyce McCarthy (Hon. Curator)

In 1988 there were 3,062 visitors recorded at the Museum, 1,447 school students, 67 TAFE students, 64 students from the Australian College for Seniors and 86 from other organisations, in addition to 1,398 visitors in regular opening hours.

CORRESPONDENCE

A volume of correspondence consisting of between twenty and thirty items per month was presented at meetings and duly answered or referred to appropriate people. Research matters were passed on to the Hon. Research Officer, Miss M. McDonald, who dealt with inquiries regarding aspects of Illawarra’s History. Those relating to genealogy were referred to the Illawarra Family History Group, who in turn have passed on to us some of the more general historical queries they have received. This co-operation is beneficial all round—to both our groups and to the inquirers.

Much of our mail consisted of bulletins and magazines from other societies concerned with historical matters. These were referred to our Bulletin editor for perusal and then made available for other members.

K. Condell (Hon. Secretary), M. McDonald (Hon. Research Officer)

ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE REPORT

The achievements of the past year are too many to report in detail. However several of these are worth noting.

Firstly within the City of Wollongong, Battery Park has been greatly restored, with the help of a grant from the Commonwealth Government of $35,000. Great credit goes to Messrs. Steve Dillon, Ray Brown and Greg Scott for their hard work in this restoration.

Another objective attained is the acquisition by Wollongong City Council of the historic Berkeley Cemetery at Unanderra. Thanks are due to a number of people who worked hard prior to the taking over by the Council, especially the Hurry Brothers, Mr. Allan Washbourne and the late Mr. Stan Williams.

In Shellharbour the Corner Store, funded by a $50,000 grant from the Department of Planning, is worthy of mention.

In the Kiama Municipality the Pilot’s Cottage, funded by a $100,000 grant of Bicentenary Funds, performs a wonderful service as a museum on Blowhole Point.

J. Maynes (Environmental Heritage)

OBITUARY

Regrettably during 1988 we recorded the deaths of the following members: Miss M. Campbell, Mr. A. Clulow, Mrs J. A. Condon, Mr. M. R. Hallenan, Mr S.A. Williams, Dr. J. M. Wilshire.