

## TOM THUMB FESTIVAL 1996

The Week 26-30 March 1996 marks the 200th anniversary of the voyage of the Tom Thumb to Illawarra with Matthew Flinders, George Bass and the boy Martin aboard. As part of this occasion, a number of festivities are planned. It is envisaged that Heritage Week in Illawarra next week will have a maritime heritage theme and that there will be a Tom Thumb festival with possible re-enactments. Two replicas of the boat exist - one in the National maritime Museum and another at the Northbeach Hotel, this later replica being owned by Holy Spirit College, Bellambi.