

WARREN BELLAMY



For more than twenty years, Warren has been a stalwart volunteer at the Museum. Warren was a marine engineer and sailed the seven seas before settling in Wollongong. He has now decided to wave farewell to the ocean blue and settle among the rolling green hills of Armidale.

During his time with us, Warren quietly went about getting things done. In 1996, he and Joyce McCarthy investigated the possibility of acquiring an original post office counter. Warren did the initial assessment and identified the beautiful counter that now graces the Museum foyer.

His seaman's imagination was fired by the bicentenary of the 1796 voyage of Bass, Flinders and Martin in the Tom Thumb. Warren extensively researched their exploits and represented the Society on the celebrations committee. One of the events overseen by the committee was the construction of a replica of the Tom Thumb.

Warren also attended on behalf of the Society numerous seminars hosted by Museums and Galleries NSW. He and Joyce McCarthy were the Society's representatives for many years at local chapter meetings of Museums Australia. This involvement, and his enquiring mind, meant that Warren developed a broad knowledge of museum practice and local history.

Visitors to the Museum frequently asked Warren about the origins of the building. Ever practical, his first response was to gather as much evidence as was available at the time. That provided him with information on which to develop a series of models showing the various stages of construction. His model was one of the most commented on exhibits at the Museum. It will be rejuvenated later in the year using further research undertaken by Carol Herben.

We are very sorry to see Warren leave Wollongong. His long and valuable contribution has been of great benefit to the Society and the Museum. His quiet friendliness will be missed and we wish him all the best.