# Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

# Newsletter

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### BOOKINGS OPEN: Heritage bus tour

The next heritage bus tour will be taking place on Saturday, 4 October 2008 when we will be visiting the Esk/Toogoolawah area. Bookings can be made at the Resource Centre or at the September meeting.

The cost is \$30.00 plus an additional \$10.00 for lunch.

The bus will depart Wynnum Civic Centre at 8am sharp and return at approximately 5pm.

Hurry don't miss out! Book now.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS

### Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm

Ambulance Museum Auditorium (Cnr Cedar Street & Tingal Road, Wynnum)

Speaker: Topic: John Davies Early Spring Parade processions

Speaker: Topic: Gerry Cunneen Conversion of Wynnum telephones

Gold coin entry – covers hire of Hall and Supper.

**Raffle:** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

**Bring and buy stall** - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre.

Appreciation to Jan Aplin, Betty Powell and Ian Wheeler who will be providing your supper.

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations**

Donations for the Christmas Hamper are now being sought. The hamper will be this year's Christmas raffle prize so the more items the better the prize! You never know you may end up being the lucky winner.

Please leave your donations at the Resource Centre or bring along to the meetings. If you are unable to get into the Resource Centre and/or a meeting and would still like to make a donation, please phone one of the committee and we will make arrangements to collect your donation.

### 2008 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### SUPPER ROSTER TO END OF 2008

Below is the supper roster up to the end of 2008. If you are unable to oblige on your assigned date of roster, if possible please find a replacement or contact **Myrtle** on 3396 4711.

| Jan Aplin       | 3396 4728 | Sept 18 |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| Betty Powell    | 3396 8049 | Sept 18 |
| Ian Wheeler     | 3396 9923 | Sept 18 |
| Betty Mottram   | 3396 2971 | Oct 16  |
| Dawn Wilkins    | 3396 8204 | Oct 16  |
| Beryl Kennedy   | 3396 6399 | Oct 16  |
| Myrtle Beitz    | 3396 4711 | Nov 20  |
| Margaret O'Neil | 3348 3123 | Nov 20  |
| Jan Bird        | 3396 6690 | Nov 20  |

If you would like to volunteer to help out on supper roster, please contact **Myrtle** on **3396 4711**. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

### URGENTLY NEEDED & REMINDER: Volunteers for audio tape transcription

Just a reminder that the Resource Centre has available for **free** loan to members the audio tapes of past speakers at the Society's meetings. If you have missed any speakers that you really wanted to hear, why not go and see Jill at the Resource Centre and borrow that tape out to listen to at your leisure.

Are there any ex-typists / secretaries out there? We are looking for volunteers to transcribe these audio tapes as well as audio tapes of oral history interviews so that a print copy can be held at the Resource Centre. A transcription machine is available for loan to anyone who can help out. If you can assist, please contact **Brian** or **Jill**.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope everyone has put Saturday 4th October into their diary - the date for the Bus trip to Toogoolawah. Elizabeth Delaney from Toogoolawah will be joining us as our guide. Our morning tea stop will be at the Wivenhoe Dam. The Dam has lots of water in it at present and we have chosen a lovely spot in the picnic grounds.

From there we will go on to Cominya, an historic town that has recently been nominated at the most liveable town on the Darling Downs. At Cominya we will visit Bellevue Homestead. John and Laurel Dingle the owners, have managed the estate for the last year. John has a wide knowledge of the district and the settlement of the area. The Homestead also boasts a vineyard with nine varieties of wine.

Our next stop will be Esk. The town has a lot of history which is related to the timber industry. On our arrival at Toogoolawah we will visit St.Andrew's Church which was designed by the well known architect, Robin Dodds and features a shingle roof. After lunch we will head out along the Mt. Beppo Road to Caboonbah Homestead. The Mt. Beppo area was settled by German immigrants and many of the older headstones in the cemetery are written in German. At Caboonbah we will visit the historic homestead. I recently watched the movie "The Deluge" made by local actor and director, Martin Overson. The movie tells the story of the great Brisbane floods of 1893. Henry.P.Somerset, the owner of Caboonbah, saw a wall of water coming down the Stanley River. He attempted to warn Brisbane of the approaching catastrophe. Later, following his efforts, the Somerset Dam was built. It is interesting to note that the Wivenhoe Dam was constructed after the Brisbane floods of 1974 to catch the overflow from the Somerset Dam. Our way home will be via Kilcoy and Woodford arriving in Wynnum at 5pm. I hope to see you all on the trip.

By the time you get this newsletter, the deadline for community submissions for the Wynnum Neighbourhood plan will have closed. The next step will be to consider these changes to the final plan. Let's hope the outcome will be a good one for the area. On our heritage schools, it was heartening to read in the "Wynnum Herald", the comment by the Deputy Premier and Lytton MP, Mr. Lucas, that the buildings of schools earmarked to close would be protected. He also said Wynnum Central School would be ideal for community use.

Another historical and community facility, the Manly Pool, is set to open again on Saturday 20th September. In a recent letter from the Brisbane City Council concerning the future of the Baths, it was stated that a proprosal by the leasees to heat the pool was rejected until a review was undertaken in 2009. Let's hope we will be able to enjoy swimming all year round in the near future.

Does anyone have information about the Wynnum School of Arts. I am at present researching the history of the hall for a Wynnum Manly Historical Society function next year. So if you have any photographs of events that took place there or people and groups that used it let me know.

We still need people to help with oral interviews and transcribing tapes. Jill has written a permission sheet to give to people to be interviewed and there are books in the History Resource Room to help with questions to ask. I recently met a lady who had photographs of the old Strand Theatre that she was going to throw out! It is important that our local history is not lost. Your help will be appreciated.

Brian Brandenburg President

### Sponsorship and support of the WMHS - Thank you to Cartridge World Wynnum



Did you know that **Cartridge World Wynnum** very generously sponsors and supports the Wynnum Manly Historical Society?

The Society would like to thank Cartridge World Wynnum for its ongoing support and sponsorship.

Don't forget - for all your toner and cartridge needs, visit or contact **Chris** at Cartridge World Wynnum.

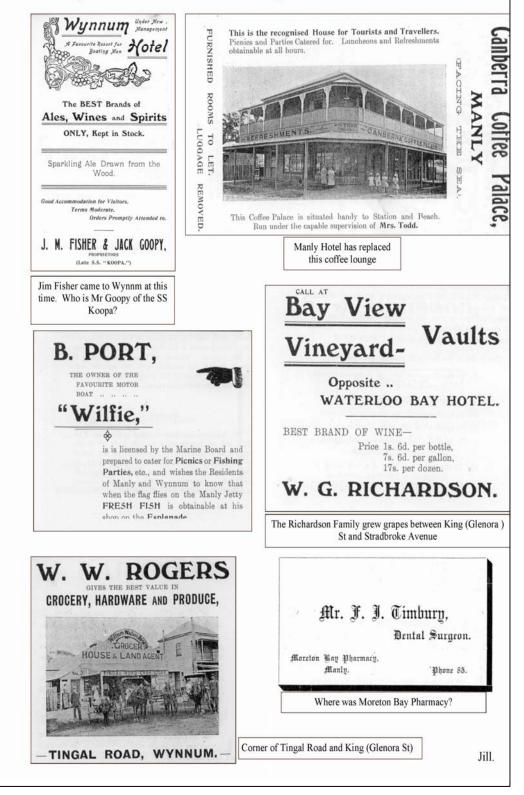


# Resource Centre address Civic Centre Shop 7, 66 Bay Tce Wynnum (outside entrance to Wynnum Public Llbrary) Resource Centre opening hours Monday – Friday (except Public Holidays) 10am – 12 noon

### NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

### WYNNUM AND MANLY TRADERS IN 1914

We are grateful for this month's prize contribution - a 1914 "Wynnum and Manly Sailing Club Rules and Regulations" provided by Bruce Patterson, a friend of the Society, who found this when sorting through his father's sailing collection. This booklet carries advertising for the local district as seen below.



### The Connection between Wynnum and Admiral Bligh

One visitor, who came into the Resource Centre, was seeking the history of his mother's house, which is situated on the northern corner of Wynnum North Esplanade and Agnes Street. The house did have whirligigs along the back fence when the toy maker was alive.

This reminded me of some correspondence and research that I completed earlier this year which solved a problem that has been with us for quite a time.

You probably recall that the first landholder in the district Thomas JONES, purchased Portions 57 and 78 at Manly in 1860. The land had a prime view over Moreton Bay and Thomas had a stone summerhouse built there which he called "Wyvernleigh. St John Vianney's Church and school are now located on the site and the stones form the original house are part of the school wall on Oceana Terrace.

Thomas Jones's mother Mary Louisa JONES also bought land in Wynnum, in 1861. Portion 59 of 65 acres, extended from the southern bank of Wynnum Creek, over Agnes, Berrima and Bride Streets and to Tingal Road. Mary Louisa JONES passed the land to Mary Bligh O'CONNELL. The question has been – who is this lady?

Mary Louisa JONES had eight children – none of them named Mary Bligh. Her eldest daughter was named Mary Australia JONES, born in 1825, sister to Thomas who bought the land in Manly. Mary Australia married Captain William Bligh John O'CONNELL, son of Mary O'CONNELL (nee BLIGH), who was the daughter of Admiral BLIGH, of Bounty fame. When Admiral BLIGH was in Australia from 1806 to 1810, as Governor of NSW, he brought Mary, one of his six daughters, to live with him.

So William Bligh John O'CONNELL, grandson of Admiral BLIGH, married Mary Australia JONES in 1844 and their eldest daughter was the elusive Mary Bligh O'CONNELL born in 1850.

Mary Louisa JONES had purchased the land in Wynnum 1861 and she gave the land to her granddaughter Mary Bligh O'CONNELL in 1864.

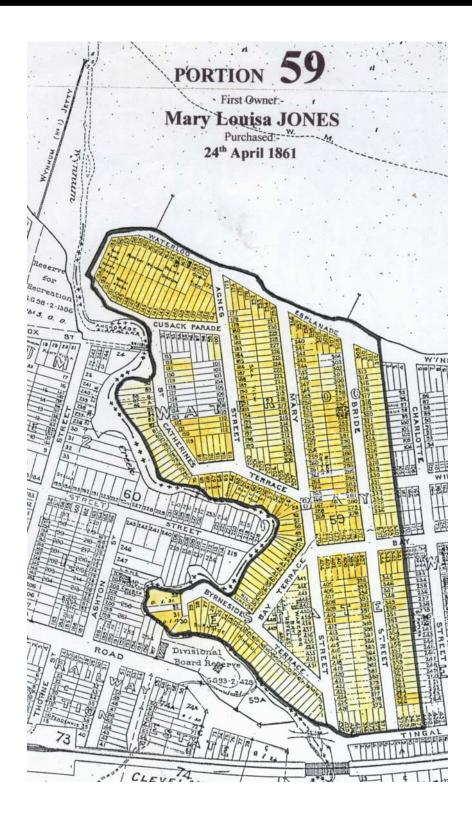
Mary Bligh O'CONNELL was born in England on 2 February 1850 and lived in Australia until her family moved to Gloucester, England in 1860. She sold her land at Wynnum in 1885 to James TAYLOR the Mayor of Toowoomba, whereby hangs another story! In 1888 Mary purchased Crewkerne, a residence on Bowen Terrace, at New Farm as an investment property Mary died in England in 1921 and is buried at St Mary's Church Cemetery at Moreton Pinkney, England.

I received a letter from Bill O'CONNELL. The present-day family did not know that Mary had owned land in Wynnum. They were mystified as to the source of her money to buy Crewkerne in Bowen Terrace. Bill supplied me with details of Crewkerne, I gave him the title deeds for Mary's Wynnum property.

And all of you that live within the boundaries of Portion 59 – there is your contact with Admiral BLIGH

Jill Greenhill

### FEATURE ARTICLE by JILL GREENHILL (continued from page 5)



### WHERE AM I?



If you think you know where this is, please see Jill at the Resource Centre or phone 3393 3208.

### WHERE WAS I?

### August 2008



The stumps are the remains of the timber railway bridge which crossed Colina Street next to the Wynnum RSL. The bridge was removed over the weekend of May 1 2004 and replaced with a concrete bridge, seen at the top of the upper picture.

### Wynnum Creek



### Website of interest

I recently stumbled across this site whilst doing some searching on the National Archives of Australia website. It contains lectures/talks that have been recorded and provided to the National Archives of Australia. You can either listen to the audio of the lecture/talk or you can download a transcript of it.

The talks are varied and the topics consist of politics, war (WW1), and family history to name a few. If you have some spare time, have a look and listen and let me know what you think. I haven't had the time to investigate any further as yet.

The website address is: <u>http://www.naa.gov.au/whats-on/audio/index.aspx</u>

Sandy Liddle

### SPOTLIGHT ON ... Lena McCreadie - Our Scottish Secretary



I was born just before the Second World War, in a small village in Stirlingshire, Scotland only a few miles from Carron Ironworks, the home of **the** Cannon that is in our Civic Centre.

Another coincidence is that our Church Elder in Larbert East Church was Mr Kidson who is a descendent of an early Queensland Premier - William Kidson. Queensland must have been "in my stars"!

I am the eldest of four girls (my poor father!) and we had a childhood much the same as children had here. Plenty of outdoor space to play in, little material "toys" so we used our imaginations.

In Britain rationing was the "norm" in my childhood, but nobody felt disadvantaged as everyone was in the same boat, so to speak.

Many of our early activities were connected with the Church and I enjoyed being in the Girl Guides - Scottish Guides were allowed to wear the kilt instead of a skirt.

I especially liked the district competitions because I was a whizz at cutting an H in the turf, rolling the turf back to make our fire and then rolling back the turf, neatly, once the fire was out. We had a Scottish Country Dancing Team and the Church Choirmaster (brave man ) put on Operettas with all the Sunday School children taking part. I liked Drama and Singing.

I left school at 15 years despite pleas from my teachers to stay on and go to University. I was the eldest of the family and I wanted to get into the "glamour" of work and an extra thirty shillings a week was going to be a huge help to the family budget.

I ended up working in a local Ironfounder's office - not Carron Ironworks as my father said that " they worked their clerks like slaves and paid them little" - but in Jones and Campbell's Torwood Foundry in Larbert.

The cast iron stoves and ranges had been shipped all over the world and I still have a look to see the brand name on the range if I visit an early homestead!

I married and had a daughter but sadly was widowed when my daughter was two years old. I decided to pick up on my education and obtain qualifications to enter a new Teacher's Training College that had just been built in our main town of Falkirk a few miles away.

As a mature student in the three year's Teacher Training Course I enjoyed myself immensely. I always felt that it was easier for the mature students to "buckle down" to study as they had a definite goal.

In 1974, when Linda was fifteen we came to Queensland. I had a job with the Education Dept. I was given permanent employment and decided to do a degree in Education, part-time, at the University of Queensland. St Lucia as it was known then.

I spent nineteen happy years at Wynnum Central State School. I mainly taught Yr 2 and the Yr 1"s liked to think that they would be going into "Mrs McCreadie and Tweetie's (the budgie who spoke with a Scottish accent!) class" the following year. They may forget me but they will all remember Tweetie. He was buried with great ceremony and many tears in the school garden when he passed away at the age of 9 years!

For a time I lived on acreage in the Rochedale/Burbank area - Linda and her horses! When I retired from full time teaching I had a small home Natural Therapy business and did one day a week of Supply Teaching in Bayside Schools.

I never lost contact with Wynnum as many of my clients lived there and I still did my shopping and went to the Library. My parents loved Wynnum when they visited. To them it was like a little seaside town.

When retirement loomed, coming back to Wynnum was the most natural thing to do.

Lena McCreadie

### Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING of 21 August 2008

(held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Corner Cedar Street and Tingal Road)

Meeting **opened** at 7.30pm. 43 members and one visitor, Bruce Patterson were present. 4 apologies were received.

(Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary, Noela Stratton.)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 17 July 2008 were moved by Brian Brandenburg, seconded by Lena McCreadie.

**Correspondence, inwards and outwards,** accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 August 2008, was presented by Lena McCreadie.

**Financial Report, at 31 July 2008**, was presented by Jan Parnell. General Account: Opening Balance: \$ Receipts: \$ Expenses: \$

Closing Balance: \$

Investment Account of \$25,000

Report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 August 2008.

### Resource Centre.

The Mystery photograph was taken under the new concrete railway bridge at Colina Street showing the cut-off stumps of the old timber bridge. Wynnum Creek flows in the concrete channel. Members contributed to the queries listed in the newsletter, that had been received at the Resource Centre during the last month.

### Heritage Tours.

Brian provided details of the next tour, scheduled for Saturday 4 October to the Esk and Toogoolawah area.

### **General Business**

Lena told members of the visit of four committee members to Paul Lucas in connection with the possible fate of the brick building at Wynnum Central State School.

Plans for a celebration at the Municipal Hall (Saturday 28 March 2009) to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queensland were presented by Brian.

Speaker, Les Greenhill gave an illustrated and practical talk on the games we used to play.

Speaker, Myrtle Beitz told of the origins and history of the Waterloo Bay Hotel.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by Noela Stratton, the Raffle by Bruce Patterson and the Membership Draw by Ian Hall.

The formal meeting closed at 9.00pm and members and guests were provided with a delicious **supper** donated by Jan Bird and Lena McCreadie.

### Calendar of WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY events September October November Saturday, 4th 8am – 5pm Thursday, 20th 7.30 pm Thursday, 18th 7.30pm HERITAGE BUS TOUR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Esk/Toogoolawah Where: Ambulance Museum Auditorium Where: Ambulance Museum Auditorium Bus departs from Civic Centre, 66 Bay Terrace, Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Rd Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Rd . Wynnum. Eearly Spring Parade processions Speakers to be advised. Speaker: John Davies Time of departure from Wynnum: 8am Time of return approximately: 4.30pm Conversion of Wynnum telephones Speaker: Gerry Cunneen Bookings being taken at the Resource Centre, at the next meeting or by emailing or phoning the Events Coordinator, Myrtle Beitz. \$30.00 Cost: Cost: Gold coin donation Cost: Gold coin donation Lunch additional: \$10.00 Thursday, 16th 7.30pm Thursday, 27th 10am **IMPORTANT OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING** MORNING TEA AT WYNNUM LIBRARY Where: Ambulance Museum Auditorium Where: Wynnum Library PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MORNING Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Rd 66 Bay Terrace TEA BEING HELD AT WYNNUM LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER. Speakers to be advised The names behind the places Brian Ogden from the Museum of Brisbane Cost: Gold coin donation is the special guest speaker for November. Cost: Free Thursday, 30th 10am MORNING TEA AT WYNNUM LIBRARY Where: Wynnum Library 66 Bay Terrace Growing up in Wynnum in the fifties Brian Brandenburg will be telling us about what it was like for him growing up in Wynnum in the 1950s. Cost: Free

### Calendar of other events of interest September October November Wednesday, 10th 12.30pm - 2pm Wednesday, 8th 12.30pm – 2pm Saturday, 8th 1pm – 4pm TWISTING THE TALE: THE NAMING OF **ELIZABETH BRENTNALL** COMPANY AND BUSINESS RECORDS **QUEENSLAND ELECTORATES SINCE 1860** Royal Historical Society of Qld **Qld State Archives** Where: Where: Roval Historical Society of Qld Commissariat Store 435 Compton Road Where: Commissariat Store 115 William Street Runcorn 115 William Street Brisbane Brisbane Discover the range of records relating to the Speaker: John McCulloch world of business and commerce. This is a Ruth Kerr on behalf of Dr Kett joint seminar to be presented by specialist Speaker: Kennedy of Charters Towers staff from Qld State Archives, National Archives of Australia and the State Library of Old. Bookings essential telephone 3131 7777 Cost: Gold coin donation Cost: Gold coin donation Cost: Free. Monday, 13th 11am - 12.30pm 10am - 11am Wednesday, 17th Wednesday, 12th 10am - 11am BRISBANE: CITY OF FIRSTS **BUILDING RECORDS** IMAGE QUEENSLAND SEMINAR Brisbane Square Library Where: Where: **Qld State Archives** Where: **Qld State Archives** Theatre Auditorium 435 Compton Road 435 Compton Road Ground floor. Runcorn Runcorn Brisbane Square. Cnr George & Adelaide Sts What records does QSA hold relating to Everyone loves photos. Discover the new buildings? Come and find out at this seminar Image Queensland service and learn how to by Museum of Brisbane Presented in presented by one of our experienced use ArchivesSearch to locate images held at conjunction with Brisbane Square Library, Reference Archivists. the Queensland State Archives. Brisbane: City of Firsts is an informative talk discussing some of Brisbane's historic firsts. Bookings essential telephone 3131 7777 Bookings essential telephone 3131 7777 Discover the history of the electric tram, Brisbane's famous jacarandas, television transmissions and many more. Cost: Free. Cost: Free Free Cost: Thursday, 18th Thursday, 16th Wednesday, 12th 6pm 6pm 12.30pm – 2pm DR BROCKWAY - HIS LIFE AND TIMES THOMAS LODGE MURRAY PRIOR A HISTORY OF NORTH COAST TOURISM Royal Historical Society of Qld Royal Historical Society of Qld Royal Historical Society of Qld Where: Where: Where: **Commissariat Store Commissariat Store Commissariat Store** 115 William Street 115 William Street 115 William Street Brisbane Brisbane Brisbane Speaker: Jean Stewart Andrew Darbyshire Speaker: Peter Osborne Speaker: Gold coin donation Gold coin donation Cost: Gold coin donation Cost: Cost: Sunday, 19th Thursday, 20th Tuesday, 30th 6pm - 7.30pm 1pm - 2.30pm 6pm DAVID HILL: 1788 UNCOVERED: MORETON BAY PENAL THE WOMEN OF NEWSTEAD HOUSE SETTLEMENT Where: John Oxley Library Reading Room Royal Historical Society of Qld Where: State Library of Queensland Where: Fox Family White Gloves Room **Commissariat Store** 115 William Street South Bank. State Library of Queensland South Bank. Brisbane Join author David Hill as he chats about his latest book 1788. 1788 is an extraordinary In 1824, the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement was Speaker: Carolyn Nolan narrative history of the First Fleet. established at Redcliffe as a place of secondary Using diaries, letters and official records, Hill artfully transportation. After some eight months the settlement was moved to a site located on the reconstructs the experiences of these famous and infamous mena and women of history, Brisbane River at the present day location of combining narrative skill with an eye for detail Brisbane's CBD. Learn more about the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement and materials housed in and an exceptional empathy with the people of the past. It is set against the backdrop of the Heritage Collections Unit that document this Georgian England. period. Gold coin donation Cost: Free but bookings essential through Cost: Free but bookings essential Cost:

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| Membership application forms ar  | e available from the Resource C | entre, Civic Centre, 7/66 Bay T                   | ce, Wynnum. |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Membership costs per year (1 Ja  | nuary to 31 December):-         |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| Single \$15.00   | Family \$25.00                  | High School student                               | \$5.00      |  |  |  |  |
| PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 which covers the cost of a membership name badge. |                                 |   |             |  |  |  |  |
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| Deadline for newsletter submissions:   |                                 | By Sunday, 5 October 2008 for October 2008 issue. |             |  |  |  |  |
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