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“COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION”

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What's On

Dural Growers Market
2nd Sunday each month
Country Club
Dural
Info: 0417 227 748

Glenorie Growers Market
4th Sunday each month
Les Shore Oval
Glenorie.
Info: 0417 227 748

Sunday Markets
Every Sunday
9am to 3pm
Windsor Mall
Info: 0418 869 685



1st Jun - Tues
Pre-School Storytime
Hawkesbury Library
Windsor
Info: 4560 4460

4th Jun - Fri
Chess Club
Hawkesbury Library
Windsor
Info: 4560 4460

5th Jun - Sat
Boomerang
Bag Making Bee
Hawkesbury Remakery
Windsor
Info: 0418 211 042

9th Jun - Wed
Family History Group
Central Library
Windsor
Info: 4560 4460

17th Jun - Thurs
Third Thursday
Book Club
Central Library
Windsor
Info: 4560 4460

Put these in your diary!

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Community Joins Together To Clean Up Cattai Creek



OzFish (Australia's national fishing conservation charity), local conservation organisations and Galston-Glenorie Fishing Club are teaming up on Sunday May 30th for a clean up of Cattai Creek. Cattai Creek is a major tributary of the Hawkesbury River and the home to platypus.

This collaboration will combine in stream knowledge of local recreational fishers with volunteers from environmental organisations. This is Citizen Science in action!

The day will be part of a broader catchment wide effort coordinated by Hawkesbury City Council and Clean Up Australia. It is estimated about two million tonnes of plastics enter the oceans from rivers and creeks each year. Local OzFish Chapter President and avid fly fisher Juan del Carmen said "When litter is dropped on land, the wind and rain often carry it to storm water drains which empty into creeks and rivers and then carry it to the oceans."

President of Galston-Glenorie Fishing Club, Karl van Middeltyk invited OzFish to do a presentation at their club night. Members of Galston Club and Windybanks and Hornsby Fishing Club were also in attendance. He said the Club is excited to work with OzFish for the first time. "I've been fishing and living around Cattai Creek my entire life and have never seen it needing more of a helping hand than now" Mr Middeltyk said.

Rubbish is a contaminant for fish as well as all the other creatures that depend on our waterways for their existence.

All litter collected on the day will be sorted, counted and entered into the Tangaron Blue Australian Marine Debris Database for research into how to keep waterways litter free in the future.

To get involved in the rubbish removal, participants will meet at the Nelson Reserve 507 (3Z Newman Road, Glenorie) on Sunday 30th May 2021. Participants are encouraged to bring their own personal watercraft that can be easily launched from the riverbank. To celebrate their efforts, all volunteers are invited to the Galston Club for refreshments afterwards.

For those interested to lend a helping hand in this site or other locations for the Hawkesbury Valley Flood Recovery 'Community Clean Up Day' on Sunday 30 May, jump onto the OzFish website at www.ozfish.org.au and register for the event, or register directly through <https://www.cleanupaustrialaday.org.au/> by searching on the map for a site near you!

This project is part of the NSW Government Growing River Stewardship Program, and proudly supported by the NSW Government Environmental Trust.



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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson

I have watched my Monstera Deliciosa plant for 22 years and finally it has rewarded me with three fruit. They have been interesting to watch develop--tightly folded leaves then opening to two pale lemon leaves which fell off, leaving the fruit behind.



My Grandchildren were watering their Woolies seedlings when out of the spout of their watering can came a slug much to their amusement.



Mr White Cockatoo has struck again this year but after his first attack on my lemon tree up went the bird net but he still managed to destroy 21 green lemons- naughty cocky!!!

In the Warrumbungles I came across this young Kurrajong Tree (I think) and on the leaves were white sticky strands

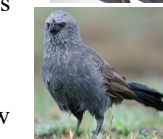
that the ants were eating. Also on the tree were many cocoons of leaves stuck together-- I didn't want to destroy one to find out what it was but there were lots of them.



In the Warrumbungle National park Centre was a lovely display of model birds and real nests The Apostle Birds nest was very interesting as well as this tiny cup type- can't remember what bird it was.



At Tooraweena I saw a collection of treasures collected by the Spotted Bower Bird. To decorate their bower they find green, white and silver objects -- this one had many bones and green berries. The people on whose property we were said they have to watch their silver tools when they are working otherwise they will be whisked away. They are certainly different to our Satin Bower Birds.



Quote!

The secret of education is respecting the pupil

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Living Heritage News

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Editor's Notes

Oh these sunny days are glorious, I'm sitting here in the sunshine editing this magazine, the birds are vocal and it's very still. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. It's delightful!

Have you downloaded your Dine and Discover vouchers yet? That's \$100 to spend on dining out and going places, like movies or shows. I've used mine to see an Elvis Show and lunch. You need to be quick because they expire on June 30th. Don't miss out.

Someone must be sprinkling Happy Dust around me lately, because everyone seems to be coping with this new lifestyle of being wary of cold germs around others, and I'm seeing lots of smiling faces. I hope this is a new trend, because I like it!

Did you know that this magazine is now on the Wisemans Ferry & District's

web site? Wisemans.org.au That means that we get more exposure and our advertisers do as well.

....AND....It's in colour! Looks great!

We may have some more exciting news on that front for you next month.

We still have the ongoing problem of keeping our finances up to our outgoings, and at the moment we have a deficit each month. As this cannot go on indefinitely, we need to get some more income via advertising. Our Eastbend members are always on the lookout for new advertisers to cover this lack. Do you have a business that you'd like to advertise? Contact Sheila at the address above. We need you! The added bonus now is that you will be seen on the website and in colour. As well as physically in the hands of over 2,000 people.Enjoy your read...Carole

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Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society

Visit to the Wat Buddha Dhamma, Ten Mile Hollow and Clare's Bridge

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invite you to join us on our excursion as we visit the Wat Buddha Dhamma, then up the Western Commission Track to Ten Mile Hollow and Clare's Bridge.

Date:- Saturday, 26th June 2021

Time:- 9.30am

Location:- We will meet at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman. Our guides will explain what we are to see and we will carpool from this point. We recommend that passengers wear masks if carpooling with others.

Lunch:- BYO

Cost:- \$ 7.50 for Members and \$ 10.00 for Non-Members

We will have a quick morning tea and then we will drive to the Wat Buddha Dhamma where we are invited to visit the various buildings.. Please bring along an offering such as fruit or vegetables or tinned goods (vegetarian) to give to the monks. The Wat Buddha Dhamma was set up as a monastery with the intention of being a spiritual home, not just for the monastics living here, but for the community as well. Our guide Eve Lemming will talk to us about the indigenous people the Darkinjung tribe of the area.

We will then walk to Ten Mile Hollow which is a flat 600 metre walk and where we will have lunch in the National Park picnic area.. Ten Mile Hollow was used as a station for the Nos 8 and 9 Iron Gangs as well as Clare's Bridge when these convict gangs worked in the area between November 1829 and October 1830. Our guide Rob Cunneen will share with us the history of this fascinating site. It may also be possible for some to walk from here to Clare's Bridge which is a kilometre away.

Bookings are essential and contact details (phone or text) in case of rain to 0405 321 478 by Tuesday, 22nd June 2021.

Please note: Numbers will be limited to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings.

We require all participants to observe the 1.5 metre apart rule (members of the same household excepted) whilst out of the cars and practise good hand hygiene.

All participants will be required to provide contact details and sign an indemnity form on arrival before participating in the excursion.

Any further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhhs.org.au

Bring along lunch, snacks, water, hat, sunscreen, repellent and wet weather gear. Sturdy shoes are suggested.

All welcome.

Robyn Downham

Publicity Officer

Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society

Caring for the Great North Road

The Convict Trail Project aims to protect, restore, maintain and promote a unique feature of colonial Australia heritage, – the 240km long convict-built road from Sydney to Newcastle. From its beginning at Parramatta Road, Five Dock, the road passes through Dural, Glenorie, and Wisemans Ferry, then over a World Heritage listed section and along the ridge to the Wollombi Valley before passing through Cessnock and Maitland in the Hunter Valley. Recent work includes upgrading and replacing aging signage. Several bridges and sections of road require urgent attention to prevent further deterioration of irreplaceable heritage.

Despite the regular funding provided by four local Councils and funding from Yancoal the ongoing operational work costs experienced by the Project are expected to exceed available funding, so that fund raising has become necessary.



Convict Trail Fundraiser

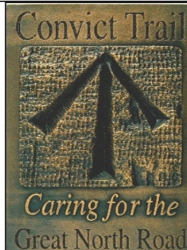
Aussie Trivia Event

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News From Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed

The aftermath of the mid-March 2021 flood was on display this week at the Mens Shed and the job of restoration is way beyond the limited resources of our members and a few able volunteers to clean out the devastation left after the waters receded.

Ray Crawley, President of our zone in NSW rang our President Adrian Acheson and after several discussions has organised a bus-load of volunteers (up to 100 persons) from the Central Coast members of the Mens Shed Association to arrive this week to help with our clean-up.

They will be bringing special welding equipment and tools to re-make our timber racking and to generally tidy and clean inside the Shed to enable us to get back to operational status.

Last month we put out an appeal for replacement tools and the response was overwhelming. Large amounts of replacement tools have been received and we request that for the time-being we have sufficient tools for our needs. Corporate sponsors have also got on-board and we have received many generous offers which we will take up when the Shed is in better state.

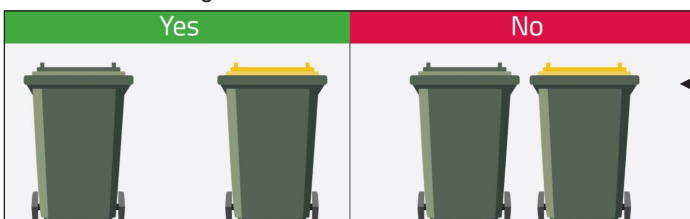
We wish to thank everybody who has generously donated these tools and other items that we will sort when the clean-up is finished.

We invite any person to come to our Shed to see our situation and to make any constructive comments to assist in our recovery.

Our Shed is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and is located behind Bowling Club Phone **0448 33781**



Flood damage inside Shed after water has receded.



Congratulations To Anne Heather

Our own very local talented Lady, Anne Heather has achieved rewarding ribbons again at both the Sydney Royal Easter Show and The Hawkesbury Show.

Anne starts working on these very tricky beaded works from the end of one show to the next.

Thousands of beads and many-many hours go into each display.

A lot of patience and commitment from Anne. Well Done!

Anne was saying the Echidna was her hardest piece this year.

The Echidna is a tea pot cosy - 1st prize in Sydney Royal & 1st at Hawkesbury Show

The Waterfall - 2nd prize at Sydney Royal and Highly Commended at Hawkesbury Show

The Platypus - 3rd prize at Sydney Royal and 2nd prize at Hawkesbury Show.



Correct Bin Placement



For Council's garbage trucks to be able to empty garbage bins, please place your bins correctly.

Handy tips to ensure your household waste, recycling and green bins can be easily and safely collected:

- * leave about 1m of space between your bins and other objects so the truck arms can grab the bins without knocking them over
- * securely tie the plastic bags in your bins
- * don't park cars in front of the bins - if the truck arms cannot reach the bin, cannot be emptied
- * don't leave your bins directly under low hanging trees to ensure that the truck does not knock leaves and branches down and leave a mess
- * make sure the lid opening is facing the street, wheels towards your house - the bin lid can snap if waste falls onto the lid when the truck empties the bin
- * don't place bins behind each other - the truck cannot empty bins from behind other bins
- * keep your bin lid closed - if your bin is too full and the lid can't close, the garbage truck can't empty the bin and the bin can't also fill with water when it rains.

Not sure what waste items go in which bin? Visit Council's website at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au (click on the For Residents tab, then Waste and Recycling) to see how to correctly dispose of specific items and to receive reminders to put your bins out for collection.



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The Women of Maroota

...compiled by
Ruby Ramm

We are pleased to begin a series of memoirs selected from a booklet titled 'The Women of Maroota'. This is a compilation of recollections from Ruby E Ramm, published in 2001. Ruby's stories are a mixture of personal memories and those of family and friends, and convey the admiration and respect in which these forebears were held.

We hope you enjoy reading about these amazing pioneering women, and we look forward to hearing your own stories of the old days in our district.

Katherine Gallagher (aunty Kate)
nee Grono

Married to Robert Gallagher.

Family: Robert (Bob) Jnr, Edward (Ted)
and Molly

Her home was situated about a quarter of a mile on the left down Gallagher's Road, Maroota. A short distance away, on the same side of the road, was the home of Robert (Bob) Gallagher Jnr. Fanny was his wife, and they had one son, Billy.

My varied memories of Aunty Kate are still clear in my mind today. She lived in a galvanised iron house painted brick red all over. It had a little half verandah facing the south east, a refreshingly cool spot in hot summer evenings.

Aunty Kate was proud of her little home, and regularly gathered a bush broom from nearby bushland to sweep the floor and verandah, leaving them fresh and clean.

In the coolest corner of the verandah stood a colourful display of coleus. They grew in kerosene tins filled with soil and were watered regularly. They were Aunty Kate's pride and joy, along with her little front garden that I came to love just as much as she did.

The front gate was a slip rail one, and it led onto a narrow garden path that ended up at the verandah entrance. I especially remember the right hand side of the garden where a mock orange tree grew. Flourishing after their own fashion at its base was a small massed wilderness of fragrant creamy, yellow freesias mingled with deep blue violets. True to season every year, the mock orange, freesia and violet blooms came to life in all their loveliness and sweet perfume. To this day, freesias grow wild along the roadside in that area, no doubt some of Aunty Kate's have settled there via wind scattered seed.

I recall Aunty Kate always wearing a bandage halfway up her left leg because of an accident one windy day. A strong gust blew a sheet of iron off a roof and it

struck her leg, cutting through to the bone just above the ankle. I was told her foot was twisted halfway to the back, so it must have been a very serious injury, though she was able to walk well enough after it healed. I think the bandage was retained for support.

During dry times, when I took my horse for a drink at a quarry a short distance from her place, Aunty Kate would be waiting at the sliprails to catch us on the way back. In her hand would be a brown paper bag containing six freshly baked Anzac biscuits, the biggest I'd ever seen. What a thoughtful Aunty she was!



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

- **Assist with accessing Federal Government services**
- **Attend your local community event**
- **Arrange congratulatory messages**

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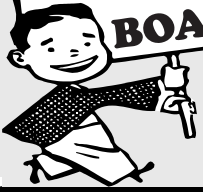


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STRINGS AT ST ALBANS

St Albans community will hold a public concert at 2.00pm on Sunday 30th May at St Albans School of Arts Hall.

All welcome, but we ask for donations to support the music program at MacDonald Valley Public School. For further enquiries contact Dianne Chambers.



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WISEMANS FERRY SENIORS

We are still waiting for parts for our bus to get it back on the road, which makes it hard for us to organise any outings for our members. However we were able to go to the Premiers Seniors Concert at Darling Harbour thanks to Phil with his bus, who came to our rescue driving us into the city. The concert was a huge success this year as it featured Human Nature and we were all bouncing about to the music.

Our picnic day in the local park had to be cancelled due to the floods, but we are planning one for this month. Hopefully we will get a nice sunny day.

Many Thanks to all those who supported our Easter Raffle the first 2 prizes going to locals Daryl and Rod, the third prize went to a visitor from the Retreat.

While we will miss Margaret and Herta who have moved to Parkes, we wish them all the best and thank Margaret for all the work she did organising our bus trips.

Once again we remind you that all are welcome to our Monday morning Bingo and meetings commencing at 9.30 at the Bowlo.



Don't forget our Facebook page **Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group** and for any queries contact Jo 0419 413 523

WANT TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Would you like to be more involved with things in your local area? Do you have some free time on your hands? Would you like to meet some new people?

Here's a suggestion: why not join our team at Maroota?

So, who are we and what do we do? Eastbend Rural Communications is a local environmental and cultural organisation and produces the monthly magazine *Living Heritage*. A group of us meets each month to fold and organise the distribution of the magazine and every 3 months we meet to discuss current issues. One thing we need help with at present is archiving our past collections. Also, with the many new subdivisions in the local region, help is needed to distribute the magazine to these areas. Why not come along to our next *Living Heritage* folding day on Monday 23rd July. Phone Editor Carole Sweeny on **0407949 899** for more info on whether it's at the Resource Centre or somewhere else. Hope to see you there!

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Tony Simpson Law Firm will be running a free legal aid service from his office – behind the Doctor's Surgery, next to the Sunshine Club – once a month for people who are financially vulnerable, including people on Centrelink or pensions.

Hours to be notified in due course or ring for further information

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Windsor Peninsular

By Liz Wilkinson

The Court House on the corner of Pitt and Court Streets was erected by Governor Macquarie about 1819-29 (more conflicting dates) The first court held there was presided over by Mr Justice Stephen. This court house is still used today.

On the corner of Arndell St and North St (continues on from Court St) stands an old Inn (now a Private Residence) known as Peninsular Inn and also at one time as Court house Inn and Swallows Inn (swallows nest under the eaves). The first licensee for this inn was John Shearing. This premises was used in the long running TV series -A Country Practice. At the rear of the home are some very interesting sheds.

Along North Street are some delightful mid-nineteenth century homes. On the side of one is written Johnstons office but I have been unable to find its history. This house is a good example of jerkin-head roofing which provided shelter for the people living there in times of flood.

The Peninsular is such an interesting part of Windsor.



Tax Exemption for 'Granny Flat' Arrangements

Typically, granny flat arrangements occur when an older person transfers some sort of consideration (often title to property or proceeds from the sale of property) to their adult child in exchange for the promise of ongoing care, support and housing. In some circumstances, it's a way for a parent to give their children access to their inheritance when it's needed not at a later point when the person dies.

However, a 2017 Australian Law Reform Commission report highlighted the potential for elder abuse where granny flat arrangements fall apart. If the relationship breaks down, or other unforeseen circumstances arise, the older person can be left homeless. A central problem is a lack of formality in these arrangements.

The tax system, in particular, the capital gains tax (CGT) system, acts as a disincentive to formalising a granny flat arrangement. Under the current rules if a granny flat arrangement is formalised, this can lead to an upfront tax liability for the home owners. Also, the children can potentially lose part of their main residence exemption when the parent pays for the right to live in the home depending on how the arrangement is structured. If the arrangement is left informal, and the money paid by the parent is merely a gift, the main residence exemption is generally unaffected.

Recently released exposure

draft legislation seeks to overcome the disincentive to formalising a granny flat arrangement by providing a CGT exemption.

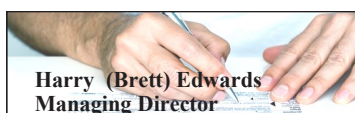
This does not mean that every separate dwelling built out the back of a house will have a CGT exemption. The legal meaning of granny flat is derived from social security law; it describes an arrangement rather than a type of accommodation and can arise whenever money or other consideration is given in exchange for a right to use accommodation for life.

The draft legislation provides that no CGT event will arise from a granny flat arrangement where certain conditions are met including where the individual with the granny flat arrangement has:

Reached pension age or has a disability, and
That the arrangement is in writing and is not of a commercial nature.

The material and contents provided in this publication are informative in nature only. It is not intended to be advice and you should not act specifically on the basis of this information alone.

If expert assistance is required, professional advice should be obtained.



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Rainfall for

APR 25th To MAY 20th

Week 1. nil
Week 2. 51mm
Week 3. nil
Week 4. nil
Week 5. nil

Taken at
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Bush Philosophy

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Flood Recovery Support

To help support local businesses through their ongoing flood recovery, business owners and operators are invited to attend an information session to meet with representatives from government and community agencies.

The information sessions will be held at Pitt Town and District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Road and you can choose from one of the dates below:

* **Tuesday, 25 May, between 6pm and 8pm**

• **Wednesday, 9 June, between 6pm and 8pm.**

You will be able to access support, information and advice Disaster recovery grants, Centrelink assistance package, technical agricultural and/or sector-specific updates, flood clean-up, riverbank remediation, financial management, insurance issues and mental health support.

There is no need to register to attend, but please be aware the venue will be COVID-Safe and public health orders may be in place to support physical distancing and the wearing of masks. For details about the information sessions, please call Resilience NSW on **9212 9200**. Visit health.nsw.gov.au for public health orders at the time of the information session you wish to attend.

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Solution to puzzle on page 19

1. The crab 2. The boot 3. The Starfish
4. The fish 5. The shell

Latest News



The event many of you have long been waiting for has arrived: the release of the draft master plans for Hornsby Park and Westleigh Park. I know just how much the community has been looking forward to this because of how often I am asked about them. These plans present a range of ideas on how the sites could be used and are not development applications. Hornsby Park is especially anticipated, as it will create a vast new open space just a few minutes' walk from Hornsby Station. A big part of it is the rehabilitated Hornsby Quarry, which was filled in using material from the recently completed NorthConnex Tunnel. It includes facilities for walking, cycling, mountain biking, climbing, field sports and other activities. Westleigh Park will be a sports and recreation complex with multiple facilities, including sporting fields with lights, a synthetic grass sportsground, an athletics track,

amenities buildings, internal access roads and carparks. There will also be bushland restoration, play facilities, bushwalking trails and mountain bike trails. The draft master plan proposes ideas on how these activities could be accommodated on the site and protect the existing good value bushland, while balancing the needs of a range of stakeholders. Council does not currently have the funds to pursue both projects to their full completion, but will undertake them in stages. The top priority will be Hornsby Park. A core goal of this project from the beginning has been to have active and ongoing community consultation. We want to hear your thoughts on the ideas presented. Please visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/yoursay to see the draft master plans.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
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"The Protocol For Church"
Psalm 100.4-5



"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name".

One Sunday a plainly dressed, scholarly looking man went to church in the Netherlands and took a seat near the pulpit.

A few minutes later, a lady approached the pew, seeing a stranger sitting in it, she curtly advised him that this was "her seat".

He graciously apologised, and moved to one of the pews in the back of the church. There he joined in the service and left afterward without further incident. When the service was over, one of the woman's friends asked her if she knew who he was and why she ordered him to move.

The woman curtly answered him to be a stranger. She was shocked to learn that he was King Oscar of Sweden, who was in the country visiting their Queen. The lesson for us all is that Jesus said ***"Where two or three are gathered in His name, I am in the midst of them"*** (Matthew 15:20). Therefore His presence can be in us all. Otherwise join a social club or just stay at home. Religion is about man made rules and regulations but **God is about relationships through His son.**

Build relationships with others and
watch the Lord guide your steps.
God Bless all as we care for others,
even those we may not know.

God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien JP, Community Chaplain.

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MARROOTA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Another month has passed, and the weather has gone from very wet to dry then back to heavy rain.

This last month we have attended two motor vehicle accidents, a car fire and a couple of fires that got a bit out of hand.

One of the motor vehicle accidents took a heap of work to manage the traffic, and then wait a considerable amount of time for the ambulance to attend as it came from Penrith.

On the hazard reduction subject, we helped at several in the last month, but have come to a halt till the fuel dries again in, I expect, Spring.

If you are doing a pile burning or hazard reduction, you need to go on to the NSW RFS web site and get a job number, thus notifying 24 hours prior. You can still ring district office, but this is now only available for those that have no internet access. Still, neighbours must be notified 24 hours in advance, and you must have water onsite to manage any problems that may occur.

If you have any problems with your pile burn escaping, remember to call **000**.

....Garry Chatman



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Spencer Rural Fire Brigade

- 2nd Monday of Month – Meeting @ 18:30
- 3rd Monday of Month – Maintenance @ 18:30
- 4th Monday of Month – Training @ 18:30

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MARROOTA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The brigade was only called out to one incident last month, an Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) at Glenorie. However we didn't get too far before we were stood down as the problem had been sorted.

June is the start of the winter months and a very busy time for our brigades in the means of getting hazard reductions done (weather permitting) before the next fire season and fitting in a lot of training. We congratulate Mel for getting through the Basic Firefighters (BF) course last month as well as three more members who now have their Village Firefighter's (VF) certificate. Two more members will be assessed in the next month for their Crew Leader's (CL) certificate and we continue to have members reaccredited in First Aid and Chain-saw skills and certificates.

Winter is also the time for all of our community to get busy reducing the fire hazards around our properties. Trim back overhanging trees and keep the gutters and roofs clear of leaves and debris. We have all seen first-hand that this is so important to be able to survive in a bushfire and we have also just recently seen that it lessens the damage to our homes during flood and storms too. Make sure you have a good cleared area (an asset protection zone (APZ) around all of your buildings and fences. Make sure your gates and drive-ways are wide enough for a fire truck to fit through to access and protect your buildings in a fire. Store fuel and flammables (woodpiles, chemicals etc) away from your house. Obtain and regularly maintain, pumps, sprinklers and hoses, ready to fight a fire. Keep paddocks and lawns slashed and mown.

Most importantly, **PLAN, PLAN, PLAN**. This is the time to sit down with all of the family and make your plans to be safe through a bushfire (Bushfire Survival Plan) as well as plans to be safe from a house fire (Home Escape Plan)and **practise, practise PRACTISE!**

The Maroota Muster on Sunday, 15 August 2021 starting at 10am. We hope to meet and speak to you there.

....Robin Hitchcock

SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Cold weather has begun and what better time to get out rake up those fallen leaves and fallen branches, getting ready for the summer season.

Quieter times has given our members time to keep busy developing their skills with available from our District.

Congratulations Geoff, Mark, Nathan and Garry for completing their VF training and some of our members are completing further training as well. Thank you for your commitment and the hours you give to our brigade.

Progress is continuing our brigade site by area with the construction of the Area Training Complex.

What can we do? Ensure our inside fire alarms are working or replaced and prepare for the coming fire season while the weather is favourable. Register your pile burn online at The Hills webpage Follow the guidelines for pile burning and remember to notify your neighbours at least 24 hours before you are intending to burn. The Hills Fire Control Centre is 96542268 if you have questions.

Stay Safe and Keep Warm,

....Judith Barr

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RECONCILIATION WEEK

At Pathways Community Counselling we stand strongly in support of those in need; committed to being inclusive and supporting the diversity of all people in Australia, all walks of life, all races, cultures, gender, sexuality or disability. May 27th marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation is the journey of all Australians, and began formally almost three decades ago. At the heart of this journey is the relationship between the wider Australian community and our Indigenous communities. Reconciliation week aims to be a step towards developing justice re: the wrongs of the past, and to support increasing equality and equity for Indigenous Australians.

The descendants of the original Indigenous caretakers of this land suffer from inter-generational trauma, endless associated challenges and are amongst the most vulnerable in our society. They endure much higher levels of psychological distress, three times higher than the non-Indigenous population. They struggle with unemployment, lack of educational opportunities, lower average income, more adverse life events and chronic physical illnesses.

Those of us whose ancestors have travelled here to Australia (and may have been part of cruel and inhumane treatment towards the first inhabitants) may wish to do what we can to support not only our Indigenous communities, but all minority and disadvantaged communities. There are many things that can be done to heal the impact of past hurts to our mind and body.

You yourself may have endured past hurt or trauma, which you would appreciate having a place to talk about, with someone who can suggest methods to heal the impacts on your nervous system.

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Cold and Flu Prevention

With the arrival of winter there are many things we can do to minimise the risk of catching colds and flu. Here's some handy tips:



- * Wash your hands regularly and carry an alcohol based hand sanitiser
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. This is the quickest way for a virus to enter your body.
- * Do not share drinking or eating utensils.
- * Use a tissue or the inside of your elbow when coughing or sneezing. Germs from coughing or sneezing can spread over 10 square metres.
- * Drink plenty of fluids such as water and/or orange juice.
- * Get plenty of rest and fresh air.
- * Keep stress at a minimum. Chronic stress can weaken the immune system.
- * Avoid crowds during flu season.
- * Take immune boosting supplements like echinacea.
- * Stay home if you are unwell.



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Ageing in the Valley –

What services are available? –

Weekly Events

Outdoor Cardio Classes

9:30am Friday

Location: Outside the St Albans Fire Shed
Cost – FREE to community. All welcome

Yoga with Esh

Cardio 7am (park), and yoga 8am Saturday

Location: St Albans School of Arts
Cost - \$15/session. All welcome
Personal training available

Zumba on the Big Screen

9:00am Monday and 9:30am Thursday

Location: Bandusia
Cost – FREE to community. All welcome

New Events

Low Impact Exercise Classes

Facilitator: Rachael Lonsdale

9:30am, weekly extended until end of July

Location: St Albans School of Arts
Cost – FREE.

Tai Chi in the Park

Facilitator: Mackie Aye (Max)

9:00am, weekly extended until the end of July

Location: St Albans Park
Cost – FREE.

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Visit the Cedar Creek Wombat Hospital and learn about
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The Sunshine Group

The Sunshine Group is opened each Wednesday from 9.00 to 2.30 we welcome all ages ladies and men, young and old, We love to see some new people join us, so we welcomed two new members, John and Javid from Spencer.

The cost for the morning is \$5.00; stay all day for lunch and bingo for \$10.00 and have some fun with us.

We welcomed back the children from Wiseman's Ferry Public school after last years shut down due to Covid 19. Our morning tea and games were such fun. The competition between the children and the Sunshine Group has not changed. What a lot of fun and laughter we have by all.

It is another sad year for us at the Sunshine Group as we can't hold our Annual Fete again this year due to Covid19. Our funds are getting a little low, so if anyone would like to donate to us we would appreciate it. The fete day helps keep Casserley Cottage stay open making us able to help the aged residents and support those who need our help.

We are hoping to start our Bus trips up again soon thanks to the seniors group for letting us hire their bus. We usually go on the last Wednesday in the month, so if anyone would like to join us you are quite welcome; just ring Judy.

We are also planning a trip to Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler hopefully in September when the weather is warmer, we will make a list for those wishing to join us so again ring Judy.

Last thing, please come and join us for a cuppa a chat you will be very welcome any time.

Judy 0429042775



Valley Happenings with Sherri

Common Working Bee Thank you

A big thank you goes out to the 17 people who came to help out on the common recently. Four tractors did a lot of slashing, access to the Cosy Nook was repaired, trees planted, fire weed and lantana pulled out, bonfires prepared for Saturday night. Despite the cold a great day was had by all.



St Albans Swap meet

The St Albans Swap meet around the pub will have stallholders with everything from vintage cars, bikes, bric-a-brac, antiques, farm machinery etc for sale - stallholders just have to pay \$10 towards their insurance, starts at 6 am on Saturday, 29 May.

Detecting bushfires within one minute of ignition

Imagine a system that could detect any bushfire in Australia within minutes of ignition so firefighters could tackle the blaze before it spreads. A Queensland based company has announced our first purpose-built satellite for fire detection. It is the first of 24 constellation satellites that will monitor Australia from a low Earth orbit. Once the full system, including ground-based cameras and aerial drones, is up and running, it will be able to spot any fires within one minute of ignition.

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Healthy Ageing workshops

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Being a part of a close, isolated community means that many of us are each other's mental health support. These workshops will give us skills to better support each other, and to recognise when to get help—and what kind of help might be needed.

The more people in our community who develop an awareness about the issues associated with 'ageing in place', the more we can continue to become stronger and healthier as a whole. The workshops are open to everyone—you don't need any prior knowledge or experience. The Healthy Ageing workshops are designed to be interactive, useful and—most importantly—fun!

When: Mondays and Tuesdays, from May 17–June 29

Where: Spencer and Mangrove Mountain, see timetable below for locations

Cost: Free (includes tea, coffee and snacks)

Bookings and more info:

Contact Breanna on 0419 014 446 or email breanna.pollock@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. Please include which workshops you are interested in, and your contact details. You can book into multiple workshops. Bookings essential.

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Healthy Ageing workshops timetable

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Elder Abuse (Older People's Mental Health Service, CCLHD)	Monday May 31, 11am–1pm
Legal Issues (Legal Aid NSW)	Monday June 7, 11am–1pm
Mental Health First Aid (Happiness Habits)	Monday June 21 and Tuesday June 22, 9am–4pm

Mangrove Mountain

Mangrove Mountain Hall, Cnr Wisemans Ferry Road and Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain

Elder Abuse (Older People's Mental Health Service, CCLHD)	Tuesday June 1, 11am–1pm
Legal Issues (Legal Aid NSW)	Tuesday June 8, 11am–1pm
Mental Health First Aid (Happiness Habits)	Monday June 28 and Tuesday June 29, 9am–4pm



Get on Board the Bilpin Apple Pie Trail



Bilpin's Apple Pie Trail is fast becoming this autumn's 'must do!' activity. The Trail follows a 15 kilometre stretch of the scenic Bells Line of Road on either side of the township of Bilpin.

Our Visitor Information Centre has made it easy for you to find all 11 outlets serving these delights by mapping them out with their contact details and opening hours available on their website at discoverthehawkesbury.com.au

There are plenty of adventures along the Trail and it's not just apples you will take home from a day out at Bilpin. Bilpin's Apple Pie Trail is a great excuse for a day out for all the family, full of fun experiences and opportunities for memories to be made.

Fruit picking

Fruit picking (apples and many other fruit) is seasonally available throughout the year in the area. In autumn you'll find a range of different produce and picking experiences that include not only apples, but nuts flowers and vegetables. There are also farm animal experiences including the daily alpaca feeding at Madison's Mountain Retreat (bookings essential) and the Farmyard at TNT Orchard

Apple cider

Bilpin's resident cider makers offer tastings and are all round great places to visit with large open grounds. Bilpin Cider Co is a great place for a family picnic (order through them or bring your own) or check out their monthly 'Thirsty Third Sunday' live music events. Hillbilly Cider has its own Café with wood-fired pizzas and it also hosts live music and workshop events.

With the autumn leaves turning into stunning masses of orange, it's a great time of year to visit Wildwood Garden in Bilpin. The stunning 25 acre garden is open Fridays to Mondays until June 7. Just down Bells Line of Road, you'll find Blue Mountains Botanic Garden at Mt Tomah and several other gardens at Mt Wilson to explore. Some gardens have admission fees.

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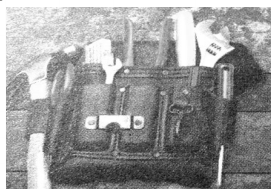
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Small Schools Cross Country
Well done to Lukas, Matilda and Annabel for representing our school at the Small Schools Cross Country this term. Congratulations to Lukas on achieving 3rd place in the 12/13yr Boys category and being selected to represent our school in the Small Schools team that will compete at the Hawkesbury Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 21st May.



Athletics Coaching!

We are always grateful for the fantastic skill development we receive prior to the Cross Country and the Athletics Carnivals with the expertise of a trained sports coach. Thank you Mr Berrell!



Anzac Day ceremony

Our students were proud participants in the Wisemans Ferry Community March and Service at the Wisemans Ferry Cenotaph to commemorate Anzac Day on Sunday, April 25th this year.....lest we forget.



Hawkesbury Show!

We thought our students did a wonderful job painting their "art horse" entries in the Hawkesbury Show this year....well done Mac Valley!

WISEMANS FERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL



NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Isabella, Kamali, Kai and Shay-Leih who attended the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships at the end of last term. We are very excited with our team who placed 23rd in a very competitive field of 30 schools, with a time of 3:07:41 We are extremely proud of them.



2021 Hawkesbury Show

Students in all classes completed artwork on their favourite farm animal which were entered into this years Hawkesbury Show. Well done to Jackson D. (year 3), Kiera and Sarah who received *Highly Commended* for their works of art.

ANZAC Day Service

Thank you to our student leaders who led the school ANZAC Service on Sunday 25th March. Our Year 6 leaders talked about the significance of ANZAC Day and what the ANZAC spirit means. We listened to an ANZAC poem, laid flowers and recited the 'Ode' with pride and dignity. Well done also to the students who joined the Wisemans Ferry Community ANZAC Service on ANZAC Day and to Isabella and Hayden who played an important role in this service. I am



very proud of the respect shown by our students as they marched and listened to the service.

Small Schools Cross Country

Congratulations Jaxson, Kendall, Enzo, Flynn, Jackson D. (yr3), Tenayah, Kane, Bree-anna, Xavier, Jackson D. (yr5), Tori, Amber, Tyler, Kamali, Christian, Shay-Leih, Kira, Kai and Sarah on their fantastic efforts at the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival which was held at Glossodia. I was proud of the efforts of all of our students who ran well on the day. Well done to Jackson D. (yr3), Tori and Tyler who all placed in the top six in their age group. They represented our school as members of the Small Schools team and run at the District carnival.



We had many different characters for this years celebration of all things "Star Wars" on May 4th. Thank you to everyone who put in such a great effort and dressing up or made a costume. It was a fun day had by all.



Remote Area Electronic Waste Collection at St Albans



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Event - Macdonald Valley

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Please remember to remove all private data from your devices.

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Printers and printer cartridges, projectors, scanners.



SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 2 has started with a whirlpool of activities for the students, and everyone has taken up the challenge with gusto.

Our Fun Run was attempted by all the students. This year we again decided to forego the sponsorship of the students for each lap they completed, but even so they all put their heart into the event. The school grounds were used and again allowed the students areas to travel on the flat as well as on undulation ground, and areas for overtaking and other places where it was nice to walk and take a breather. Everyone should be proud of their efforts. This event determined which children qualified for the Small Schools Cross Country day.

The ANZAC Day service at Wiseman's Ferry was attended by many of our students, dressed on school uniform to represent our school. Our students, with those from the other local schools, honoured all those who fought at Gallipoli as well as those who have, and those who still are, fighting for us and our freedom. Our students helped with the readings and the raising and lowering of the flags. To the students who attended this event, we would like to thank you for your representation of the school.



Hawkesbury Show allowed our students to showcase their creativity. Our C3 class painted 3 timber horse cut-outs which were displayed with similar horses from other schools. One of our horses was lucky enough to win first place. Several students entered the Lego section of the Arts and Crafts competition. One student competed in the Pony Club show jumping competition. Even our wonderful GA entered his Creamed Honey in the Agricultural competition and received a second place for his produce. Everyone involved, and there were many behind the scenes, should be encouraged to continue their extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to all of you for such great achievements.

Our ANZAC Day Ceremony was short this year due to the lack of special guests and visitors, but the students still showed reverence and respect throughout the ceremony. The students each laid



a floral tribute, most of which were handmade, at the base of the flagpole. The tradition of honouring those who have given their lives for their, and our, country, is strong in our school community.

The Small Schools Cross Country day saw many of our students proudly compete for their school as well as for themselves as they completed their 3km run. The children pushed themselves and many achieved personal best results. We wish well to those students who have made it to the next level and thank all those who attended for their great efforts and wonderful sportsmanship.

With Mother's Day looming, the students made cards and produced painted plant pots as gifts for their mum. Lots of effort was put into these items as they were made with love and pride. Hopefully, the mums loved the gifts as much as the children loved making them.

Rewards Day!!! Again, the school members managed to fill the jar with marbles obtained through their positive behaviours, and so the SRC decided it would be fun to hold a movie day. The students went to school in their pyjamas and when it was movie time, they had two choices. Munchies, pillows, a movie and friends!! What better reward could they ask for?

The year 6 students have taken on leadership roles and are conducting classes in several of the local pre-schools. Our students have taken the responsibility seriously and the pre-schoolers have loved the experience. The different leaders have chosen different topics to cover. They are doing a wonderful job as leaders and are working on their leadership skills as well as excellently promoting the school. Many of the pre-schoolers will one day become Cattai students, and hopefully continue the experience.

Naflan was held for the year 3



and 5 students. All the students were well behaved and understood the structure of the tests due to the practice days. The three days went smoothly and now it is a waiting game to see the growth of each student since their last test.

Finally, a Parent Assembly where the parents were able to attend in a physical, rather than virtual, capacity. After a hot lunch, the C1 class hosted a great assembly, being their first time in this role. They each did a wonderful job of getting up and standing before their peers, teachers and parents and using the microphone. Lots of awards were given out and birthdays celebrated. The C1 class performed a dance, the C2 displayed their Giraffe art and the C3 spoke of their achievements and forward planning for the term. It was great to witness all the students having a chance to speak in public and show pride in their work.

Fitness this term sees the children skipping while for sports they are improving their athletics abilities. BMX is still held one lunch a week as is the Gardening Club, board games and the Dance group. The children certainly love all the extra-curricular activities which enhance their learning journey. The rest of this term is filled with more of these special learning experiences. The children are very excited to experience all these different forms of learning.



MARROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Greetings from Marroota! It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the term! It's been a busy one!

It started with our beautiful ANZAC ceremony, at school, at the flagpole. Our school leaders did a fabulous job and our students were exceptionally behaved and extremely respectful. It was lovely to walk at the Wisemans Ferry ANZAC march with beautiful Marroota students, proudly marching behind the Marroota PS banner.

Our school Cross Country ran smoothly with our long-distance speedsters running around and

through the course. Attendance at the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival was amazing. We have Emily, Knox and Gemma off to the District Cross Country to represent our school, this Friday. We wish them all the very best. Gemma, Matilda, Knox, Tarnoo and Emily make their way to Brewongle EEC at the end of this week to attend Leadership Camp. It's going to be two full days of collaborative, cooperative fun! They can't wait and their teachers are very jealous!

Students, K-6, have been involved in a Little Athletics program, funded by our P&C. They have run and jumped and thrown their way to athletic excellence! For the rest of the term, we have been lucky enough to secure some cricket sessions with some cricket coaches. We can't wait! Until next time...

Ann Smith Principal (relieving)

Q: Why did they quit giving tests at the zoo?

A: Because it was full of cheetahs

Q: Why is a bad joke like a pencil?

A: Because it has no point

Q: What room can no one enter?

A: A mushroom

Q: What did one eye say to the other?

A: Between you and me something smells.

Q: What is the smartest kind of bee?

A: A spelling bee



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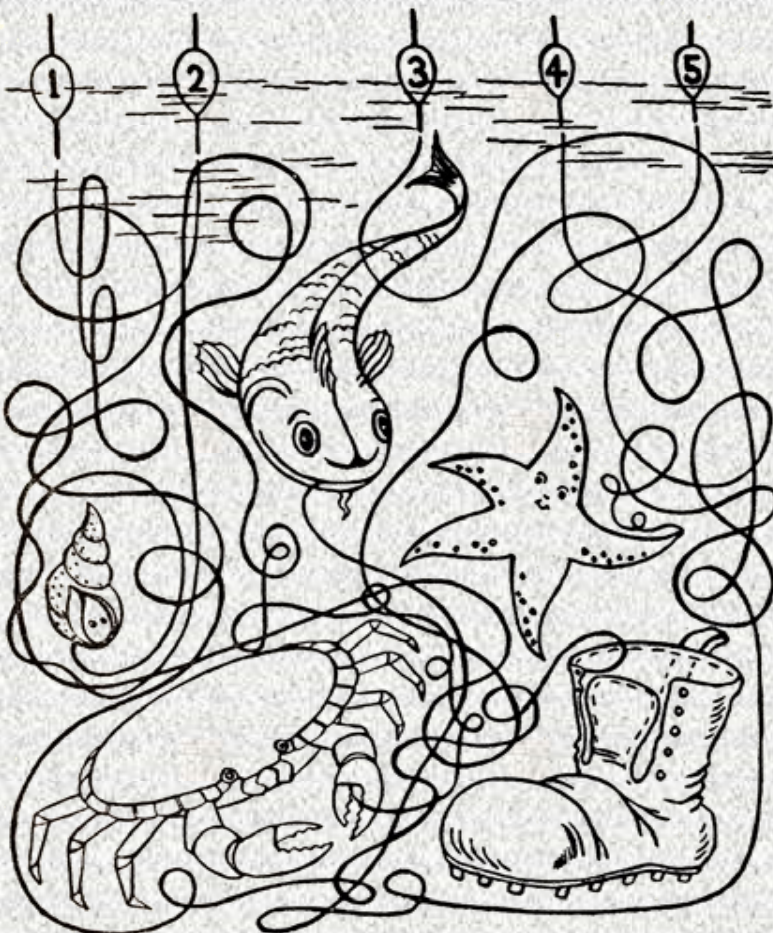
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The Tangled Lines

What is at the end of them?



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- 1st - Leo Clissold will be 13
- 5th - Madeline Burrows will be 16
- 6th - Kristina Barclay will be 16
- 8th - Rebecca Burke will be 16
- 11th - Bobbie Cross will be 8
- 12th - Levi Wade will be 13
- 19th - Dakota Clay will be 7
- 21st - Alexandra Beard will be 16
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