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Pappinbarra Progress Association

April 2017

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PPA welcomes new members wherever they live. For only \$5 per adult, avail yourself of the pleasure of belonging to a group that is welcoming, pro-active and there to support its community.

Pappinbarra is definitely part of that amazing land mass we call Australia; bushfires have made way for floods. A meeting about progress of the bushfire response program had to be postponed due to local flooding and severe weather conditions. Bain Bridge, which connects us to Wauchope and whose construction was the end of Beechwood's expansion early last century, went under three days later. Drownings elsewhere remind us that unseen hazards lurk in roiling brown floodwaters.

First Friday get-together is on from 6 pm at Hollisdale Hall, Pappinbarra Road on 7 April. Come along and enjoy the company. Don't worry if you don't know anyone - we make all feel welcome! Vegetarian and gluten-free options included in a tasty low cost menu. Soft drinks available. BYOG. Barbecue team: Charlene; Christine; Emma; Gary. [Volunteers for future FFs are needed.]

March Grown and Gathered saw a huge raffle to raise funds for bushfire relief. Thanks to all who have donated time, goods or money. The Fodder, Fencing and Farm Gear Fund currently stands at \$7,711. We ask all in need of assistance to ensure they have lodged a request form with Rebuild Pappinbarra. See the back page for donation details.

March First Friday saw the members' draw won by Gary Rainbow. Rob Williams cooked again to great acclaim, ably assisted by Elly and Suzanne. The raffle was won by Kelly Benson who chose an *ecoWild!* Voucher. Many thanks to all who helped in any way during the evening.

Wauchope Arts ran a fundraiser called Sista Sing on International Women's Day on the 18th of March. The money raised is going to *Rebuild Pappinbarra*. We will let you know how much they raised in a later issue.



All Saints' Pappinbarra: Special Heritage Week service on Sunday April 22 at 2 pm. All welcome. Wauchope visitors can travel from town by vintage car for \$25 including afternoon tea afterwards at Hollisdale Hall (\$5 for locals or bring a plate). Contact Jeannette Rainbow to book (0424 226 258).

Port Macquarie Hastings Heritage Festival is on from 16-30 April. More details this page.

Rural Fire Brigade training for Pappinbarra and Hollisdale members is on the second Saturday of the month: 9 April 8-10 am. Meet at the hall in full uniform.

Other news: The pink bloodwoods (*Corymbia intermedia* - formerly *Eucalyptus*) are flowering and the frogs are very happy.

Pappinbarra Community Market - Grown and Gathered is on Sunday 2 April. Come along and bring the family from 9 am to 12 mid-day for a country experience with beautiful food and coffee and live music! Proceeds of the April PPA charity stall will go to the Rebuild Pappinbarra fund. Stall enquiries to Lisa on 0418 220 138. [grownandgatheredcommunitymarket](#) on Facebook.

Heritage Festival

Calling all history lovers!
Join our special events.

2 pm Sunday, 23 April:

Heritage Church Service in Pappinbarra. Vintage car transfer from Wauchope and afternoon tea. \$15

1:30 pm Wed, 26 April:

Wauchope CBD history walk from Town Clock includes afternoon tea. \$25

Friday 28 April: Travel through Huntingdon, Long Flat, Ellenborough and Yarras. Discover the history of the John Oxley Expedition in readiness for the Oxley 2018 Bicentenary. \$80/person, includes coach travel, morning tea and lunch. Bookings essential.

For bookings and more information

call Jeanette 0424 226 258.



Farewell June Rowley née Brooks

June was born on D Day, 6 June 1942, the first grandchild on both sides. Her parents couldn't agree on a name so, following a grandmother's suggestion, June it was. She had sisters Sandra and Joan and a little brother 12 years younger. When she took him for a walk round the block dressed in girls' clothes she got into big trouble from her father! On a sunny day a few years later, her brother repaid her for the attention, training the magnifying glass he had been incinerating ants with onto her slacks till they smouldered. The family lived at Kingsgrove and enjoyed taking the train to Circular Quay and the ferry to Manly for a day out. Many a happy holiday was spent on the beach and in the surf at Port Macquarie and Narooma.

June knocked her leg against a rocking horse when a little toddler; a tumour resulted. Two operations later, she was left with a scar and a leg which never fully recovered. She became a very good swimmer; her father used to say she got the scar from a shark attack!

Not a scholar, June left school after the Intermediate and got a job as a typist at Garden Island Navy Base. She was about 16 when she met Des Rowley. After going together for five years, they married three days before her 21st birthday. Des worked with the Water Board in Wollongong and was 'a young man in a



June and her father

big new world'. After having two sons, Graeme and Darren, they separated. June took the boys to live near her parents. Darren remembers the hurt his mother went through in those days of trying to bring up the kids on her own.

June and the boys had a flat at Kingsgrove and she worked as a service station attendant. 'Her biggest fault was she needed a man around.' She met Alan Adams and on Darren's ninth birthday they moved to Oberon where they lived in a caravan for six weeks

before moving to a little shack at Shooters Hill. Three moves later they ended up in a farm shed. Alan and the boys built a house and June got work in a fish-processing factory at Bathurst and as a housemaid at Jenolan Caves Guest House. As the years went by, Alan became violent and June escaped. Darren helped June buy a nice house at Hilltop where she lived for nine years.



Darren, June and Graeme

Graeme recalled his mother loving singing, flashy nails, bingo, eating, (especially ice-cream) and driving. Once she drove his HK Holden to Canberra 'at great speed'. She complained that she couldn't get it over 80 kph - the speedo registered miles per hour!

After meeting Ron Hanson, June moved with him to Laidley in Queensland. He was a control freak - as his grip on her tightened she drifted away from her family and friends and lost touch. They didn't see her for about three years and spoke on the phone very seldom. Finally, at Ron's funeral, the boys saw their mother again - a frail little old lady with nowhere to live. Ron had sold the house cheaply to his son and spent most of the money.

Meanwhile, Darren had married Kerry Goldfinch. They and Kerry's mother, Dale, had just bought a property in Pappinbarra. Kerry and Dale set up a nice cottage on the property for June. After moving there towards the end of 2009, she was a regular at First Fridays. She loved the community life and enjoyed being near family.

Parkinson's crept up on June, necessitating her move to Port's Regis nursing home in 2012. She appreciated the people and the activities, but as the disease progressed, robbing her of both mind and mobility, she was moved into the dementia ward. From there her health went down fast and her death was a shock.

June was farewelled at Innes Gardens on 17 February. Her legacy lives on in two wonderful sons, Graeme and Darren, and her grandchildren, Brooke, Ash, Daniel, Zoe and Alex.

To use the vernacular, she was 'a bloody good mother'.

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The Platypus

The platypus really is one of the world's most peculiar and unique mammals. It is one of only two kinds of mammals that lay eggs – the other are the echidnas – and its broad rubbery snout is covered in cells that allow it to sense electrical impulses in the bodies of other animals. To top it off, it is also one of only a few mammals to produce venom – though delivered not through its teeth (that would be far too mundane, and they haven't got any teeth, just horny grinding plates!) but through a bony spur on its ankle. Both sexes have spurs at birth but only adult males produce venom, and in females the spur drops off as they grow. The spur is mainly used in dominance combat with other males but it can also be used in self-defence. Platypus venom produces excruciating pain and swelling but is non-lethal for humans though it can kill a dog. Fossil platypuses with fully-developed bills date from as early as 25 million years ago, but a more ancient kind of platypus, known from a single opalized fossil jaw from Lightning Ridge, dates to 105 million years – 40 million years before the extinction of the dinosaurs! Platypuses are truly venerable creatures and are among Australia's greatest living treasures.

Pappinbarra River and its side creeks contain a healthy population of platypuses. They are most often seen in the evening or early morning, usually swimming around on the surface of a pool and making regular dives that last for 30 seconds or less. Less often, they are seen walking around on land, and a few unlucky platypus have been killed on our roads over the past few years. Drivers, please look out for them! Another local semi-aquatic mammal, the water rat, might be mistaken for a platypus but a closer view will quickly distinguish a platypus with its peculiar bill and broad flattened tail, from a water rat with its whiskery snout and long, straight tail that is white for part of its length.

Life is no doddle for a platypus. Most of their food comes from the water – mainly crustaceans, worms and insect larvae – and this means spending long periods immersed in very cold water. Their thick pelt provides some insulation but even so, they struggle to stay warm and usually must eat 20% of their body weight each day. This is no easy task, and platypuses often need to forage non-stop, from dusk to dawn, and travel several kms in the process, to find enough food. During the day, they shelter in shallow burrows dug into a sandy or gravelly bank. Most of the year, platypuses are solitary, though the territory of a male may overlap those of several females. Courtship and breeding takes place in winter to spring, and a pregnant female



will dig a much larger burrow, up to 20 m long, in which she will lay one to three eggs. After hatching, the young suckle on milk for about 4-5 weeks, and are then supplied with food by the mother. Four months later, usually in late summer, they emerge and move away to begin their independent lives. The life-span for a platypus may be as long as 15 to 20 years. Heavy rains and strong floods like the one we have just experienced are likely to disrupt the busy lives of platypuses. While they can probably survive the strong flows, their burrows may be destroyed and food may be difficult to find, perhaps leading them to spend more time on land or moving in search of quieter waters. Fortunately, this time around, any young platypuses were probably already out of their burrows before the flood began.

How can we help the mighty platypus to survive another 100 million years? First up, we can do our best to look after the health of the rivers and streams on which its survival depends. Healthy rivers mean lots of crustaceans, worms and aquatic insects. We can also drive carefully and look out for platypuses on the move, especially when water levels are high and in late summer when the young are moving around in search of an unoccupied territory. Finally, we can contribute information about our local platypus population to scientific efforts to learn more about their distribution and status. If this takes your fancy, please take a look at a citizen science web site called **platypusSPOT** that has been set up by Melbourne Water and the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. The web site offers wildlife enthusiasts an opportunity to report sightings, post photos and videos, view other platypus sightings in your area, and interact with other 'PlatypusSPOTters'. If you wish to add a sighting then just grab the icon from where it starts out over Melbourne and drag it to Pappinbarra or wherever your sighting is.

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Meet the neighbours – Tom Cowen and Millie Ituwabu

Born in Ourimbah in 1950, Tom was sent to catholic boarding school in 1954 after his father died aged 49. It wasn't a happy time. Two years later his mother finally gave in to his pleas and sent him to the local school. (He had been the only boy with the nuns in a girls' boarding school!) Senior school was St Joseph's in Hunters Hill where he did very well. After matriculating he started Economics at Sydney University, but the experience was a disaster; he was in desperate need of guidance, there was none available and he left after two years.

Adventure called, so Tom hopped on his motorbike and headed to Cairns. He ended up on the dole, living on a boat in Port Douglas when it was still a small town. In 1970 he heard there might be work in Papua New Guinea and got a job managing a bulk store. Two years later he returned to Australia, undertook a secondary teaching course, moved around a bit and ended up in Port Macquarie in 1977 teaching English and History.

During this time Tom and two friends bought the property on Roachs Road. It was on three titles, so they were able to split it amicably; Tom now has 40 acres. He thought of calling it 'Red-bellied black snake swamp' - there were snakes everywhere! He began building in 1980 and started living there soon after. It has been a work in progress for 37 years...

After doing his BA by correspondence, Tom went back to full-time study in 1989. When he finished he had degrees in Science and Law and a Masters in Environmental Science. He worked for a while with a Newcastle law firm and in 2000 returned to PNG with *Australian Volunteers International*.

Millie was born at Alotau in Milne Bay, Papua in 1959. She started school aged eight and attended the local school, run by the London Missionary Society. The first two years were taught in native Tawala and the last six in English. At 16, she returned to live with the family on a subsistence farm and went to work in the local hotel, managing the housekeeping for 28 rooms. She earned the princely sum of 70 Kina (\$35) a week! On the farm they grew a variety of vegetables and kept a few pigs - a very valuable commodity only slaughtered for ceremonies. The family lived near the sea so they ate a lot of fish. Her father was a well-known fisherman; they thrived and Millie describes her life as 'very happy'.

At 20, she married a chieftain from another village and had five children. When she was nine months pregnant with her last child, her violent husband beat her severely; she was

hospitalised for several days. A week later he died from a heart attack. As custom dictates, his brother came and took Millie and the children back to his village where he kept them captive for eight months. They escaped in the middle of the night, stealing a canoe, paddling across the river, catching a 'people truck' to Port Moresby, then home to the farm.

When Tom went to PNG in 2000 he was given accommodation in the Lodge Hotel where Millie worked. After three months at the hotel he moved into a house and a few months later Millie



moved in with three of her children. As Provincial Legal Officer, Tom was admitted to the National Court of PNG. They lived happily together until he went to Australia in 2004. He had planned to return quickly but was unable to get a visa. Ever resourceful, he got a job in Darwin as the Environmental Defender. This involved frequent trips to PNG and they were able to spend time together until Millie and the two youngest moved to Darwin. After three years there they moved to Cairns, where the large PNG population made Millie feel very happy and settled.

Eventually the family relocated to Summer Hill - Tom told Millie it overlooked Summer Bay. They settled into suburban life but travelled up to our beautiful Pappinbarra Valley as often as they could and made a very comfortable home. In the past year they had started moving their belongings, furniture and tools into the house in preparation for Tom's retirement in 2018.

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The house had been tenanted. When it sustained some storm damage, a neighbour suggested that Tom could claim on his insurance. The claim was refused because of some loophole, and further insurance was also refused. The lovely mudbrick home was uninsured when it burnt to the ground in the bush fires on 12 February.

With the help of neighbours and friends, twisted metal, burnt machinery and thousands of nails, screws and bolts are being removed. Millie is happily working in her very classy PNG work boots (open sandals) and her feet are black!

Living in a leaky caravan, cooking on gas and showering with

friends, Tom and Millie are still positive. Tom says he thinks the fire might have done him a favour; he was worried he wouldn't finish the house before *he* was finished! Retirement now seems a long way off. Millie loves chewing betel nuts, which make her feel happy and she sings while she works.

So if you see a man in a hat with charcoal all over his face and a woman with black feet, wearing sandals with bright red lips and teeth (that's what happens when you chew betel nuts) and they are both smiling, it's probably Tom and Millie making the best of what they have left!

Mary Walker

RFB report - a look back

12 February 2017: Hi there. First of all I would like to thank all who contributed to the extraordinary effort which brought the Ocean Valley Road fire under control over the past three days. Today is our first day off but we are on standby in case the fire tries to make a run. To our virgin fire fighters, Patrick and Darren: job well done! One of them commented to me that he hears the sirens but never gets called out. A silly mistake - you are now on the top of the list. The fire started in an old caravan on Ocean Valley Road at 2.30 pm on Thursday arvo and within minutes it was running up the hill at breakneck speed. Hollisdale, Pappinbarra and several other brigades responded but the fire had gone into inaccessible country. We had to go into property protection mode, working in choking smoke as thick as I have ever encountered. You could not see three meters in front of you.

A huge back-burn was put into place to save Fred Rumbell's and Wally Watkins' houses and a few sheds. At one stage the flames were higher than 30 meters and I think Steve Ostler (Pappinbarra RFB) had to change his undies. On Friday, one truck had all the plastic on the front of it melted from the heat. The fire has been manned 24 hours with trucks coming from as far as Burrill Creek west of Wingham attending; over the three days more than 50 trucks have been fighting the fire and it's not over yet.

With the help of a dozer the fire is under control within the containment lines but with the expected bad weather it could jump them at any time. A state of emergency was declared on Saturday morning. We now have two helicopters on standby at Taree and if needed the 727 jet water bomber will be used here. The fire has burnt out 110 hectares but if it does escape we will be chasing it for weeks and many properties will come under threat. The fire danger rating here is now extreme and in some areas catastrophic; we need rain desperately.

13 March 2017: It has now been four weeks since the catastrophic fire and I have heard so many stories of houses and property saved by sheer determination and good luck. The weather has certainly been on our side with good rainfall and low temperatures. It's a long haul back to normal for a lot of people but with the support of the community I'm sure it will happen.

Congratulations to our new members, Cheryl Willcocks and Rob Williams for completing their firefighter training; they are now qualified to give us a hand.

Fire permits are now available for burning off. If you want to do hazard reduction burns, go into the RFS HQ on Cameron Street and enquire about your responsibilities.

Chris Roelandts
Hollisdale captain

At this stage fire permits will no longer be required from the 1st of April but check the RFS website to make sure before lighting. Fire headquarters should be notified before lighting any fires on 65889000.

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Editor's musings - birds and belonging

When we first came to Pappinbarra, someone told us that Guinea fowl are great tick controllers and terrific watchdogs. We had two blue cattle dogs so nothing else round the place got even a toenail into the watchdog stakes, but we decided to give Guineas a try. They are picturesque, roost high in trees to sleep and are more or less self-maintaining. As well, they are incredibly loud and noisy, not only when snakes or strangers are around, but at the slightest excuse.

We obtained six one-week-old keets. They came with the stern warning that if wet, they would catch colds and die. So we caged them in the laundry under a heat lamp and proceeded to catch grasshoppers for the next six weeks or so.

When we thought they were big enough, we moved them to the chook shed. Wrong move. The first day there a goanna swallowed two.

Four surviving guineas did not a flock make, or even a tick posse. We got another six, went through it all again, ending up with two adolescents; one lasted only a few days in the wide world.

The three females laid eggs in a communal nest well concealed in long grass. The dogs pointed it out when hatching was well under way. Mum left the nest with about 30 keets in her wake. The next morning there were 13 left. She steered them well clear of us; the next day saw three survivors and the day after that no keets and no mother.

The following season we found the nest and surrounded it and the sitting bird with chicken wire. She hated being cooped, but all went well until one morning there was a great kerfuffle; a carpet snake had burrowed under the netting and devoured all but two of the keets.

Last year, we found a nest and transferred the eggs to a hen. She hatched them and was a solicitous and conscientious mother. One large carpet snake later, two out of ten joined their mother and other hens on the roost in the chook house. The other guineas ignored them. They sounded like Guineas,



looked like Guineas, moved like Guineas, but not even a flicker of recognition passed between them and the adults. When they later tried to join the posse they were rebuffed. Trying to be chooks, they were torn between the safe roost in the chook shed and the daring perch high in the white cedar. It took them the best part of twelve months to desert their 'mother' and the chooks for nightlife in the treetops.

This year, we found the Guineas' nest just as the keets were pipping. Having seen what stupid mothers Guineas were, we decided to net the keets at dusk and rear them in a snakeproof cage. Too late - the mother took off with the putative father and 15 keets. I popped an egg that was still pipping under a sitting chook overnight, then added that keet to the mob. The mother, fearsome in her feathers blown up to twice the usual expanse, went for me, but the keet managed the transfer.

One hot night, nine disappeared - possibly a goanna had a great meal - but since then, the parents have successfully reared the

remaining seven - rain or shine. These keets are in absolutely no doubt that they are Guineas. They took to the trees very early, fly off in a puff of feathers at danger, and are happy members of the flock, who all seem to have at last sorted their identity crises and decided they are, after all, all Guinea fowl.

If birds with pretty small brains can take almost half a (bird) lifetime to decide that they are Guinea fowl, not chooks; if other Guinea fowl take even longer to accept them as the genuine article, what does it say about our efforts in stealing the keets, rearing them ourselves or getting in surrogate mothers, thinking we were doing them a favour? Even for bird brains, the experience proved problematic; they had real trouble 'belonging'.

Psychologists make noises about the importance of belonging. While the birds took a while to sort it, those children stolen from their mothers, 'unwanted' babies or 'at risk' children, can take a lifetime to find where they really belong. Perhaps an inclusive community can ease the pain; Pappinbarra is trying.

JH

The community extends condolences to Cathy Relf and family on the sudden loss of her mother in Zimbabwe; to Robyn Flanagan on the passing of her mother, Helen Glenn, in January; to Dawn, Ray, James and Sue Flanagan on the loss of husband and father, Alec, in March; to the Glenn and Flanagan families and to all who knew and miss these two much-loved people.

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GROWN AND GATHERED MARKET UPDATE

People came from far and wide to support our community at the March market, to enjoy the wonderful music, marvel at Mitch's whip cracking and browse among the varied stalls.

There was a great array of items for sale; the food sizzled and the coffee flowed.

We had a monster raffle. Celtic Beat donated PPA over \$3000 worth of tickets to their concert at the Glasshouse, Organics MattR (Port



Melia, Tess and Denny collecting donations for the RFS. Good on you girls!

Central Mall) a box of beautiful produce, Graham and Susie a microwave and toaster, so many went home happy with their winnings. Some of the concert tickets went straight to those affected by the fires. Thanks to all our generous donors.

April is looking just as good - hope to see you all on Sunday 2 April. Our local musicians will be playing.

If you'd like to have a bit of a gathering after the market, BYO nibbles and drinks and unwind after a big day. **Lisa**

Bushfire Recovery Concert - save the date in May!

Wauchope Arts Council plans to bring *Whoa Mule* to Pappinbarra on Saturday 27 May for an evening of old time country ballads, original songs, and driving triple fiddle dance tunes.

'Inspired by the rapid weather changes of the Blue Mountains and the bustle of Sydney streets, these musicians deliver a performance characterised by both space and energy. With rich experience earned in bands such as *Catgut* and *Golden Whistler*, *Whoa Mule*



affectionately reimagines old time music with fiddles, banjo, guitar and soaring vocals.'

We are looking forward to welcoming former local fiddler and medico, Sujata Allen, to Pappinbarra!

The evening will start with a shared meal - bring a plate and YOG. Free entry for all those affected by the bushfires including helpers and supporters. Others welcome to make a donation at the door.

In the garden

In the aftermath of the Pappinbarra fires, Greenbourn Nursery wants to assist those who lost their garden - vegetables, shrubs, fruit trees - to re-plant and recover. Gardens can be pivotal to wellbeing and coping after disasters.

After much thought, we are offering a discount to Pappinbarra bushfire victims of 15% over the six months to 11 August 2017.

Although we recognise that people throughout the shire have had their plantings affected by the extreme weather conditions experienced that weekend, those who lost their gardens and homes in the fires are the ones we would like to help. Make sure you have registered with PPA, (contact Lisa for a form if you haven't done so already), then come in, tell us about your losses and recovery plans and we'll take it from there.

Alison Robinson

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To find out more about our monthly 'Grown and Gathered' market (or to give us a 'like'!) go to facebook.com/grownandgatheredcommunitymarket/ or google 'Grown and Gathered Market'

President's message

It never ceases to amaze me how resilient people are when faced with adversity. It takes courage and determination to move forward and many of you are taking the steps required on this journey.

I have seen an outpouring of support from the truly wonderful people helping our valley in the last month. This will have a lasting impact on us both individually and as a community.

For those affected, the road will be long but there are people out there willing to help you. Ask, and let them reach out to you with support when you need it.

Lisa McLeod

Quote: *When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the aeroplane takes off against the wind, not with it.*

Fodder, Fencing and Farm Gear Fund

This special account is for anyone who would like to donate to the families that have been affected by the recent bush fires. Monies will be distributed on an as needed basis and overseen by an independent representative not on the Progress Association Committee.

Account name: Pappinbarra Progress Association

BSB: 721 000 Account number: 100187096

All donations will be greatly appreciated by those families affected by the February 12 bushfire.

Thank you!

Saturday March 25 saw a huge crowd rock up to the showground hall to support 'Footprints in Ag' – a group of amazing young people who organised a dinner dance to raise funds for Pappinbarra bushfire relief. With so many volunteer organisations finding it difficult to attract younger members, these energetic young folk are a beacon of light and hope. More news on their efforts next issue.



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PPA Matters

PPA Committee meetings – every third Friday of the month 6 pm at the Hall. Interested members welcome.

Hollisdale Hall Hire - booking essential. Contact George Hegarty 6587 6077.

Upper Pappinbarra facilities and tennis court - contact Lisa McLeod 0418 220 138 or Robyn Flanagan 6587 6011

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