

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



GOOGFEST
2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MALCOLM

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE.

Thankfully the rain has finally let up which has allowed our construction teams to catch up some of the time they lost over spring. The last three stages of Googong Central are under construction and will all be finished within the next two to three months. Construction of the first two stages of Googong South has commenced and is due for completion around August.

Council continues to assess the Structure Plan and Development Application (DA) for the first stage of the Town Centre with public exhibition of the DA undertaken over December-January. Marketing of sites suitable for fast food outlets and a petrol station will commence in February with the view to these opening at the same time as the first stage of the Town Centre in 2025.



Googong ANZAC Memorial – Artist impression



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Work on doubling the capacity of the sewer and water infrastructure, to accommodate the ultimate township population of 18,000 people, is well underway. The 22 mega litre recycled water reservoir on Nangi Pimble is nearing completion and undergoing testing whilst the upgrade to the water recycling plant is about 30% complete.

Whilst construction of Bunyip Park is now complete, attention has turned to the installation of an ANZAC Memorial site just to the east of the palm trees. We are planning to have this built ready for the 2023 ANZAC Day ceremony.

With the opening of Sports Field 4 and the skatepark, we hope everyone has enjoyed the full-sized basketball court, public WiFi, DJ booth, shelter, cricket net facility and kickabout area. Sports Field 3 is nearing completion and should be open for use in the next few months.

In a few weeks you will see the structures take form at the top of Nangi Pimble Reserve. The reserve has been revegetated over the last five years with trees that are the main food source of the vulnerable Glossy Black Cockatoo and the lookout shelter design is inspired as such. In addition to the Nangi Pimble Reserve, construction will also start on a third dog park, Sentral Bark (which was named by residents in a recent competition). This dog park has been split into two sections to separate bigger dogs from smaller dogs, and both sections will include an array of dog play equipment. Both these areas will likely be open to the public by the end of Autumn 2023.

There are now about 2,240 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 6,700.

Cover photo: Courtesy of local Googonian, Paul Ross. Joe Camilleri at Googfest 2023.



WELLSVALE 3
**WHERE LIFE
FALLS INTO
PLACE.**

Googong West's last large and elevated lots.

The Wellsvale 3 sales release sits right in the heart of Googong West and will be a place that welcomes you warmly with its feeling of space, convenience, and community.

Wellsvale 3 offers some of the townships last large lots, and last elevated lots with views towards the Molonglo Ranges.

Adjacent to Nangi Pimble nature reserve, Wellsvale 3 is also close to Googong Common and the future Googong West Village Centre. Lots range from 337m² to 1093m² (average 509m²) and are priced from \$461,000–\$656,000 (average \$522,520).

Registrations of interest in the Wellsvale 3 Sales Release close Monday 20 February 2023.

Contact our sales team on 1300 446 646 or visit the Googong Sales Centre at 5 Glenrock Drive Googong. Open 7 days, 10am–4pm and till 5pm, Saturday to Wednesday. For more information visit googong.net.

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

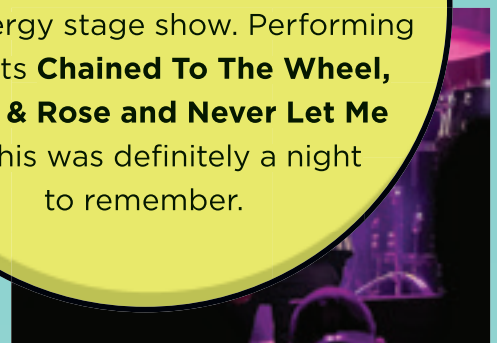
 **GOOGONG** belong

A SNAPSHOT OF **Googafest** 2023



Photo: Paul Ross

Iconic Australian performer, **Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows**, stormed the house with their infectious, blues-soaked rock and high-energy stage show. Performing their hits **Chained To The Wheel, Harley & Rose and Never Let Me Go**, this was definitely a night to remember.





The Black Sorrows were supported by the soulful blues of **Chloe Kay** and **The Crusade**, the dance inspiring **Smooth Ops**, and the beautiful voices and rich harmonies of **The Faumis**.

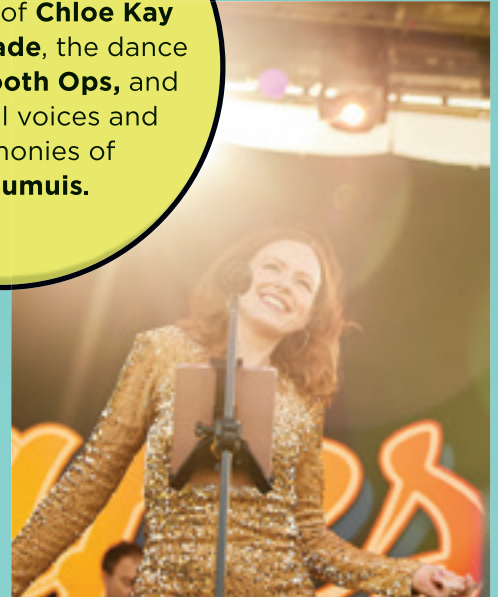






Photo: Paul Ross



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Photo: Troy Harradine.



The Googong Skate Park opened over the Christmas New Year period, with residents and visitors enjoying the track, DJ booth, public WiFi, DJ booth, and full-sized basketball court.



Photo: Adrian Hudson.

GOOGONG RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

The executive committee and members hoped everyone had a wonderful festive Christmas and New Year, and look forward to working with its members in 2023 to help grow this wonderful community we all share.

The Googong Residents' Association Inc. represents its members in matters that impact Googong residents. The Googong Residents' Association Inc. executive is a committee of volunteer residents that work to advocate member interests to various entities such as Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, government bodies, the township's developers, and community and corporate organisations.

The association aims to create a sense of unity and inspire community spirit, as well as develop, encourage, and foster community engagement among residents, sporting clubs, facilities, and other social interests.

If you are interested in the future of our town and you would like to become a member of the Googong Residents' Association Inc., please email googongra@gmail.com. Please like our Facebook group at [facebook.com/GoogongRA](https://www.facebook.com/GoogongRA) and keep your eye on our Googong Residents' Association Inc. website at googongra.asn.au

EMPIRE PERFORMING ARTS

Enrolments are OPEN for 2023 Dance Classes

With the continued support of Googong, EPA Dance is thrilled to be able to offer even more Googong classes this year with lessons running on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons AND Saturday mornings at the Googong Community Centre.

We have classes for all ages, including our Mummy and Me style lesson for children aged just 18 months all the way up to our elite programs for our most dedicated students.

Our Preschool classes and Acrobatics/Tumbling style lessons fill up quickly so don't leave it too late to enrol!

Send us an email or enrol online to secure your place in one of our fabulous classes!

epadance.com | hello@epadance.com | 0481 590 355



GOOGONG FAMILY PRACTICE

Googong



Family Practice

COVID update

We continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations (initial and booster doses) using the Pfizer vaccine. Check that you are up to date as booster eligibility and recommendations change according to your age. Administration of the vaccine is direct billed to Medicare for those with a valid Medicare or DVA card.

Covid is still prevalent in the community and masks are mandatory when attending our clinic for persons 12 years and older.

Please remember if you test positive for COVID-19:

- you must not visit high-risk settings like aged and disability care facilities and hospitals, unless seeking immediate medical care
- avoid contact with people who are at higher risk of severe disease
- wear a mask when in an indoor setting outside the home
- work from home where practical

For further information on COVID refer to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Flu season is just around the corner. We will post on our and the Googong Community Facebook when vaccines become available.

Welcome to our new team members: **Drs Syeda Tausif, Ahmed Synousi, and Hash Mir**, recently joined our GP team.

Please see our website for further details on all our clinicians.



GOOGONG HOGS NEW WOMAN'S FOOTBALL TEAM!



*AFL CANBERRA –
COMMUNITY CLUB
OF THE YEAR – 2022*



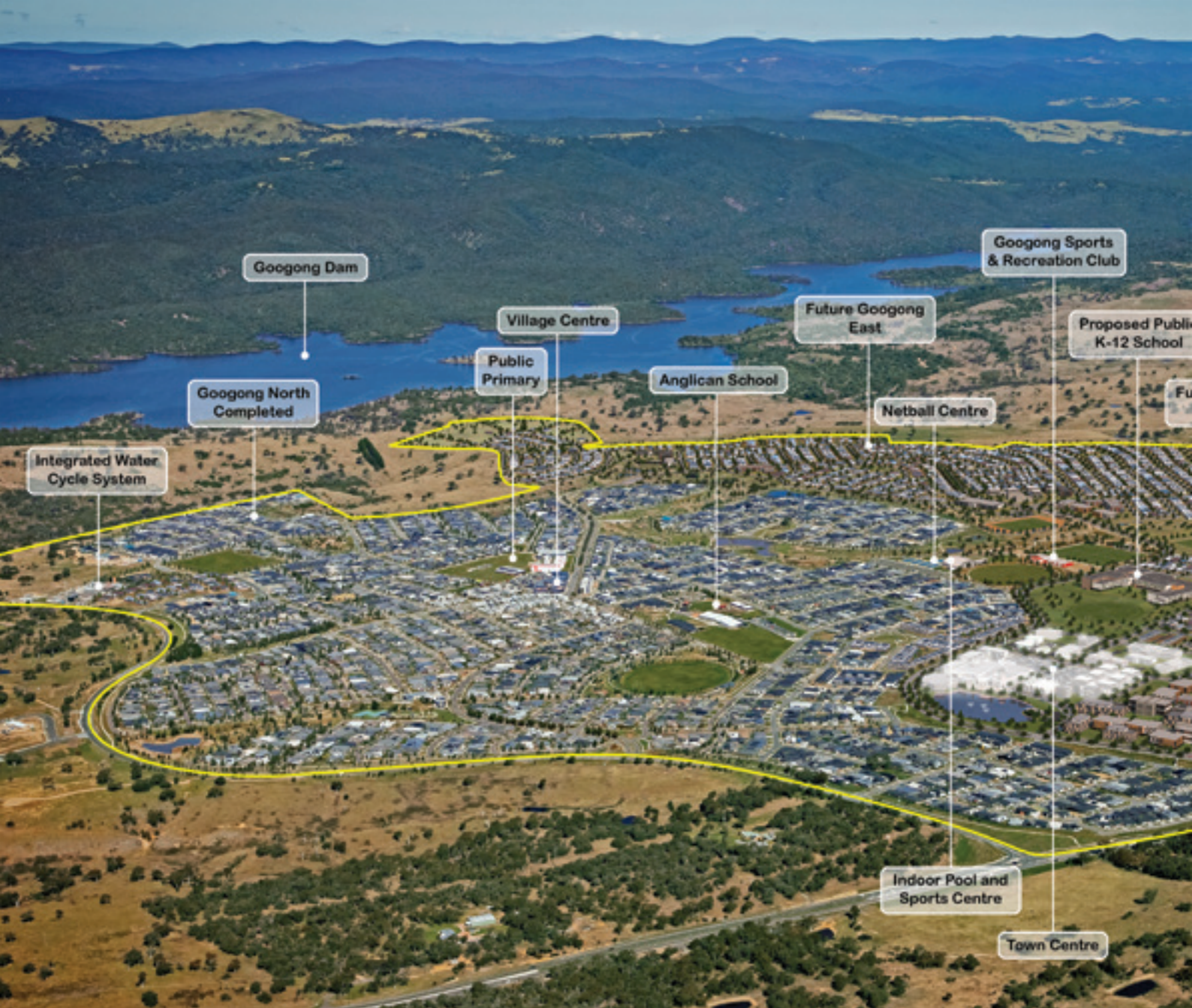
The Googong Hogs have long had the vision of entering a women's football team in the ACT/NSW AFL Competition. We believe we are established enough within the Googong Community that we can make that vision a reality. We want to invite all women interested in playing senior football, to join the Hogs footy club.

The enthusiasm around women's football is exciting. As a club, we get to watch teams play before our Reserves take the field almost every week, and we'd love to provide the opportunity for all Googonians and alike to be able to do the same.

The club has committed to offering free registration for anyone wanting to play women's footy for their first year and is investing heavily in its women's program.

We are also looking for any new men's players to join our existing 3rd and 4th grade men's teams. Scan the QR code to visit our website for more info and to express interest!





GOOGONG RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT ON NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS

Googong continues to go from strength to strength after receiving development approval for three new neighbourhoods, Googong West, Googong South and Googong East spread across 235 hectares. Googong West will be the first of these to be developed and the third neighbourhood of five that make up the township.

Googong West, South and East will accommodate 2,100 homes, three new local centres, a synthetic athletics track, eight new local parks, a regional playground and a new road connection to Old Cooma Road together with connections to Googong Common

and the wider community. This comes after Googong's first two neighbourhoods, Googong North and Googong Central, have completely sold out and are already home to more than 6,500 Googonians.



by over 60%. Newly developed roads will be surfaced with asphalt incorporating recycled plastics and printer cartridges.

“We take pride in our green spaces and remain committed to integrating sustainability throughout the town. As part of the approval, Googong has entered into a Biodiversity Conservation Agreement with the NSW Department of the Environment, that will see it set aside 57 hectares of land for conservation and enhancement of native vegetation.” said Mr Leslie.



“Protecting and enhancing the local environment has been critical to the township’s planning and design. This is clear in our conservation efforts for the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard which are found along the townships eastern boundary. In joint partnership with the NSW Government, we’ve invested over \$1 million into preserving the reptiles across two significant conservation areas,” said Mr Leslie.

Googong South will also be home to the Googong Shearing Shed which will be relocated within the Yellow Box Reserve and transformed into an education and play facility for younger Googonian’s. Shearing chutes will be turned into a slide, educational signage will be placed by the secured wool press and maze-like greenery leading up to the shed will be planted. A park will also be located nearby and feature playground tractors.

The community will enjoy greater connectivity to Old Cooma Road with the creation of a third major entry into Googong via Bunyip Drive. This will support the growing population and enhance traffic flow through the community.

All neighbourhoods will enjoy access to the extensive existing and planned amenity within the township, including the growing sports precinct, Kindergarten to Year 12 schools and a retail, entertainment and wellbeing precinct in the Googong town centre.

Currently home to 6,500 Googonians, the township is expected to grow to a population of over 18,000 people at completion.

“This was one of the largest new housing release developments that the Southern Regional Planning Panel has assessed”, explained Rebecca Ryan, General Manager of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, “It shows the significant growth of the region and the appeal of Googong as a great place for new families and is a credit to the town’s joint venture developers, Peet and Mirvac.”

Googong Project Director Malcolm Leslie indicated that “This level of forward planning will ensure a smooth delivery of lots and services for the township over the next decade. It means we can quickly respond to demand for land and housing in Googong, which has been exceptionally high over recent years. Through careful planning and collaboration with our partners, development of these new neighbourhoods will help us meet this demand while realising our vision for Googong.”.

The capacity of Googong’s innovative Integrated Water Cycling system is being doubled to meet the projected population growth, and will reduce potable water consumption in the town

WILDCARE – A COMBINED EFFORT

Wildcare can be proud of its efforts in 2022.
Why? It has...

- Helped wildlife stuck in all manner of places
- Helped baby birds fallen from nests
- Helped sick and injured animals
- Relocated snakes
- Rescued orphaned baby animals
- Built on and improved its governance framework and
- Ended the suffering of a lot of wildlife

And that's just in one day...you should see
what we've done on the other days.

Its members have:

- Invested a lot of time
- Spent a lot of their own funds
- Learnt a lot, individually and as a whole
- Invested a lot of emotion
- Received great rewards each time a rehabilitated animal is released
- Travelled a lot of miles
- Been buoyed by the caring nature of members of the public who take the time to stop and look and do something
- Done a lot of sewing and raised much needed funds
- Advocated on behalf of wildlife
- Banged their heads against the wall because of what shouldn't be hard, but is.



And a whole lot of other things that I maybe have not articulated here but have meant a lot to the wellbeing of wildlife.

Wildcare doesn't operate in a vacuum however, it is helped along the way by others. One of the relationships it cherishes is that between it, and other community groups. Some of the most recent examples include:

- Queanbeyan Scouts who made duck ponds
- Bungendore Venturer scouts who made possum boxes
- Burra Quilters who made snake bags
- local news sharing groups such as this one who provide a spot for articles and
...just to name a few.

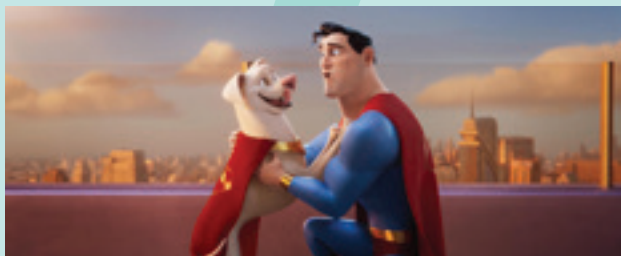
It is also helped along by business, our neighbouring wildlife groups and, importantly, by individual members of the public.



Wildcare is looking forward to 2023 to continue its operations to help native wildlife and is always happy to receive feedback and ideas. Feel free to visit wildcare.com.au and I'd really encourage you to follow Wildcare on Instagram and invite others do to the same; just search for Wildcare Queanbeyan and you'll find us.

Photography: Liz Oliver and Holly Badior.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE



Telstra Outdoor Movie Night

DC League of Super-Pets
8pm Saturday 25 February
Beltana Park, Beltana Avenue Googong

FREE
EVENT!



Defence Families Picnic

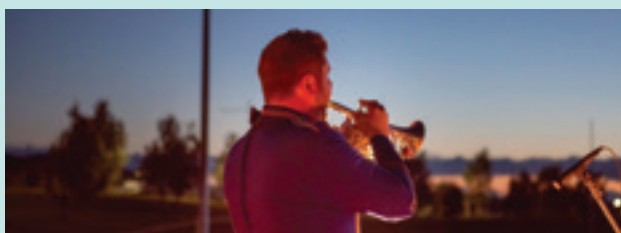
2-4pm Saturday 4 March
Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong
Bring your own picnic and enjoy an afternoon of free live music and yard games, and meet your fellow Defence Families.



Harmony Week

11.30-2.30pm Sunday 26 March
Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong
Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Wear orange to show your support and join us with a picnic or sample the multicultural food stalls available on the day.

FREE
LIVE
MUSIC



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Dawn (6am) Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC Memorial, Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong



THE SCULPTURED NAIL MOVES INTO MAMA BEAUTY

The Sculptured Nail started in a home salon in Googong in 2017.

They use Bio Sculpture gel, which works to enhance, strengthen and stimulate natural nail growth. They also offer full cover tips and silk extensions.

Other treatments include Footlogix pedicures, Nouveau Lash lift and tints and soon to come HD Brows.

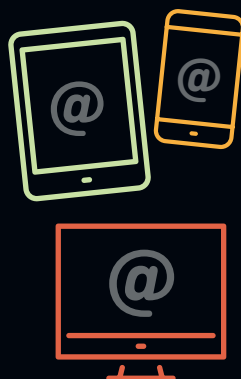
The business has grown so much due to the demand because once you use Bio Sculpture you will never look back.

They are excited to be relocating to a bigger space with 'Mama Beauty' from 1st February 2023.

To book an appointment please DM us through our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/sculpturednail](https://www.facebook.com/sculpturednail) or text 0455 271 712.

Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.



BE SURE YOU HAVE JOINED THE RESIDENT DATABASE, SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY RESIDENT EVENTS.

Email community@googong.net to update your details and be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net so they appear in your main inbox.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKETS 2022





Have you moved to **Googong**?



HELLO GOOGONIANS!

We are very fortunate to have a Community Manager, Samantha, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents.

She can help to connect you and your family members to like-minded individuals, groups, clubs, and others within the community. Her role also includes running events and activities (some public and some residents-only), supporting local sporting clubs and associations, assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community, developing education programs to assist our stakeholders regionally, and helping the community come together.

If you want to stay on top of what's on, join our residents' database. If you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address, or are otherwise not on our residents' database, drop her an email with your details to community@googong.net and be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net so they appear in your main inbox.



NEW GOOGONG SALES CENTRE

Visit our new Sales Centre at 5 Glenrock Drive Googong, and say hi to Samantha, Sharon and Rhiannon. Grab a coffee, enjoy the view and see the changes to our sales office model.

We're open 10am–4pm daily, and till 5pm Saturday to Wednesday (except some public holidays).

1300 446 646 | enquiries@googong.net



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