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universal playground is the newest attraction in Manning Park, Azelia Road, Hamilton Hill. Already home to the Azelia Ley Homestead museum, the Sunset Concerts, and the Spring Fair, Manning Park is one of Cockburn's treasures. This wonderful recreation area now includes a universal playground, which is accessible and inclusive, encouraging children with and without disabilities to play together.

Council's Disability Advisory Committee initiated the playground with all funding for the project, \$110,000, coming from Cockburn Council. A broad consultation process was undertaken in the lead up to this playground being established.

The vision for the Manning Park universal playground is for it to be an accessible, inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play together. Equipment is aimed at independent access and use, with only some elements requiring access with limited support and assistance from others.

Accessible play areas are also vital for parents and carers with disabilities,

who wish to supervise and interact with their children while they play.

Children with mobility related disabilities can gain access and move around the play equipment using ramps and transfer platforms while a firm rubber ground surface enables wheelchairs and other aids to be brought right up to the equipment so play panels are easy to reach. A range of sensory experiences including tactile and visual stimulation has been provided to enhance the enjoyment of play for all children, including children with sensory

impairments or intellectual disabilities.

"The attention to detail and ability to understand how children of various disabilities and/or chronic illness might enjoy the equipment is impressive. Certainly, all our kids didn't want to come home," said Julie Guilfoile, who, along with family and friends, got a preview of the playground with Mayor Stephen Lee, and Council's Children's Services Coordinator, Jill Zumach.

Mayor Stephen Lee will officially open the Manning Park Universal Playground at 2:30 pm on Sunday 14 March 2003. With the near by Azelia Ley Homestead open, and fun and activities planned from 1:00pm – 4:00pm it will be a great afternoon for the whole family.

"Name the Playground" COMPETITION

Go check out this new playground and give it a name. Children up to the age of 12 are invited to take part.

Colour in the playground and give it a name to be in the running for some great prizes. Details will be available at City libraries, Council Administration building and in the local press. For more details phone Jill Zumach on 9411 3431.

PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake, WA 6965. Cnr Rockingham Road and Coleville Cres, Spearwood, PH: 9411 3444 Fax: 9411 3416 www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Look Who's at Gateways Shopping Centre

Major Stores

Action	9414 5444
Woolworths	9414 5222
Woolworths Liquor	9414 5222

Food

Donut King	9498 5248
Gateways Chinese Restaurant	9498 6313
Gateways Fish & Chips	9414 6038
Good Life Health Foods	9498 5000
McDonald's	9414 5900
Micachinos Cafe*	9498 5242
Oven Delight Patisserie	9498 5599
Red Rooster	9414 6759
Subway	9498 5200
Wendy's	9286 2100

Fashion

Ed Harry	9498 5388
Gekko Fashion	9498 6600
Kay's Bags	9414 678.
Rockmans	9414 5600
Surfs Up Surf Shop	9414 631

Services

Services	
ANZ Bank	_13 13 14
Australia Post	_9498 5263
BankWest	_13 17 18
BP Service Station	_9498 5966
Checkers (Mens Hairdressing)	_9414 6655
Clear Image Skin Clinic	_9498 5188
De La Rose Creations	_9498 5322
Farrington Drycleaners	_9498 5316
Fixit Multi Services	_9498 5958
Gateways Dental Centre	_9498 5122
Gateways Newsagency	
& Lottery Centre	_9498 5222
Gateways Photographics	_9498 5255
Harvey World Travel	_9414 6788
Head Studio Urban Retreat	_9498 7577
Home Building Society	_9498 7989
OPSM	_9498 5855
Price Wave (Ladies Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Richard Noble & Co.	_9414 5111
Success Public Library	_9414 5599
Thomsons Lake Medical Centre _	_9414 6777

Household

Knives Forks & Allsorts	9498 5888
Gateways Night & Day Pharmacy	9498 5977
Tandy Electronics	_9414 5948
Godfreys	_9498 7900





Welcome Godfreys

GODFREYS

Gateways Shopping Centre welcomes Godfreys as the newest retailer in the Centre located opposite Woolworths. Charlie & Wendy Taylor invite you to visit them in the store for a FREE demonstration. They guarantee you the best price and the best service.

Our Extra Special Shopper Services

Here are just a few of them:

- FREE WHEELCHAIR HIRE
 - FREE KIDS RIDES

in the Gateways Kiddy Corner

- SPECIAL DISCOUNTS AND OFFERS
- for Gateways Saver Card members
 FREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD USE

Simply contact the Centre Management Office on 9498 5577 for further details.

Don't forget Valentines Day 14th Feb De La Rose Creations Under New Management

Love is in the air this month for all those romantics. So why not place your special order at De La Rose Creations.

Delivery available

Major credit cards and phone orders are welcome, simply telephone 9498 5322







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spent, in the magnificent forest areas in the South West of our beautiful State, refreshes you both physically, mentally and spiritually.

A similar sensation can be enjoyed here in Cockburn by spending a little time at our magnificent Manning Park.

Manning Park is blessed with some glorious old growth Tuart trees, manicured lawns, a vibrant wetland eco system and some superb facilities. These include plenty of free BBQs, plenty of shade, Cockburn's very first all inclusive play equipment specially designed to allow wheelchair access and many interesting walk trails, up to and along the top of the Coastal Limestone Ridge, rewarding you with breathtaking 360 degree views.

Also located at Manning Park is the Azelia Ley Homestead, Cockburn's very own pioneer museum. This museum alone, would make a trip to Manning Park extremely worthwhile and it is a credit to the Cockburn Historical Society who run it on a purely voluntary basis. It is open to the Public on Sunday afternoons and at other times by appointment.

During the month of February, Manning Park

is home to the famous City of Cockburn Sunset Concerts. These are free family concerts every Sunday night. The Sunset Concerts commenced on Sunday February 1, 2004 with the amazing talent of local performer KC Cortez followed by the West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra. On February 15, the fun continues with local African Reggae Funk band the Raggabeats followed by the quintessential Australian party band the Cortinas. We will provide the fun and the entertainment; all you need to bring is your family, your picnic basket and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

Every Sunday evening, there will be two different acts and I strongly recommend these concerts as a great night out. So come along enjoy yourselves, recharge yourselves and experience some of the great benefits of living in Cockburn. Should you have any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to call me on 9411 3401 and as always my door is open.

Mayor Stephen Lee

PO Box 1215, BIBRA LAKE D.C. WA 6965 Phone: 9411 3401

Cockburn Youth Advisory Council 2004

Congratulations to Rebecca Gabrielson, who was voted in by her peers as the new Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Mayor for 2004. Congratulations also to Joel Baker who takes up the position of Deputy Youth Mayor.

Congratulations to all the Youth Advisory Councillors.

The YAC meets on the second Wednesday of each month to discuss issues affecting young people in the City of Cockburn. For more info, call Youth Service Coordinator. Mary Ashe, on 9411 3447.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES STRATEGY



The City of Cockburn recently celebrated the culmination of the first stage of the Cockburn Community Development Strategy with a presentation held at the Cockburn Civic Centre and over 280 people in attendance.

The night was a celebration of the building of partnerships and enabled the efforts of many conscientious people within the community to be recognised for their unrelenting support and assistance to ensure the future success of their neighbourhoods and the City.

Mayor Stephen Lee handed out over 70 certificates of appreciation on the night to various stakeholders, which included major partners, sponsors and community members who had volunteered countless hours of their own time to make the Cockburn Community Development Strategy a success.

Representatives from each of the eleven community groups who participated also received a draft copy of their Community Action Plans. Some suburbs have already finalised their Action Plans and begun working on projects that will benefit their

community. Residents associations are planning the release of all eleven-action plans by mid February.

Due to the success of the first stage and a large number of requests the City is now extending the opportunity to all residents, property

owners, business proprietors and community groups in the City of Cockburn who are yet to participate in developing a Community Action Plan for their suburb. To register interest contact Community **Development Coordinator** Daniel Hanley on 9411 3583 or by e-mail on dhanley@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Due to registered interest the City has already organised public meetings in February for residents of Spearwood and Bibra Lake to discuss developing Residents Associations and taking part in the Cockburn Community Development Strategy.

All residents and stakeholders of Spearwood are invited to attend a community meeting at the Civic Centre Cnr Rockingham Rd and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood on Tuesday February 24, 2004 6.30pm-8.30pm

All residents and stakeholders of Bibra Lake are invited to attend a community meeting at the Bibra Lake Community Centre Parkway Rd, Bibra Lake on Monday February 23, 2004, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Give it Back!

by COUNCILLOR IAN WHITFIELD





One of the great things about living in the City of Cockburn is its diversity, both in its people and its environs. The people of Cockburn have always been great helpers, not only in their neighbourhood but also in the wider community. One of the most recognizable, in their yellow overalls, is the Volunteer Bushfire Brigades of Jandakot and South Coogee.

Both these volunteer groups have over 30 members and have been running for over 30 years. Jandakot being slightly older, at 35 Years. These volunteers are an invaluable resource in our community.

They not only protect the local community and bushland in times of fire but offer many other services voluntarily. Services such as controlled burns, training and working with the Lakeland's Cadets. However, their most high profile event, for the local children is the Santa run on Christmas morning.

The Jandakot and South Coogee Volunteers who are normal working people have made a commitment to give something back to the community. They attended 145 fires in the 2002/03 fire

season and have already attended 29 call outs this season. The volunteers mainly concern themselves with bush fires while the paid fire fighters, in their red trucks, are for house fires. They do on many occasions however join together to fight fires such as the Wandi/Banjup fires of 2003.

The unique environs of Jandakot and Banjup have recently been given a helping hand with the issuing of Biodiversity Grants to land owners who want to put some thing back into the natural environment. These grants where given out by the City for such projects as weed control, tree planting and placing of nesting boxes. There will be another run of these grants in 6 months.

These are just two examples of the many Cockburn residents who put something back into their community. This helps make our City the best place to live, work and play.

For information about the Volunteer Fire Brigades or Biodiversity grant call the City on 9411 3444. Thanks to Evelyn and Frank Massey for their help.

Will You Be Eligible for NHT Funding in 2004?



Through the National Heritage Trust's (NHT) new strategic approach to investing in natural resource management, the South West Catchment Council and the Swan Catchment Council are preparing the regional strategies which will help set the direction of program funding in Cockburn.

What does this mean for Cockburn residents? Landowners, or representatives of an industry, community or environmental organisation or any member of the community interested in identifying the important issues in the area, are invited to attend a joint presentation from the Swan and South West Catchment Councils on the key issues identified within their draft Regional Strategies. These Strategies will form the basis on which all NHT funding will be spent in each region. This may mean \$\$\$ for your group!

The presentation will be held at the Town of Kwinana Arts Centre on Tuesday 24 February 2004 from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information on the NHT funding or the Catchment Councils' presentations contact Ben Hollyock on 9411 3441.







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Head Lice...Prevention & Treatment

Head lice are tiny parasites that feed on the scalp and live their lives on the human head. The fast moving adult head lice are brown, about 2-3mm long and extremely hard to see. The eggs (nits) are grey-white, about the size of a tiny grain of salt and can also be difficult to see.

The latest research indicates that head lice are spread by direct head-to-head or hair-to-hair contact with another person who has head lice. They DO NOT pose a risk to health and are not a sign of poor health or hygiene.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT OPTIONS?

If you use an insecticide treatment, check the product label for the active ingredient. The three groups of insecticide that have been shown to be effective and safe for use in the treatment of head lice are permethrin, pyrethrin and malathion. Because no insecticide will kill all the eggs, the first treatment should be followed by a treatment 7 days later, and then 14 days after the first treatment to kill any lice that may hatch during this time. As with any pesticide, it is always important to follow the directions for use carefully.

Using an insecticide treatment more than three times, one week apart may cause skin irritation.

- Unfortunately, other chemical or 'natural' treatments have not been properly tested to demonstrate that they are safe and effective for use in the treatment of head lice.
- Using hair conditioner and a nit comb in the 10-day treatment described below is a safe and effective method of treating for head lice. The hair conditioner makes head lice easier to see, makes using the nit comb much easier and eliminates the need to use insecticide.

CHOOSING A NIT COMB

The most effective nit comb to choose is a fine toothed, metal comb with round teeth,

approximately 1mm apart. Whatever type of treatment option you choose, using an appropriate nit comb is <u>absolutely necessary</u> to comb the treatment through and ensure that it works.

HOW DO I USE HAIR CONDITIONER TO TREAT HEAD LICE?

Using the hair conditioner treatment removes the head lice as they hatch - before they mature to lay more eggs. By using the hair conditioner treatment for the full 10-day period, you can effectively disrupt the life cycle of the head lice, ensuring that no more eggs are laid.

- Apply plenty of conditioner (any white, generic brand is suitable) to dry hair and comb it through with an ordinary brush or comb to remove any tangles.
- 2. Thoroughly comb small sections of the hair with the nit comb in each direction forwards, backwards, left and right. As you comb, wipe the conditioner that is combed from the hair onto a white paper towel and examine it in strong light to see if the dark brown adult lice or light brown immature hatchlings are being removed.
- 3. When all the hair has been combed, rinse the hair conditioner from the hair and dry it.
- 4. This process is repeated daily for 10 days to ensure that all the head lice are removed from the hair, as they hatch.

Please note: If adult head lice are found in the hair partway through the 10-day treatment, this indicates a new infestation. To ensure all the head lice are eliminated, the treatment should extend for a further 10 days from the day that the lice are again found in the hair.

Warning - insecticide head lice treatments should not be used on:

- Babies under 6 months.
- People with asthma, epilepsy, insecticide allergies, scalp conditions or very sensitive skin.
- Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

These groups should use the 10-day hair conditioner treatment instead.

WHEN TREATING HEAD LICE IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

- Head lice cannot jump, swim or fly and cannot survive for long periods away from the scalp. Cleaning the house when your children have head lice IS NOT NECESSARY! Pillowslips may be soiled with debris and droppings from head lice, but because head lice cannot survive in the environment for long periods of time, they are not 'harboured' in towels, bedding or carpet.
- It is important to ensure that the method of treatment that you use BREAKS THE LIFE CYCLE of the head lice. Each adult female louse can lay about 6 eggs per day, so missing even one or two lice will continue the cycle of infestation.
- There is NO PROVEN "once off" treatment or "repellent" for head lice.
- Remind children to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, for instance when working at the computer in class, and to avoid sharing combs or brushes as these can dislodge adult lice and transport them.

Remember, an itchy head does not necessarily mean head lice, and head lice may not necessarily make your head itch!

Based on the demonstrated effectiveness of hair conditioner for the treatment of head lice and increasing community concern regarding inappropriate or unnecessary exposure to chemicals, the City's Health Service will be phasing out the supply of "Lice Rid" (containing malathion) over the coming months.

Further information on the control of head lice can be obtained from the Department of Health (Western Australia) website www.health.wa.gov.au or the City's Health Service on 9411 3589.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IMMUNISATION CLINIC

Atwell Community Centre



Attention: Atwell Residents

The City's Health Services has provided an Immunisation Clinic at the Atwell Community Centre for local parents for a number of years.

As a medical centre has now been established at the Stargate Shopping Centre, Council would like to take this opportunity to inform all clinic attendees of the City's intention to phase out this service.

The Immunisation Clinic will cease operation with the last clinic being on **19th April 2004.**

As discussed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 20th June 2000, Council resolved to:

"(2) discontinue the provision of its free immunisation service to residents at Atwell clinic upon the establishment of a General Practitioners surgery in Atwell;"

All current customers will be advised by mail and flyers will be posted throughout Health Clinics within the City of Cockburn.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the City's Health Services on 9411 3589.





Community in Action!

South Lake Heads to Coogee Beach





Immediately after the Southlake Community
Forum held just before Christmas members of
the Connecting South Lakes residents'
association stayed behind and developed
their suggestion for a school holiday activity
for the community. The Kulbari Aboriginal
Centre and Cockburn Youth Services
immediately supported it and a simple idea
put a community in action.

On Friday January 16, 2004, about 40 young people and large numbers of community

members, parents and community workers whooped it up at Coogee Beach for a day of fun, sun, boating and jet skiing.

With a boat organised by Kulbari Aboriginal Centre and some staff and financial support from City of Cockburn Youth Services, the Connecting South Lakes residents' association was able to create an event that provided free entertainment, recreation, transport and a big yummy BBQ to members of their community.



City Launches Optin E-mail Info Service



In response to information provided by the community in the Cockburn Community Development Strategy during 2003, the City of Cockburn is taking the first step in addressing the desire for improved communication with members of the community.

Send an e-mail to communityupdate@cockburn.wa.gov.au with the words "Community Update" in the subject line and you will be able to receive a wide variety of community information from the City's Social Services Team. Please include your name and suburb in the e-mail. The City will consider expansion of this service after assessing the level of use by the community.

COUNCIL'S RANGERS Education & Enforcement

Ever wonder what Council's Rangers do? The rangers deal with a number of issues including, dog registration and control, lost dogs, maintaining Council's dog pound, parking, litter and illegal off road vehicles. Council employs seven full time Rangers who are responsible for the enforcement and administration of a number of state statutes and Council local laws throughout the City of Cockburn.

The administration of these statutes and local laws include investigating complaints, providing public education and awareness and the issue of infringement notices or instigation of prosecutions for non-compliance.

The state legislation administered and enforced by the Rangers include the following:

- Local Government Act, 1995
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)
 Act, 1960
- Dog Act, 1976 & Regulations
- Litter Act, 1979 & Regulations
- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act,

1995 and Regulations 1997

▶ Bush Fires Act, 1954 & Regulations

In addition to the state statutes Council Rangers administer and enforce a number of various local laws, which have been adopted by the Council. These local laws encompass diverse issues ranging from parking control & abandoned vehicles to the management of activities in streets and public places.

As well as the seven full time Rangers, Council employs an Administrator and two clerks. Rangers are available:

Monday - Friday

6.00am - 8.00pm (Four Rangers available)

Saturday

8.30am - 5.30pm (Two Rangers available)

Sunday

8.30am - 5.00pm (Two Rangers available)

Rangers are on duty on Public Holidays. After hours calls are diverted to Council's pager service (emergencies only). All non-urgent calls will be dealt with on the next working day.



Area 1

8 March 2004

Hamilton Hill, Coolbellup North Lake, Leeming

Area 2

15 March 2004

Spearwood, Bibra Lake, South Lake, Jandakot (residential)

22 March 2004

Area 3

Coogee, Munster, Yangebup, Beeliar, Success, Atwell, Wattleup (west of railway line)

Tree branches should be placed on the verge by **6.30am** on the first day of the collection for pick up within one week

A leaflet with full information will be delivered to your home between 24-26 February



What's Special About This Tree?

The answer is...it's a Coolabah tree, as sung about in "Waltzing Matilda." In fact this collection of Coolabah trees at the corner of Coleville Cres. and Spearwood Ave. in Spearwood is one of the few groupings of such trees to be found in the metropolitan area.

Thank you to everyone who sent in an entry form, and congratulations to the winner. The winner has been notified and prize collected.

U Want To Do It? U can With U Fund!

If you are aged between 12 & 18 and have a big idea that just needs a bit of money to get it happening, then you could be eligible for a Youth Advisory Council grant.

Grants are up to \$400 each and you have an opportunity to apply every month. If you have an idea for something you and a group of friends could do either for fun, to develop new skills, for adventure, or that's creative apply now! Successful ideas in the past have included:

- Graffiti & DJ Workshops
- Discos & Beach Parties

- Camping & Adventure Activities
- Skate & Cricket Comps
- Produce a CD or Film

If you're not sure about your idea then call the City's Youth Development Officer on 9411 3582 and have a chat. You can also download the application form by visiting www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and following these links:

"Council Services" → "Youth Services" → "Current Programs".

School Holidays: A Nightmare or Sweet Dream?

Are you breathing a major sigh of relief your teens are back in school? Did they drive you nuts with their claims of boredom? Did your wallet empty as you tried to keep them entertained? Were you on edge wondering where they were while you were at work or did you have the pleasure of having

them at home with you the whole time? Well there's no need to let that happen again!

Every school holidays Cockburn Youth Services runs a daily program for young people aged 12 -16 called the Youth Outrage School Holiday Program. It's inexpensive, safe, social and a great amount of fun. Here are just some of the Outrage activities: Ice Skating; Surfing; Skate
Boarding; Movies; Timezone;
Cables Water Ski Park;
Adventure World; Rock Climbing;
Roller Skating; Tube Riding;
Local Area Network (LAN)
Parties; Laser Games; Go Karts.

Outrage is subsidised by the City of Cockburn and is open to residents and ratepayers. The program includes transport, qualified & experienced supervision and most meals.

Parents wishing to be on the Youth Outrage School Holiday Program mailing list should contact Cockburn Youth Services. Contact the City's Youth Development Officer on 9411 3582 or hharper@cockburn.wa.gov.au for

hharper@cockburn.wa.gov.au for further information. You can also download the latest Program & Enrolment Forms by visiting www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and following these links: "Council Services" * "Youth Services"

Services" → "Youth Services"

→ "Current Programs".



The Environmental Management Section aims to maintain Cockburn's conservation areas to the highest level for the community. Unfortunately it has come to the City's attention that there has been an increased level of vandalism and general disregard within these areas. These include vandalism of the green tree guards within the revegetation areas of the reserves, dumping of lawn clippings and general garden waste, and planting non-natives in the reserves.

Due to the extensive revegetation program the City places considerable importance on the upkeep of plants within our reserves. Council staff have planted about 17 500 plants this year that need time and care to flourish.

Revegetation maintenance includes weed control around and within the tree guard bags as well as maintaining the guards and stakes to high standards. It can take up to three hours at each reserve, to maintain the plants, and this is without repairing damage to the tree guards. The tree guards are important as they provide a greenhouse atmosphere for the seedlings, which promotes growth, protect the plants from being eaten by rabbits and provides a watering point for our watering contractor.

The dumping of lawn clippings and green waste is not only illegal, but is a continual source of weeds into the reserves. Many weeds that are found in the reserves have originated from gardens and lawns. The City has an ongoing weed-spraying program to manage the weeds, but ultimately prevention is the best policy.

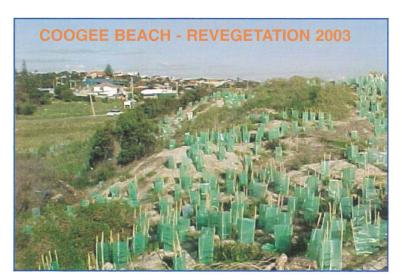
Weeds are also plants that have been intentionally planted in conservation reserves, which are not native to the area. These include: Freesias, Rose Pelargonium, Nasturtiums, Lantana, Victorian Teatrees and many Eastern States Eucalypts. Some local residents are

Protecting the ENVIRONMENT

planting non-native young trees within the reserves. Even though this may seem like the right thing to do it is in fact reducing the native habitat for the bird and animal life in conservation areas. Weed species removed include Prickly Pear, Loquat trees and Eastern States Ribbon Gum. The Environmental Management Section has been vigilant in the removal of these trees from a number of areas, including Yangebup Lake and Little Rush Lake.

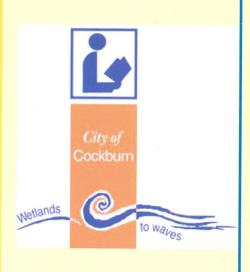
If anyone would like to help with managing these Conservation Areas, there are "Friends Groups" which residents can become a part of. These groups help in revegetation and educate people on the bushland, wetland and community area. If you would like more information on becoming involved with the Friends Group please contact the Environmental Management Section.

Conservation Areas need your help by keeping an eye out for any inappropriate activities. If you spot something you can contact our Environmental Management Section on 9411 3505. If we all work together we will be successful in managing our conservation areas for the future.





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