

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mountain Districts Community Begins Preparing a Community Led Emergency Plan

Disasters can happen any time of the year. Some of the most common hazards include bushfires, floods, heatwaves, landslides, severe weather (storms, cyclones, east coast lows), even biosecurity issues (eg Newcastle disease).

Following on from the series of community engagement events led by the Red Cross and supported by the NSW DPI, community members have begun work on developing a community led emergency plan.

Being community led ensures that issues of greatest concern to local residents are included and adequately addressed.

The emergency plan will deal with getting prepared, identifying actions to be implemented as an emergency

event unfolds and steps to take once the emergency has passed.

The process is in part a team building exercise that draws the community together around this serious issue and is aimed at improving community resilience, reducing the impact of disasters and accelerating recovery post-disaster.

Local communities know their history, risks, people, resources, capacities and geographical location better than anyone from outside the community and by taking on a level of responsibility for their own emergency preparedness, response and disaster recovery can gain economic, social and environmental benefits.

A team of Ironbark Rd residents led by Anne Graham has been contacting other residents along the road to gather information about the number of residents, basic contact details, availability of transport, special needs, current preparedness, what help may be needed and if they would be able to provide help to others.

Any residents of Ironbark Rd wishing to speak to or be involved in the Ironbark Team can contact Anne

on 0414 682 533 or anne@whitelight.com.au.

For information about teams in other areas in the Mountains District please email mepccinc@gmail.com or phone 0412 669 649.

Emergency planning is an iterative process and an emergency plan is not a static document but is regularly reviewed and updated with feedback from lessons learnt, actual life experiences, risk assessments and new data and technology. Because of the inherent uncertainty, plans need to be flexible and adaptive.

Effective communication is a critical component of emergency planning. There is a need to disseminate information while planning and preparing and to have communication channels available during emergencies. The CB Radio emergency communications network will be integrated into the emergency plan.

The emergency planning process requires the involvement of emergency services, government bodies, not-for-profit groups and private organisations and helps communities establish working partnerships with these bodies.

More meetings will be held in the New Year to progress the development of the emergency plan and establish more local teams.

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Andy Rooney

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

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Council Financial Sustainability Strategy

Will the Special Rate increase be made permanent?

Council's 2023-2024 Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy and revised Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) were accepted at Council's ordinary November meeting – signalling Council's confidence in moving from financial 'recovery' to 'sustainability'.

The new Financial Sustainability Strategy (Strategy) identifies high-level actions that Council must take to sustain a positive operating result position, and to maintain an adequate level of unrestricted cash to support operating activities and the required investment in assets.

Council CEO David Farmer said Council is moving into an exciting, yet challenging, period as it works to build on the last three years' successful

implementation of restoring Council's financial position to enable Council to operate, repay emergency loans and meet other financial obligations.

"As we have said before, Council is now out of crisis, and so we have some clear air to start implementing the Strategy that isn't just monitoring, but rather being proactive."

The objectives of the Strategy are to:

- Set the parameters within which Council agrees to operate to provide financial sustainability, affordability, delivery and value for money, over the short, medium and longer term
- Ensure Council generates enough revenue, and controls services and

infrastructure costs, to produce sufficient cash from operations

- Ensure Council maintains sufficient cash (or access to cash) to meet the needs of operations, investments and financing
- Ensure Council can renew or replace assets to maintain the desired level of service and provide new assets to meet demand for growth in services
- Assist Council to use ratepayers' money, together with other funding available, to provide core and other prioritised services
- Provide direction and context for decision making in the allocation, management and use of Council's finite financial resources
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in the management of its LTFP and determine financial boundaries for delivery of operational and capital plans.

“Our previous strategy looked at the key metrics to manage day to day, but we are now looking 10 years into the future identifying the challenges and then identifying actions to ensure that 2020’s financial crisis cannot happen again.

“Community consultation will continue to be an important factor in planning capital works and community needs, and Council will continue to seek funding from external sources, including both state and federal governments.

“However, like most other councils, our challenge to attain and maintain a sustainable operating position will be to look at ways to balance revenue with expenditure.

“Central Coast Council has the unique situation of two of its major income streams currently having expiry deadlines and under the current regime will require applications to IPART to be maintained. A failure to maintain this current level of income will see Council in serious financial problems again. We have seen what the impact of this is on the Council and the community, so we want to ensure that this does not happen

again.

“The preferred Scenario 3 sees Council taking action to maintain income at its current levels and keeping its expenditure on track via ongoing savings.

“While we see small deficits in the final years of the model, they are within tolerable margins of error and positive unrestricted funds are maintained throughout the life of the model.” Mr Farmer said.

As reported at Council’s October ordinary Council meeting, Council met key government benchmarks for operating results and cash levels, and Council’s audited financial statements were delivered on-time this year for the first time since the merger, an indication of Council’s growing competence.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said he congratulates the Council team in putting together the Strategy, and the community and stakeholder partners should be confident in the adopted 2023-2024 Strategy.

“We manage assets valued at over \$9.4 billion on behalf of the Central Coast community, so the responsibility of being financially sustainable is enormous. It is also my responsibility to ensure I hand over a financially sustainable organisation to the incoming new Council in September

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: MANGROVE MOUNTAIN MARKETS

The Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group looking to restart the Mangrove Mountain Markets in the New Year.

Expressions of interests are invited from persons interested in having a stall, buskers etc.

Help is also needed to organise and promote the markets.

It is proposed to hold the markets monthly, on either a Saturday or Sunday.

To register or for information please email to: mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com

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For more detailed information check the Central Coast Council website and the NSW IPART websites for documents such as:

- CCC Long Term Financial Plan
- CCC Financial Strategy
- IPART Central Coast Council Special Variation Application for 2022-23 Final Report

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As 2023 draws to a close, Christmas fast approaches, and the reveals of 2024 are just around the corner, we pause to thank all our supporters (whether you live nearby, on the other side of the world, or somewhere in between). We express our gratitude and offer our blessings for anything and everything that you have contributed towards the return of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church into our community this year.

The Mountain Districts Christian Church Inc. (MDCC Inc) is the re-established and growing Christian Worship Group based at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church. Our regular services continue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at 9.30am and we welcome all to come along and see what we are about. Our vision is to establish and grow a non-denominational Christian church in the Mountain Districts that is committed to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ, proclaiming his word as set out in the bible and giving witness to his salvation.

Our recent film night was a great evening of fellowship with free admission and a delicious supper. We hope to do more of these film nights in 2024. Coming up on the evening of Saturday 23rd December at the Union Church are the Community Christmas

Carols, organised by the Mangrove Mountain Community Group, supported by the Mountain Districts Association and the MDCC Inc.

On Sunday 24th December at the Union Church will be our usual 4th Sunday service at 9.30am, just with more Christmas Hymns and carols. And of course, on Monday 25th December at 9.30am will be our Christmas Service (yes, also including Christmas Hymns and Carols). Again, all are welcome, whether regular attendee or otherwise.

Please come along and try us out, and maybe you will discover something special, something spiritual and something Christian in our growing Mountain Districts Christian Church.

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Council seeking feedback on water and sewer plans for the future

Central Coast Council Water and Sewer is seeking feedback from residents and businesses on the small urban and rural communities across the Central Coast that do not have access to Council's water and/or sewerage services. These are known as 'unserved properties'.

The two surveys build upon earlier

engagement with the community and will inform development of Council's Water and Sewer Masterplan to deliver services for our customers into the future.

Council Director for Water and Sewer Jamie Loader said the first survey is being conducted with the wider community, with a separate survey to follow with owners of 'unserved properties'.

"The surveys provide opportunities for the community to contribute to planning to ensure safe and reliable water and sewer services meets the needs of our customers. Council is developing knowledge across the community of its water and sewer systems and is keen to understand community interest for including connection of 'unserved properties'

into our future plans." Mr Loader said.

Council Administrator Rik Hart welcomes the continued engagement and commitment to listen to our customers.

"The surveys are another opportunity for the community to assist Council in developing plans for the future that meet customer expectations," Mr Hart said.

The first survey, targeting owners of serviced properties, opened on 23 November and ends 14 December 2023, followed by a targeted survey to owners of 'unserved properties' in January 2024.

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HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES STAY CYBERSECURE

A new digital resource, called ID Support (visit www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw/small-business), aimed at helping protect NSW small businesses against identity theft and data breaches, has been launched by the NSW Government.

Designed to support businesses of all sizes, this digital resource and webpage features information and tips on how to stay cyber aware, as well as interactive learning modules and printable checklists.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said it was important for small businesses to be proactive when tackling cybersecurity-related issues and to remain vigilant.

“Cyber security is of real concern to Australian small businesses. Even minor cybersecurity incidents can have lasting impacts on small businesses – and sometimes the effects of these incidents can be truly devastating. It’s important to recognise that not every business is going to bounce back from the impact of what might appear to be a minor cyber security incident.


“In our increasingly digital world, it makes sense that small businesses would want to safeguard themselves against threats to their cyber security by arming themselves with information,

skills and strategies.

“It’s really pleasing to see – through initiatives such as ID Support from the NSW Government – that it’s becoming easier for small businesses to locate and access the information and resources that could make a real difference to cybersecurity incident prevention.”

An Australian Cyber Security Centre survey released in 2020 found 62 percent of small businesses across Australia have experienced a cyber security incident. Almost half of those surveyed rated their understanding of cyber security as ‘average’ or ‘below average’ and had poor cyber security practices.

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Another initiative being undertaken by the NSW Government to help protect NSW residents online and build cyber security awareness is the release of a new type of 'credential technology' that will benefit holders of MyServiceNSW accounts.

This new feature informs people if their ServiceNSW login credentials have been compromised. This complements the new Password Strength Tester, launched earlier this month, which helps people create strong passwords and check whether their password has previously been disclosed in a data breach or leak.

Community members are also encouraged to visit Ms Tesch's office at 20 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy to pick up a copy of 'The Little Black Book of Scams', an internationally recognised resource to help the community learn about scams.

*Media Release
from the Office of Liesl Tesch
Member for Gosford*

Books, Books, Books!

Somersby Hall, Peruch's place at Somersby, Jerry's at Kulnura and now the Corrugated Cafe at Peats Ridge – What do these places have in common? A free little library, of course. In the burbs, these often get called a street library, but up here, I tend to refer to them as the "Book Boxes".

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made by a men's shed, and have stood the test of time remarkably well. The routine is simple: if you fancy reading a book in the box, you take it home. If you have a book you have finished with that you think someone else might like to read, you put it in the box. And we all benefit from easy access to an interesting assortment of books.

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New digital hub connecting regional women to services and support

The Rural Women's Resource (RWR) is a NSW Government-devised resource, curated by the Rural Women's Network, contains trusted, reliable information for women in regional, rural and remote NSW. The content is grouped into three areas – economic opportunity and advancement, participation and empowerment and health and wellbeing.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP applauds the digital resource initiative which she said will make access to practical information in regional, rural and remote areas easier.

"It's no secret women living in regional areas such as the Central Coast tend to find access to information more of a challenge. It's great to see these valuable resources being brought together in one place."

This resource hub also includes a section with tailored information specific to Aboriginal women, women living with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse women (CALD), LGBTIQ+ women, women working in agriculture or primary industries, older women, young women and girls.

Media Release from the Office of Liesl Tesch | Member for Gosford



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CB Radio Network Update

The community CB Radio rollout is continuing, with a break over the Christmas period and then resuming in Jan '24.

Two training sessions have been held to explain the operation of the radios and the do's and don't's of talking on air and more will be scheduled.

Fire Fighting Units

The Australian Government BSBR Grants authority has approved a variation for the purchase of four

fire fighting units. Two types of units are being purchased, a high pressure sprayer slip on unit that frame mounted and can be placed on the back of a ute and the other a self contained trailer unit.

Two trailer type units of 800l capacity will be deployed in the Burrellong Valley area in Laguna and the Berecry Rd area in Mangrove Mountain will receive one 1000l trailer unit and one 600l high pressure slip on unit.

Both groups will be paired with the CB Radio system to allow communication and coordination.

CB Radio System

The following photos show a typical base station setup comprising of CB radio and power supply, battery and antenna:



The project is overseen by the Mangrove Emergency Planning and Communications Committee Inc. (MEPCC) and is being managed by a project team made up of volunteers from the areas where the system is being deployed.

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‘Little Ones’ - Dorothee Heibel

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‘The ceramic group meets every Tuesday afternoon at the newly renovated art studio in Wollombi School grounds, funded through a WSCET grant. This December show includes sculptural, functional and decorative ceramics and felted scarves. We are a group of artists working together, creating unique pieces. The support from WSCET and sharing the



Above: ‘I dream of horses’ - Jennifer Little
Below: ‘Morning Glory’ - Rosemary Herman



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Left top: 'Candle Castle' - Michelle Loadsman
Left bottom: 'Still life with Flannel Flowers' Amanda Broberg

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We'd love to see you there if you can make it and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year from all of us at Blues on the Mountain.

With 2023 being a breakout year for our little live music event at the hall and with your support our most successful year to date, we hosted a total of 7 events at the hall featuring



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- Monthly Store Cattle Sale Saturday December 16th from 12 noon.

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- Fortnightly Thursday Store Cattle Sales 11am.

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Our first event of 2024!

2024 is set to be another huge year with Blues on the Mountain bringing more of Australia's best live acts, great food and good times to the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall for everyone to enjoy! Our first event of the new year is on Saturday the 20th of January and features Qld Blues phenomenon, L.R. Marsh.

L.R. Marsh

Brisbane/Meanjin based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist L.R. Marsh captures the heart and soul of early 20th century delta blues and delivers it through raw slide guitar

work on a classic steel resonator and cigar box guitar, directly into the 21st century by way of multiple guitar amps, powerful guitar tones, and thundering foot drum grooves. Classics such as Muddy Waters and Robert Johnson are apparent in LR's sound, however it is the foot-stomping wall-of-sound that really demands attention onstage, with influences and a sound reminiscent of Gary Clark Jr, Ash Grunwald and The Black Keys that is making him a favourite among all age groups at festivals around the country.

An amazingly talented young Blues artist, L.R. Marsh is bringing new energy and a legion of new fans to the Blues and Roots scene.

This is a great event to bring the kids/teenages to in the holidays as well for them to experience an incredibly talented young musician live in

concert. Individual tickets are \$25pp or for families we have a special \$50 family pass (Two adults and up to three kids under 16yrs) tickets are available here www.trybooking.com/CNSBZ

What else is coming up in 2024?

We've been lucky enough to have some of Australia's best Blues acts grace our little stage, but can we bring the best in the world to the hall? Well, we asked and they said YES!!!! That's right we've also secured a date for the Winner of the 2023 International Blues Challenge in Memphis Tennessee USA to perform with his all star band at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall on Saturday the 27th of April! So save the date and keep an eye out on the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community News for more on this event real soon!

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting Training Information & updates Contact	3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.
Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Junior Training	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting Training/Maintenance	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
Yarramalong RFS		Information: www.facebook.com/ YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/ Phone contacts: 0406 360588 or 0418 280764 Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce		First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC
Coastlink Friendship Group		Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)		Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)		First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.
Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)		2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 43771728
Gosford North Inner Wheel club		2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Gosford World Vision Community Group		4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760. https://permaculturecc.org.au/
Permaculture Central Coast		Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@gmail.com
Kulnura & District Garden Club		1st Tues, 10am to 12 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Ladies of the Valley Morning Tea		1st & 3rd Tue, Mangrove Mtn Hall, 6-8pm Contact Kim & Leila 0401516501
Mangrove Mountain Singers		1st Thurs of the Month, 7pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com , 0412669649
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting		3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at The Hub of Mangrove Mtn. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529 www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee		Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email info@rivercares.com.au
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)		Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Mountain District Football Club Meeting		President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District		Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
Rotary Club Meeting		Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc		Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Spencer Community Ladies Social Club		Tues & Sat. 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group		Newsletter
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting		Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed		General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall 9.30am second and fourth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church, cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd

SPIRITUAL

Anglican Service - Mountain Districts		
Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust		
Mangrove Mountain Christian Service		

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 4th December 2023

A total of 615 cattle yarded this week with all regular buyers in attendance. A mixed yarding of cattle this week with limited lines.

Market for Trade and Yearling cattle was firm to 15c/kg easier.

Export market was firm to 10c/kg stronger.

- Best Butcher vealers 280c/kg to 350c/kg
- Restocker Angus Steers under 280kgs was 270c/kg to 370c/kg, most sales 300c/kg to 340c/kg
- Angus steers 280kg to 350kg sold from 280c/kg to 340c/kg
- Restocker steers made 200c/kg to 350c/kg
- Restocker Heifers made 210c/kg to 310c/kg – most sales 240c/kg to 280c/kg
- Euro Heifers to put on feed made 290c/kg to 330c/kg
- Milk and 2 Tooth Angus Steers made 270c/kg to 325c/kg
- Milk and 2 Tooth Euro Steers made 260c/kg to 290c/kg
- Grown Steers topping at 260c/kg
- Best cows made 200c/kg to 230c/kg
- Plain Cows made 150c/kg to 190c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 27th November 2023

A total yarding of 460 cattle this week at Maitland, with all trends dearer across the board.

All regular buyers were in attendance

- Best Butcher Vealers made 374c/kg
- Restocker Steers made 290c/kg to 405c/kg
- Restocker Heifers made 240c/kg to

320c/kg

- Yearling Steers made 260c/kg to 330c/kg
- Yearling Heifers made 210c/kg to 260c/kg
- Grown steers made 230c/kg
- Cows made 130c/kg to 220c/kg
- No Bulls to Quote

Upcoming Sales

16th Dec Maitland Store Cattle Sale
Commencing 12pm


18th Dec Maitland Liveweight Sale
Commencing 9am

A friendly reminder that we are often in the area seeing clients and looking at their livestock and if you would like us to call in be sure to give us a call.

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Catholic Service -Spencer

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2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 43404435.

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Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289

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