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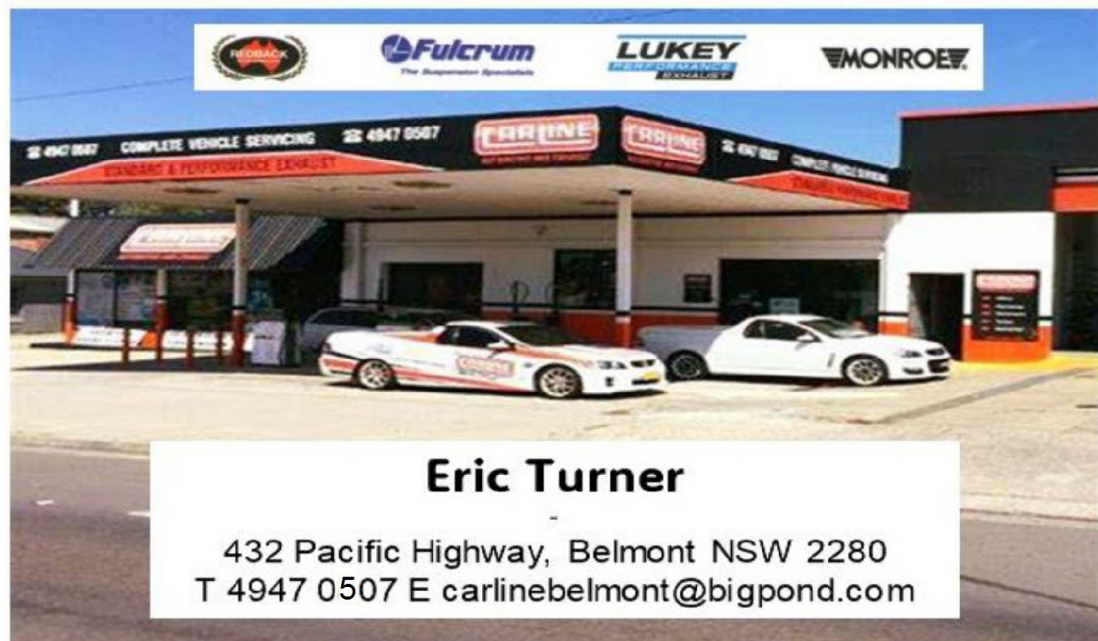
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Monthly Gathering:

2nd Friday of the Month,
7.30pm at the **Club Rooms**

Club Rooms:

Northcott Park, Cobby Street,
Shortland

**Ringwood Park Motorsports
Complex:**

53 Italia Road Balickera,
14Kms North of the
Heatherbrae Roundabout
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COMING EVENTS — AUG

Sat 1	Private Hire	Hillclimb Come and Try 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Mon 3	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 8	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood Practice M 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 8	WAC	Rallysprint	Awaba
Sun 9	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood M 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 9	MGCCN	Biggest Morning Tea ** Change of Date ** 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 15	AHRG	Heart of the Hunter Tour Tar Only CC17 TR4 9:00am	TBA
Sat 15	TSCC	TriChallenge Rnd3 Practice 9:00am	Oakburn Park
Sat 15	Club Lotus	CSCA Supersprint Rnd 4 9:00am	SMSP Gardner
Sun 16	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M AT6 CC18 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 16	TSCC	TriChallenge Rnd3 TRI3 9:00am	Oakburn Park
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 22	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd5 2:00pm	Awaba
Wed 26	MGCCN	Mid Week Club Run Bob's Farm 10:00am	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 30	MGCCN	Hillclimb A2A M TS5 CC19 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Mon 31	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House

COMING EVENTS — SEPT

	Murcott Driving		
Wed 2	School	Private Hire 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 3	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 6		Fathers Day	
Wed 9	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
			Cobby St Shortland
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	
		State Hillclimb Rnd 8 Mt Porcupine Practice 9:00am	
Sat 12	GME		Gunnedah
Sun 13	MGCCN	State Khanacross Rnd 6 Dirt/Tar 10:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 13	GME	State Hillclimb Rnd 8 Mt Porcupine 9:00am	Gunnedah
Sun 13	HSVOC NSW	State S'Sprint Rnd 6 9:00am	Pheasant Wood
			Cobby St Shortland
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 19	MGCCN	M YDDC4 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 24	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 25		School Term End	
Sun 27	MGCCN	Club Register Run M TBA R14	Cobby St Shortland
Sun 27	JDCA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd 5	SMSP Druitt
Mon 28	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House

Legend

M - Club Member
R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship
KC - Khanacross
MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly
TC - Tri-Challenge
TS - Tar Speed Series

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted. Also check the website as late cancellations do happen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all,

This will be a fairly short few words as I still have not got my computer back from the doctors, so I am using a iPad which I'm not used to!

The State Hillclimb is on the weekend of the 8/9th August, so a big thank you to all the members and volunteers who made it happen, before & during the event.

Not that Motorsport Australia made life easier with the revamped website not working anything like it was supposed to.

The Christmas in July weekend was a great success and thoroughly enjoyable, great weather good company what more could you want! Thanks Fran and Darren for all the organising.

At this stage the next Club Night will include a rundown on how to prepare for and the process for entering events, should be very helpful for new members and those who have not entered an event before.

Come along and get some supper as well!

Cheers, Bryn

GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED

If you know of someone who could do a presentation, 2530 minutes, please let us know, it can be on any subject such as local history, car restoration, health issues etc, please get back to me so I can follow up.

CLUB NIGHT SPEAKER INFORMATION

Fran & Darren Hodgson were the Guest Speakers at the July Club night, describing their adventures at 4 different F1 races over the past 7 years from Monte Carlo in 2017 (including visiting Ferrari Factory in Maranello Italy and the Red Bull Ring in Austria), Silverstone in 2019, Melbourne in 2023 and just returned from travelling through Canada and Alaska after attending the Montreal F1 in May.

They discussed their impressions of the tracks, what they enjoyed or might do differently, the added activities in the Fan Zones, drivers they have supported and vantage points from various grandstands, including lots of photos and video taken during the races. For the last 2 events they have obtained tickets through "F1 Experience" which included selection of grandstand options, Pitlane walk, discussion with F1 drivers (this year was Estaban Ocon), the Safety Car driver Bernd Maylander, a tour of the circuit with commentary by F2 drivers as well as other activities. In Montreal it also included accommodation and transport to and from the track each day.

They would certainly use F1 Experience for the next event they attend. Where to next ???



Attention All New Members
Who are wanting to enter
into MOTORSPORT



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET YOUR
PAPER WORK RIGHT

YOUR CLUB WILL BE CONDUCTING A NEW
MEMBERS AWARENESS NIGHT

THE AIM IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED
TO ENTER INTO MOTORSPORT

THE AREAS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:
AUTOTEST — KHANACROSS
SPEED EVENTS – HILLCLIMB
CSCA – SUPER SPRINTS CIRCUIT RACING

COME ALONG TO THE CLUBROOMS
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 7.30 PM

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE PHONE RICK VINCENT

0418 494 663

NEW MEMBERS

Warren Affleck	Associate Member
Lachlan Cameron	Associate Member
Nathan Cummings	Associate Member
Daniel Cusick	Associate Member
Cameron Hooper	Associate Member
Rodney Lysaght	Associate Member
Graeme Munro	Associate Member
Timothy Reid	Associate Member
Richard Baglee	Full Member
Vic Perry	Full Member
Jack Hardes	Junior Member
Leila Hunter	Junior Member
Vincent Hunter	Junior Member

We welcome the following new members.

We look forward to having you join us at future events, be it a Club Night, Social Outing or a Competition Event.

A couple of membership statistics for you - we now have 625 financial members, which is an increase of 12% since the same time 2 years ago. And we now have 49 junior members.

John Garroway
Membership Secretary



Biggest Morning Tea – 9th Aug 2026

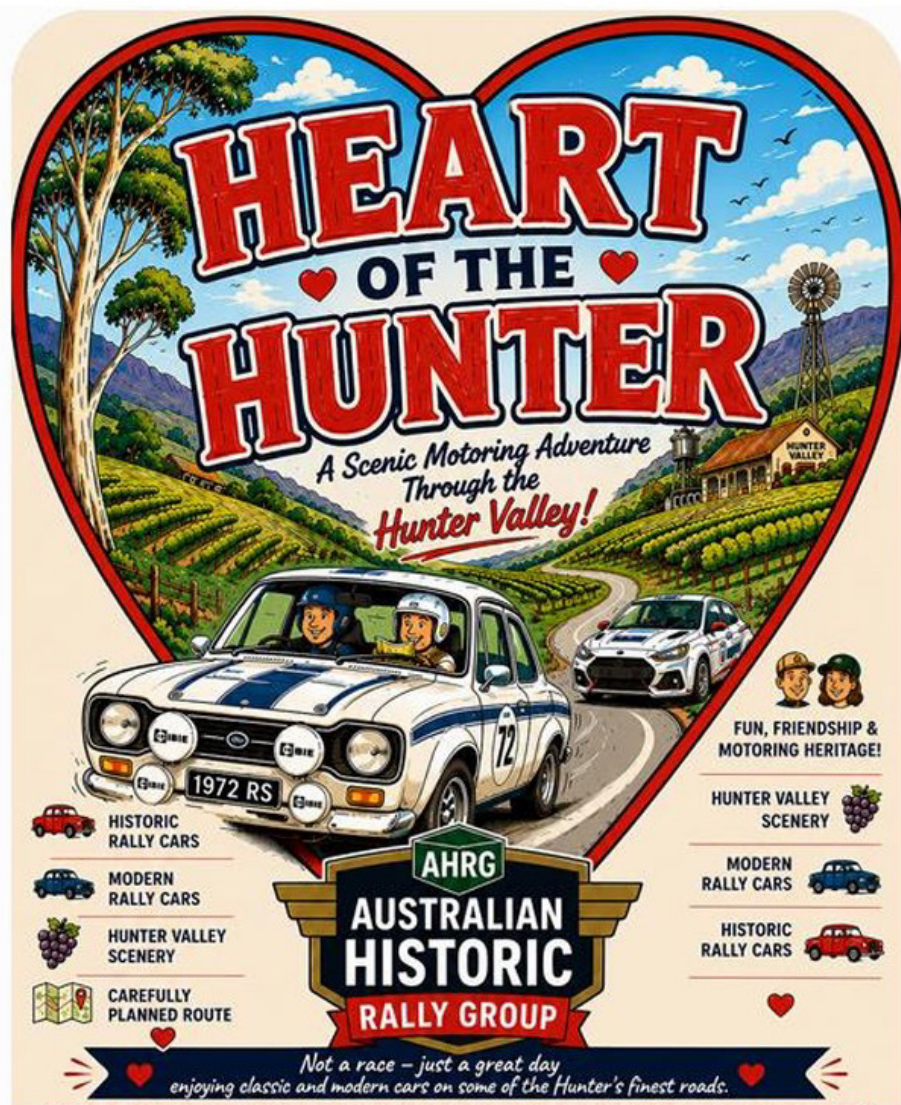
The Biggest Morning Tea is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council of Australia.

This is the 7th to be held at Ringwood, partly in memory of Alan Bates and other club members who have also battled with cancer.

You can support the Biggest Morning Tea by coming to the NSW State Hillclimb on 9th of August, buy some cakes, coffee, tea and raffle tickets.

Donations of raffle prizes are still needed!!

Jennean Bates is the main contact on 0429 817 393
Or Matthew Bates 0481 749 741
Or Ryan Bates 0413 968 220



SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

Entry Forms available at: <https://historically.com.au/>

REGISTER CAPTAIN REPORT

July Recap:

The winter sunshine really turned it on for our Christmas in July weekend away to Denman. Chilly in the shade, yes of course, but not as cold as it was predicted to be.

The majority headed off from the Clubrooms (where it was indeed warmer outside than in the Clubrooms) and collected members at Rutherford and met some more in Denman. First stop was the Denman Pioneer and Heritage Museum where a couple of oldtime members who live that way, came along to renew acquaintances. The area is very well presented and some of the displays are interactive. Worth a trip if you are in the area. Lunch was spread over various cafes down the main street before we regrouped at the Motel and then headed out to The Two Rivers Winery for a tasting.

The vista – looking out over the fields and vines blue skies and sufficient variety of red and white wines to satisfy all preferences. While our host initially said we all needed to agree on what to taste due to the size of our group, this soon went out the window with individual orders catered for.

Dinner was at the Denman Hotel, and we snagged the private room and decorated to the theme. We were even serenaded by the live musician. I was concerned that this might go into the wee small hours but a respectable 10pm finish gave time to focus on F1 Practice 3 and qualifying as the Motel had a range of Foxtel channels available. Continental breakfast was also included which was a welcome surprise.

Then we headed towards Muswellbrook to the Hunter Belle Cheese Café for morning tea / brunch before heading back to Newcastle. We took the RV8 out for a run and were accompanied by a variety of MGs, MX5 and everyday cars.

I would certainly recommend the Grapevine Motel as a comfortable location if you find yourself in the area. Thanks to everyone who came away for the weekend, and I hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.

Looking Ahead to August: Midweek Run Wednesday 26th

This month we are heading to the CookaBarra Restaurant 476 Marsh Rd Bobs Farm. It's a midweek run on Wednesday 26th August meeting at the Clubrooms at 10am. First, we'll be having a tour of the Barramundi Fish Farm at 11am – cost is \$10 and well worth it according to others who have been on the tour. You get to experience the fish as they move through the life cycle from fingerlings through to market ready. We might be able to feed some as well as feeding on them!

If you wish to meet us there for lunch only (which should be about 12 noon as the tour lasts for just under an hour) please let me know so that I can add you to the lunch booking.

Don't forget we are looking for members to host a Natter Night social gathering at their home sometime in September or October. (November will be the Christmas Gathering and Presentation Night)

2027 National Meeting to Launceston Tasmania:

Members are making their transport plans as the Spirit of Tasmania is filling fast for couples and 4 bed cabins as that time of year involves school holidays for both Victoria (Just after Easter) and Tasmania form the beginning of the Nat Meet. At this stage we have members travelling over on 31st March, 7th April, 8th April, 9th April and 10th April, so if you haven't made plans and you'd like to travel over with someone, I can let you know who is travelling when.

Hope to see you at a Club event soon... Fran & Darren Hodgson



REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 5 new historic vehicles added to our register since the publication of the July magazine.

1994 Toyota MR2

1963 Triumph Spitfire

1976 MGB GT

1961 MGA MK II

1996 Diahatsu Hijet Utility

There were 15 historic registrations processed in June 2026 and a further 31 up to 24/07/2026.

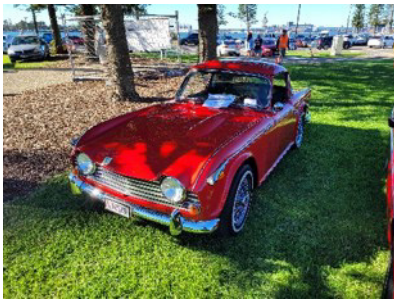
I have been through our register and culled all vehicle entries that are overdue renewal prior to May, and we still have approximately 283 vehicles listed on our Historic Register.

About 10 of our MGCCN members took up the invitation to display their cars in the Eurofest Car Show held at Newcastle Foreshore Park on 21 June, organised by MG Hunter Region. The weather was perfect a crisp sunny morning and people turned out in droves with over 300 vehicles on display. Our club contributed quite a selection that included; a few MG's, MGB, Midget, TD and ZS. Michael Taylors combination of Bedford Truck, Morris derived Historic Race Car and TD on trailer.

There was also; a Triumph TR7, Bond Bug, Austin Heally, Alpine Sports and Land Rover, plus a few others that have escaped my memory. The European theme of this show attracts quite a selection of models, with extensive displays of; Mercedes, Porsche, Lotus, BMW, Alfa Romeo, Fiat, VW and the occasional exotics, including; Lamborghini, Pantera, Aston Martin, and Jensen from memory. Following are some photos of vehicles that took my interest including the race prepped Triumph 2500S and the Rally Alpine A300, like I watched rallying through the UK in the 1970's.



Raising nostalgic memories, was this beautifully presented Triumph TR5. As a child I used to live around the corner from the Triumph dealership in Oxford, and when I took the dog for a walk, I would peer longingly in the showroom window at the TR5 inside. The car at the show was for sale, but no I did not enquire as to the price, I only have room for one Triumph and the TR5 was too good to risk on the circuit at Ringwood. Also raising nostalgic memories was a Holden Isuzu Gemini, similar to the first car I owned in Australia. Not immaculate, looking well used, but rarely seen these days.



Allan Evans – Register Secretary

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DAD'S ARMY/LAND PANEL

Wet weather during the last month has curtailed work on the drainage containment area and turn 4 concrete edging, water has flowed continuously in both areas. The drain alongside the incoming access road has now had additional rock added in areas where there was scouring. Areas of exposed rock around the track where the mowers were hitting has been jack hammered out and topped with turf. The stump in the gulley area has now been burnt out substantially. The tyre barrier around the drainage containment area has been redone with the old tractor tyres removed and replaced with the new tyre bundles.

Current action list comprises;

- a) Completion of containment area concrete base, blockwork wall and grates
- b) Concreting of turn 4 edging
- c) Investigation of solar system to timing system and administration area (subject to a grant application by Michael Snow with help from me)
- d) Movement of miscellaneous rock piles to allow grass areas to expand
- e) Clean out of soil build up in drains

Brian Sutton

PRIVATE PRACTICE & TESTING AT RINGWOOD

Available most Thursdays, check in advance to ensure track works are not planned by the Land Panel on that day. Other days can be arranged, provided a suitably qualified "Supervisor" is available.

CAMS have now implemented the MIDCAR protocols under which we must operate to be covered by their insurance policy.

Contacts :

David Atkins	0415 963 515
Kevin Akers	0417 405 590
Michael Snow	0432 772 044

WANTED

A club member with the necessary skills who would be willing to help me finish getting my restoration project completed.

It is a 1939 Riley Kestrel Special.

The car's restoration is complete however the brakes are the last item that require attention.

The car is unregistered and is located in East Maitland.

I am prepared to pay a reasonable agreed upon hourly rate.

The work can be carried out here or I can have it transported to you. Looking forward to hearing from anyone willing to assist.

Cheers

Greg Blades (Member)

0417293274



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FOR SALE

1997 MGF Hillclimb/SuperSprint Car. Log Booked.

Winner of: Tar Speed Series Production Sports Cars MG Newcastle

Alan Bates Trophy, and Lions Club Trophy. Plus my wife won the Judith Rae Ladies Championship in this car.

Very reliable and no damage, LSD and improved induction and exhaust, Comes with hard top. Well maintained and loads of spares, wheels and tyres, including complete spare car, for anything needed. Reluctant sale, but I want it to go to another enthusiast to enjoy.

\$6,000.00, Firm. Located in Taree

Please contact Wayne on 0425 346 686. wblewis@bigpond.com



1997 VVC MGF.

If you always wanted part of the MG history this is your chance, Great condition, registered and available for club rego. next year.

Selling only because I need to downsize my collection.

MGF 389, no charge plates. \$6,000.00.

Located in Taree.

Please contact Wayne on 0425 346 686 wblewis@bigpond.com

FOR SALE

HISTORIC COOPERFORD RACING CAR 1498cc

Built in the late 1960s as a copy of the Cooper Racing Cars except it had a 1100cc Ford engine. Tim Harlock soon changed it to a 1500cc Ford engine. Several of the cars were built here in Australia as Cooper Racing Cars, with Commonwealth aircraftbuilt Cooper bits

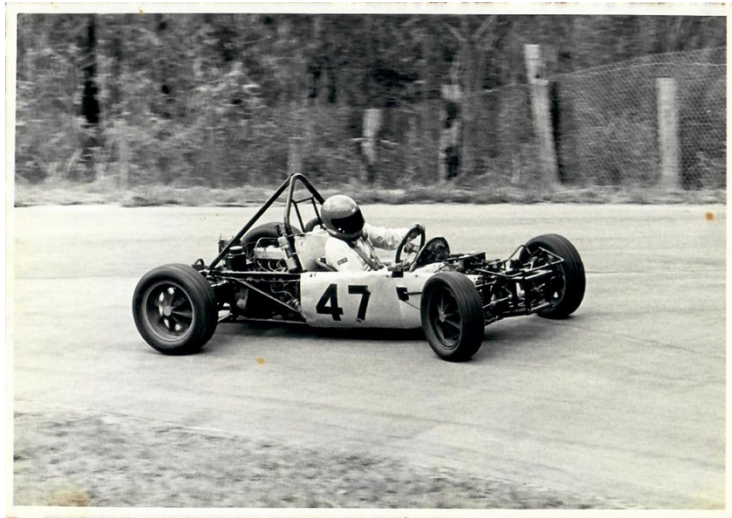
Owned by – Ivan Tighe/Brian Schuster 1960s, Tim Harlock 1960s, David Tait early 1970s and now from 1973 onwards by Peter Rayment. Last driven 1990s.

Competed at :- Echo Valley Hillclimb (Toowoomba), Lakeside, Surfers Paradise International Raceway (SPIR), Adelaide International Raceway, Collingrove Hillclimb (Adelaide), Mountain View Hillclimb (Grafton), Bathurst Hillclimb, King Edward Park (Newcastle), and Mt Cotton Hillclimb mostly.

Results:- FTD at Mt Cotton for many many years in the 70s (47.3), many certificates and trophies.

Easy to drive. Log books from 1973. Variety of spares – engine, gearboxes, radiator etc. Trailer.

POA Contact Peter Rayment 0407 693 947



FOR SALE



Registration No: MG 362
Chassis No: TD 28225
Engine No: TD2/28794
Speedo: 70,307 Miles
Asking Price: \$45,00
Contact: Simon on 0419 338 429
Location: Lovedale



I purchased "Noddy" in 2013 and since then have installed a Rhino immobiliser, new master brake cylinder kit and starter motor as well as having the front shocks reconditioned, brake slave cylinders resleeved, speedo and tachometer checked and repaired (new tacho box & cable).

Both SU carburettors were professionally overhauled in 2018.

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