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This is a great tool that is updated regularly with news, coming events, pictures, history, businesses', weather, CFS news / alerts etc.etc. Items of interest or coming events can be sent to Julie – julesmatt@bigpond.com
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RIVERTON COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



The RCMC members would like to take this space to wish you all a happy, safe and family filled Christmas and New Year. We trust the coming year will bring you much joy, much peace and abundant blessings. Stay safe and enjoy the time spent with each other and family.

SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM ROSTER

December 2012 – January 2013



Opening Days

2 December 2012 - CLOSED

9 December 2012

Laszlo & Edith Sara

16 December 2012

John Glistak

CLOSED 23 December 2012

20 January 2013

Ray Edwards & Jean Burns

27 January 2013

John Glistak & **BLACKSMITHS**

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT JOHN GLISTAK

(ph. 8847 2128) FOR INFORMATION

Scholz Park Museum is a Museum complex consisting of a Cottage, Wheelwright Shop and a Blacksmith

BURKE & WILLS

RECOVERY EXPEDITION

150 YEAR RE-ENACTMENT

One hundred and fifty years ago, a rescue party led by Alfred Howitt passed through the Mid North on its way to Melbourne carrying the remains of explorers Burke and Wills.

The explorers had perished in their quest to find a south-north link across Australia- a route discovered a few months later by John McDouall Stuart. This became the basis for the Overland Telegraph service linking Australia to the rest of the world.

A small committee representing **Clare Regional History Group**, **Mount Horrocks Historical Society** and the **Rhynie Improvement Scheme** are staging a re-enactment of Howitts' travels through the Mid North, from Bungaree Homestead to Rhynie, on **December 8-9** to coincide with the 150th anniversary. There will be a cavalcade of horses and riders accompanying two camels carrying representations of the bodies of Burke and Wills.

As with the initial group, the re-enactment party will stop at Clare Town Hall, Horrocks' Cottage and Rhynie where there will be speeches and a short program featuring bush entertainment at each stop.

The original retrieval party were met with great solemnity and outward signs of grief as well as people lining the streets with heads bowed to show their respects, and we hope the re-enactment will have a similar response from local people.

One of the reasons Burke and Wills, and the other five members of their party, lost their lives was a lack of communication and medical care. As a result, we are using the re-enactment to raise funds and awareness of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

All donations exceeding \$100 will be publicly acknowledged at each of the three entertainment stopovers. We believe this event will create a lot of positive publicity

You may donate by cheque, (payable to RFDS, c/o Pam Murray PO Box 370, Clare 5453), or Direct Debit to: BSB 015552 Acc No: 837594349, or a collection tin. Please contact Grant Hovey. Email: rhovey01@dodo.com , PH: 88472679, or PO Box 484 Riverton





POSIES & PRESSIES

Burra Road –
Saddleworth
Ph – 0888474249
Mob – 0429 419 619

Want something different? Want to send a special something to a special someone? And Christmas coming up as well! It would be wise to order your **flowers** and **hampers** early so no-one misses out. Di can arrange an amazing display of flowers or a beautiful hamper, adding what you'd like in there.

You have until the 22nd December
To order as the shop will be **closed**
from 22nd December 2012, re-
opening on 4th January 2013.

RIVERTON CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 2012



The **Christmas Carnival** is alive and well again this year and the Committee has been working hard to make sure we have another successful and fun Carnival for everyone to enjoy.

Come one, come all to the
Riverton Town Oval on **Friday**
21st December from **5pm till late** for

an evening of food, fun and frolic. There will be a jumping castle, lots of different stallholders, face-painting,

DJ Tony Clarke, lots of games and food on offer as well as Santa! It's an event for all ages to enjoy, but it's especially for the kids!

Please contact Secretary **Clare Andrews** on **0438 090 203** if you would like to join the committee or just help out on the day. All extra hands welcome!

BUS TRIP - CHERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Leaving
Saddleworth/
Riverton
approx. **9:00**
am **Wednesday**



19th December to Keyton Valley Cherry Farm where morning tea can be purchased (own cost). To Gumeracha for lunch or bring your own and have it in the park near the Big Rocking Horse. To Netherhill Farm for afternoon tea cost \$6.00 per head and purchase strawberries. -. Netherhill has a beautiful garden and organic shop for fruit & veg (if available) and strawberries. Cost of bus **\$15.00 per head.**
Contact **Cheryl Koglin 88472 472**
or **Edna McDonald 88474490** for **bookings.**

JINGLES COMMUNITY GARDEN

8 am to 10 am Tuesday mornings



If you are interested in gardening and are keen to

maintain this valuable resource in Riverton, please come along to **Jingles Garden, Mill Street** on Tuesdays
All welcome

RIVERTON MARKETS



For the next 2 markets at least we will have a bumper lot of stalls at each market.

These include **Riverton Residential Volunteers** who are fundraising to buy equipment for residents at the **Hospital**.

We also have the best **Face painter** I have ever seen who is so good she is frequently hired by Woolworths Supermart in Clare and other places she will keep coming as long as we support her. So bring the kids in for a bit of fun and a free gift.

On top of these we have **Veronica** from **Kapunda** who is bringing a large range of fabric, quilting fats, threads and all sorts of other haberdashery that any sewer needs, no more do you need to

leave town for these things just pop into the market and get what you need.

Of course there are still all the regular stallholders but we now also have **hot donuts**-yummy, so don't forget the market is still here for you on the **3rd Saturday of each month** except for January.

Thanks for your support.
Enquiries to **Thelma on 88472559**
or **0409676770**

CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEMORABILIA

Riverton & District High School opened its doors in the Old Parish Hall in 1913. Next year, 2013, the High School will be celebrating its **CENTENARY on 4th – 6th October 2013**. One of the activities already underway to commemorate the occasion is the compilation of a Centenary History Book.

The High School is keen to receive (on loan) any old School Photos and other School memorabilia and documents for possible inclusion and/or reference to in the proposed publication.

If you can assist with any of the above items, please contact either the **Riverton High School (ph. 8847 2202)** or **John Glistak (ph. 8847 2128 or email: jglistak@be.net.au)**.

 **If you haven't been to the Riverton Duckponds lately, get yourselves there for a look. Brilliant job ! Good work !!**



**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**
Will be held at the
**WOOLSHED FLAT
CHURCH,**

**Balaklava Rd, Rhyne
Sunday DECEMBER 9th 2012.**

The evening will commence with a Pooled Tea in the Car Park at 6-30 pm followed by Carol singing in the Church to commence at 8-00 pm which will be interspersed with Guest Artists.

Please bring BYO drinks and Chairs for Tea and Candles for the Carol Singing. All welcome for this unique experience.

**FRIENDS OF GILBERT VALLEY
SENIOR CITIZEN HOMES**

Congratulations to the winner of the 60 second Grocery Grab raffle, **Mrs S Bulman of Riverton** whose dash around the Riverton IGA netted her a trolley load of groceries.

The raffle was the culmination of our fundraising efforts for 2012 and we are currently planning an exciting program of activities for 2013.

These will include a mid-year luncheon, details of which will be available in the New Year.

Funds raised continue to provide **much needed equipment for the Home** and we would welcome more members of the community from Riverton and surrounding areas to join our group.

Meetings are held in the Activity Centre of the Home, usually on the **2nd Tuesday of a month**, approximately 4-5 times during the year.

Elizabeth Harris, President
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**THE GILBERT VALLEY SENIOR
CITIZEN'S HOME INC.**

is continuing to go from strength to strength thanks to the dedication of local board members and staff.

Managed in conjunction with Balaklava's Mill Court, the Riverton Residential Care facility caters for 27 aged residents, including high care. This operates in conjunction with 16 Independent Living Units which are located near to the Home.

Board chairman, Brian Kemp, said the board and staff were constantly looking at ways to ensure the facility met their high standard of care, with current plans to renovate laundry

amenities and upgrade rooms and units when possible.

He said the Home provided a valuable service to people in the Gilbert Valley, with people from Auburn to Tarlee and across to Saddleworth utilizing the Independent Living Units or the Home for their loved ones.



The Home cares for both high and low care residents in an "ageing in place" setting which

means they adapt to their care needs enabling them to remain at GVSCH as long as possible. When care needs are able to be met by the facility there is no need to transfer to hospital as has often been required in the past.

"The Gilbert Valley Home is operating at maximum capacity which means we need to really focus on keeping everything running as well as we can," Mr. Kemp said.

"It was disappointing that we didn't get the support from the community at our recent AGM that we would have liked, but we are encouraging anyone who is interested in supporting what we do to become involved so we can further enhance the life of those residing at the home".

The Gilbert Valley Home employs qualified staff around the clock to provide the highest possible standard of care for all its residents. In addition to our care staff there is also an activity program coordinator who is responsible for planning and overseeing many in house activities and bus trips etc. to make life a little more interesting for our residents. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in these activities which residents enjoy immensely.



The Board of Management of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen's Home (all

volunteers) oversee the finances and management of the facility and its residents. **The members of the Board are Mr. Brian Kemp (Chairperson), Mrs. Meredith Callery, Mrs. Joy Griffiths, Mrs. Jill Behn, Mr. Quentin Hornhardt, Ms. Helen Karger, Mr. Ian Rowett, Mr. John Rohde, Mr. Malcolm Keast and Mrs. Julia Butler.**

Board members are happy to provide further details to any community member interested in becoming involved.

The Board also oversees major redevelopment or fundraising ventures, and works closely with the Friends of the Gilbert Valley Home.

For further information on the Gilbert Valley Home, contact **Lesley Smith (Care manager) on 88472307**

GILBERT VALLEY INTERCHURCH COUNCIL



Gilbert Valley Interchurch Council invites the community to celebrate the **birth of Jesus**

at the **9 Lessons & Carols Service** to be held at the **Riverton Uniting Church, Moorhouse Tce, Riverton** on **Sunday 9th December at 7.00pm. All welcome.**

Music will be provided by the Kapunda choir and there will be a shared supper to follow.
All Welcome

GILBERTS PATCH NEWS.

Have you been into the patch lately? We have been very busy getting rid of our Op Shop tag.

There is actually room to move around now and not falling over all the junk. We have lost a couple of our members for various reasons but we have gained the services of a couple of new members with their incredible crafts.

Have you seen Pam's sets of baby clothes, they are just beautiful and at very reasonable prices.

Of course if you would like to join us as a member we always have room for you.

For enquiries call Thelma on 88472559 or 0409676770.

THE RIVERTON & DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

The year is drawing to an end and once again, members of the Auburn/Riverton branch of the Mothers' Union of the Anglican Church together with our voluntary helpers have provided breakfast to students each week.

Donations of non-perishable foods such as Milo, baked beans, SR flour, fruit juice etc. are always welcome and can be left at the School Office.

Once again our thanks go to the local community for their support of the program in 2012.

Elizabeth Harris, Coordinator.
8847.2332

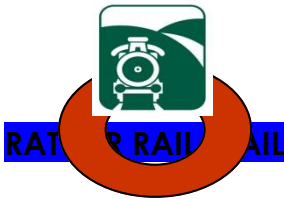
GILBERT VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

The Gilbert Valley Probus Club meets on the **first Tuesday of each month at 10.00am in the Riverton Community Hall Supper Room** and new members are always welcome.

Probus provides friendship and an opportunity to enjoy an interesting

program of guest speakers and trips away. Membership is open to anyone in the community who is retired or semi-retired.

Our **next meeting** will be held on 7th February, 2013 and further information can be obtained from the **President, Des O'Toole 88472561** or **Membership Officer, Russ Harris 8847.2332.**



There has been a change on the committee of the **Rattler Rail Trail**, **Leon Schwarz** has taken over as **Chairman** for the above group.

The committee would like to thank **Bernie Brunt** for his time as chairperson over the last 2 years.

Progress on fixing the track has been non-existent. The committee has applied to the State Government for grant funding but has been unsuccessful to date.



With the assistance of the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council and MP Geoff Brock have actively sought meetings with Ministers of Government to discuss the state of the track. On Monday 6th December we are having a **Working Bee** on the track behind the Dairy to place gates which will give access to cows crossing the track without the need of electric fencing.

We also have boxes of seeds from Trees for Life to help with beautifying the track, if you are interested in growing a box of seeds for the track please let me know on 88472472

On **Monday 6th December** we are having a **Working Bee** on the track behind the Dairy to place gates which will give access to cows crossing the track without the need of electric fencing. If you are interested in assisting please contact myself, **Cheryl Koglin 88472472** or **Leon Schwarz 0417850655**

Jock: 'You know why a woman's work is never done. They don't get up early enough'



RIVERTON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GARDEN GROUP

Our main area of work in October was concentrating on watering in Scholz Park, Pioneer Park and Torrens Road.

We have had numerous compliments on the appearance of our main street and township area, from visitors to our town who have been travelling from all across the country.

The roses, both in the pots and in the ground have started to flower. We have shifted a tree guard across the road to protect a younger tree.

We attempted to get the lawn sprinklers within the Scholz Park area working as some parts of the lawned area appear to be dying, but were unsuccessful. Some sprinklers have been damaged by mowers so Council will be advised for repair / replacement.

While visible out and about, we have had lots of enquiries re the heritage of our town and much interest in the history of Scholz & Pioneer Parks.

The condition of Pioneer leaves a lot to be desired due to its' condition, but we are slowly getting on top. Need to work on clearing the young saplings and noxious weeds / trees that have seeded and are appearing / reappearing.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who are committed and arrive each Monday morning, willing to work and beautify our town. You are doing a good job with many favourable comments.

**jules CAFE with Internet
35 Torrens Road,
Riverton. S.A. 5412
(08) 88472791
Mob. 0408842465**

HOT / COLD BBQ CHICKENS –

We will be cooking these on Christmas Eve between 8am - 12noon). If you need some for your Christmas celebrations, you will need to **order** by **16th December.**



The **CAFÉ** will be **CLOSED** on
Christmas Eve 24th December
Christmas Day 25th December

OPEN
Boxing Day 26 / 12 / 2013
New Year's Day 1/1/2013
Australia Day 28/1/2013
between **10am – 2pm.**

All other days as usual between
10am – 4pm.

Lesley, Julie and the staff take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas as you celebrate with family and friends. May the New Year bring peace and growth and laughter in your lives. We look forward to some exiting changes and developments in the New Year.

RIVERTON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to **Club Champion Neil Rogers** on being selected and representing South Australia in the over 60s team as a skipper at Queanbeyan in October.

His rink had three wins three losses and a draw to finish middle of the field - well done Neil.



Q What do Lance Armstrong

and Neil Rogers have in common?
Read on for answer.

Riverton has one first division team of twelve players for Saturday pennants and two second division teams of twelve players competing in Wooroora section. Towns we compete against are Tarlee, Hamley Bridge, Wasleys, Mallalla, Owen, Balaklava and Port Wakefield.

Ladies have three teams of eight players for Thursday morning games in a competition with clubs mostly to the north of Riverton.

Night Owls is played on Wednesday nights with two teams of twelve players competing. Other clubs are Saddleworth, Auburn, Mintaro and Watervale.

Dean Willmott is Club President this year with **John Glistak Secretary /Treasurer** and **Ian Rowett Vice President** and **Minute Secretary**.

Committee: Marg Keast, Barb Judd, Lyn Gilbert, Sue Willmott, Gaynor Bottcher, Peter Kelly, Neil Rogers, Andrew Clark, Des O'Toole, John Gilbert and Mark Griffiths.

The club is running a **Raffle** this year with major prize being **One night luxury accomodation and breakfast at Glenelg Pier Hotel**.

All bowlers have tickets to sell - make sure you buy at least one - only \$2 per ticket, top minor prizes as well. The **winner** will be drawn on **Saturday evening 12th January at a major club function**.

Not all bowls are serious .If you just want to meet some new people and have a chat then Friday night might be for you. Just roll up about 6pm with flat soled shoes and introduce yourself to someone on the green. They will see you right with some bowls and include you in a social atmosphere free of charge. Maybe stop and have a drink in the bar afterwards in a friendly environment.

The club has up to date information including Thursday and Saturday teams and results on the Riverton Community website. Go to Directory, Community Events then Riverton Bowling Club.

A Lance Armstrong and Neil Rogers both like bike riding and neither of them has won a Tour de France.

**Ian & Roz Rowett
Ph 08 88472274**

Coming Events

Riverton Markets 9am – 1pm

December 15th 2012 with Father Christmas for the morning.

NO January Market

February 16th 2013

Carols By Candlelight

Will be held at the

Woolshed Flat Church, Balaklava Rd, Rhynie

Sunday DECEMBER 9th 2012.

Gilbert Valley Interchurch Council

Sunday 9th December at 7.00pm.



Celebrate the birth of Jesus at the 9 Lessons & Carols Service Riverton Uniting Church,

Moorhouse Tce, Riverton. All welcome.

A Day on the Green

February 23rd 2013

Annie's Lane, Clare Valley

Featuring Diesel, Mark Seymour, Daryl Braithwaite, Black Sorrows, Pseudo Echo & 1927.

adayonthegreen.com.au

Bus Trip – Cherries And Strawberries

9:00 am Wednesday 19th

December

Contact Cheryl Koglin 88472 472 or Edna McDonald 88474490 for bookings.

Riverton Christmas Carnival 2012

Riverton Town Oval on Friday

21st December from 5pm till late Earl and Bubba are quietly sitting in a boat fishing, chewing tobacco and drinking beer when suddenly Bubba says, "Think I'm gonna divorce the wife – she ain't spoke to me in over 2 months." Earl spits overboard, takes a long, slow sip of beer and says, "Better think it over.....women like that are hard to find."

Public Holidays 2012 – 2013

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December 2012

Proclamation Day

Wednesday 26th Dec 2012

New Years' Day

Tuesday 1st January 2013

Australia Day Holiday

Monday 28th January 2013

WHAT YOU SCATTER

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes... I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily apprising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes.

Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

'Hello Barry, how are you today?'
'H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good'
'They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?'
'Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time.'
'Good. Anything I can help you with?'
'No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas.'
'Would you like to take some home?' asked Mr. Miller.
'No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with.'

'Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?'
'All I got's my prize marble here.'
'Is that right? Let me see it', said Miller.
'Here 'tis. She's a dandy.'
'I can see that. Hmm mmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?' the store owner asked.
'Not zackley but almost.'
'Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble'. Mr. Miller told the boy.
'Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller.'

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, 'There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever.

When they come back with their

red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store.'
I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado , but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.

Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts...all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket.

Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by

one; each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes.

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

'Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about.

They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size....they came to pay their debt.'

'We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world,' she confided, 'but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho.'

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The Moral:

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GATHER, BUT
WHAT YOU SCATTER THAT TELL
WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU HAVE LIVED!**



**NICK
CHAMPION
MP
Federal
Minister for
Wakefield**

**RDAF KEEPS DELIVERING FOR
REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

The Gillard Government's Minerals Resource Rent Tax has delivered the remaining three rounds of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF). Federal Member for Wakefield, Mr Nick Champion said the Federal Government had improved RDAF in response to community feedback.

"Round three will see \$50 million dedicated specifically to projects in small towns, Mr Champion said. "RDAF will continue to drive a cultural change in regional funding by focusing on priorities of persistence and projects that stack-up, partnership and leverage, and regional reach. "The regions are determining 'what' is needed and the Federal Government is providing the 'how'."

Nick Champion said the Federal Government has improved the RDAF guidelines to make it easier to apply and broaden the sorts of projects which can be funded. "The Wakefield community has already benefited from the first rounds of RDAF through the Upper Wakefield Storage water pipeline and the Tanunda to Gawler shared bicycle

and walking path" Nick Champion said.

"Round three will directly address feedback from communities by targeting \$50 million – in grants of between \$50,000 and \$500,000 – for projects in towns with a population of 30,000 or less.

Nick Champion said it was important for projects unsuccessful in the first two rounds of RDAF to persist.

"More than half of the 46 projects successful in the second round missed out in the first round – but they persisted and got their project up," Nick Champion said.

"I urge the Riverton community to keep working with the RDA Adelaide – because it's the committee that decides which Expressions of Interest (EOI) are selected as priority projects to proceed full applications." For further details of the remaining rounds, revised guidelines and to access an EOI form, visit:

<http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf.aspx>

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a safe and happy holiday season", Nick Champion MP.



For most of us, Christmas is a time of sharing, of love, of laughter, of gifts and of ourselves. For others, it

is a time of sadness, loved ones that are no longer with us, families far away, and loneliness or hard financial times. Find it in your heart to open the door to someone in need and invite them to share a part of the day or a meal with you and yours.

The Spirit of Christmas is giving, could you spare a small gift for someone who may wake up without or company to someone who may not have someone to care. Go ahead, do it and be blessed.

We wish each and every one of you a day to remember and cherish. Take photos, share stories of family and enjoy the company you are in.

Remember to stay safe, drive carefully and drink wisely over the Christmas and New Year season. You are important to your family and within your community.

Remain thankful for the people in your lives with whom you can share.

Merry Christmas.

CLOSING DATE
for next edition of GVNews
18th February 2013 Please get your articles to Julie by then please.
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