

Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues. Click here to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? Click here to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

02 February, Heading to work? Are you prepared for the risks and hazards on the road when riding your motorcycle?

Check out some safety tips and test your riding skills online with a virtual hazard test, <u>click here</u>.

And drivers, don't forget to check your blind spots especially when changing lanes and help motorcyclists ride to live.

There is also a great video from Transport for NSW about Motorcycle Lane Filtering, <u>click here</u>.

Please watch that as well as the one mentioned in this post. Keep safe!



02 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police appeal for information after teenage girl approached at Brooklyn

POLICE are appealing for information after a teenage girl was approached by a man at Hawkesbury River railway station at Brooklyn. Police said the 15-year-old girl was waiting for a train about 1.20pm on January 22 when she was approached by the man, who spoke to her inappropriately, causing her to fear for her safety. The teenager moved to another section of the platform and boarded a southbound train, alighting at Hornsby, where she observed the same man leaving the station. The incident was reported to police on Friday, January 30.

Detectives from Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command are investigating the incident and want to speak to the man who is aged 20 to 30 years, has a caucasian appearance, is tall, with a thin build and short, sandy-coloured hair. Police are urging anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Police are also encouraging parents to discuss "safe people, safe places― messages with their children, including:

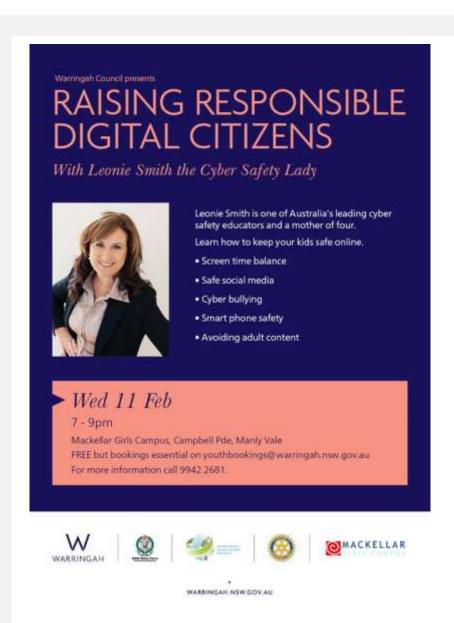
- Make sure your parents or another adult knows where you are at all times;
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- Know where safe places are â€" a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these

- places and ask them to call the police;
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help â€"
 police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust;
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop;
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared; and
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, â€~Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Click here for link to the article.

01 February, from our neighbouring Northern Beaches command: CYBER SAFETY NIGHT...DO NOT MISS OUT!

Northern Beaches Police are running another Cyber Safety evening on Wednesday 11th February at 7-9pm at Mackellar Girls Campus Manly Vale. If you are a parent of a young person this information is imperative for you. Make sure you do not miss. Book early to confirm your seat!!!!



01 February, from neighbouring North Shore command and News Local: Stolen mail emerges as new currency to obtain drugs

STOLEN mail has emerged as a new currency in the drug world with dealers accepting mail in exchange for hits. Police say addicts are targeting lower north shore unit blocks in a desperate search for valuable letters that can be used for identity theft or credit card fraud. "lt's mostly the high density buildings they are hitting where they can get 20 to 30 mailboxes,― Senior Constable Michael Adams from North Sydney Police's Proactive Crime Team said.

Click here for full article.



CCTV footage shows a man rifling through apartment building mailboxes looking for cheques, credit cards and banking documents.

30 January: Police from Chifley Local Area Command are appealing for information to locate a man wanted by virtue of outstanding warrants.

Paul Vautin, aged 32, is currently wanted on warrants for the offences of larceny and drug supply. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 182cm tall, with a medium build, and has brown hair and brown eyes. He also has several tattoos including the word "CASSIE― on his left forearm.

Anyone who sees Paul is urged not to approach him, but instead to **contact police immediately via Triple Zero (000)**. Alternatively, anyone who has information about his whereabouts can call **Bathurst Police Station on (02) 6332-8699 or via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



29 January: Advice on the security of belongings

A reminder on avoiding making yourself a potential victim of crime by remaining vigilant over your personal belongings.

* When shopping keep wallets and purses secure and closed. Remember not to leave them in an open purse or bag on a shopping trolley, this will assist to prevent their theft while you are distracted going about your business.



It is equally important not to invite thieves into your vehicles.

These little hints assist making your property more secure and crime more difficult for criminals to commit. It assists lowering the chance of you becoming a victim of crime and keeps the Kuring Gai Command a safer environment.

28 January, from Polair, the NSW Police Force Airwing: <u>Click here</u> for a video showing a winch operation which occurred Australia Day in The Royal National Park, near Heathcote. (The person in the video has given their permission for this video to be used.)

Think before you **TREK** promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- **T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- **E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) are available free of charge from NSW Police Force (in the Blue Mountains) and NPWS.
- **K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

28 January, from the Daily Telegraph: Pair's lucky escape after car bursts into flames on M1 motorway at Mt Kuring-gai

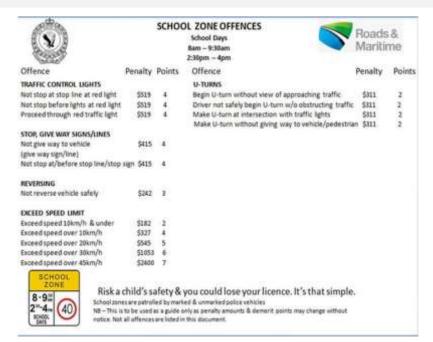
TWO people had a lucky escape after their car slid into the path of a truck before it burst into flames on the M1 motorway at Mt Kuring-gai early this morning. Police said the Toyota RAV4 was travelling northbound in heavy rain about 1.45am when it hit a pool of water, causing it to aquaplane. The vehicle slid and hit the rock wall, then did a 360 degree spin before stopping in the path of the Kenworth truck. The truck braked heavily but hit the rear of the RAV4. Two occupants quickly escaped the vehicle before it burst into flames. The driver, a 26-year-old woman, and a passenger were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with whiplash. The 51-year-old truck driver was unhurt.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention office Paul Cleary said the pair were very lucky and he urged motorists to reduce speed in the wet weather. "Normally in wet weather it's 10km/h off the prevailing speed but as the conditions, visibility and road surface deteriorate consider knocking 20km/h or 30km/h off or more,― he said.

Click here for link to the article.

28 January: Canyon Safety & Code of Ethics. <u>Click here</u> to view video with bushwalking & hiking tips.

27 January, from Quakers Hill command: School is back!!! Please look after our children by driving safely around schools.



[Ctrl and <+> to enlarge, then Ctrl and <-> to shrink back!]



NSW Fire & Rescue have confirmed they will be there! Who doesn't like climbing on a fire truck?



Crime Prevention & Community Safety Day 9am - 1pm Sunday 15 February 2015 Toolang Oval, cnr Toolang Rd & Warrimoo Av, St Ives

(If it rains, will be postponed. Fingers crossed!)

Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC), with the help of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), invite you to a special Crime Prevention and Community Safety Day at Toolang Oval

Want to stay aware of any crime in St Ives and the Ku-ring-gai area ? Looking to make your home and family more safe and secure ?

This is your opportunity to find out how crime is tackled and prevented in your local area. And in 2015, everyone needs to know more about safety!

This is your chance to see first-hand all the fantastic services we rely upon to minimise crime and help us to keep safe. Meet your local Police, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, NSW Fire and Rescue, State Emergency Services, Rural Fire Service and St John Ambulance. They will be on hand to discuss any fire and emergency issues, medical emergencies, graffiti prevention, etc. We also hope to have some other great St Ives associations along, such as Rotary, Lions and The Shed

Lots of FREE give-aways for everyonel

There may even be a delicious sausage sizzle, weather permitting.

Please turn the page to learn more about how to get important up-to-date crime & safety reports through email or Facebook.











From ABC.NET.AU, 01 February: Older drivers need to consider 'retiring' to other forms of transport, research says

Older people should be encouraged to use public transport and other methods of getting around before they have to give up their driver's licence, research from the Monash University Accident Research Centre has found. Australia will see an "explosion" in the number of drivers over the age of 65, making up 20 per cent of the people on the road by 2040. Right now, about 70 per cent of older people use their car as their sole form of transport. Only about 22 per cent walk or use public transport. Others do not walk because of fears about traffic and personal security.

Click here for full article.



Thanks to KidSafe Victoria.

From Yahoo 7 News, 31 January: Govt app to help reduce shark attacks

A new shark safety app will help NSW beach-goers know when it's safe to go back in the water. The **SharkSmart app**, launched on Saturday by the NSW government, provides basic information on sharks and how to identify and avoid them.

Tips include keeping out of the water during twilight or darkness and avoiding areas popular with diving seabirds. Meanwhile, a map page helps direct users to beaches protected by shark nets.

Click here for full article.

From Infasecure, 30 January: How to fix twisted straps (without losing your mind).

Twisted straps may look innocent enough, and it can be hair-pullingly frustrating having to untwist them $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ but in an accident they can cause significant injury to your child. A flat shoulder strap spreads the load of an accident evenly across the point of contact with your child. This reduces the forces applied to their shoulders and chest. A twisted shoulder strap concentrates those forces over a smaller area. This increases the stress applied to your child $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ shoulders and chest, which can cause injury. Think about how painful a heavy plastic shopping bag can be on your hand $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ it $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ s the same kind of thing.

Click here to view video.



From Cabramatta command, 31 January: Have you seen this person?



NSW Police most wanted - more information, click here.

Hakan AYIK

DOB:31/01/1979 Male

Build:Muscular Eyes:Brown

Hair:Black

Height:175cm to 180cm

Appearance:Middle Eastern / Mediterranean

Skin Tone:Olive complexion

Wanted For: Supply of large commercial quantities of drugs.

Never approach, contact or attempt to apprehend a wanted person. If you sight or are aware of the whereabouts of a wanted person you should telephone: **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000, Triple Zero (000)** or your local police station.

Alternatively you can report online. (You can report anonymously)

From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: How to prepare your child to walk or bike ride safely to school and back

It is that time of the year when our children are back to school. In some cases walking or riding a bike is the best option to get to school. While this can be fun for your child, you still have to feel assured they are safe while doing it. If you are allowing your children to walk or ride to and from school then here are a few quick tips to help keep them safe.

- Choose the safest route possible. It is a great idea to practice riding or
 walking to school with your child. While on the practice run look out for the
 hazard spots and then decide which would be the safest route for your child
 to take.
- Teach your child to only cross at intersections. Show your child the
 intersections to cross at and to always look both ways before crossing.
 Make sure they always use a pedestrian crossing as a priority point to cross
 any road.
- Arrange for your child to walk with a buddy or as part of an organised walking school bus. It can be fun to walk with a friend, or with an organised walking school bus. It also helps everyone feel more safe.
- **Never get into a stranger's car.** Make sure you advise your child to never talk to strangers and never get into a stranger's car.
- Always obey traffic signs and lights. Traffic lights are there to keep you safe.
- Reassure your child daily. Discuss the route your child will take to school daily. This allows your child to have a clear understanding of what is happening for his/her trip to and from school.
- Have a family password. As a family decide on a secret word, that is only
 known by your family and is easy to remember. If plans change and a friend
 was to pick up your child, then they would need to disclose the family

password before your child went with them. This allows your child to feel safe with the new arrangements.

For information on our local Community and Road Education Centre (C.A.R.E.S.) facility (provides road safety education for Years 5 & 6), <u>click here</u>.

From Budget Direct: Safety for Seniors at Home

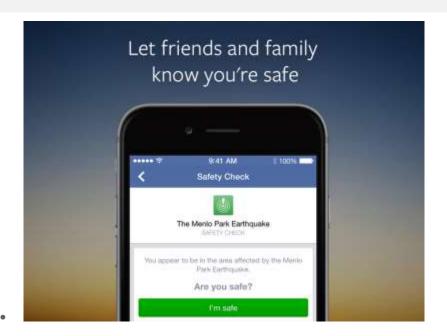
Here are some most common safety issues that affect mature-aged homeowners, along with some handy tips to improve household safety. Including; Home Security, Fire Safety, Preparing for Storm Season, Gas & Electric Safety, Medical Emergencies, and 'Beware of Dubious Doorknockers, Online Scams and Phone Intimidators'.

Click here for full advice.

FACEBOOK SAFETY CHECK

How It Works - If you're near a natural disaster, you can tell friends if you're safe and check to see whether they're safe, too.

- If it looks like you may be near a natural disaster, we'll ask whether you're safe
- If you're OK, click or tap the "I'm Safe" button to let friends and loved ones know straight away.
- We'll let you know when friends say that they're safe. You can also check a list of friends who may be affected by the disaster.



WARRAWEE

School to be investigated

THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Knox Grammar and the 1986-87. Uniting Church in Australia between 1970 and 2012.

towards students at Knox.

In 2010, former teacher

Craig Treloar was jailed for two years for sex offences Child Abuse will next month against boys, aged 11 to 13, begin a hearing involving who attended Knox in

The commission will investigate the systems in It relates to concerns place at Knox in relation to about inappropriate con-raising and responding to duct by a number of teachers concerns about child sexual abuse. The hearings begin in Sydney on February 23.

HORNSBY ADVOCATE, Thursday, January 29, 2015

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Congratulations to Carroll Howe, our Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch coordinator and Volunteer in Policing at Kuring Gai Local Area Command, on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Ku-ring-gai.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 29 January: Caring servant rewarded for services to community

HORNSBY'S **Carroll Howe** was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Ku-ring-gai. Ms Howe has been the chairwoman of the Ku-ringgai Police and Community Safety Committee since 2003 and was the secretary for 17 years before that. She was the area director of Zonta International's NSW branch from 2012-2014, and has been the president and secretary of the Zonta Club of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai since 1997. Zonta advances the status of women through service and advocacy. She is the co-ordinator of the Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminars, a task she has had since 2006. Other service includes being a member of Hornsby and Region Community Drug Action Team from 2006-2012 and area co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch for the Gordon area since 1994, which she served as secretary for eight years. She has also volunteered at the Ku-ring-gai Police Local Area Command since 2011. Ms Howe was a member of Hornsby's Homelessness Task Force, which helps to care for homeless people living on the streets.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 29 January:

HORNSBY A stolen car 3 allegedly reached 175km/h during a police pursuit on the M1 motorway from Mooney Mooney to Hornsby on Sunday. Traffic and Highway Patrol officers were patrolling the motorway about 7.50am when they noticed a white Toyota station wagon allegedly travelling at high speed. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and a pursuit began, during which the vehicle allegedly reached speeds of 175km/h in a 110km/h zone. Police used road spikes to stop the vehicle on Pennant Hills Rd. A 20year-old man has been charged with not stopping when directed to by police, exceeding the speed limit. driving with a suspended licence, stealing a motor vehicle and custody of a knife in a public place. He is to appear at Burwood Local Court

on February 5.

School were targeted by vandals during the holidays. Police said a pink texta was used to scrawl illegible letters. Police found a bong and alcohol cans in the vicinity.

Police are investigating an attempted dog poisoning at Berowra Heights on Sunday night. The dog's owner's heard it barking about 8.30pm and found it with a satchel of Ratsak in its mouth. They immediately took the dog, a Shiba Inu, to the vet, where it was given the all clear. Police conducted a doorknock of nearby homes and investigations are continuing.

From UK Cop Humour: UKCK Top Tip #54:

â€[™]If youâ€[™]re being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then on to a little seesaw, then jump through a hoop of fire. Theyâ€[™]re trained for that.â€[™]

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 11 February: 'Raising Responsible Digital Citizens', Leonie Smith. 7-9pm Mackellar Girls Campus, Campbell Pde, Manly Vale. FREE. Bookings essential. Ph: 9942 2681.

Sunday 15 February: Community Crime Prevention & Safety Day at Toolang Oval, St Ives. 9am-1pm. SES, St John, Police, NHW, Graffiti Removal, Rotary, etc. FREE give-aways! Sos sizzle.

Thursday 19 February: FREE Neighbourhood Watch Information Day, 9am-4pm, NSW Teachers Federation Building, 37 Reservoir Street, Surrey Hills. Lunch provided. Registration necessary.

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival. NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall there!

Tuesday 24 March: Our CPO is giving a Crime Prevention seminar with Ku-ringgai Council as part of Seniors Week: Beat the Crims! One in, All in - Cops & Community! from 10-12

Monday 31 March 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Sunday 04 May: 10-3pm St Ives Festival on the Green.

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW & Ku-ring-gai Council.

BEROWRA WATERS FERRY Berowra Waters Rd at Bay Rd

SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE

Date: Tue 10 Feb 2015 - Tue 10 Feb 2015

Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (midday to 2:30pm) Both directions closed

Advice: Use diversions
Allow extra travel time

GORDON Pacific Hwy between Merriwa St and Ryde Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Tue 3 Feb 2015 - Thu 12 Feb 2015 Date:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Impact:

Tue to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Reduce speed Advice:

Exercise caution

Other Info: Road work requiring two night shifts to complete.

Lindfield, Tryon Road: Heavy patching works completed prior to resurfacing scheduled for January 2015.

Pymble Alma Street Reconstruction works scheduled for mid-January 2015.

ROSEVILLE CHASE Babbage Rd at Clive St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Sun 8 Feb 2015 - Sun 15 Feb 2015 Date:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Impact:

Sun to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Reduce speed Advice: Exercise caution

Road work requiring one night shift to complete. There will be no work on

Other Saturday.

Info:

TURRAMURRA Pacific Hwy between Cherry St and Post Office St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 8 Feb 2015 - Thu 19 Feb 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week Impact:

Sun to Fri (11pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time Exercise caution

There will be a contra flow in place.

Other Info: Southbound lanes will be closed.

Southbound motorists will travel in a northbound lane.

TURRAMURRA Pacific Hwy between Rohini St and Warrangi St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 2 Feb 2015 - Tue 17 Feb 2015

2 of 3 southbound lane(s) closed.

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Advice: Exercise caution Check signage

Other Info: Night concreting works will close 2 of 3 southbound lanes.

TURRAMURRA Pacific Hwy between Womerah St and Warrangi St SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 2 Feb 2015 - Mon 9 Feb 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Mon (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed Exercise caution

Road work requiring one night shift to complete. There will be no work

Other Info: on Saturday.

Buckra Street

Turramurra (between Charlton Avenue

and Merrivale Lane)

Shoulder construction completed prior to road resurfacing (yet to be scheduled).

Canberra Avenue A temporary surface will be laid with final

surfacing scheduled for early 2015.

Nambucca Avenue Reconstruction of the road pavement is

scheduled for early 2015.

TURRAMURRA Pacific Hwy between Womerah St and Bobbin Head Rd SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 8 Feb 2015 - Sun 15 Feb 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed

Exercise caution

Other Road work requiring one night shift to complete. There will be no work on

Info: Saturday.

WARRAWEE Pacific Hwy Eastern Service Rd between Gilda Ave and Myall

Ave

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sat 31 Jan 2015 - Sat 28 Feb 2015

2 of 3 southbound lane(s) closed.

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Sat (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected Sun (10.30pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Advice: Exercise caution

Check signage

Other Info: Sydney Water night works will close 2 of 3 lanes southbound.

West Pymble Lord Street Lowering of utility services prior to road reconstruction in Lorung 2015

in January 2015.

Wallalong Shoulder construction and adjustment of driveways

Crescent completed prior to resurfacing in early 2015.

Click here, for Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks information.

Click here for Live Traffic NSW website.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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Our mailing address is:

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