

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 NSW Police Force Kuring-gai 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.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page <u>click here</u> (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? <u>Click here</u> to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. **To subscribe**, <u>click here</u>.

07 March: Here's some weekend crime stats from 04 to 07 March.

Note several of the steal from motor vehicle incidents involved cars that were NOT locked and had property clearly visible. A laptop on a seat in an unlocked car!

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	
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ASQUITH					
BEROWRA		2	- 1		
BROOKLYN					
COWAN					
Dural					
GALSTON					
GLENORIE					
GORDON					
HORNSBY	3	1	3	1	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS					
KILLARA	2		1		
MTCOLAH					
MT KURING GAI					
NORMANHURST					
PYMBLE					
STIVES		1			
THORNLEIGH				1	
TURRAMURRA	2			1	
WAHROONGA	1		1	3	
WAITARA					
WARRAWEE				1	
WESTPYMBLE					
WESTLEIGH	1				
Date range	4/3 to 7/3				
Other	Hornsby Stolen vehicle				
	St Ives Chase minor fire at School				
	Waitara Drugs				

Berowra: 2 Malicious Damage, 1 Stealing

Hornsby: 3 Break & Enter (B&E), 1 Mal Dam, 3 Stealing, 1 Steal from Motor

Vehicle, 1 Stolen Vehicle **Killara:** 2 B&E, 1 Stealing

St Ives: 1 Mal Dam

St Ives Chase: 1 Minor Fire at School **Thornleigh**: 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle

Turramurra: 2 B&E, 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle

Wahroonga: 1 B&E, 1 Stealing, 3 Steal from Motor Vehicle

Waitara: Drugs

Warrawee: 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle

Westleigh: 1 B&E

07 March, from neighbouring Northern Beaches command: Have you seen this bike?

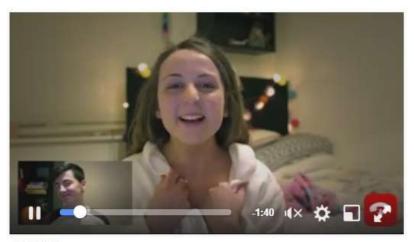
It was stolen from a unit block in Narrabeen last week. It is a Giant Brand

silver/grey mountain bike. If you spot this bike, please call Dee Why police and quote reference: **E60662848**.



04 March, a video from Webwise Ireland [click on the image]: A reminder to be safe on line... posting some images on social media or other telecommunications devices can be life changing... not for the better. Don't learn the hard way ... be safe while on line.

If someone takes a photo of themselves exposing themselves and are under the age of 16 it is a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1900 No 40 Part 3 Division 15A Section 91H. The Offence is 'a person who produces, disseminates or possesses child abuse material is guilty of an offence'.



432,298 Views

Webwise Ireland

February 13 at 1:34am - 🚱

i Like Page

Some things last forever... others don't.

ICYMI: For Safer Internet Day 2016 we created a new video for teens with a very important message. Give it a watch!

04 March from the Australian Federal Police: Australian Federal Police, Hobart Office have received a number of calls in the last 24 hours regarding an email that is currently circulating. Under no circumstances do the Australian Federal Police make initial contact with members of the public in this way. If you receive an email of this nature - please disregard.



The Australian Federal Police is a progressive and multi-faceted law enforcement organisation taking a strong lead in the fight against 21st century crime.

You've received a subpoena

You were invited to the court of law by the judge because of offense against the law.

Case: #38010539 Date: 01/03/2016

Please contact nearest police office or view case notices.

Save case

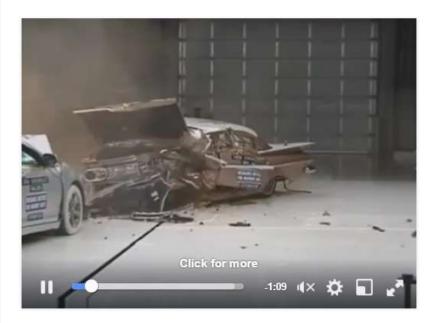
You must provide all the necessary information to the Court within 19 days, starting from the time at which this message was received. If the information is not provided, the court can take place without your participation.

The nature of the AFP and what is required of it, has changed significantly in recent years. The AFP has responded to a rapidly changing environment and this has required a greater focus on national and international operations. The new challenges the AFP bases include counter terrorism, human trafficking and sexual servifude, cybercrime, peace operations, protection and other transmational crimes.

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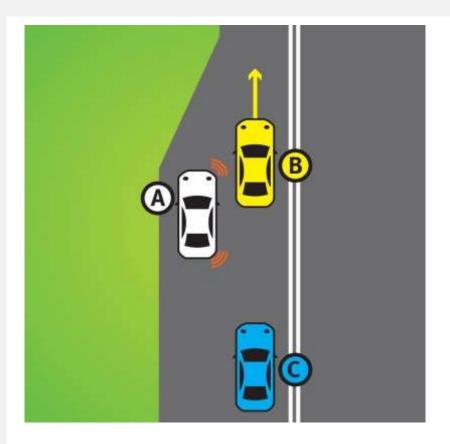
04 March, a video from Prestige Motorsports [click on the image]: CRASH TEST -- 1959 Chev Belair VS 2009 Chev Malibu

Ever wondered the difference that 50 years of safety improvements make? Watch and see... note what happens to the interior space in both cars and why airbags are lifesavers.



02 March, from NRMA: TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle A on a multi-lane road. The road changes from multi-lane to single lane and you need to merge with other traffic. There are no lane markings.

- a) Both vehicle B and C have to give way to you
- b) You have to give way to both vehicle B and C because they are on your right
- c) You should give way to vehicle B because it is travelling ahead of you and vehicle C should give way to you because you are travelling ahead of it.



TEST TIME ANSWER: The answer is that vehicle A must give way to vehicle B and Vehicle C must give way to Vehicle A. When lines of traffic merge where there are no lane lines to be crossed, a driver must give way to any vehicle ahead of them. This is often called a **zipper merge**. Check out this video on the subject. Safe driving!

01 March, from Marine Area Command: View our outstanding stolen vessels. Click on the image below, then click on each photo to view the details.



01 March, from Ninemsn: Massive spike in fake \$50 notes as counterfeiters up their game

Australia is awash with counterfeit banknotes, with new figures showing the amount of funny money in circulation has tripled over the last two years. Organised crime is believed to be behind the proliferation of paper, with some 33,000 fake 50s detected in 2014-15, according to a government report.



Spot the difference...The fake is on the bottom. [Click on image for article]

01 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Spotting a Facebook Scam [Click image for blog.]



01 March, from Assistant Commissioner Hartley speaking about Operation

Watchtower [edited]

"We know that the effects of alcohol are wide-ranging and impossible to avoid. After a big night out you may still have alcohol in your system the next day. With drug drivers, we know that cannabis slows down reactions and reduces abilities to respond to situations. The drug changes a person's perception of distance and time, lowers concentration, reduces coordination and can make you drowsy. Cannabis users often don't realise their driving is affected until they are faced with an unexpected situation. It is only after they in danger that they realise they are incapable of making a quick or correct decision,― Assistant Commissioner Hartley said.

The affects of alcohol can include:

- · Slows your brain so that you can't respond to situations, make decisions or react quickly,
- Â- Reduces your ability to judge how fast you are moving or your distance from other cars, people or objects,
- · Gives you a false sense of confidence you may take greater risks, thinking that your driving is better than it really is,
- · Makes it harder to do more than one thing at a time while you concentrate on steering, you could miss seeing traffic lights, cars entering from side streets or pedestrians.
- · Affects your sense of balance a big risk if you ride a motorcycle,
- · Makes you drowsy you could fall asleep at the wheel.

Illicit drugs, such as ecstasy or any form of amphetamine, can cause people to:

- Â. Believe you drive better than you actually can,
- Â. Drive aggressively and take more risks,
- Â. Be overstimulated and lose concentration,
- Â. Have blurry or limited vision,
- · See things on the road that aren't where you think they are.



Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) - next meeting date Wednesday 04 June 2016.

Further details for that meeting will be forwarded closer to the meeting date.

Facebook Closed Group - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN KU-RING-GAI AND HORNSBY [click on image]



This is group is for residents within the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby areas (roughly covered by the NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command). We all want to know more about what's going on regarding crime in our neighbourhood and learn the latest crime prevention advice. Please feel free to share in this group any information you think your friends or neighbours may be interested in, or better still, invite them to join the group.

DON'T MISS IT - MONDAY 21 MARCH 16 â€" 6:00pm FOR 6:30PM TILL 8:30PM â€" 29TH FREE SEMINAR "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS―

This FREE SEMINAR "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS― for parents and their young drivers, organised by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee will be held:

- On: MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016
- At: 6:00pm for 6:30pm till 8:00pm
- At: Gordon Library Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon [opposite the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers]

We do encourage parents together with their young drivers to attend as it means

they are both starting from the same communication point. Light Refreshments available.

Bookings essential. Please phone Carroll Howe, Chair, Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee, on **0405 558 660** or email carroll.howe@gmail.com asap to reserve seats.

An in depth seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS and YOUNG DRIVERS

Keynote Presenter – Jeff McDougall is the:

- Past President, Australian Driver Trainer's Association [NSW]
- Executive Committee Member of the Australasian College of Road Safety
- Former Managing Director of Trent Driving School and
- A member of the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee

Jeff has had 38 years of experience in the training and education of young drivers.

Jeff will discuss the Vital Aspects of **WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW** when teaching a young driver:

- A comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
- The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers
- Preparation for the Driving Test
- Keeping the Log Book Honest
- Teaching Practical Skills Safely
- The Components of Driving
- Strategies for Safe Driving
- Effective Partnerships
- Vital Information about the Current Licensing Test

Supporting Presenter: Snr Constable Lynda Hart will also give a presentation on her: "Passion for Keeping People Safe―

Lynda joined the Police Force in 1981 [35 years service]. She initially worked in the City for 3 years and was then based in the country for 17 years carrying out general duties. Lynda returned to the city in 2000 to join the PCYC and to work with youth programs. Lynda is now the School Liaison Officer and is constant contact with the schools in the Hornsby Kuring gai Area.



So popular last week, that we've included it again this week! Get your own copy here. Keep it at home for future reference.

Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for help producing this new flyer, "Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai". [For those living in Hornsby Shire Council area, don't be put off by the title, it's 99% applicable to you too - Ed]



February 29, from the Hornsby Advocate: Evidence given by local expert in elder abuse inquiry

A STATE Government inquiry into elder abuse, which is soon to conclude, has heard evidence from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital about what clinicians have seen.

Full article here.

Department of Human ServicesTaskforce Integrity

The taskforce identifies people who deliberately withhold or provide false information to claim welfare payments. The Australian Government launched Taskforce Integrity to detect and target geographic areas where data analysis

points to a higher risk of non-compliance and suspected welfare fraud.

"Please be assured that all tip offs from the public are assessed by specialist staff. The Privacy Act 1988, does not allow us to advise the provider of the tip off with information about any investigation activity. This does not mean the information has not been investigated."

You can report suspected fraud online here or by calling 131 524. Thanks again.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 29 February to Friday 08 April: Ku-ring-gai Council's Seniors Festival 2016. <u>Full program</u>.

Wednesday 09 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's FREE Helping Learner Drivers become Safe Drivers workshop. 630-830pm @ Council Chambers. **Book: 9424 0798**.

Sunday 13 March: FREE Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Public Meeting - Arcadia. 930-1130am @ Arcadia Public School

Thursday 17 March: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. **Book 9768 0723.**

Sunday 20 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. <u>Info. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> **Monday 21 March:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

Sunday 27 March: Neighbour Day

Thursday 31 March: FREE Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Public Meeting - Westleigh. 530-730pm @ Westleigh Rural Fire Service, 12 Warrigal Dr, Westleigh

Monday 04 April: Turramurra NHW meeting at 8pm at Turramurra Uniting Church

Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016: Seniors Week Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016: Youth Week

Friday 08 April: FREE Cyber Safety for Seniors. Presentation by S/C Paul Cleary. 1030am @ Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St Entry via Hunter Lane,

Hornsby. Phone: 9847 6614

Sunday 01 May: Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - <u>volunteers needed please</u> [and ice-skating!]

Wednesday 04 May: All Areas NHW meeting 6pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. <u>Info</u>.

Monday 20 June: KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660**.

Monday 19 September: KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

From the Hornsby Advocate, 03 March: Residents win battle for Galston Gorge

A NEW red light with its own camera will be installed at both ends of the Galston Gorge following a community campaign. After a public backlash against drivers of oversized vehicles using Galston Gorge, Roads and Maritime Services is accelerating plans to fix the brooding issue.

Full article here.

Workshop for senior drivers

 Clearway will present an innovative driversover-the-age-of-85 workshop on Thursday, March 17. Running from 9am - 2.30pm at Kuring-gai Council Chambers, it will provide an interactive, educational training program for senior drivers who will be required to take their driving test this year. Tickets are available for \$60 which includes a 30 minute pre-workshop incar review, the workshop, morning tea and lunch. Bookings are essential, visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/ seniorsfestival for more.

Pedestrians targeted

In 2014 there were
1595 pedestrian
casualties in NSW.
Distracted? is the name of
a pedestrian safety
campaign, a joint
initiative of 10 Northern
Sydney Councils, in
conjunction with Roads &
Maritime Services. The
campaign includes print
advertising, face-to-face
promotions and outdoor
advertising.

HORNSBY

Police would like to speak to a man who adjusted a CCTV camera before punching a building, About 12,43am on Monday a man described from CCTV images as caucasian, slim, about 175cm tall, with a shaved head wearing a white jumper with black sports pants was seen approaching glass sliding doors of the Madison building on Hunter Lane. The man adjusted the angle of the CCTV camera and appears to strike out at the glass door. He was then seen to punch the intercom system on the wall before walking away. The automatic doors now only open manually. A man of similar description is a suspect for a break and enter offence committed in Hornsby CBD shortly after this incident.

ASOUITH

Police were called to Wall Ave about 1am on Saturday for a noise complaint. While driving to the location they were flagged down by a 19-year-old man who had his thumb out asking for a ride home. Police said they were not a taxi service but he demanded they take him home as it was "their job", he allegedly said. Police told the man he should call a taxi and he then started swearing at police. He was advised swearing in public is an offence and he walked away but continued swearing. Police gave him a fine for offensive language and then continued to the noise complaint.

HORNSBY

A glass panel near the Kmart entrance to Westfield Hornsby was kicked in at about 3.30pm on Sunday. Police will review the CCTV footage and may have a suspect. About a \$1000 damage was done to the 3m tall door.

GALSTON

A handbag, the contents of a wallet and a mobile phone were stolen from a Toyota Kluger parked on Galston Rd between 6am and 7am on Wednesday. A window was smashed to get the goods and a visa card that was taken had three transactions made on it. Police and the bank are investigating the incident. Anyone with information about the theft should phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

NORMANHURST

A home on Osborn Rd was ransacked, a passport and \$500 worth of jewellery was stolen after burglars removed a flyscreen and forced open a window between 7.15am and 3.45pm on Monday.
Cupboards and draws were upturned and items were strewn all over the bedrooms.

HORNSBY

A third floor unit was broken into on Linda St between 11am and 4.30pm on Monday. A laptop and a tablet worth \$1100 were stolen. A key that was hidden outside the unit so a child could access the unit after school is missing.

BEROWRA

\$1500 worth of motorcycle protective gear and clothing was taken from a Holden Commodore stationwagon that had its passenger window smashed at Berowra Waters carpark between 5.30pm on Tuesday and 6.50am on Wednesday.

BEROWRA

A phone charger and car speakers were stolen from a Subaru parked at Berowra Waters marina between midnight and 7am on Wednesday. The car had its window smashed and some cash was taken. Witnesses should phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

HORNSBY

A woman and her two children were seen scooping coins out of the Hornsby Fountain at Hornsby Mall on Friday about 3pm. They were using sticks to move the coins closer to the edge and then taking the money to a busker who was performing in the mall.

From Hornsby Shire Council:

Mobile phones driving pedestrians to distraction, and danger [edited]

7 Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Head up. Phone down
- Don't walk and text
- Be especially aware in heavily trafficked areas
- If you do need to text, move to one side of the footpath, stop, then text
- Always use pedestrian crossings, if available
- Never assume an approaching driver can see you or will stop
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb.

Full Media Release here.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Public Meeting - Arcadia

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Plan is currently being updated and we would like to hear your input. Join us at our BBQ and view the plan and maps, and take the opportunity to talk to members of the Committee. For more information about the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Plan visit Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee website

• Date: Sunday 13 March

Venue: Arcadia Public SchoolLocation: 140 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia

• Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost: Free



From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire'

Tip #2: BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA. Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 300 333 000.

Tip #9: MAINTAIN ADEQUATE LEVELS OF HOME AND CONTENTS INSURANCE. If you underestimate the value of your property, any payout may be reduced accordingly.

Tip #11: â€~VANDALISM-MOTIVATED ARSON' IS A SPONTANEOUS CATEGORY INVOLVING PEER PRESSURE. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

Tip #12: BE ALERT TO ANY THREAT CONCERNING FIRES. If a person threatens to set a fire, the threat should be taken very seriously. Contact Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799.

Tip #20: DOWNLOAD THE â€~Fires Near Me' App FOR UPDATED INFORMATION FROM THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE. CONSIDER THE â€~Emergency+' App FOR YOUR GPS AT ALL TIMES.

Email us for your own copy of this or any other document.

From the North Shore Times, 04 March:

Day guilty on tanker flip charge

Sophie Tarr, AAP

A SYDNEY truck driver acquitted of dangerous driving over a fiery crash that killed a Turramurra man and his passenger has now been found guilty of negligent driving occasioning death.

Shane Anthony Day was cleared by a jury on February 19 of dangerous driving occasioning death and grievous bodily harm over the 2013 incident, in which Day's fuel tanker flipped, crashed into several cars and burst into flames in Mona Vale.

On Wednesday, however, Sydney District Court Judge Leonie Flannery found the former Cootes driver guilty of the lesser charge.

Judge Flannery said she was satisfied Day had been driving too fast and had ignored a sign warning truck drivers to use a low gear while travelling down Mona Vale Rd in October 2013.

Peter Wem, 73, from Turramurra, and his passenger Graham Holtfreter, 71, died.

Judge Flannery is expected to hand down her sentence today.

PUT THE CAT IN THE BAG

WHEN fleeing a bushfire or epic storm, experts recommend putting the cat in a pillowslip on your way out the door.

SES spokeswoman Heidi Groom said they frequently encounter people who don't own cages or cat carriers, or enough for multiple pets.

"There has been loss of life in some circumstances where people just won't leave without their animals," Ms Groom said.

The temporary pillowslip option also works for rabbits and guinea pigs, she said.

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website here.

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, click here. Apple, click here.

Thanks to the North Shore Times, 04 March:

Temporary Road Closures

Council has approved the temporary closures of Westbrook Avenue, Hampden Avenue, Cherrywood Avenue and Clissold Road, North Wahroonga on Sunday 13 March from 8am to 11am. The purpose of the closures is to allow Special Olympics Sydney Upper North Shore to conduct its annual community Kuringgai Chase Fun Run, Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

Thanks to Castle Hill command.



Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific 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

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

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:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby, NSW 2077 Australia

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