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# SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Well we have all survived another month of staying home and hasn't the time just flashed by. You no sooner bring the rubbish bins in then it's time to take them back out again. On the bright side, we may well be heading toward some form of normality if the infection rates continue to reduce which will be great especially if it means getting out and away from home more often - the winter months are now supposedly behind us and those few warm days that we have been treated with have been a great reprieve from the cold, not to mention a saving on the gas heating bill. Several other notable things occurred during August:

## 75th Anniversary of the End of World War Two (WWII)

The 15 August, Victory in the Pacific Day, commemorates Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender, made on 14 August 1945. For Australians, it meant that the Second World War was finally over.

Activities to mark the 75th anniversary of this day will recognise and thank living WWII veterans, acknowledge the service of all WWII veterans and explore Victoria's WWII history and stories.

Our secretary Paul has circulated some great emails on this that make very worthwhile reading.

**Wattle Day** is a day of celebration in Australia on the first day of September each year, which is the official start of the Australian spring. This is the time when many Acacia species (commonly called wattles in Australia), are in flower. So, people wear a sprig of the flowers and leaves to celebrate the day.

Although the national floral emblem of Australia is a particular species, named the golden wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*), any acacia can be worn to celebrate the day.

The day was originally intended to promote patriotism for the new nation of Australia:

**August 13th is Left-Handers' Day**, a day for left-handed people to forget about the right-handed world they live in.

Research suggests that between ten and twelve percent of the world's population is left-handed and even though being left handed might mean struggling with right-handed scissors from time-to-time, there are plenty of reasons being a lefty is pretty cool.

### *Left-hand leaders*

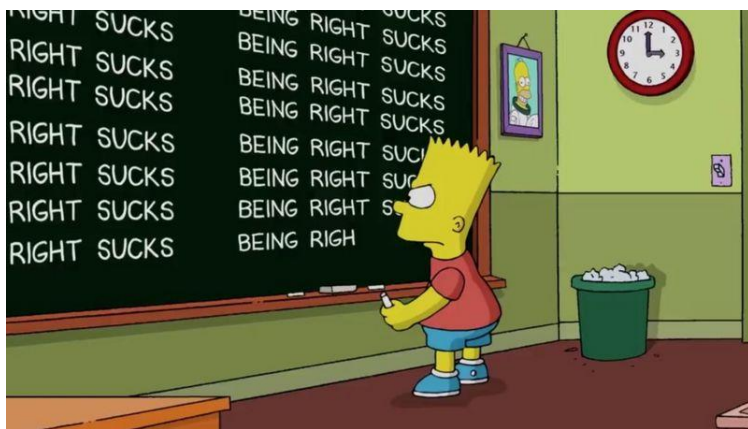
*Though left-handers make up a small percentage of the world's population, many have had very important jobs.*

*Several past US presidents have been left-handed, including Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.*

*In Britain, former prime minister David Cameron is left-handed, as was famous wartime PM, Winston Churchill.*

*Future King of the United Kingdom, Prince William is also left-handed.*

*William's great-grandfather George VI was naturally left-handed too, but his father George V forced him to write with his right hand.*



When left isn't right

Just like Prince William's great-grandfather George VI, it wasn't uncommon in the past for left-handers to be forced to use their right hand to do things.

Until recently in the UK left-handed people were historically forced as children to use their right hands for tasks where they would naturally use their left hand. This still happens in some countries now.

In many parts of the world, the left hand is considered unclean or rude to use. If you're left-handed and visiting places like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and the Middle East, it's thought of as rude behaviour to eat, pick up or hand over things with your left hand. Even language proves that left-handers get a bad rap.

In French, "gauche" can mean "left" or "clumsy". In English the word 'left' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'lyft', meaning 'weak'. "Right" also means "to be right".

Lefties accused of witchcraft!

So, as we know for many cultures, being left-handed is considered to be a bad thing and historically that's been the case too!

Left-handed people have been considered unlucky and even evil - the word "sinister" comes from the Latin word for left.

In Britain in the Middle Ages, lefties were associated with the devil and often accused of the crime of witchcraft, meaning they would get burned at the stake.

Thankfully, left-handers only have to worry about smudging their handwriting these days.

Some studies suggest more and more people are left-handed, but that's probably because it was previously seen as such a bad thing so people didn't admit to it.

## What's been happening



### Great celebration ....

someone has finally sent us an article for the newsletter telling us what he has been doing through this lockdown. Thanks to **Yuen Yoon** for these photos of his aeroplane that he has been constructing. The detailing is fantastic. Looks almost good enough to ride in.



a piper commanche  
45 inches wingspan



the highlight  
cockpit interior

and now for another... thanks to Greg for this article (especially as all I had to do was cut & paste).

## A Caravan Made at Men's Shed By Greg Pullen

Last October in the days before lockdowns I headed off to a Campervan and Motor Home Club of Australia Rally in Elmore Victoria.

On the home page of the clubs website it says that the Campervan and Motor Home Club of Australia Limited is the largest RV club in Australia. You can get more information about the club on their website at <https://www.cmca.net.au/> if you are interested.

The Elmore Rally was the 34<sup>th</sup> National Rally of the Club and there were around 900 vehicles and 1500 people from all over Australia attending. It was held at the Elmore Events Centre where the Elmore and District Machinery Field Days are held and the Elmore Equestrian Park and Colbinabbin Clay Target Club are located. The Field Day is an interesting activity in itself and you may be interested to read about it on their website at <https://www.elmorefielddays.com.au/> too.

Back to the rally and why it is of interest to Men's Shed. One day during the rally while I was wandering around I met Frank and commented on the interesting badge he was wearing. He said he had made it at Men's Shed and so a long conversation started about the wonders of Shed activities and life. His badge had been laser cut at his shed. The next thing he said was that he had also built his caravan at the shed.



Frank designed the caravan and then headed to a friend's engineering company and asked if they could make the chassis for him.

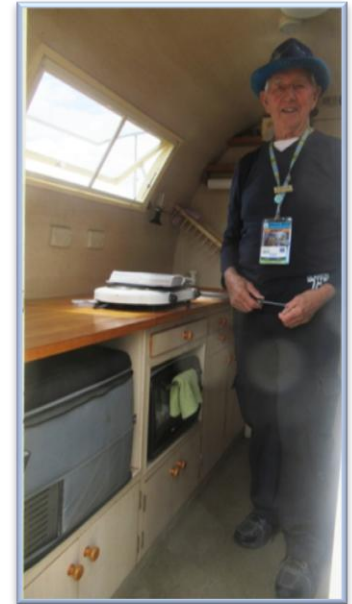
He explained how he had done everything else at the shed with a little help from his mates. It was fascinating to look through a photo album he had depicting the various stages of the construct; especially the photos showing how he shaped straight pieces of timber to create the oval contours for the frame.

As you look at the photos, if it is made of wood then Frank made it. The window sashes, door, internal cupboards, drawers and bed, he even turned the knobs himself.

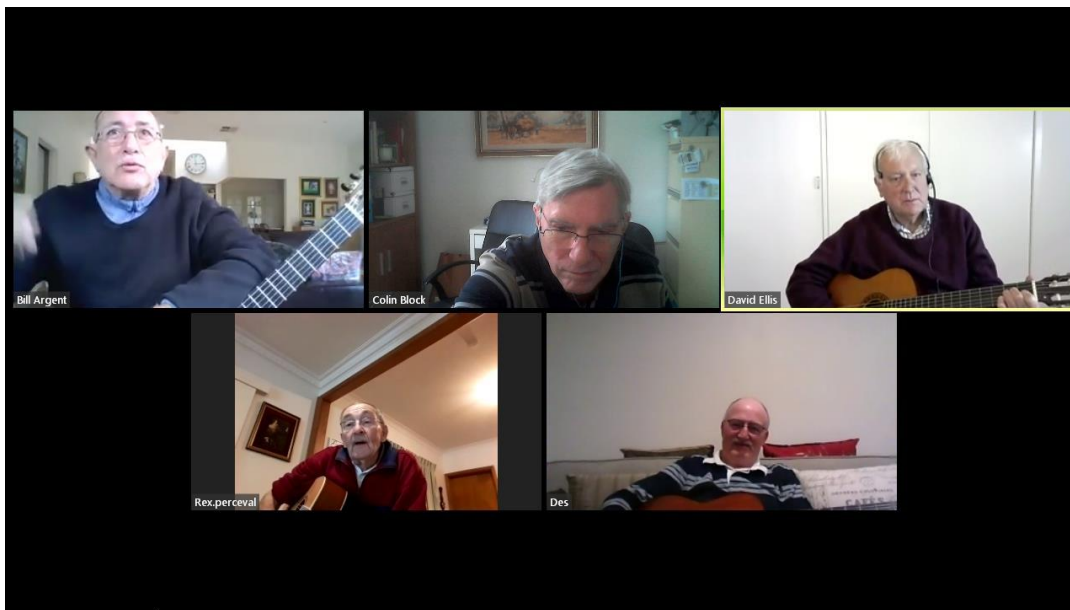
I found it all fascinating and chatted with him for hours.



Frank came from Grafton and the Grafton Men's Shed. He is currently travelling around the Northern Territory with a group of friends. He told me they are presently in Darwin and had intended to continue across the top to the west coast however they cannot get permission to enter Western Australia (you know why!!) so they will now head back to the north east coast and slowly work their way home over the next few months. When I spoke to Frank the other day about writing this article he said he would send me some of the construction photos when he could.



and yet another... thanks to Colin for this update on what the music group are up to.



Men's Shed guitar meets via Zoom on Mondays and Thursdays for between 1h30m to 2hr. We can share music sheets but can't all play at one time.

Cheers

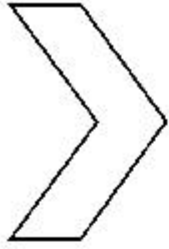
- Colin

**The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns**

**Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge**

## **'Thank you to Buxton Real Estate - Dingley Village'**

Once again we pass on our sheds appreciation to Nathan Arrowsmith from Buxton Real Estate for his continuing sponsorship of our shed. His generous donation has been used to purchase a 12 months subscription for a ZOOM connection which is being used to facilitate committee meetings. He will also contribute back to our shed any property listed for sale that has come from a shed member.



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I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx



# WHY YOU SHOULD WEAR FACEMASKS

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## THE URINE TEST



IF WE ALL RUN AROUND NAKED AND SOMEONE PEEES ON YOU, YOU GET WET RIGHT AWAY



IF YOU ARE WEARING PANTS, SOME PEE WILL GET THROUGH - BUT NOT AS MUCH, SO YOU ARE BETTER PROTECTED



IF THE GUY WHO PEEES ALSO IS WEARING PANTS, THE PEE STAYS WITH HIM AND YOU DO NOT GET WET.

A firefighter was working on the engine outside the station when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides & a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The girl was wearing a firefighter's helmet. The wagon was being pulled by her dog & her cat.

The fire fighter walked over to take a closer look. "That sure is a nice fire truck," the firefighter said with admiration.

"Thanks," the Girl replied.

The firefighter looked a little closer & noticed the girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar & to the cat's testicles.

"Little partner," the firefighter said "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster."

The little girl replied thoughtfully, "You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren."

## What's new at the workshop

The extension is almost complete with the roof having gone on and the front roller door installed. What a shame that we cannot be involved with the moving in until this stage 4 lockdown is withdrawn.



## What's news in the park

Hi all:

Please be advised that Parks Victoria has secured a number of Working for Victoria Teams which are funded through the State Government.

Many of these teams have been operation for a couple of months.

The South East Melbourne District has been allocated one of those teams.

The Team consists of a Supervisor and 5 team members.

There is 3 key Chief Ranger areas across the South East Melbourne District with Cardinia Sandbelt being one.

Cardinia Sandbelt have been allocated 2 months of the team from the 6 month engagement.

The first period commence for the whole team from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August for a month and again in November.

There will be many task's we'll be getting this team to help deliver that includes, planting, tree guard removal – recycling, road and trail maintenance, fence removal, fence construction, rabbit warren work, weed control etc.

There is a small budget allocation that will allow for the purchase of materials to assist with the delivery of the projects.

The Team will be based from Braeside and will be using the large shed in the Nursery as a daily meeting point.

There has been 2 vehicles provided although this may be upgraded to 3 due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

The staff are considered Parks Victoria Employee's and will be part of the local team whilst working in the local parkland area.

Once I have further details on the team I'll provide an update.

Kind regards. Des.

**Des Lucas** | Parks Victoria Ranger Team Leader, Sandbelt Parklands

## Who's on the sick list?



### **David Asprey**

Member 168

We received the very sad news from David Asprey that his wife passed away last Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. She died as she wanted in Chelsea Manor nursing home which had been her home for 5yrs+ with Alzheimer's Disease and passed away quite suddenly with what the doctor said "a tumour in every organ"

Please remember David at this very sad time.

David said that he stopped his Friday bike riding last spring when his own health took a turn for the worst having a Pacemaker/ Defibrillator fitted to both chambers.

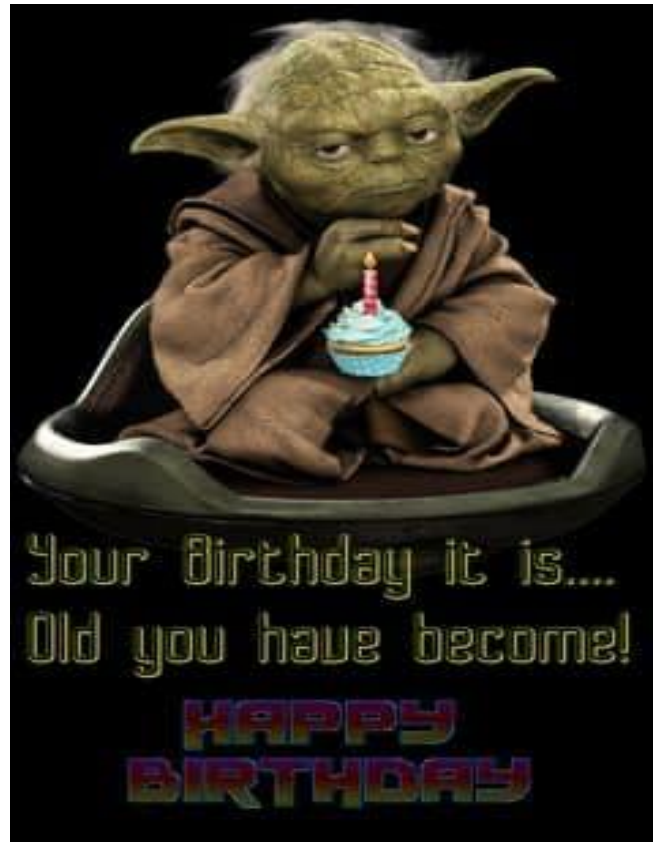
**And the cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good spit it out.**



## Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
249	Edward (Ted)	Williams	4
304	Robert (Bob)	Henderson	4
209	Peter	Tosh	5
35	John	Perry	6
139	John	Hallam	6
7	David	Madill	10
210	Gary	O'Mahony	10
13	Chris	Armstrong	11
279	John	Strauch	11
165	Phillip	Dodgson	12
134	Angus (Gus)	MacFarlane	19
227	Peter	McCarthy	20
109	Tony	Williams	24
6	John	Prestt	28
29	Peter	Grossman	29
37	Kel	Burgess	30

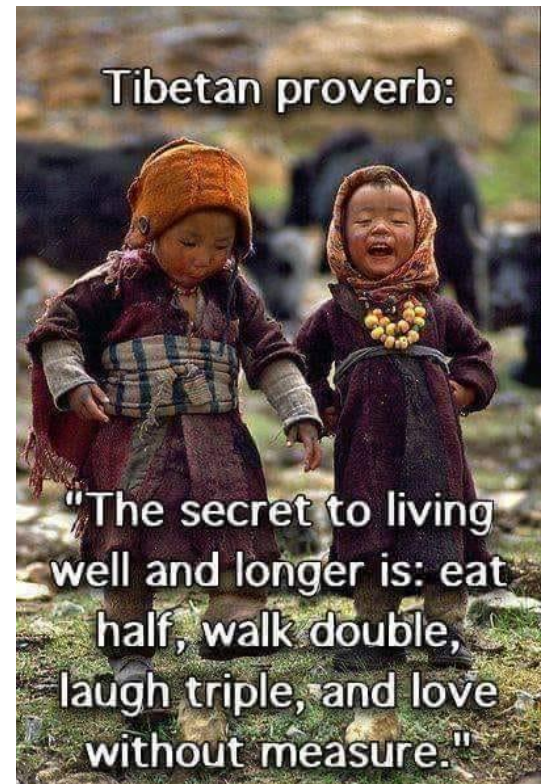
**Congratulations Gus on chalking up another year, you are still proudly our most senior statesman.**



**My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante**



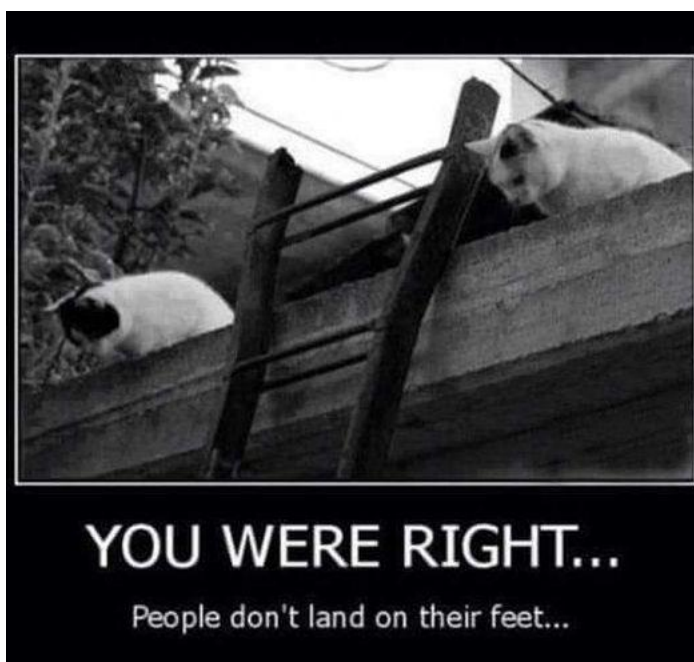
**BREAKING NEWS ! BOATLOAD OF VICTORIANS  
INTERCEPTED OFF INDONESIAN COASTLINE**

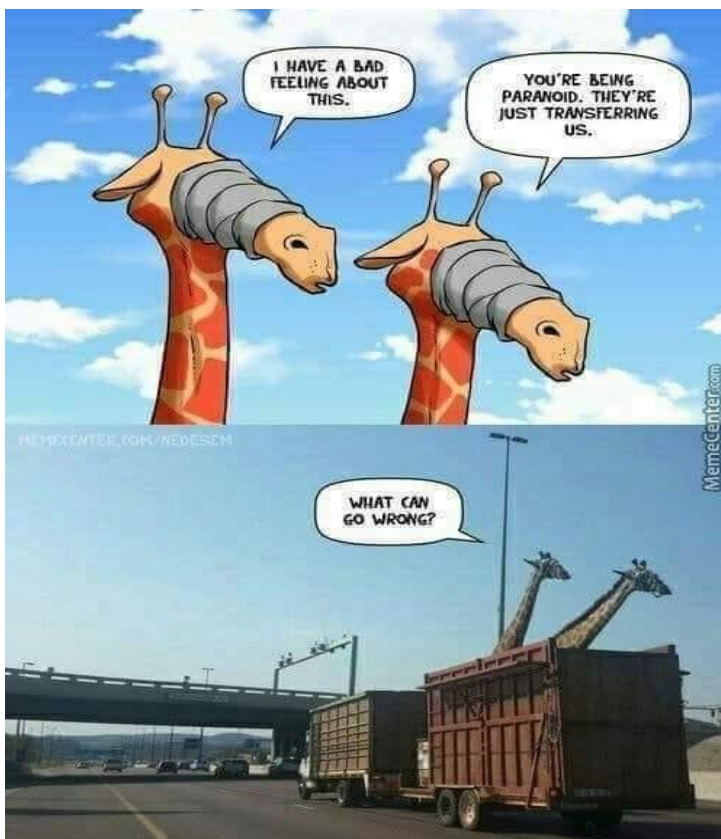
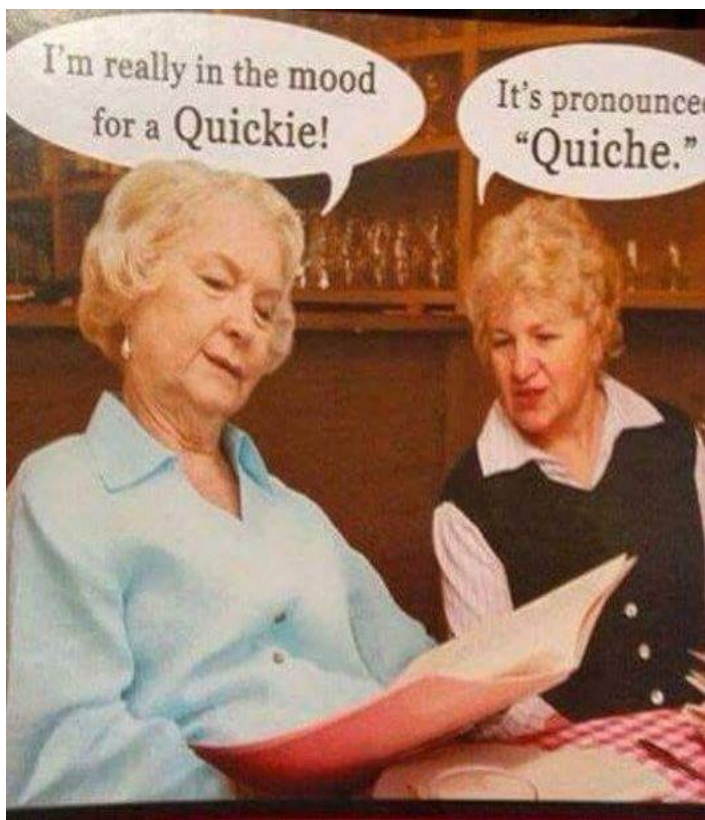




## **Where We Are At**

- > It Snowed Last Night
- > 8:00am - I made a snowman.
- > 8:10 - A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.
- > 8:15 - So, I made a snow woman as well.
- > 8:17 - My feminist neighbour complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere.
- > 8:20 - The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snow men instead.
- > 8:22 - A transgender man/woman/person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.
- > 8:25 - The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures.
- > 8:28 - I was being called a racist because the snow couple is white.
- > 8:31 - The Muslim gent across the road demanded the snow woman wear a burqa.
- > 8:40 - The Police arrived saying someone had been offended.
- > 8:42 - The feminist neighbour complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needed to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.
- > 8:43 - The council Equality Officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.
- > 8:45 - A TV news crew showed up. I was asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I replied "Snowballs" and am now called a sexist.
- > 9:00 - I was on the TV News as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobe, sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.
- > 9:10 - I was asked if I have any accomplices. My children were taken by social services.
- > 9:29 - Protesters offended by everything marched down the street demanding for me to be jailed.
- > Moral: There is no moral to this story. It is what we have become.





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