



## District Council of Mount Remarkable



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a busy and productive month. Continuing on with the strategic and collaborative relationships that Council has established in the past 12 months with our neighbouring Councils, I am pleased that at the September Council meeting Council resolved to sign the Flinders Alliance Memorandum of Understanding. Council CEOs and Mayors have been working very closely in the past 12 months to support each other, and where possible provide shared services to deliver not only increased efficiencies, but increased service provisions to the communities in which we serve. I thank the Flinders Ranges, Ororoo Carrieton, Northern Areas, Peterborough and Port Pirie Regional Councils.

September was a busy month for Council events and also through my capacities as the LEGTAUS Group Chairperson, as a member of Regional Development Australia

Yorke & Mid North Board and the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board (as well as Chair of Landscape's Aboriginal Engagement Committee). I am very excited to see The Bluff Lookout opening come together, and what an event. With over 80 guests from all over the state, the feedback thus far has been overwhelmingly positive. In conjunction with this, we had an opportunity to officially open then Melrose to Booleroo Centre Rail Trail, and the sod turning for the commencement of works for the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut Rail Trail. Council has been working on these strategic tourism projects for well over a decade, and I thank all who over this time have contributed to making our District diverse and sustainable for future generations.

We must however not forget our core role in infrastructure management, and I am so pleased that Council will soon be delivering a very comprehensive asset management plan.

### FISHING BAN

Together with the Mayor of Port Pirie, we met with Minister David Basham in relation to the fishing ban. Council is cognisant of the impacts this ban places on our coastal communities, and we appreciate the great support from the Port Pirie Regional Council in addressing this matter. The State Government have been very open with Council, and have included impacted Councils to participate in longer term solutions. We will keep advocating on this matter to get the best outcome for all, and one that is safe and sustainable.

*Phillip Heaslip*

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 19 October 4.30pm in the Council Chambers, Melrose.**

Community Question Time will be held at 4.00pm – 4.30pm. So that we manage the limited space available and to be COVID compliant, please register your interest to attend by emailing [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au) or telephone 86662014.

The agenda and minutes are available here: [Council Agenda and Minutes | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#). Printed copies of the agenda and minutes are available for viewing at the Administration Centre, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

### COUNCIL NEWS

Several members of the community availed the opportunity to ask questions of relevance at Community Question Time in September. The agenda of the September Ordinary meeting of Council contained ten decision reports, one confidential item and nine items of correspondence for noting. The decision reports that were deliberated on demonstrate the diverse nature of issues that your representatives make decisions for and on behalf of the community they serve:

- » Chief Executive Officer's Key Performance Indicators 2021/22
- » Mandatory & Discretionary Rate Rebates
- » Investment Review
- » Certification of Financial Statements
- » Request for road renaming
- » Request for Community Grant
- » Flinders Mobile Library Agreement
- » Port Germein Caravan Park
- » LEGATUS Charter
- » Flinders Alliance Memorandum of Understanding
- » Organisational Resources and Structure (confidential item)

# COUNCIL





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## THE BLUFF LOOKOUT

On Friday 17 September The Bluff Lookout was officially opened by Mayor Phillip Heaslip, the Hon David Speirs MP (Minister for Environment & Water) and the Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP.

For many years the Wirrabara and surrounding communities had longed for the moment when this fabulous destination would be able to be safely accessed. Having been struck by disaster by the Bangor fires in 2014, The Bluff Lookout gives stimulus and growth back to the immediate area. The Bluff Lookout is a unique tourism based project that allows members of the public to travel

to the top of the Southern Flinders in the Wirrabara Forest area by road and view one of the most awe-inspiring views of the region from a purpose built viewing platform.

With the assistance of the Federal and State Government's, Council was able to complete this project which complements the \$10M development of the Southern Flinders Ranges Precinct. Offering an additional remarkable attraction for visitors who come to utilise the new trails and facilities, The Bluff Lookout enhances visitation and showcases the best of the Southern Flinders.

The welcome to country from Nukunu elder Lindsay Thomas and speeches from Mayor

Heaslip, Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP and Ministers Speirs and Member for Stuart the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP were witnessed by DCMR Council Members, community representatives, neighbouring council Mayors and CEOs, Member for Frome the Hon Geoff Brock MP and members of the Legislative Council the Hon John Dawkins and the Hon Justin Hanson.

Numerous staff from the Department of Environment & Water, PIRSA, Yorke & Mid North Tourism, Regional Development Australia, National Parks & Wildlife and Landscapes Board were also in attendance.



*FAR LEFT: Unveiling Plaque – Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Member for Stuart and Minister for Mines & Energy the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP and Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP.*

*LEFT: Guests on viewing platform at The Bluff Lookout.*

# Upcoming Community Information Session – Remarkable Southern Flinders Project

Come along and find out more about the **Remarkable Southern Flinders Project** at the upcoming community information session in Wilmington.

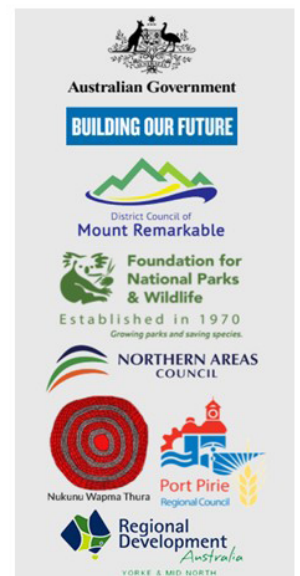
This session will be held in conjunction with the Wilmington Progress Association at the Wilmington Bowling Club on **Wednesday 20 October from 6.30pm-7.30pm**. It will be followed by the Progress Association's meeting at 7.30pm.

This community information session is an opportunity to hear the latest updates on all the projects underway as part of creating this new precinct and talk to the project team and ask any questions you may have.

The Remarkable Southern Flinders Project will create a new nature and adventure-based tourism destination in the Southern Flinders Ranges. The visitor experience will be enhanced through the development of new and improved visitor facilities including;

- Developing a world-class mountain biking destination
- Creating trails for hiking, including new iconic multi-day hikes
- Upgrading and expanding campgrounds to provide camping for a wider variety of vehicles and experiences.

**There is no requirement to register for this session, but guests will be required to complete a COVID-Safe check-in upon entry.**



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and Water



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## RAIL TRAILS UPDATE

On the morning of the official opening of the Bluff Lookout, Mayor Heaslip, Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP and Member for Stuart Minister the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP officially opened the Melrose to Booleroo Centre Rail Trail and then turned the first sod for the commencement of works of the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut rail trail.

The trails will greatly benefit the local tourism sector with the increasing popularity of trails and new development of the National Parks.



*TOP RIGHT: Bike Melrose club members in the background with Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Member for Stuart Minister the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan and Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP turn the first sods to mark the commencement of works for the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut rail trail.*

*BOTTOM RIGHT: Bike Melrose club members in the background with Member for Stuart Minister the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP cut the ribbon to official open the Melrose to Booleroo Centre rail trail.*



## PORT GERMEIN JETTY

Council has had several meetings with the Department of Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) concerning the long term future and current repairs to the Port Germein Jetty.

Council, in partnership with DIT, is preparing a business case for the upgrade of the jetty and envisages that the business case will be completed by the end of 2021.

DIT officers are extremely confident that the repairs to the jetty will be funded and that works will start in 2022.

## AG TOWN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Established by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions in 2019, the South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Award recognises South Australian towns that are excelling in agricultural practices and the flow on effect they have on communities.

More than 3200 public votes were cast to choose five finalists from 59 nominations across South Australia for the 2021 Agricultural Town of the Year award. It is exciting to hear that Booleroo Centre has been announced as a finalist. What a great opportunity to showcase our Remarkable District and we have been advised that the competition judges will be in Booleroo Centre in October to take a look around.

**The winner will be announced on 19th November.**



Read further information about the Award and 2021 finalists via this link: [South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Award - Solstice Media](#)



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## STRATEGIC TOURISM PLAN – YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUIRED

**Do you have a strong connection to country life growing up and residing in SA?**

**Would you like to bring together tourism ideas and plans for the future?**

We have developed a brief survey below to capture your initial thoughts and ideas from the business sector and broader community to assist in shaping the development of the plan, it will only take about 15 minutes to complete.

Your feedback is vital to ensure that the final plan developed best reflects the needs for tourism in the Mount Remarkable region and will make the strongest contribution to the visitor economy.

This survey is the first part of our consultation process. Once we have collated initial feedback we will be making contact with key businesses and groups to organise a meeting/catch up on our next trip to the region.

The Mount Remarkable landscape has so much to offer in tourism and we are excited to assist in capturing your thoughts to develop a tourism plan to connect and attract visitors to the region

Please click on this link  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FK2T5DS>

Visit Council's Tourism & Business information here: [Tourism & Business | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

## BUSINESS REGISTER

**Are you a business operator in the Council region?**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable has a register of businesses that operate in the Council region. This register is not a full listing of all businesses, only those that choose to participate.

The register is used to identify local capability, potential suppliers and clients, and collaboration opportunities. Council also uses the register to keep listed businesses informed of anything of interest that may arise.

You want to view the register? Please [click here](#) to view. Perhaps you want to add your business to the register? [Click here](#) to submit your business details to Council.

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Fr Ramel Morales of Booleroo Centre and Ms Yun (Lili) Sun of Melrose undertook the Oath to become Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chambers on 21 September.

Members of Council and guests of the two inductees witnessed the ceremony officiated by Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

**Congratulations Fr Ramel and Lili.**

*Fr Ramel Morales, Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Ms Yun (Lili) Sun*



## THE WHEELS ON THE BUS!

The District Council of Mount Remarkable has a new set of wheels. With Council earlier keen to explore options for upgrading the existing community bus, Council undertook a process for new options. The purchase of a brand new bus was a little more than expected (some \$180k). However, Mayor Heaslip through his travels as part of his ongoing professional development to increase his local governance knowledge and skills through an existing relationship with the Mayor of Burnside, became aware that the Burnside Council was looking to sell two of their community buses. After some negotiating and discussions, Burnside Council CEO agreed to dispose of the disability access community bus to Mount

Remarkable directly at an agreed price of \$45,000. Whilst not brand new, the new Toyota Coaster is newer, lower in kms and provides additional comfort than the previous community bus. To celebrate, Mount Remarkable has added its own personal touch, so when you see it out and about give the bus a toot and a wave!

*The community bus is available for hire to community groups and members.*

*For bookings and details of hire, please contact the Booleroo Hospital who arrange bookings of the community bus. Council wishes to acknowledge the wonderful support and collaboration of the team at the Booleroo Hospital.*





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# Lifeguards Wanted



## WE'RE HIRING!

### POOL ATTENDANTS /LIFE GUARDS

Pool Attendants/Life Guards– Booleroo Centre & Wilmington Swimming Pools

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is seeking enthusiastic and highly motivated individuals to assist in providing lifeguard and customer service assistance at the Council's Booleroo Centre & Wilmington swimming centres for the 2021/2022 swimming pool season -November to March.

Attendants will be employed on a casual basis and work on a roster basis seven days per week.

If you are self-motivated, full of enthusiasm with a professional approach and can commit to weekend and public holiday work, we would like to hear from you. Previous lifeguard experience will be highly regarded

As a Pool Attendant/Lifeguard you will be responsible for:

- » providing surveillance, rescue, First Aid, customer service, water testing and cleaning duties as required across the Council's Swimming Centres; and
- » ensuring the pool and its surrounding area are safe and presentable at all times for all patrons using the facilities.

To be successful in this role, you will have a current (or be willing to obtain):

- » SISCAQU002 Perform Basic Water Rescue Certificate
- » Senior First Aid
- » Cardiac Pulmonary Resus (CPR) Certificate
- » Working with Children Clearance
- » National Criminal History (Police) Clearance Check
- » COVID Marshal prescribed training certificate

Applications must include:

- » Resume including at least two (2) referees
- » Cover Letter
- » Copy of current SISCAQU002 Basic Water Rescue Certificate, CPR Certificate (or evidence of application or commitment to obtain)
- » Copy of current Police clearance (or evidence of application)
- » Copy of Working with Children Clearance (or evidence of application)

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

Community Support Officer,  
District Council of Mount Remarkable,  
PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or  
emailed to [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au)  
by 12.00pm Monday 18 October 2021

Enquiries can be made to Sheriden Tate,  
Community Support Officer  
on 08 8666 2014.

## CLEANERS WANTED

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles to work across various locations. Shifts are available Sunday-Monday and hours will vary week to week.

You need to have a strong eye for detail to clean to a high standard and keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.



Applicants will be required to undergo a medical and have (or be willing to get) a current National Police Check [Screening Unit - National police checks](#) and Working with Children Check [Screening Unit - Working with children check](#)

**now** apply now  
**hiring**

Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au). For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Craig Mudge or Jacqui Kelleher on 8666 2014.





## WASTE STRATEGY – DELIVERY OF GREEN WASTE BINS

Council's waste contractor Clare Valley Waste has now commenced the rollout of green waste bins. The rollout has commenced on the western side of the District at Weeroona Island and then Port Germein, and progressively over the next two weeks the rollout will run through other townships. Further updates and an updated waste collection calendar will be provided in due course.

Green waste bins are for garden waste only. Items that you can put in your green waste bin are flowers, herbs, plants, leaves, weeds, grass clippings and prunings (less than 100mm in diameter and 800mm in length).

Further information about Waste Strategy is available here: [Media-Release-waste-strategy-200521.pdf \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)



**Council will be holding a *drumMUSTER* collection at the Willowie Landfill Site from Tuesday 19 October 2021 – Wednesday 20 October 2021**

Containers must be

- triple or pressure rinsed
- clean – no chemical residue
- inspected by a drumMUSTER inspector
- lids must be left off
- metal containers must be punctured



**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and drums can be delivered between 8:30am & 3:30pm**

**To book a time to deliver your farm chemical containers  
Phone 8666 2014**





## SHARING OUR ROADS WITH HEAVY VEHICLES DURING HARVEST

There's no greater reminder that the District Council of Mount Remarkable is abundant in agricultural product with lots of trucks rolling down the highways and Council roads piled with grains.

October has arrived and with it the soon the commencement of the district's harvest season.

We are informing locals and visitors to the district to be well aware that the start of the harvest season is nearly upon us and care must be taken on roads.

Everyone - not just people that live in the Council region - should know that for the next few months there will be a significant increase in heavy vehicle traffic on most minor roads and highways. Often the trucks and harvest machinery will be moving in and out of paddocks directly onto the minor roads and this is when extra care needs to be taken.

The main message is clearly road safety. There are a few important things to remember about sharing the road with heavy vehicles that include:

- » staying out of the truck driver's blind spots
- » keeping a safe distance - not only to allow the truck a reasonable stopping distance, but also to avoid debris from the trailers and wheels
- » allowing trucks sufficient room to negotiate turns
- » how to safely overtake a heavy vehicle

## BUSHFIRE PREPARATION - YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY

**Keeping your home and property well prepared throughout the year is essential to ensure you survive a bushfire. A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared.**

### A well prepared home:

- » can be easier for you or firefighters to defend
- » is more likely to survive, even if you're not there
- » is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk
- » will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave and have to take shelter

### Ways to protect your home:

- » Use non-flammable building materials
- » Starve the fire by clearing vegetation and rubbish away from your home
- » Create a defensible space by carefully managing trees close to your home and reducing vegetation for 20 metres
- » Fill the gaps where embers might enter or catch
- » Protect your assets with adequate home and contents insurance

Even if you plan to leave early, there is a greater chance that your home will survive if you have undertaken preparations.

### SPARK PROOF THE HOUSE AND BUILDINGS

To protect your house it is vital that you prevent sparks and burning material from entering through windows, under doors and/or under floor boards. You can do this by:

- » Fitting metal fly wire mesh or solid screens to spark proof the windows, doors, ventilators and skylights.
- » Close in all openings in eaves and under-floor areas.
- » Sealing all gaps in the roof area along the ridge cap, gutter line and fascia board.
- » Extending wall cladding on buildings and sheds to the ground.
- » Sealing the flute spaces at the fascia board with fibreglass insulation or scribed flat metal with corrugated iron roofs.
- » Tiled roofs need an appropriate fire rated insulation (sarking) immediately below the tiles.

### ROOFING

Most homes ignite when sparks or burning embers blow under tiles and start burning roofing timbers or accumulated litter. Metal roofing offers more protection provided it is firmly secured and sealed around vents, skylights, fascias and roof caps.

### UNDERFLOOR

Underfloor areas that are not enclosed allow sparks and embers to penetrate. If these areas are used to store timber, firewood, or other flammable materials, the risk is increased. Make sure that underfloor areas are kept clear of flammable material during summer.

### WINDOWS AND VENTS

Crevices where embers can collect are potential ignition points. Cracks under doors, on window ledges, windows, or along verandas are particularly vulnerable. Vents into the house structure are also common entry points for sparks. They should be covered in fine wire mesh to prevent embers from getting into walls, roof cavity areas or through windows.

### IN THE GARDEN

Reducing the amount of vegetation on a property is one of the most critical components of preparing for bushfires.

### Before the fire season you can:

- » Remove dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home especially under trees.
- » Prune tree limbs that are lower than two metres above the ground or overhanging your home.
- » Reduce, remove and manage vegetation such as long grass within 20 metres of your home and within 5 metres of any sheds and garages.
- » Remove bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds.

### Other things you can do include:

- » Installing a sprinkler system to wet down your home and garden to reduce the affect of radiant heat, sparks and embers. All fittings should be metal, as plastic melts.
- » Ensuring access to an independent water supply such as a tank, dam or swimming pool of at least 5000 litres. Do not rely on mains water being available during a fire.
- » Installing a petrol/diesel-driven water pump.
- » Making sure hoses are long enough to reach around your home.
- » Using a stone wall, earth barrier, or fence close to your home as a radiant heat shield.
- » Planting lower flammability vegetation, including plants and trees with low oil and high water and salt content.
- » Developing a well-managed vegetable garden, as it can act as an excellent fuel break.
- » Planting trees and shrubs with space between them so they do not form a continuous canopy.



## BUSHFIRE PREPARATION - YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY

### Smooth surfaces

Paint or refurbish dried exterior timber, repair nooks or crannies where leaves and debris can gather. Design pathways, driveways and lawns around your home to keep a clear area immediately around your home.

### Roofing

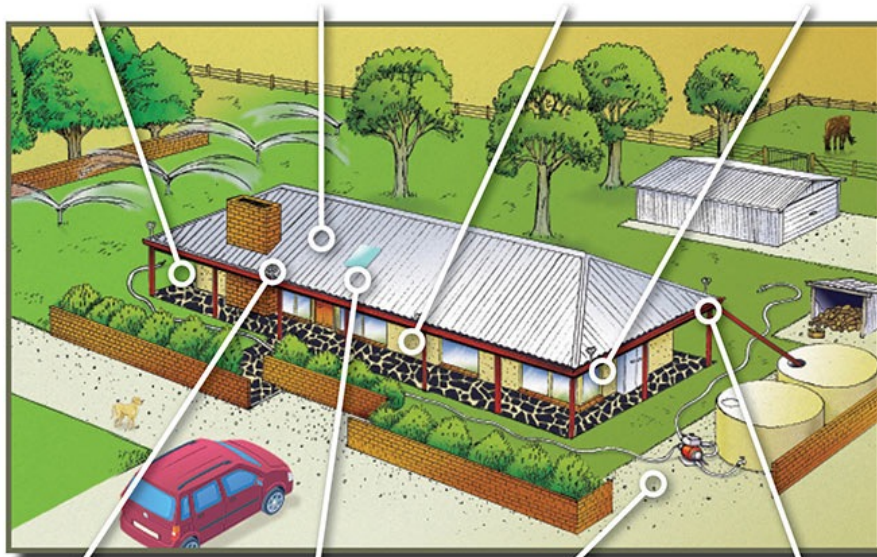
Well-secured metal roofing is preferable. A tiled roof needs to be well fitted with fire-resistant sarking (fibreglass-based aluminium foil).

### Walls

Choose non-flammable wall materials such as brick, mud brick and fibre cement. Vinyl weatherboards, rough timber and other cladding can warp or catch fire. Gaps in external roof and wall cladding need to be sealed.

### Windows, crevices and vents

Spark-proof your home with bronze or stainless steel flywire screens on windows and doors, or install fire resistant metal shutters. Cover all wall cavities in fine wire mesh. Enclose areas under decks and floors. Screen vents in the roof space with fine wire mesh.



### Sprinkler system

A home bushfire sprinkler system that directs water over the roof, windows, doors and underfloor areas is one of the most effective ways of protecting against radiant heat, direct flame and ember attack. Seek professional advice for design and installation.

### Skylights

Install wire-reinforced glass or a thermo plastic cover on skylights as plastic can melt and glass can break in intense heat.

### Property access

Gateways should be at least 3 metres wide and there should be clear access with a turnaround point for firefighting vehicles.

### Gutters

Regularly clean gutters and remove leaves and bark from any areas where they can become trapped.

## IN SPRING GET READY FOR THE IMPENDING FIRE DANGER SEASON

- » Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material (unless it can rot down before summer).
- » Remove weeds.
- » Cut back trees overhanging your home.
- » Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- » Remove leaves from gutters.
- » Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers.
- » Prepare / check your emergency kit.
- » Review, update and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan.

## DURING SUMMER MAINTAIN YOUR PREPAREDNESS THROUGH THE FIRE DANGER SEASON

- » Maintain defendable space of up to 20m around your home (greater if on a slope) and 5 metres from sheds and garages.
- » Clear around trees.
- » Remove leaves from gutters.
- » Slash stubble near sheds and buildings (following regulations for Total Fire Ban Days).
- » Check reserve water supplies.
- » Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan with your family.
- » Ensure you have a portable battery-powered radio and spare batteries to listen to bushfire warnings.
- » Monitor Fire Danger Ratings.

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