



# ***Southern Gateway to the Barossa***

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# ANZAC Day

## Lest We Forget 25 April

### The Origin Of Our Most Honoured Day

ANZAC stands for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. This corps of soldiers landed at the Gallipoli Cove Peninsula in Turkey at dawn on the 25th April 1915 during the First World War which was fought from 1914 to 1918. It was a morning that saw thousands of troops land on a beach surrounded by sheer cliffs and guarded by the Turkish army. The ensuing battle resulted in thousands of allied casualties and by the end of 1915, allied forces were evacuated from the Turkish Peninsula after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers had been killed.

Originally recognising Australia and New Zealand's heroic stand at Gallipoli Cove in 1915, today ANZAC Day recognises the courageous achievements of all Australians who have served and died for their country during times of war, conflict and peace-keeping operations both here at home and overseas.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

### Symbols of Remembrance

#### **The Dawn Service**

Marks the time the first troops landed at Gallipoli - the most favoured time for an attack. Silence for one or two minutes is included in the ANZAC Day ceremony as a sign of respect and a time for reflection.

#### **Rosemary**

Worn on the lapel for remembrance, rosemary is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

#### **The Last Post**

In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

#### **Two-up**

This game involves a designated 'Spinner' who throws two pennies into the air. Players gamble on whether the coins will fall with both heads up, both tails up, or with one head and one tail (known as 'Odds'). It is traditionally played on ANZAC Day to mark a shared experience with the Diggers.

#### **ANZAC Biscuits**

These were often sent to loved ones at the war front because the ingredients did not spoil and the biscuits kept well during naval transportation - which would take more than two months.

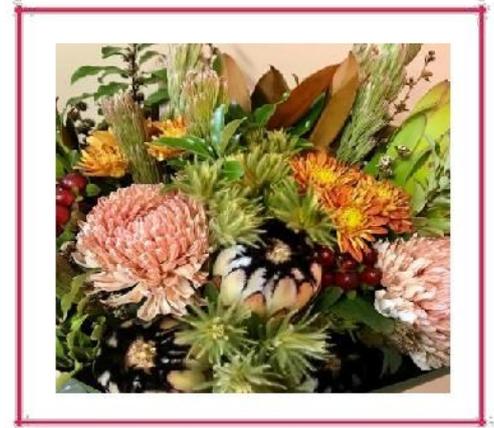




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# The Williamstown and District WW1 Memorial to our Fallen Soldiers

When is a rock not a rock? The answer to this is to be found outside the RSL Hall on Colonists Corner in Williamstown. Here there is a very proud piece of granite bearing a cast brass plate which elevates it from a common earth mixture to a symbol of heroism and sacrifice, a guardian of memories of loss and sorrow. It reminds us of the cost paid by the Williamstown and District Community for Freedom during WW1. It is part of our history. It is our Monument, our Memorial for our fallen soldiers.

In the May 2015 Issue of The Willy Wagtail much was written, and photos were shown, of this Memorial's Centenary ANZAC Day Dedication Ceremony. But before it reached this stage a great deal of hard work and time went into the Memorial's advent. While talking to Trevor Jessop, who, at the time of the Centenary, was a member of the Williamstown and Districts Historical Society and also the Treasurer/Secretary of the ANZAC Day Committee, I was captivated by his telling of the actual acquiring of 'the rock'!

While out exercising his little dog one day, Trevor was greeted by local identity, Ian Ross, who asked Trevor if he was "still looking for a rock?" Indeed, he was! After visiting many different types of Memorials, a rock had become the chosen medium, but finding a suitable one was proving a bit difficult. When Ian suggested getting one out of Blue Rock Quarry Trevor was more than happy with the suggestion but just a little taken aback when Ian rocked up not many days later accompanied by a Barossa Council Truck and Front End Loader, which, together with Ian's Ute, were parked near Trevor's house. Ian invited Trevor to "hop in and come with me!"

Up the Springton Road they went before turning in to the overgrown track that leads up to the old quarry. Ian was super organised with keys to all the gates and the little convoy wound their way up, up, up, to the area where the quarry used to be worked. (Rock from the Blue Rock Quarry was used to build the Reservoir Walls and the huge chunks would come down a Flying Fox arrangement to the waiting carts and work horses who would then pull their heavy loads to the building sites. The quarry closed in the early 1900's. More information on this fascinating period in Williamstown's history can be obtained by contacting The Williamstown and Districts Historical Society through Peter on 0427870594.)

Alighting from their vehicle Trevor was faced with a bit of a dilemma when Ian asked, "Right! Which one do you want?" There were boulders everywhere! Fortunately, Trevor saw one big rock which fulfilled the main requirement of having a big flat surface on one face. To his request, "Can I have this one?" there came a "Yep!" and the front-end loader swung into action, swinging the massive heavy rock into the air and manoeuvring it over the waiting truck, then lowering it carefully into it. Down they came on their return journey and, reaching the pre-prepared, selected site outside the RSL rooms, the truck tipped our rock off, the front-end loader came in and nosed it around into its correct position and then away the machines went. (Wondering what the nearby little rock is for? Insurance against the future!)

As soon as this Memorial process started Trevor felt it was as if "The Town had been waiting for it to happen!" Help was volunteered from many sources. The perimeter stonework was done by a few volunteers on a stinking hot day. After the original Rosemary plants donated by Wirraminna died, members of the Senior Citizens who noticed the 'sticks' standing up, went out, bought and planted new ones to replace them and, when asked about the shrubs which had a connection to Turkey, Gallipoli and the Anzacs, two Barossa Council workers voluntarily located, bought and planted two of them. The History Group did a great deal of research and compiled the list of fallen warriors to go on the plaque, which they organised, and which is affixed to the Memorial Rock's flat face. In addition, the Group contacted descendants of the Fallen and they were invited to the Dedication Ceremony to lay wreaths made by the History Group and other

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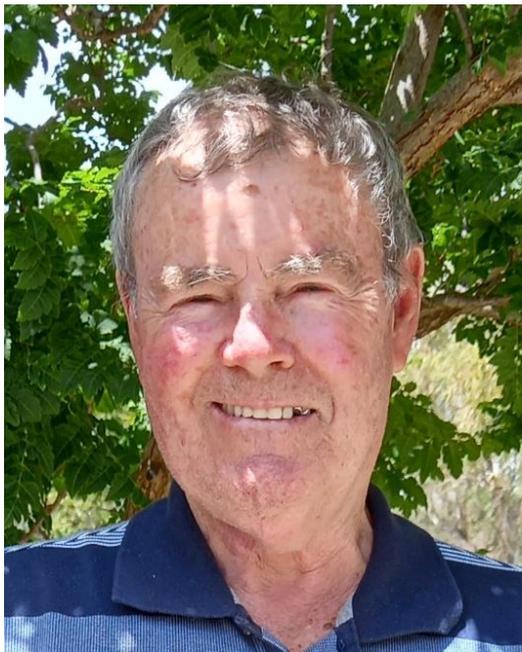
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willing volunteers. The Community Council volunteered a wonderful afternoon tea to follow the event. Left with just the ceremony to organise Trevor made it a Centenary Event to remember with his re-enactment group, the presence of His Excellency The Governor of SA, supported by two of our local lady volunteers, various other dignitaries including MPs, a light-horse man and military vehicle who all paraded from the Big Gum Tree on Memorial Drive.

From the tiny acorn of an idea the Williamstown Community seamlessly, and without prompting, came together and grew a wonderful oak. That Memorial, for me, will now always have the shadows of a community of amazing, generous, caring and proud volunteers standing around it. 'That Rock' stands for so much! LL.

Trevor Jessop

RSL Rock



## **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2023**

The ANZAC Service is a proper method of demonstrating to the new generations of free Australians that the rights we have and cherish carry with them the responsibility to nurture and preserve them. They were not easily won –they are not easily

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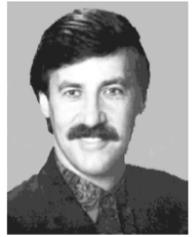
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In 1989, after living in Cockatoo Valley and Two Wells, Beth and Ron Smart bought land on Adams Road in Williamstown, built a lovely home and, from a South Australian Nursery, purchased and planted 3,500 protea bushes so that they would have 'something to do when they retired'! After the initial four years of growing to establish themselves and mature, many of the proteas were shipped by an exporter overseas to places like Japan. When this wholesaler dropped the International Markets, he did, however, continue to send the Smart's flowers to his Interstate Markets in Victoria and Queensland. For 25 years Beth, who has also found time to paint appealing traditional landscapes and more recently engaging abstract pictures, had a Delivery Round, once a week, starting in Tea Tree Gully and covering many adjacent suburbs. This onerous service ceased only 3 years ago, which is amazing, considering both Beth and Ron have been amongst our esteemed Senior Citizens for quite a while now! The work, over the years, has been hard with long hours in the shed - stems needing to be cut to 3 different required lengths, blooms needing to be stored in the cool room until ready for transit, bunches to be made up. Outside, there is the picking of the flowers that can be at times 'difficult' and there is also the destruction of the kangaroos to deal with. Fortunately, most of the time, pruning occurs as the blooms part company with their parent plant.

Beth and Ron grow about four different species of spectacular proteas, an absolute gift of a flower originally from South Africa, as are the Leucadendron and the Leucospermum that they farm along with the lovely native Geraldton Wax. Things have changed a bit since the early days when they arrived with their horses and rode around a much smaller Williamstown. Their property which only had two trees on it is now well covered with trees and shrubs and although the proteas now number only 500 plants they are still hard work. Those of us who eagerly await the arrival of the buckets at the gate of number 19 Adams Road, are scoring a real bargain when we purchase the lovely bouquets from here. Beth and Ron are to be commended for their generosity towards their community. During the season, when the buckets are out, you know, if they are empty when you arrive a bit too late in the day, that come the morning they will be full of beautiful blooms once more. L.L.

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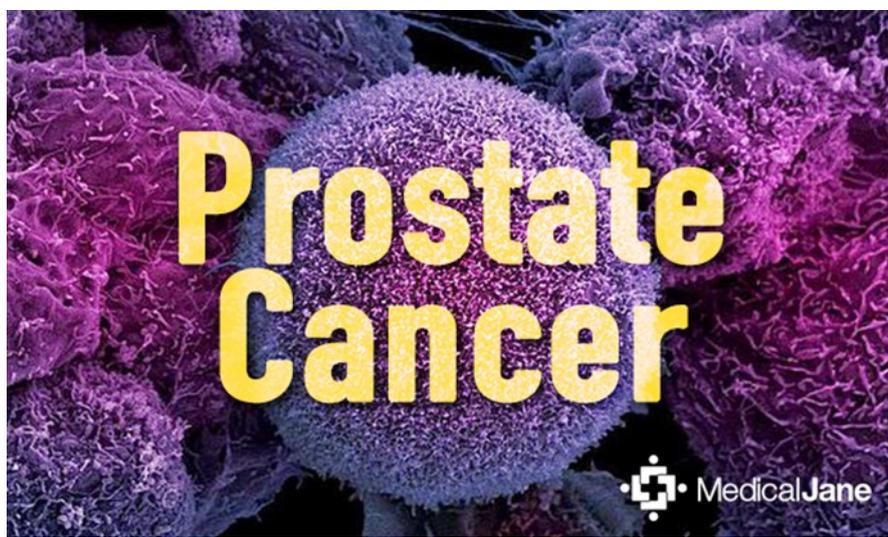
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From 2pm \$5.00

***"Guest Speaker - Lynton Carle"***  
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The Men's Shed is a concept which is growing in popularity and increasing in number in Australia and around the globe.

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Men from all walks of life are encouraged to attend the Shed and can participate in a range of activities in the workshop or can simply turn up for 'a cuppa' and socialise with others in a non-pressured setting. The Mens Shed does not follow any strict format but it does encourage fellowship and can undertake projects which also benefit the community.

Making or repairing furniture or homewares or toys, mending and fixing motors, renovating bicycles, arts and crafts, all examples (but certainly not the limits) of the activities that can be undertaken at the Shed depending on the knowledge and skillset of the members. There is an emphasis on 'having a go' with projects but there is no pressure, it is most important for men to enjoy the activities, have a sense of belonging and feel happy in the Shed environment.

New faces are always welcome at the S.B.M.S. Several have been in attendance in the last few weeks seeing the types of activities that take place as well as relaxing with the lads in that important morning ritual, coffee and cake (or biscuit) in the meeting room.

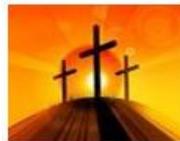
Men with an interest in the activities of the Southern Barossa Mens Shed are welcome to attend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9am-1pm. at the rear of Wirraminna Little Shop of Treasures on Queen Street, Williamstown. Any enquiries relating the shed, membership or the hire of the meeting room (attached to the workshop) can be directed to Glen Venning on 0409 675 937.

## Good Friday Service

Williamstown Combined Churches

Williamstown Institute

7<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am



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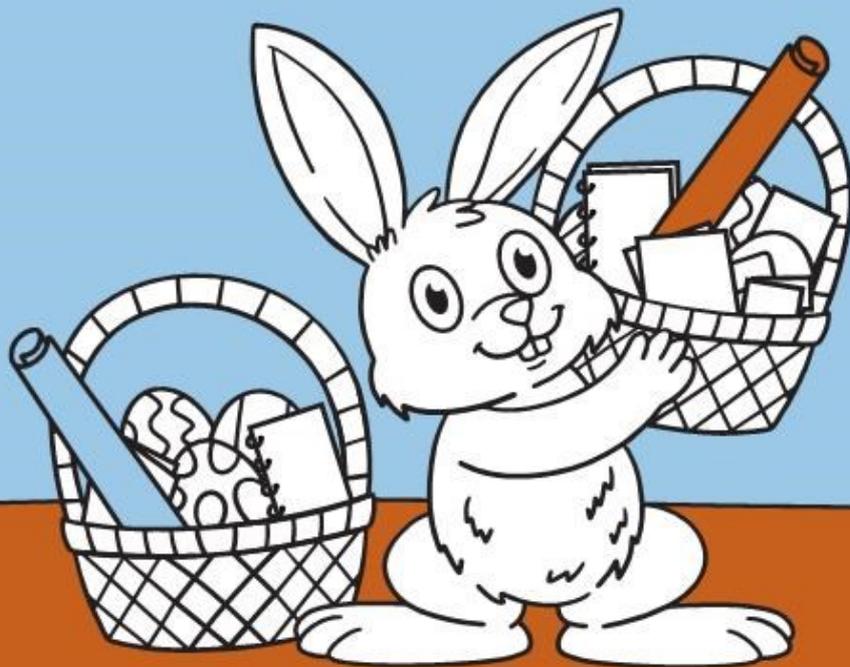


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**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7th**

Gawler Uniting Church 10 am

Williamstown Institute 10am

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**

DAWN SERVICE 6.30am In the Bush Chapel at

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2pm Handel's Messiah, Art Gallery Tanunda.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday  
10am Combined Churches. Williamstown Institute
- 8<sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday  
8.00pm Service of New Light. Holy Trinity, Lyndoch
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am Holy Communion St Peter's Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am Holy Communion
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00am Holy Communion. Holy Trinity Lyndoch
- 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Holy Communion and Vestry Meeting. St Boniface, Nuriootpa

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<b>Garden Club</b>	1st Monday of each month Contact: Pete 0434 385 599 Williamstown Uniting Church & various venues. See Willy Wagtail each month
<b>Williamstown &amp; Districts Historical Society</b>	Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall by appointment . Contacts: Contacts: Peter 0427 870 594 Jodie: jvrandall4@hotmail.com.au Denise: ppa19495@bigpond.net.au
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<b>Williamstown Community Social Group</b>	Every Tuesday 1pm till 4pm St Peter's Anglican Church Hall Contact: Pam 0427 246 382
<b>Southern Barossa Men's Shed</b>	Wednesdays 9am –2pm Contact Glen: 0409 675 937
<b>Uniting Church</b>	SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 am followed by morning tea . Contact: Peter 0458 202 004
<b>Williamstown Action Group</b>	7.30pm 1st Monday monthly in Meeting Room upstairs in Williamstown Soldiers Memorial Hall Contact: Debbie 0417 851 061
<b>Kersbrook Landcare Nursery (Williamstown)</b>	Volunteers welcome. Wednesdays 8.30am—4pm. Contact Heidi 0431 989 397 Public Plant Sales 1st weekend each winter month.



## Southern Barossa Coffee & Chat Mornings

Our last Coffee and Chat was at the Lord Lyndoch in Lyndoch. We had 15 ladies attending. It was very pleasant and we look forward to seeing you in April. Many thanks for the excellent service from the Lord Lyndoch staff!

Our next Coffee and Chat will be at The Williamstown General Store at 31-33 Queen Street Williamstown at 10.30am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

We intend to go to the Barossa Chateau 35 Hermann Thumm Drive for a Devonshire Tea on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The cost will be \$12.50 which includes two scones with jam and cream and tea and coffee. I will need names by 5<sup>th</sup> May so that I can confirm with the Barossa Chateau.

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## Williamstown Playgroup

Well, our first playgroup session got off to a fabulous start! With 12 children venturing through our doors, and their lovely caregivers. Amy, Chelsea, Leeann and I were delighted with the support shown. Starting off with some introductions and a welcome song, the children were happy to embrace some free play with a variety of toys. These being playdough, dolls, cars, trucks, books and puzzles. Since opening we have enjoyed some craft activities. The children made a dinosaur using their hand prints. The children have also enjoyed some outdoor play in the sandpit and on the playground. Just recently the children have had a go at planting artificial flowers in edible soil. What a fun and messy time that was! For us mums, dads and grandparents, it's great to share in a chat, cuppa and a biscuit. Our doors are always open at room 15 in Williamstown primary school, from 9am to 10am. Please feel free to come and check us out. We would love to see you there!  
Wendy.

## The Old Saw Mill – The O'Driscoll's Moving Onwards

'The Old Saw Mill' complex on Mount Crawford Road, just before the town oval and caravan park, is steadily 'filling up' and the plans that Paula and Richard O'Driscoll had for it are coming to fruition. On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March Paula's 'The Gravel Yard' clothing store on Queen Street, opposite the Institute, closed it's doors. On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March the doors to a stylish, new, purpose-built shop opened at 'The Old Saw Mill'. Here, 'The Gravel Yard' has joined the O'Driscoll's other businesses already in residence - 'Barossa Landscape Supplies' and 'Tubbies' and a separate entity, 'Williamstown Family and Personal Counselling' which has Elicia Vanstone at the helm. Exciting times for the family and we wish them well. L.L.



# QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

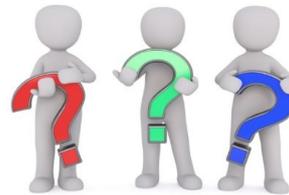
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**April 2nd**

**LET'S GET SOCIALISING!**



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WHERE: St Peters Anglican  
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WHEN: EACH TUESDAY  
1PM TO 4PM COST: \$3.00  
Contact: Pam 0427 246 382



# BAROSSA LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

If you are interested in finding out more, we are holding a

## “DROP IN” Barossa LDAT information/have a chat session

**Where: Lyndoch Library Meeting Room**

**When: 2.00 – 6.00 PM Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

*Contact: Simon Taylor Ph: 0439509207 for more information  
or just turn up. Entry from the car park behind the Institute Hall.*

The Barossa Local Drug Action Team or LDAT is funded by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation with a focus on undertaking primary prevention actions to prevent and minimise Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) harm in the Barossa.

We are in desperate need for new team members who are keen to help prevent and reduce AOD harm in our families. In particular we are seeking people with “lived experience” of AOD harm and retirees looking to help in their community. *“The authentic voice of lived experience can be powerful”*

What do we do?

- AOD Education Presentations to all B,L&G Football and Netball Clubs,
- deliver emergency food packages to people in crisis in the Barossa,
- local “parenting” workshops to enhance resilience in young families,
- promote outdoor activities for youth and families and
- facilitate peer support groups and collaboration of AOD Harm Reduction Service Providers in the Barossa.

The latest Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) - Australian National Waste Water Drug Monitoring Program and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports have strengthened the LDAT’s endeavour to pursue their AOD harm reduction effort in the Barossa and surrounding areas.

*The March 2023 ACIC report identifies that regional South Australia is ranked first nationally in consumption of methylamphetamine (ICE), MDMA and fentanyl. Further, the latest ABS data (2021) shows that the death rate from excess alcohol use was the highest in the past 10 years.*

## Media Release



Have your say on the Tour Down Under.

The Barossa Council is seeking community feedback on the value of the Tour Down Under to the region. Council is asking individuals, businesses and community groups to rank the social and economic impacts for the region via a short survey.

Mayor Bim Lange said while the Tour Down Under puts the Barossa brand on a world stage, it’s important to understand how the community values the benefits of the event.

“We’re keen to gain insight into the community’s perception of this event,” said Mayor Lange.

“We know events like the Tour Down Under activate townships and promote a sense of community, so we want to understand how people measure this investment at a community level, and what benefit it brings to the Barossa region more broadly.”

People can provide feedback at a listening booth at Barossa Mall in Nuriootpa on Thursday, 30 March from 10am to 1pm, or take the survey at [yoursay.barossa.sa.gov.au/tour-down-under](https://yoursay.barossa.sa.gov.au/tour-down-under). Participants who give feedback by 2 April have the chance to win one of five Co-op gift vouchers. Community feedback will help determine Council’s future involvement and investment in major events, with a further report to return to Council at a later date.

For more information contact Team Leader Communications and Engagement Heidi Helbig on 8563 8428 or Communications and Engagement Partner Alicia Ludi-Schutz on 85638 442

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