

Next Meeting:

**Monday 11th
December 2023 8pm.**



Christmas Meeting!

**Giant Raffle, Eats,
Annual Prize
Presentations**

**Plant Benching
as Normal**

Note: No Sales Table

(see full details page 6)

Note – members and guests
please ensure you sign our
attendance book on entry
to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser, and
social distancing is highly
encouraged.



Cover Photo: Den. amabile
courtesy – Gary Hodder.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – December 2023



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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in, plant benching by 7.50pm)

President: Rhonda Jackson

Vice President: Frank Daniel

Secretary: David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au M: 0431 799 230

Treasurer: Margaret Spring

Committee: Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham, Mark Drury.

(Committee meets 1st Wed. monthly except January - Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar, Col Brandon, Frank Daniel, Audrey Marks.

Bulletin / Website: David Hicks

Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to 28th each month)

President's Message

Dear Members,

I spent time today putting up the Xmas tree and decorations. It always makes the house look so happy. It's a great time to spend time with friends, family and our orchids.

I hope you are looking forward to our December meeting where we will present the Annual Points awards and hold our big raffle. We would like you to donate an orchid or orchid related gift for the raffle and bring along a plate for supper.

There will be plant judging as usual but no sales table. To get into the Xmas spirit, why not wear a Santa hat, reindeer's antlers, or other 'Xmassy' adornments?

This will add to the enjoyment of the evening. I hope you can make it.

With Best Wishes - Rhonda

November Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Nov. 2023

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Onc. nobile D. Brooks

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. 'Unknown' M. Karayannis

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. thrysiflorum P. Sheaffe

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Cym. canaliculatum v. purpurascens 'willow' R. Cawley

Monthly Benching Results – Nov. 2023

| CLASS # 1 | AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES | |
|-----------|---|--------------|
| 1st | Den. monophyllum | R. Jackson |
| 2nd | Den. monophyllum | R. Jackson |
| 3rd | Cym. canaliculatum var purpurascens 'willow' | R. Cawley |
| CLASS # 2 | PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Paph. sukhakulii 'Los Osos' x Paph. Hsinying 'Web# 40' | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Paph. Awasubihis | J. Robinson |
| 3rd | Paph. Shin-Yi Heart x (Hung Sheng Bruno x Hsinying Web) | V. Petrovski |
| CLASS # 3 | AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Sarco. Dawn Amber | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Sarco. Melba | J. Robinson |
| 3rd | Den. Goose Bumps 'Calamiforme' | C. Brandon |
| 4th | Sarco. Toby 'Nev' | C. Brandon |
| CLASS # 4 | LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE) | |
| 1st | Jackfowlieara Appleblossom | R. Cawley |
| 2nd | Rlc. Rosella's Storm | V. Petrovski |
| 3rd | Cattleya 'unknown' | D. Mitsios |
| CLASS # 5 | DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Den. Yellow Stars | V. Petrovski |
| 2nd | Den. Bohemium Rhapsody | R. Cawley |
| 3rd | Den. Andree Millar | V. Petrovski |
| 4th | Den. Victoriae-reginae x Den. Miyabi | G. Birss |
| CLASS # 6 | LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER) | |
| 1st | Blc. Glorious May 'H & R' | V. Petrovski |
| 2nd | Lc. Tropical Pointer x Brassavola perrinii | L. Watkins |
| 3rd | Epidendrum Golden Glow?? | D. Mitsios |
| 4th | Epidendrum Panama Ruby | D. Mitsios |

November Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Nov. 2023 cont'd

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| CLASS # 7 | ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Onc. Jiuhbao Gold 'KBR' | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Onc. Roman Emperor | D. Phillips |
| 3rd | Onc. (Gardnrei x martinii) x (marshallianam x martinii) | J. Robinson |
| 4th | Tolu. Willowbank Flash x Susan Perreira | R. Cawley |
| CLASS # 8 | CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Cym. Australian Midnight | L. Watkins |
| 3rd | Cym. Bunyip 'Bermagui' x Cym. devonianum | V. Petrovski |
| CLASS # 9 | MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS | |
| 1st | Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak' | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Masd. Cha Cha Cha 'Harmony' | G. Birss |
| 3rd | Zygopetalum Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby' | V. Petrovski |
| 4th | Phal. Sasquatch 'Dendi' | L. Watkins |
| CLASS # 10 | SPECIES COELOGYNINAE | |
| 1st | Coel. speciosa 'green' | J. Robinson |
| CLASS # 11 | SPECIES LAELIINAE | |
| 1st | C. coccinea | J. Robinson |
| 2nd | Psh. cochleata | D. Mitsios |
| 3rd | C. mossiae var. semi alba | J. Robinson |
| 4th | C. intermedia 'alba' | R. Jackson |
| CLASS # 12 | SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE | |
| 1st | Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolii '#1' | D. Mitsios |
| 2nd | Den. thyrsoflorum | V. Petrovski |
| 3rd | Den. johnsoniae | V. Petrovski |
| 4th | Paph. delenatii var. album | J. Robinson |
| 5th | V. tricolor | D. Hicks |
| CLASS # 13 | SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE | |
| 1st | Onc. nobile | D. Brooks |
| 2nd | Chysis laevis | D. Went |
| 3rd | Chysis bractescens | R. Cawley |
| 4th | Chysis bractescens | J. Robinson |
| 5th | Lyc. macrobulbon | J. Robinson |
| NOVICE CLASS | | |
| CLASS # 19 | NOVICE SPECIES | |
| 1st | Den. thyrsoflorum | P. Sheaffe |
| 2nd | Paph. haynaldianum | M. Drury |
| 3rd | Paph. 'unknown' | M. Drury |
| INTERMEDIATE CLASS: | | |
| CLASS # 20 | INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM | |
| 1st | Paph. henryanum x Paph. Thunder Cat | M. Karayannis |
| CLASS # 24 | INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS | |
| 1st | Phal. 'unknown' | M. Karayannis |
| 2nd | Oncidium Dancing Lady | J. Hely |
| 3rd | Oncidium 'unknown' | J. Hely |
| 4th | Brassia 'unknown' | J. Hely |

November Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Nov. 2023 cont'd

| CLASS # 25 | INTERMEDIATE SPECIES | |
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| 1st | Bifrenaria tyrianthina | J. Hely |
| 2nd | C. mossiae var semi alba | J. Chan |
| 3rd | Den. anosmum | J. Ng |
| 4th | Den. thyrsiflorum | J. Chan |

Thank- you to the following members who sent in their flowering of - L. purpurata v tipo x Lc. Irene Finney (Seedling Competition plants from Feb 2017)



Jan Robinson



Gary Hodder



Frank Daniel

The beauty of the Cattleya is hard to beat when you flower hybrids with the award form and intense colouring like this!!

Orchid and photo courtesy - Jan Robinson



C. Dal's Magic 'Southern Cross'
(ex T. Beehag estate sale)

November Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – Nov. 2023

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Cym. Blackstump 'Come in Spinner'

Open Judges Choice Species

exhibited by – D. Brooks



Onc. nobile

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Phal. 'Unknown'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – P. Sheaffe



Den. thrysiflorum

President's Choice

exhibited by – R. Cawley



Cym. canaliculatum v. purpurascens 'Willow'



***Cheers Everyone** - wishing all our members and families a very happy Christmas, and here's to a very enjoyable and successful year with our orchids in 2024!!!*

**** DECEMBER MEETING ****

Next meeting on the 11th December is our 'Christmas Night!'

The business part of the evening will commence as usual from 8pm, on conclusion we will break for our Christmas eats, followed by the giant raffle, the annual and monthly prize presentations.

PLEASE NOTE: NO SALES BENCH WILL BE OPERATING
Plant Benching is as Usual

Giant Raffle – please bring along a donation of an orchid, or orchid related product to around \$15 in value.

Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

Food – This year we are asking members to bring along a plate of 'cold' finger food, e.g., sandwiches, slices, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, savory and sweet things, nuts etc.
(anything that does not require re-heating)

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

(please remember to bring along your own cup or mug)

Hope to see you all there!

Gary Hodder @ Home

Another lovely selection of SE Asian Dendrobiums for this month as Gary remarks -
"His Best Year Ever"



November Meeting Presentation

courtesy – Rhonda Jackson



After the supper break, the meeting was handed over to Rhonda who presented a fantastic talk from her trip last year to WA, where a large variety of unique Native orchids were encountered whilst out walking the trails.

Rhonda's presentation was accompanied by many beautiful PP photos of the orchids in the wild, amazing scenery and local architecture.

Thank-you Rhonda for sharing your wonderful trip, and allowing us to see all those beautiful native orchids captured in their natural habitat - *Editor*

Recent Society Activities

Caringbah Garden Club

Our sincere thanks to the members and committee of the Caringbah Garden Club for the very warm welcome extended to us, for the opportunity to talk 'orchids' to their members on Wed. 15th November.

David, Diane and Melissa represented the Society providing advice on repotting cymbidiums, soft cane dendrobiums and phallies. We also included some general information on orchid care - fertilising, pest & fungal control, growing conditions, and finally an overview of the Society, our shows and other annual activities.

Our presentation was enthusiastically received, with many questions being asked during, and following our talks.

The Society donated an orchid which was happily utilised by the members as a lucky door prize on the day.



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th November 2023

President Rhonda declared the meeting open at 8pm and extended a very good evening and welcome to our November general meeting.

A warm welcome also to our visitors tonight: Edy Husman and Vicki Micet.

APOLOGIES received tonight from: *Frank Daniel, Gary Hodder, Ian Ware, Christine Castle, Barbra and George Kypriotis, Margaret Spring, Di and Mick Hannah, Bruce Mitchell.*

Rhonda asked that everyone including our visitors, to please ensure you have signed the attendance sheet that is located out in the foyer.

This is required for insurance purposes and also gives us an accurate record of attendance during the year

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

After the break, I will be doing a presentation on the Native orchids I encountered on a recent trip to southern WA.

MINUTES:

President asked for a motion that the October Minutes as distributed in the November Bulletin, were accurate. *Pam Davies* motioned they were correct, *Seconded, Jenny Sharpham.* Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Various November Society Bulletins including the November Orchid News from the OSNSW.

Correspondence Out:

- Follow up note of thanks to Bunnings Kirrawee for our Re-potting day and Bunnings gift card contribution to the Society
- Copies of our November Bulletin to various other Societies.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

BUNNINGS:

On Wednesday 1st November, David, Mark Drury Diane Phillips, and Paul Sheaffe conducted a repotting session at Bunnings Kirrawee as part of their Garden Corner Programme for November. Six people attended. In appreciation Bunnings gave the Society a \$100 gift card.

CARINGBAH GARDEN CLUB:

As mentioned last month, we will be giving a talk at the meeting of **Caringbah Garden Club** on 15th Nov. Melissa, David, and Diane will be attending. David will talk on Cymbidiums, Diane on Dendrobiums, Melissa will be asked to talk on Phallies and will also present an overview of the Society, our shows and other annual activities.

GROWERS GROUP:

Members were reminded that we are holding a **Grower's Group** this coming Saturday 18th November at the home of George Birss, 4 Collins Place Engadine from 1pm – 4pm.

Open to all Members, but especially Novices, are encouraged to attend and bring along their problem plants. Attendees were also encouraged to bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

We'll be breaking up a huge *Coel. viscosa* and you might score a piece to take home, also we will be raffling a number of *Den. loddigesii* divisions kindly donated by Jan Robinson.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th November 2023

SOCIETY FINANCES:

This month the committee discussed the **financial situation** of the Society as we cannot continue to run at a loss.

One of the cost-cutting ways we are considering is only having one Spring Show and not a Winter show. This would go for 3 days plus setup. No decision has been made yet however I would be interested in hearing from you if you have any feedback on this; or if you feel we should still have the 2 shows.

Rhonda requested to be contacted by email or phone, to discuss your ideas.

Bulletin Postage:

The cost of having the bulletin mailed to you will increase to \$20 annually, up from \$15.

Name Badges:

New members will be asked to pay for their name badge as this is in line with other societies. If someone requires a replacement badge then they will need to pay for the replacement.

Membership Fees:

An increase was considered, but we can confirm there will be no increase for 2024.

Members were reminded that Annual fees are due from December and you can pay them at the December, January and February meetings, or by Electronic Funds Transfer.

EFT is the preferred method. If you wish to pay them next meeting, you will need to do so before we break after the general business.

A reminder with the Society EFT banking details will be sent out with the December Bulletin.

Also, to please update any sections on the form where your contact details have changed, and return to the Secretary.

ANNUAL POINT SCORE:

In December the point score competition re-commences. The committee considered whether changes needed to be made to the current meeting benching classes and agreed that no change is required

DECEMBER MEETING:

Next month is the **Christmas party**, major raffle and annual prize presentation. We ask that you bring an orchid or orchid related gift for the raffle for the value of \$15. Please put something in the raffle that you yourself would like to receive.

In relation to the food, we won't be supplying food apart from a Christmas cake. We would like you to bring a plate of food to place on the table. You can bring sandwiches, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, sweet things, nuts.

If you know now what you will be bringing would you please tell Diane so we can get an idea of what is coming?

There will be tea and coffee and soft drink so **please bring your own mug.**

If you have a Xmas tablecloth it would be nice to lay this on the table. Would you please bring one along if you have one?

Also, this is your opportunity to have some fun at the meeting by wearing Christmas attire such as shirts, earrings, reindeer antlers, Santa hats or you can go all out!

Our **AGM** will be held in March. Frank has indicated that he will be stepping down as Vice President and we need to find a replacement. Margaret would like someone to shadow her to learn the Treasurer's role.

Rhonda requested that someone please consider taking on one of these roles?

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th November 2023

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December – will be our Christmas party, large raffle and prize presentations.

January – we will be holding our member popular vote from all the Judge's Choice awards during 2023.

February – TBA

March – our AGM plus Gary Hodder presenting his talk on 'Orchids for New Growers'

David then gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants, also thanking Col Brandon, Ian Ware and Murray Aldridge for their generous donations tonight.

As judging was still in progress, Rob Nicol raised a discussion regarding the huge variety of pots on the market and what are their best uses for the different orchid genera.

MEETING ACTIVITY:

After the supper break, the meeting was handed over to Rhonda Jackson who presented a fantastic talk from her trip last year to WA, where she encountered a large variety of unique Native orchids whilst out walking the trails.

Rhonda's presentation was also accompanied by many beautiful PP photos of the orchids, scenery and local architecture.

On completion, David thanked Rhonda on behalf of the Society and presented her with a thank-you card and our gift of appreciation.

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Winner November Name Badge Draw - (apologies not recorded) (*1st raffle pick*)

Lucky Plant from the Spring Show – winner *George Birss (\$10 prize certificate)*

Winners - Lucky Plants from the October meeting – (*\$10 certificates to each*)

J. Sharpham, R. Cawley, D. Mitsios.

Raffle winners for November

R. Jackson, J. Jiang, R. Ettrick, L. Strong, Mei Tok, J. Riley, N. Woodcock, P. Sheaffe.

Judging:

Before announcing the benching winners, Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson

Trainee – Melissa Karayannis

Next Month's Trainee is - Jenny Jiang

November Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Onc. nobile – *D. Brooks*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Paph. 'unknown' – *M. Karayannis*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Den. thysiflorum – *P. Sheaffe*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Cym. canaliculatum var. purpurascens 'Willow' – *R. Cawley*

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th November 2023

President thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and we look forward to everyone's company at our Christmas meeting on 11th December.

Don't forget to bring your mug for coffee/tea, \$15 gift for the raffle and a plate of yummy food for the supper - and wear your Christmas attire!

We will have plant judging so bring your plants along as well, but there will be NO SALES TABLE due to the large raffle.

Would everyone please assist by putting the chairs and tables away, and if someone could sweep the floor it would be appreciated. If a table is dirty, would you please wipe it?

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

'Why Members should buy Raffle Plants'

courtesy – Jan Robinson



This is another "SSOS story" – I won the seedling in our monthly raffle Sept 2017.

Wilsonara Pacific Passage 'Handsome'.

First time for it to flower. To keep hubby off ladders, we stopped putting shade cloth on the north end of my bush house in the summer as of last year, hoping my plants didn't get too toasted.

Trees have grown up around us plus bit of mould/aging of the polycarb are providing enough sun protection--- and my plants are loving the additional light, especially my oncidis!

I've never flowered oncidis with tall spikes like this before, clearly have a lot to learn about staking!

But it's a great example of why members should buy raffle plants (this one was from Woolf Orchids, he did us a deal on a bunch of oncid. seedlings back then from memory.)

**Rhonda Jackson @
Home**



Den. Gatton Sunray

November Benching



Our Recent Grower's Group Saturday 18th November

The committee is very happy with the roll-up for the grower's group meeting which was held on Saturday 18 November at the home of George Birss.

Thirteen people attended which included 4 non-members sourced from the Caringbah Garden Club and Bunnings demonstrations, as well as 5 Novice growers.

The plants brought along for advice were discussed, with some being repotted. It was a good opportunity for the newer growers to learn the basics of repotting and how to care for their plants.

A huge *Coelogyne viscosa* generously donated by Steve Anyon-Smith, and a *Bletilla* (Chinese Ground Orchid) donated by George Birss were broken up, and pieces given to attendees.

Jan Robinson generously donated twelve *Dendrobium loddigesii*, ten of which were distributed at the meeting. Two were held back for raffle plants. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves and had lots to choose from at the afternoon tea!

We thank George and Marg for their generosity in holding the meeting at their house. - *Rhonda*



Rhonda and George 'wrestling' with the huge *Coel. viscosa*, and Mike Hitchcock addressing the enthusiastic group

REMINDER - Annual Membership Fees for 2024 are now due.

(Please Note: if any of your contact details have changed, please ensure you complete the fee renewal form attached with this Bulletin, and return to the Secretary)

ANNUAL FEES:

Adult Single - \$15 **Adult Double** - \$20
Pensioner Single - \$10 **Pensioner Double** - \$15
Junior (under 16 years) - \$5
(For Bulletin Postage – \$20 pa in addition to the above)

Method of Payment - preferably by direct deposit, or by cash at the meeting.

SOCIETY DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS:

BSB: 062-278. **Account #:** 10023286
Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

****Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!***

**Melissa Karayannis @
Home**



A huge specimen of
Onc. 'unknown'



Coel. burfordiense



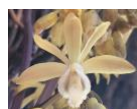
Coel. burfordiense



**** Special thank-you from your Editor ****

I would like to sincerely thank all our members who contributed the many great articles and for sharing your beautiful home orchid photos for our Bulletins in 2023

We look forward to your continued support in 2024!!



Local Orchid Spotting

Have you recently spotted one of our beautiful and unique Aust. native orchids in your local area?

Like to share the photo with other members? Please forward to the email address below to have it published in our Bulletin.

Many thanks - Editor

Please forward to: davehicks@outlook.com.au

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CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

The Society has a Code of Conduct which members must comply with:

"Members and visitors shall treat each other in a respectful, friendly and cordial manner at our meetings and Society activities."

November Benching



Our thanks to
Bunnings Kirrawee and
Caringbah
for their sponsorship
towards
our Shows in 2023

also



Woollooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our Venue



Upcoming Events for 2023 / 2024.

Monday 11th December 2023 - SSOS General Meeting, Christmas Party, Giant Raffle, Eats, Annual Awards Presentations (*see details page 6*)

Monday 8th January 2024 – SSOS General meeting, Activity – Member Popular Vote from the Monthly Judges Choice Awards.

Monday 12th February 2024 – SSOS General meeting. Speaker and subject to be confirmed.

Monday 11th March 2024 – SSOS General and Annual Meetings. Presentation - Gary Hodder: 'Orchids for New Growers'



We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our members who are currently recovering from recent health issues



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus biscuits are available during the break at the back of the hall.

***As disposable cups are no longer provided, please remember to bring along your own mug!**

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your **Photos @ Home or Articles** to include in our monthly Bulletins.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:

David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au

(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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