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Welcome to Coomalie Community Government Council's latest edition of Stop Press newsletter.

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Have you subscribed to the Stop Press Newsletter and not receiving it?

Please check your Junk Mail folder and mark the email as "Not Junk", should you require assistance with this, please call Council offices on 8976-0058, or call into the Community Libraries and our friendly librarians will be more than happy to help!

PROVIDING FEEDBACK TO COUNCIL

All residents now have the ability to provide feedback to Council, this could be an issue found or to compliment Council or its officers on a job well done.

This can be done through Council's website 'Contact Us' page, or by the the link here.

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

From the Chamber

Council held its last Ordinary General Meeting on 16th February 2023.

At the Ordinary General Meeting in February 2023, Council considered the following business:

- Council approved the disposal of three vehicles as part of its Plant Replacement
 Program. The vehicles will be disposed by public auction over the next couple of months.
- Council provided approval for a response to be submitted regarding a subdivision application received by the Development Assessment Services of the NT Government.
- The remaining Annual Community Grants program funds were agreed to be held until the next financial year (2023-2024); and
- The Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) 2021-22 grant was laid before Council to be acquitted and sent to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet. This round of the WaRM grant was used to acquire a front-end wheeled loader for use at the two Waste Management Facilities.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! Public health safety measures still apply, particularly as there are virulent strains of influenza present in the community, in addition to the ever-present concern of COVID-19. Responsible physical distancing will continue to be observed which may result in limiting numbers in the Chamber. The wearing of masks is a personal decision.

Need to know more?

Each month the Council meeting agenda and minutes can be accessed from the Council website

and a regular link will be provided on Council's Facebook page.

Visit Council Meetings page on our website to access the very latest information.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th March 2023 at 3:00pm** in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor.

FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Parks and Gardens

Maintenance of our parks, ovals and verges is continuing, with increased workload due to the weather. Adelaide River Bush Cemetery is being maintained, with hedging and mowing carried out when possible. Multiple tree removal and trimming activities have taken place in our area to ensure safety and accessibility to all our residents.

Waste Management

Council officers are working hard to create effective operational strategies to serve the community. Recycling is in its infant stage, but plans are being implemented. Our first load of recyclables, in conjunction with our town run for parts and essentials, was taken to the recycling plant.

Animal Management

Regular patrols and responses to complaints are being conducted across both Adelaide River and Bachelor townships.

Council would like to remind the community that registration of dogs is required and enables our ranger to reunite any lost dogs with their rightful owners.

The Vet Clinic Day in Batchelor was a great success, however due to lack of bookings, Adelaide River has been postponed to a later date.

Roads

Council is continuing our roadside slashing and spraying program across the area. This program is extensive and designed to control weeds and ensure visibility across the road networks. It will be running throughout the wet season until May 2023.

Council officers are also inspecting all roadside drainage and performing any necessary drain and floodway clearing as required and monitoring all water over roads where accessible.

Heavy rain has caused many roads to have water flowing over them, so please take care. Potholes are a major concern for Council and we are endeavouring to keep on top of these, but depending on weather, some cannot be repaired until water has receded.

It should be noted that the following roads are controlled by the Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

- Batchelor Road
- Rum Jungle Road
- · Litchfield Park Road
- Stuart Highway Service Road, Adelaide River
- Dorat Road
- Ringwood Road

Should you have any issues in regard to these roads, please report via Report a road fault - NT.GOV.AU. For urgent road faults free call 1800 246-199

To check road conditions go to Roads Reporting - Road Reports (nt.gov.au)

FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports have been hiatus since the end of the school year, with the program scheduled to kick off again from Monday 6th of February.

Please note change of days for Batchelor, this was required to fit other activities within Coomalie Shire.

- Adelaide River Monday afternoons 2:45pm 3:45pm.
- Batchelor Area School Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm 3:45pm.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tour will be held on Thursday 16th March, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The last tour had 12 people attend with the group going to Pine Creek to check out the historic railway and gold mines information. A local resident joined the tour and acted as our tour guide for the day!

Australia Day Brunch & Awards

What a successful event this was for 2023.

Congratulations to the following category winners:

- Citizen of the Year Lucinda Hooper
- · Young Citizen of the Year Edward Selems

Community Event of the Year - award withheld.

A special award was made to Beverly Garside for her efforts, ambition and drive to get the Annual Coomalie Art Show off the ground and for it to be the success that it was!

Please see further in this newsletter for some photos from the day.

Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

Coomalie's annual Bombing of Darwin Ecumenical Commemoration Service was held in the Civilian section of the Adelaide River War Cemetery on Monday 20th February.

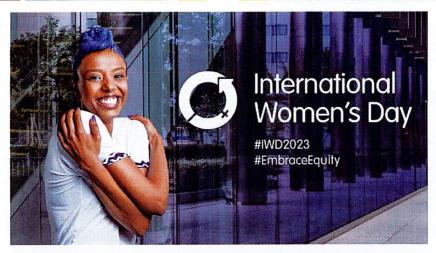
Approx. 100 guests attended the event to listen to a wonderful story from local historian Jan Hills, as well as hear the Assistant Minister for Defence speak on events during the bombing raids.

International Women's Day

Council will be holding an event for International Women's Day this year at the Litchfield Outback Resort on Wednesday 8th march from 9:30am and including morning tea.

Guests speakers include: Dr Jan Hills, local historian and veterinarian and Mrs Lesley Wolfe.

COUNCIL EVENTS



Pioneering Women in Coomalie

Join us for a free morning tea and listen to pioneering women tell their journey in life.

When: 8th March 2023

9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort











AFTER SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM 2023







Adelaide River Primary - Monday's 2:45- - 3:45 Batchelor Area School - Tuesday's 2:45 - 3:45

Children will only be accepted if a permission for is completed. Collect your school office or visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/assp!

NO FORM NO PARTICIPATION!



COOMALIE ART SHOW

Coomalie's 2nd Art Show Theme has been announced, she the details below!



COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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Council's libraries have reopened after the Christmas period with some strong attendance numbers evident.

Council received a donation of Lego blocks for our libraries, these have been distributed and available for use during library open hours!

Should libraries be closed on short notice, or late opening for any reason Council will publish this information to its Facebook page.

We have a wide and varied range of books available at both Community Libraries, feel free to come in and browse, it doesn't cost to join our Community Libraries. This enables you to have free access to iPads, Computers and Wi-Fi at the libraries.

Council is pleased to announce we have secured 2 new librarian's to become part of our team, please welcome Miss Barbara and Miss Cherian to our team. Should you see them at one of the libraries, please make them feel welcome!

Community Library Opening Hours

Adelaide River

Thursdays 3:30pm to 6:30pm Fridays 3:30pm to 6:30pm Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Batchelor

Fridays 3:00pm to 5:30pm Sundays 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please see poster above for Christmas closures at your local library!

Community members and visitors are all welcome at the library during the times above.

COOMALIE INFORMATION KIOSK



Council received a generous grant from Tourism NT to install an interactive touch screen information hub at the Batchelor Tourist Information centre.

Some of you may have seen the new BIG screen running throughout the day as you drive through town!

We are currently loading information with the developers of the program with an effort to

get the kiosk running in the next few weeks in the lead up to the dry season.

Should you wish your business to be featured on the kiosk, please contact Council without delay to ensure you are featured!

NEW COMMUNITY BUS DELIVERED









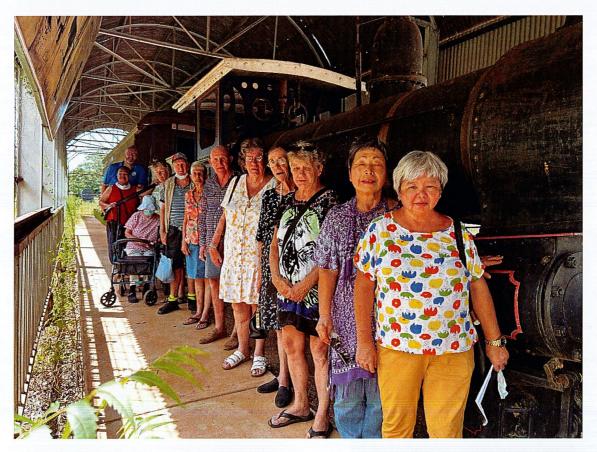
Coomalie Council recently took delivery of its new Community Bus from RGM Maintenance in Darwin.

Funding for the bus was provided by an NTG Community Benefit Fund Major Grant, with Council contributing a portion of funding to complete the purchase.

Keep an eye out for the bus and give us a beep if you see the bus on the road!

Council President Sharon Beswick can be seen discussing the finer points of the new bus with Dheran Young, Member for Daly and Sharon Hillen CEO of Coomalie Council.

SENIORS MYSTERY BUS TOUR







BATCHELOR HEALTH CLINIC

BATCHELOR HEALTH CENTRE

Phone 8976 0011 24hr's

CLINIC OPENING HOURS

Monday	0845 to 1200	closed for lunch	1230 to 1621
Tuesday	0845 to 1200	closed for lunch	1230 to 1621
Wednesday	0900 to 1200	closed for lunch	1230 to 1621
Thursday	0845 to 1200	CLOSED	(EMERGENCY ONLY)
Friday	0845 to 1200	closed for lunch	1230 to 1621
Saturday	Emergency Only		
Sunday	Emergency Only		

PERMANENT RESIDENTS NEED A PRIMARY HEALTH CHECK WITH AN RN/AHP THIS IS ESSENTIAL PRIOR TO SCHEDULING GP APPOINTMENT

ATTENDING DOCTORS

AVAILABLE MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Dr B. Bambery, Dr A. Kleinitz, Dr G. Harper,

Dr E. Tucker, Dr T. Tran

Doctor is available by appointment only

"Visitors and non-permanent residents are seen by Doctor under emergency only"

Nurses are available without an appointment

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY ONLY

BATCHELOR PLAYGROUP

Batchelor Playgroup

8:30 – 11:30pm Thursday every second week

weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 of school terms

at Batchelor Area Preschool

Drop-in to Batchelor Preschool

For fun and games

Fruit provided

Call Vicki for more information on 8976 0077 ...





The Gardening Group has cancelled the meeting on 19th March in lieu of meeting on Thursday 23rd March at 12 noon at De Lago restaurant at Lake Bennett to celebrate the birthday of one of our oldest members, Miss Lyla Wills OAM.

All are welcome to join us for this occasion.

Next Gardening Group meeting will be at Denmar Downs on Sunday April 16th 2023 at 12 noon.

All welcome.

If anyone is requiring a lift from and to Batchelor out to Denmar Downs, please ring Mary on 0417 816 422.

Drinks and eats will be available.

Please feel free to contact Mary on 89 760 379 if you have any questions about these sites.

BATCHELOR OP SHOP & FOOD FOR LIFE



The Batchelor op-shop is open each second Friday from 10 am to 12 noon.

At the same time and date each second Friday "Food For Life" operates. The van is driven down from Darwin with goods on board. EFTpos is available for Food for Life transactions.

The op shop has always operated on a cash basis but this year should be able to offer EFTpos also.

The next date for combined Batchelor Op-shop and Food For Life operates on will be Friday 3rd and 17th February 2023 from 10:00am - 12:00pm.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: *Thursday* 30th March 2023 9:30am *Please note change of day to a Thursday!*

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257 for further details

Coomalie Community Shed

Where: Cutler Place, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 8:30am - 2:00pm

Contact: James on 0488 195 410

<u>Agemoves</u>

Where: Old Rum Jungle Tavern

When: Every Tuesday 10:00am - 11:30am

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803

Combined session for people of Coomalie.

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

When: Monday 27th March 2022

Booking essential - Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257

ART WORKSHOPS

WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

By Paul Margocsy







Durack Community Art Room, Palmerston Sunday 30 April 2023 09:00 - 16:00

For Bookings & Payment details

 Email
 Chris
 cflaveli60@hotmail.com
 0435996350

 Jlnx
 jlnx21@bigpond.com
 0419822688
 Full payment must be made before the 1" April 2023.

Course outline:

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This workshop will show you the beauty and wender of widdle art. With the use of watercolours and other water southe mediums (e.g. pounds, pend, inc, pastel, acrylic) shall enable you not only to paint feathers and key, but to plant statules, character and photo quality about your select. You will position your subject, paint the surrounding habitat and give a lotally reasistic look to your art. Composition is the main attribute to any painting and with this achieved the bechinque used will excel and entire faint only tast the article but the views It's a flux ocurse and a time to learn how to manage this medium and these wonderful natural creatures. The backgrounds and the 'groge' of wideline at are important when you are painting realism. I will also show you how to utilize attribusing as a background technique. This will give you enother dimension in an whist havin find at the same time. You will be share officered ways of tacking this. This course will be enthralling, excling and totally fulfilling....painting nature can be fun.

Paul is supplying the airbrushing equipment, inks etc.

Morning and afternoon teas provided. Self catering for Lunch. There is a stove, microwave and refrigerator in the kitchen. Parking and all facilities on site.

WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

PM # 02 Workshop 2023

By Paul Margocsy







Venue: Durack Community Art Room, Palmerston Monday 1 May 2023 \$100.00 for 1 day minimum numbers 8 Cost:

For Book

 Email
 Chris
 offavali60@hotmali.com
 0435996350

 Jinx
 jinx21@bigpond.com
 0419822688
 Full payment must be made before the 1st April 2023.

Advanced Workshop – Have your questions ready, Paul will be there to hone your skills, offer suggestions and cover any difficulties you may experience. Paul's experience comes from some 30+ years of whidthe studies, thus short outs, problem solving, perfecting fur and feathers and all those little things that create a wonderful alive painting.

Advance students are not restricted to size or backing boards, some people might like to do tracings of various sizes before hand, drawing can take a very long time for some. There will be a light box A3

Morning and afternoon teas provided. Self catering for Lunch. There is a stove, microwave and refrigerator in the kitchen. Parking and all facilities on site.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS #PM01 WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING

- A drawing pad and a water soluble pencil and a soft eraser.
- Paints can be watercolour, gouache, acrylic, pastel, water based oil paints or water soluble pencils. A limited palette of colours is acceptable. A small jar of Gesso.
- Brushes should range from sizes 1 5 with thin sable not thick. A flat Hog Hair brush from a hardware
 or art supply shop (size 4 6).
- A bottle of masking fluid 100 ml and some old brushes/sartee stick (fine masking) for application.
- A water container and soft cleaning rags for brushes.
- . Most of these items are available at art suppliers.
- . Tracing Paper there will be a light box for use.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS PM#02 WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING

The Advanced Workshop has more flexibility for larger works, different backing boards, different mediums - you will have the materials from PM#1, and by now will be thinking on various other angles and materials.

- Paul has suggested 2 boards per day, with larger sizes for Workshop #2 if people wished.
- Matt board or mount board, (the board used to mount watercolours in a frame) size preferred, 2 x A4 sized boards. These are off cuts from picture framing places and generally are relogated to the bin. Hangil in Smith Steet, and Aft Docen in Searcy Steel have been approached and are writing to assist your acquisition of Matt board A4 size. These to be prepared with 2 costs of Gesse prior to Workshoo (Try to avoid trush marks by using a roller or the final coat). Pretent you are pairting a used so avoid the
- A drawing pad and a water soluble pencil and a soft eraser.
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 Wildlife books or photos that you would enjoy painting. Tracing Paper – there will be a light box for use.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police

> C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 0845 (08) 8976-7042

Remote Sergeant - Colin Queadley

Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police

PO Box 21, Batchelor NT 0845 (08) 8976-0015

Remote Sergeant -Sean Byrnes

We trust that the dry season left you well and looking forward to some rain..

CYCLONE SEASON

We are now officially in our cyclone season and weather predictions to date have us expecting some significant weather this year. Now is the time to begin making preparations for the wet season and all of the weather patterns which it will bring us. Giving time to cyclone clean up would be time well spent while the remaining dry weather permits. We urge everyone to take their own personal safety seriously and make preparations, your local police are here to help during weather events but our role is made much easier if everyone is prepared in some way. Keep an ear or eye on the weather forecasts and weather warnings and please heed the advice provided.

Good information and guidance is available on the NT Government website SecureNT.

Visit www.securent.nt.gov.au/prepare-for-an-emergency for more information and advice.

POLICE

Weather warnings are available on the various Social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. You can register to receive these alerts automatically but if you need help then feel free to talk to us. Visit https://securent.nt.gov.au/alerts for more information.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

Our interstate visitors and holiday makers have made their way back to their home states leaving us to look forward to the incredible weather which we see in the Top End. Giving time to our vehicles and their safety for wet weather driving will also be wise. As our roads have less traffic flow, please remain vigilant around safe driving and ensure that you're always refreshed, prepared and sober before making any journeys. As the wet season builds and develops, we urge all motorists to take extra care when traveling about our roads. The fresh grass is bringing animals to the roadside thus increasing the chances of collisions with vehicles. Please be cognisant of all animals when travelling. If you discover any loose stock, then please advise your local police or 131444 if the

matter is presenting an immediate danger to other motorists.

PROPERTY AND SECURITY - LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

Media coverage continues to bring your attention to the property offending in Darwin and surrounds. Despite our distance from these locations, we are not immune to persons motivated by dishonesty. Over the last few months, we have experienced instances of 'out of town' offenders visiting our districts and committing offences. We continue to urge all residents to take a close personal interest in the security of their property. If we can all play our part, we will have a safer community. Reporting all incidents, no matter how minor will also help your local Police gain a better understanding of where focus is needed. Should you observe suspicious persons or vehicles, please contact 131444 immediately. The information you provide can assist Police in investigating and solving offences which you may not be aware of. It is timely to remind all residents that your local Police appreciate personal contact either in person or on the station phone but that we cannot staff the Police Station 24 hours a day. It is preferable that all reports be made through 131444 or 000 in an emergency so that your local Police can be despatched to attend even if we are not on duty.

A simple step such as removing keys from motor vehicles, locking doors and even older style steering locks will make offenders look elsewhere for their next prize.

We wish you all a safe wet season and look forward to saying hello while we are out an about in the community.

Adelaide River Police Sgt QUEDLEY + Constable ALCORN

Batchelor Police
Sgt BYRNES + Constable HARRIS-JACOBS







Adelaide River Health Centre

Becker St, Adelaide River 0846 (08) 8976-7027

Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre

27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845 (08) 8976-0011



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	
Adelaide River Markets	Sgt Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River	Commencing Easter Saturday, Sunday & Monday New & Casual Stallholders Welcome Contact Chris Johnstone 8976-0547	
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803	
Adelaide River Playgroup	Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School	Every Monday & Tuesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am	
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	2nd Sunday of the month - Dry Season only	
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 8:30am - 11:30am	
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms)	
Council Run After School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms)	

Food for Life	St Francis Church	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th January 2022
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00am At Denmar Downs
Rum Jungle Bowls Club	Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor Contact Mark Shirley 0447 848 234	Every Thursday during Dry Season
St Francis Op Shop	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th January 2022

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Dogs in Coomalie Shire



All dogs in Coomalie
Shire over 3 months of
age must be registered.
You can register your
dog at Council Offices
or via Email

Dogs **must** be on a leash at all times in any public area, otherwise they can be impounded.



Fees apply if your dog has been impounded.

Dog Registration Charges

Registration Period – 1st September to 31st August Registered between Sep – Aug \$37.00 Registered between Mar – Aug \$27.00 Pensioner / Concession \$18.50



Waste Facility Hours - Adelaide River

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS
Tuesday 8am - 10am
Friday 8am - 10am
Saturday 8am - 4pm
Sunday 7am - 3pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS Tuesday 10am - 2pm

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Waste Facility Hours - Batchelor

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 7am - 11am

Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Sunday 8am - 4pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 11am - 3pm

Thursday 7am- 11am

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Attention: Road Weight Restrictions

Road Weight Restrictions will be in force within the Coomalie Shire.

1 October until 30 April**

** Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

• 48 business hours notice required

• 10 tonne max on unsealed roads

• 20 tonne max on sealed roads

• 20 tonne max on sealed roads

Council's Feedback Process

If you choose to raise concerns (or compliments) to Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website; one is for <u>complaints about dogs</u> and the other is for <u>general complaints</u>.

You can also fill out one of the two forms on Council's website.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month and are open to the public, but are closed for any confidential sessions.

Next Meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday 16th March 2023

Stop Press

Should you know of someone that still wishes to receive a paper-based version of the Stop Press, please email <u>Stop Press</u> to be added to the printed mailing list.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to <u>Stop Press</u> by the 20th of each month. Each month we start with a clean canvas without articles being rolled over.

Please ensure you have read Council's policy <u>1.1 Community Communication</u> before submitting an article.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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