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## Murals turn drab into fab



ARC Mayor Ian Tiley and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall joined artists Brian Irving and Kay Smith for the unveiling

In what is hoped will be the beginning of a series of public artworks throughout the Guyra CBD, a ceremony was held last week to unveil murals in Volunteer Park.

The artworks have trans-

formed the amenities block, taking it from 'drab to fab' thanks to the talents of local artists Brian Irving and Kay Smith. They teamed up to complete a series of six murals depicting the Mother of Ducks

Lagoon, which wrap around the building adding colour and interest.

Brian and Kay have previously worked together on two joint exhibitions. Their collaborative works have been ex-

tremely popular, combining the characteristics of Brian's Aboriginal Art with Kay's realist style. The murals were completed off site before being mounted on the building.

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# Murals turn drab into fab (cont)



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The inspiration for the works came from designs submitted by students at Guyra Central School. In 2018, Brian and Kay led the students in a series of workshops to come up with designs that depicted the local area.

The student's original designs have also been included in a collage, acknowledging their efforts and talents.

Prior to the unveiling Brian quipped that he thought they would 'knock the socks' off the town and that prediction came true.

The immediate reaction was full of superlatives – 'perfection', 'amazing', 'beautiful', 'brilliant', 'stunning' and 'fantastic' featured prominently following the big reveal.

The project was not without controversy and there was significant opposition to plans by Armidale Regional Council (ARC) to employ a Melbourne based artist to complete the work.

Feedback showed that a local approach would be more in line with community expectations.



Guyra Central School Aboriginal Education Officer Eunie Blair and Principal Michelle Nicholson with the artworks created by school students. A collage of their artworks is displayed on the amenities block and also on the bus shelter in Bradley Street

tations. ARC Mayor Ian Tiley acknowledged at the unveiling that council was forced to re-think plans in light of the negative feedback.

"Guyra rebelled against an edict from the top, so council agreed you could have the mural that you wanted," Cr Tiley said.

"The Chamber of Commerce came on board and sponsored a fresh application for funding from the Bushfire Community Recovery Resilience Fund, receiving \$11,000 for this project."

"It speaks volumes about the people of Guyra that they didn't want any mural, they wanted their own particular mural."

"Thank you to a whole lot of people involved in making this happen," Cr Tiley concluded.

President of the Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce Steve Mephram said that the murals will be an added attraction for tourists. He also thanked Donna Davidson and her team who worked behind the scenes to bring the project to fruition.

Special thanks goes to tradies Adam Hoffman, Jeremy Cox and their teams who assisted with the preparation of the site and the installation of the murals.



# Excellence in family day care rewarded

Guyra family day care educator, Valerie (Val) Hume, has been recognised for her commitment to excellence in early childhood education and care, in the 2021 Family Day Care Australia Excellence in Family Day Care Awards.

Val, who works as an early childhood education and care professional registered with Armidale and District Family Day Care, is one of 69 Regional Educator Winners selected across Australia.

This event is the only national awards program dedicated specifically to recognising the work and achievements of the 12,000 strong community of family day care educators across Australia.

Celebrating its tenth year, the 2021 Awards shine a light on the incredible early childhood education and care experiences provided to more than 93,000 children, in natural and nurturing home leaning environments across the country.

Val has been doing Family Day Care for a little over 17 years and said that she is proud to have been chosen, as there are some amazing educators who run fantastic services.

“To be recognized for what I do is truly an honour,” she said. “There is no greater responsi-



Val Hume has been recognised for her work in providing Family Day Care Services for the Guyra community

bility than to be entrusted with the care and education of these young children, so, I appreciate the validation for what I do.

“I have lost count of the number of children who have attended my service over the years. Seeing the children grow

and learn, and witnessing those milestone moments is so precious.”

“There are four other Family Day Care educators in Guyra who also have outstanding services. We all support each other and network together

and are extremely lucky and grateful to have such a supportive coordination unit at Armidale Family Day Care.”

Family Day Care Australia Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Paterson said that educators like Valerie provide vital support to children, families and communities all across Australia.

“The flexible, high quality early education provided by educators like Valerie is what makes family day care so unique and is the reason why so many families choose family day care,” Mr Patterson said.

“The Awards are also an opportunity to profile the wonderful opportunities that the sector affords early childhood professionals.

“Family day care offers a career like no other. Our qualified educators run their own small business from home, combining their passion for early childhood education with the opportunity to build a flexible, rewarding and secure financial future,” Mr Patterson concluded. “We think that’s pretty special.”

Valerie is now in the running to be named as one of four National Educator Finalists, to be announced in October.



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**PICNICKING** at Little Llan-  
gothlin Lagoon and enjoying  
the wildlife

**THE NEW MURAL** on the  
side of the toilet block near  
the Post Office

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** and  
wearing masks even still re-  
quired

## What's **NOT**

**THE HUGE GAP** where once  
was a beautiful tree in  
Ryanda Street.

**NOT** giving way at major  
intersections



**Back I to r:** Wendy Jackson, Shona Mulligan, Debbie Heffernan, Wendy George  
**Front:** Debbie Burey, Vicki Reeves, Karen Oehlers, Jenny Rogers, Suzanne Towells

## QUOTE of the week

The world is  
filled with nice  
people. If you  
can't find one,  
be one

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	-2.0	8.0	0
15	Wed	2.1	12.9	2.0
16	Thurs	-0.2	14.9	0
17	Fri	2.0	16.0	0
18	Sat	3.8	18.5	0
19	Sun	3.1	18.6	5.2
20	Mon	1.9	17.6	0

Rain this week	7.2mm
Sept. rainfall	17.4mm
Rainfall YTD	796.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	655.6mm
Ave. rain to Sept.	613.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Last week saw the return to Ladies Golf. The course is still partially closed but we can play nine holes. Last week was the Tee off for Breast Cancer Day generously sponsored by Wendy George.

The winner was Wendy Jackson with Wendy George

as the Runner up. Nearest the Pin winners were Karen Oehlers on the 7th hole, Vicki Reeves on the 9th hole and Wendy Jackson on the 18th hole.

Thank you to the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club for donating the green fees to

such a worthy cause. This week is a Stableford sponsored by Wendy Jackson.

Next week is a Par Medal with Debbie Burey as the starter and sponsor.

*Birdie*

## Have your say.....

### No train again

For those fighting for return of rail services, their concern is reconstruction costs. As a taxpayer my concern is the added annual running loss.

When I first came to Guyra it was illegal for business people and farmers to use non rail transport for goods bought or sold within NSW – that's all gone.

One only has to look at the half-empty daily rail bus to see what a huge annual deficit added to the reconstruction would be.

In contrast, I had the pleasure of questioning business people in both Victoria and Tasmania as to the economic benefit of their bicycle rail trails – both were super positive.

*Dave Bearup*

### Money needed for Lagoon

I propose the ARC apply to NSW government for grants, with a plan to purchase/re-sume freehold titles on Guyra's Mother of Ducks Lagoon, with the view to rehabilitating this natural asset for Guyra and the wider community

A restored Mother of Ducks Lagoon in Guyra will attract thousands of tourists to this region every year, pay pastoralists compensation for useless land, and provide all the surrounding farmers and landholders with the means to diversify their industries into ecotourism in cabins etc.

The lagoon is mostly owned by NSW National Parks, so the ARC could gift the titles to NSW Parks on the condition the lagoon be restored, rehabilitated, and maintained by

NSW National Parks. What a great deal for ARC!

I believe at least one local farmer, close to Guyra, is prepared to gift land to the Guyra Golf Club for a proper links that doesn't flood and remain sodden for 3months following rains. I am sure there will be strings.

Please consider proposal, and I would be most anxious to join any committee formed by ARC to research this proposal, at no cost for my work as part of the committee.

*Mark Svenson*

*Have  
your say*

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Sept. 23 Sue Adams  
 Sept. 24 Steve Adams  
 Sept. 27 Toni Kirkman  
 Sept. 28 Lesley Credland  
 Sept. 29 Noreen Williams

## Street Stalls

Sept. 23 Can Assist  
 Sept 24 & 25 Masonic Lodge  
 Oct. 1 Hospital Aux.  
 Oct. 7 CWA

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1667

### St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday. Doors open from 8:30am. We have plenty of space, all welcome!  
 Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

### St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea.  
 Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

### The Chapel,

66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
 Contact: 0460 448 864

### Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday  
 Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

### Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street:

Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am  
 Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

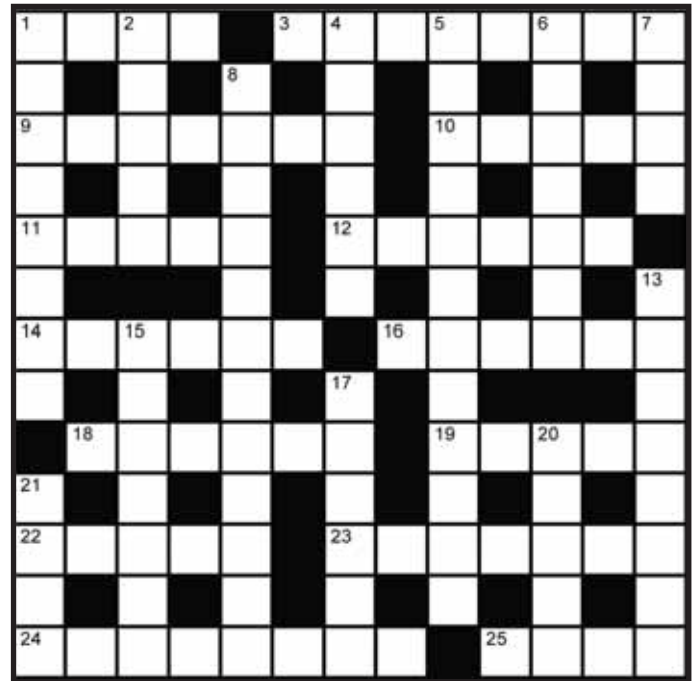
# CROSSWORD

### Across:

- Small rodents
- Charismatic
- Fodder plants
- Infectious agent
- Consignment
- Constitutional monarchy in northern Europe
- Fearful, anxious
- Projected through the air
- Twelfths of a foot
- Faithful
- Racket
- Replies
- Jointly
- Executed

### Down:

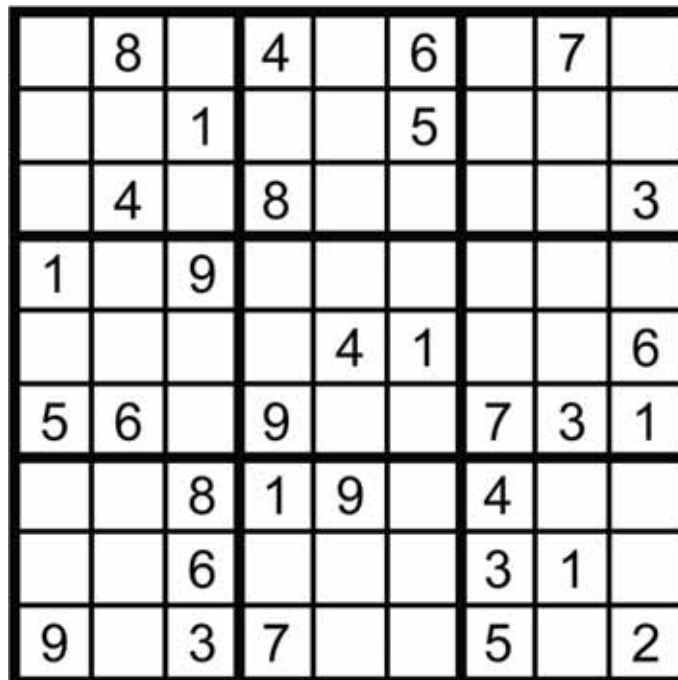
- Someone who performs illusions for a crowd
- Preside over (a meeting)
- Missing
- Notwithstanding
- Cyclone
- Proceedings in a court of law
- Feeling of extreme surprise



- Contained inside an envelope
- Being in operation
- Demesne
- Bear fruit
- Entanglement

**Across:** 1. Mice 3. Magnetics 9. Grasses 10. Virus 11. Cargo 12. Norway 14. Afraid 16. Thrown 18. Inches 19. Loyal 22. Noise 23. Answers 24. Together 25. Did  
**Down:** 1. Magician 2. Chair 4. Absent 5. Nevertheless 6. Tomato 7. Case 8. Astonishment 13. Enclosed 15. Run-ning 17. Estate 20. Yield 21. Knot

## SUDOKU -Easy



## What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. Happy viewing!

### Netflix - Movies

SAS: Rise of the Black Swan, Inside Man, Hostage House, 93 Days, Legacy of Lies, Love, Guaranteed.

### Netflix - Series

Clickbait

### ABC Iview

The Silence (UK), Innocent

### Beamafilm

Crushed

### Tubi

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## Men's Bowls

Well after a short delay, Bowls has resumed and Club Championships again underway. Saturday September 18th saw a game of Club Triples played. Robert Goodchild, Cameron Peardon and Barry Presnell played Grahame Starr, Greg Mitchell and Dan Kennedy. After an enforced lay-off both teams were a bit rusty however Barry and his team showed signs of their previous form winning 4 of the first 5 ends, not to be out done Dan and his team came back winning the next 4 ends. Barry and his team went ahead leading by 5 shots but alas that's all she wrote as Dan and his team hit their straps and surged ahead eventually running out winners 23 shots to 14 shots over 21 ends.

Sunday September 19th saw another game of Club Triples played. Andrew Sparke, Col Stanley and Michael Shiner played Evan Sole, Roger Cox and John McIlwain. This game was played as though there was no layoff. John and his team opened their account with a 4 Michael and his team returned fire with a single shot but after the 5th end, Michael

and his team forged ahead and by the 11th end appeared to have the game in hand. John and his team fought on but the hare had bolted and Michael and his team took the game 25 shots to 17 shots over 21 ends.

Sunday afternoon also saw a social game of Box Draw Pairs. After 3 rounds of Bowls the Winners were: Tim Ellis and Steven Sole. Runners Up were J McEwan and Robert Walls.

Club Championship games set down for this Weekend:

Sunday September 26th: Start: 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

Club Triples: Michael Shiner, Col Stanley and Andrew Sparke to play John Jackson, Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves.

Major/Minor Pairs: Logan Beechey and Mallie Walls to play Robert Moore and Cameron Peardon.

Bowlers the Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd AGM will be held October 10th commencing 10.00am. Following this meeting the Bowling Club AGM will be held.

Bowlers are also reminded that Club Championship nomination sheets for 2021/2022 season are now on the notice

board. If you intend to play in these Championships then you have only to October 17th to get your name and teams in so don't delay get your nominations in.

### *The Bowls Bandit*

## Midweek Golf

The Midweek competition will commence on Monday October 18th. Nominate your team of six people before October 9th. Each person puts their scorecard into the midweek box at the club and the best four scores are recorded for a total team score for the end of the season. There is also a prize for the best individual score.

Whether you are a golfer or non-golfer it makes no difference to the final scores. Please leave you nomination forms at the Club.

All players must be a golf member or member of the Guyra Bowling Club. They don't have to be a golf player so anyone can be in your team e.g. juniors, men, women, vets.

If you don't have a handicap then you will be issued one before the competition commences. This is a nine hole event – back or front nine.

Cost each week is \$5 for golf

members and \$10 for Bowling Club members. This is paid when you collect your scorecard and check your handicap before you play the 9 holes. Nomination forms and rules are available at the Club.

An update handicap/score sheet will be on the noticeboard at the Club for everyone to check each week. Each round will run from Monday morning to 5pm Sunday night. Any cards returned after 5pm Sunday will be counted in the following week's round.

We play in two rounds – first one is from October 18th to December 19th (9 weeks) and then recommence after Christmas/New Year on Monday January 17th through to Sunday March 27th.

This year we have introduced a birdie prize. Everyone who gets a birdie will be recorded and a winner drawn out on Presentation Night.

We have some great support for this competition in the last couple of years and hope you will be able to once again get a team together.

Looking forward to seeing you on the golf course.

*Middy*

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**September 15** - Lamb numbers remained steady at 2100, while sheep supplies halved to 600. There was a single pen of new season lambs and a good supply of well finished heavy and extra heavy weights. Overall the quality was quite mixed. The full compliment of processors operated and there was some local restocker activity on the plainer condition lots.

Market trends varied with the new season lambs, estimated at just over 24kg cwt, well received. The better quality lambs to restockers sold to dearer trends, while the plainest were cheaper. Well finished lambs to the trade sold to dearer trends with those up to 24kg cwt posting moderate gains. The increased competition, combined with much stronger demand resulted in heavy and extra heavy weights selling to a significantly dearer market trend. There was some weight increase in the extra heavy weight

class. The quality of the sheep was fair to good. Again restockers were active on plainer condition Merino ewes. Quality was a contributor to a cheaper market trend. Well finished medium and heavy weight lines sold to dearer trends under increased competition and strong demand.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**September 16** – There was a yarding of 546 cattle, up 281 on the previous sale. Lightweight young cattle and well-finished grown cattle were well supplied. Overall the quality and condition of the penning varied, the well-finished lines showing the benefit of crop. Not all the regular processors and feedlotter were in attendance, however there was the return of a Southern processor.

Restocker activity was high. Strong demand from restockers for light-weight young cattle resulted in dearer trends through the vealer and yearling categories. Both steers and heifer classes under 280kg posted strong gains when taking

breed quality into account.

The medium and heavy weight yearling steers also sold to dearer trends with local restockers competing strongly with the feedlotter. Breed was a factor in the fall in price for some of the yearling heifers. Trends firm to dearer for those to feed.

Well-finished heavy weight grown steers sold to dearer trends of 4c to 8c/kg under improved quality and increased competition. The well-finished grown heifers to process sold to dearer trends for the most part, with quality and age related price change in places. The quality of the cows was mostly good. Demand was weaker with this resulting in cheaper trends of 14c to 20c/kg. The competition was not as fierce in the bull market with the market trend cheaper by 30c to 40c/kg.

### Weekly Wool Sales

The slightly softer close to last week's sales carried over to the opening day of this week's sale. The individual micron price guides fin-

ished the first day 15 to 30 cents cheaper. The losses mainly occurred across the Fleece types with little change to skirtings and cardings. The second day of sales managed to reverse most of the falls leaving the Northern Region Indicator down 2 cents for the week. 32,825 bales were sold nationally for the week with 12.7% of the offering passed in.

Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool & Tianyu. The increase in the volume of wool sold for the season to date along with vastly improved prices compared to 12 months ago has led to a 53% jump in the total dollar value of sales. AWEX report this figure to be 138 million dollars greater than the corresponding period last season.

Since returning from the mid-year recess the Eastern Market Indicator has traded in a narrow 40 cent band over the past six weeks. Considering the large season on season increase in both the volume and value of wool sold this has been a solid result in what remains to be uncertain times.



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## GARAGE SALE

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**TROUTFEST MARKET DAY** registrations from stall holders and ART entry forms are available from [guyratroufest@gmail.com](mailto:guyratroufest@gmail.com) or 0488 755 736

## MEETINGS

**CWA GUYRA EVENING BRANCH AGM** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm at the GALA Centre meeting room. New members welcome - contact Anne 0413 595 353

**GUYRA BOWLING & RECREATION Club AGM** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 10.00am.

## FOOD PANTRY

### Food Pantry at The Chapel

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1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.

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## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021:** Peony & Producers Festival.

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## DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

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## RETURN THANKS

### Thank You

**THE KANE FAMILY**, Geoffery, Marlene, Julie, Rhonda and Sandie and their families wish to thank all of those in the Guyra and Ben Lomond district for the wonderful care and support over the past month.

Our Mum, Mumma and Great Grandmother, **MEG KANE**, passed away peacefully at her home on the family property on 13<sup>th</sup> August. She loved her family, her Church family, her life on the farm, and her garden. She will be greatly missed.

Your messages, flowers and words of comfort have meant so much to us all.

*Please accept this message as our personal thanks.*



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# Thanks team IGA for a job well done



Our staff at Kirk's IGA supermarket have soldiered on above and beyond the call of duty by keeping the store running smoothly during the lockdowns and Covid restrictions that we have experienced over the past 18 months.

Our junior staff deserve special mention. They were not able to go to school so they came into the store each and every day to help with the increased numbers of customers and also the clean-

ing regimes. High touch surfaces in the store had to be cleaned every hour and our junior staff carried out these tasks diligently.

All the while over the past 18 months, our staff were under heightened stress as the risk of the Covid virus coming to Guyra increased with cases in Armidale but they continued their work serving the people of Guyra.

Due to the increased volumes of stock required, our truck was full every load; even getting a Sat-

urday delivery on some occasions. This means there were tons and tons of groceries to be stacked and packed each week. All this work was done by our hard working team.

Another big role was reassuring some concerned members of the public who had been at home each day alone watching the news reports and the Premier's press conferences.

We extend our thanks to every member of our team for all their

hard work to serve our community and ensure the safety of all our customers.

**The Kirk Family**

**Editor's note:** We are sure that Guyra residents appreciate the efforts of the staff at Kirk's IGA and indeed all the Guyra businesses who have kept trading during these long Covid restrictions.

***Over the past year our staff have been working above and beyond the call of duty, keeping the shelves stocked, serving our customers, making home deliveries ... all under increased stress of the virus.***

***Thank you to all our wonderful staff!***

***The Kirk Family***

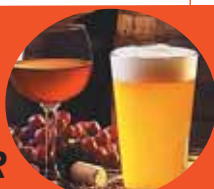
## **Please stay Covid-safe while shopping in store**

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