

DG Newsletter

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Welcome to the District Newsletter

Please send your news items in Word or plain text, and photos (maximum of three and no more than 5MB in total) every 15th of the month to secretary@rotary9465.org.au



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The month July for Rotarians is the dawn of New Leadership both at International, District and Club level.

The new Rotary year

for our District started not too dissimilar to last year, in that events were cancelled as we went into another lockdown. The District Changeover Dinner was postponed to the 31 July 2021. I would have settled for a virtual event; however, the Changeover Dinner is a time to reflect on the year we have had, the good work that has been done across our District and there are members to be recognised for their outstanding achievements and contribution and they deserve a celebration.

Rotary International's theme for 2021-2022 is Serve to Change Lives encourages us to continue to commit to the heart of what we as Rotarians do, to improve the lives of others through our service.

International President Shekhar Mehta is asking all Rotarians to increase Rotary's impact through service by undertaking more community service projects. These projects will not only change the lives of those we assist but also change our lives for the better as to serve others and change their lives is the best way to live our own lives.

Shekhar's mantra is to "do more and grow more". "Do more" as in larger and more impactful service projects and "grow more" as in increasing our membership and expanding its participation in service. We all have a part to play in increasing membership, inspire and include the community around with the good work you all do and take the opportunity to invite others to come and join us so we can do even more good work.

Rotary's opportunities are there for all of us, from retirees to teens we have an array of opportunities to serve communities, gain experience in broader and wider reaching projects and develop as leaders.

Unlike many other Rotary Districts, our restrictions with COVID to date have been minimal. We were able to run our training programs face to face, including: President Elect Training Seminar, four

District Assemblies, a College of Governors event and the first of our training sessions for Assistant Governors. In addition to these events, many of incoming Club Presidents, Assistant Governors and other District and Club Officers have undertaken relevant courses in Rotary International's Learning Centre. Our records show a substantial increase in our course completion rates for our District and I thank all of those that have completed the courses and appreciate those that are progressing through the courses and encourage them to keep at. Understanding your role's responsibilities and how to access the policies, procedures and processes to guide you is a fundamental step in good governance.

Many other Districts have resorted to virtual events resulting in lower costs to each member and at a time convenient to each member. It is an area we need to explore more to enable us to expand our reach and reduce expenses. I want to give recognition to the Four Way Test Speech Contest committee with their initiative on working on rules and guidelines for a virtual contest, which would provide a platform for great participation, especially for our remote locations, in this excellent program.

Finally, to finish on the subject of leadership, we all need to remember that we are all leaders in our communities. We need to set the example, to be the standard we want our Clubs, our District and our communities to be. It is vital that we stand up for what we believe and call out any unacceptable behaviour. A wise Past District Governor once shared that what we do should be for the good of Rotary – put egos aside and Rotary first.

So with egos aside we are now about to embark on the forming of new District that will incorporate D9455 and D9465. DG Dee Buckland and I, along with District Governors-Elect and the support of our respective Board, have commenced discussions on the pathway forward. As leaders, our priority is to keep our members informed and updated as we progress.

Thank you to those Clubs that I have had the pleasure of visiting to date and I look forward to the visits ahead.

Pat Schraven, District Governor

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Source: Rotary Leader & RISPPO Regional Bulletin, July 2021

WHAT'S NEW

Remember these reporting changes for 2021-22

It's a new Rotary year. Make sure to review these important changes to reporting requirements for club presidents:

- Starting 1 July, club presidents are encouraged to report their club service projects committee chair to Rotary International. While the club service projects committee is not new, this is the first year that you'll be able to report the committee appointment so that these chairs receive access to tools, resources, and support for club-led service activities. Learn more.
- Club presidents are also being asked to report club public image chairs. This
 will ensure that your club has access to our current brand guidelines and
 official Rotary assets including videos, ads, and customizable promotional
 materials. You'll also get links to online training courses for public image
 officers and the latest news on how to increase our impact and reach.

Reporting these appointments to RI will help your club align district and club communications, provide feedback channels so that RI can enhance our service resources and support, and increase your club's impact and expand your reach.

TECH TOOL

New district enhancements coming to My Rotary

Members will soon be able to review district information from a dedicated landing page on My Rotary. In a few weeks, you'll easily see which clubs and members are part of your district. This enhancement is part of the ongoing upgrades being made to the site. Throughout 2021, we'll continue to improve your My Rotary experience by:

- Making district officer and assistant governor information more easily accessible
- Improving the process for district officers to report, remove, and replace district officers
- Simplifying the assistant governor appointment process
- Introducing a dashboard for governors that presents key district information in a visually meaningful way
- Updating the process for managing district conferences and obtaining feedback
- Recognizing members who have sponsored a certain number of new members

These new features will be released throughout the year.

FINANCE

Club invoice for July to December 2021

Club officers will have access to their July club invoices in MyRotary by mid to third week of July. This will also be sent electronically to their email addresses as listed in Rl's database. Please ensure that current club officer information is updated and that officers have registered with MyRotary, if they have not done so already.

CLUBS IN ACTION

More luxury homes for island's little penguins

By Raelene Heston

PALM BEACH Rotarians are doing their best to help the struggling little penguin (fairy penguin) colony in Rockingham's Shoalwater Bay.

The Penguin Island colony has declined 80 per cent since 2007 and it is believe their maybe only 300 breeding pairs remain. Prey depletion (parent birds having to travel further to get food) and climate change are considered to be major pressures on the breeding population.







But Palm Beach Rotarians have built and delivered 43 luxurious nesting boxes to Penguin Island — 20 in 2018 and and 23 last year — to aid breeding seasons.

Club volunteers have also replaced 11 badly weathered lids on old nesting boxes and painted the lids on 22 old boxes to increase their longevity.

And this year Rotarian Neil Wall built 30 shade screen screens for those nesting boxes, with the club laying for the materials.

Heat stress can kill baby penguins or force mothers abandon their nests, said assistant governor Rick Dawson.

This former senior Parks and Wildlife officer turned consultant has been driving force behind the penguin nesting box project — and the major effort supplying artificial nesting hollows for black cockatoos,

The penguin nesting boxes were designed by researcher Erin

Clitheroe. The little passageways leading into the boxes imitate the tunnels leading to natural rocky burrows or shelters.

Palm Beach Rotarians Des Mant and Neil Wall headed the construction project and Neil's quantity estimation skills were amazing, Rick said. The volunteers got many more boxes out of the materials supplied than might be expected.

Materials were paid jointly by the club and Parks and Wildlife and their staff were amazed by the quality of the workmanship, he added.

Des' workshop was overflowing with materials and workers. The pace of work was so intense "they blew up a saw".



At a truly fabulous celebration on the 7th of July, APPLECROSS ROTARY officially turned 50!

hartered on the 2nd of June 1971, and sponsored by Melville Rotary Club, with the late Tom Cook as Charter President (DG in '84/5, and several Australian and RI appointments), who could have foreseen the community commitment, across the years, that our Club would contribute.

The celebratory event, set to a 70's dress theme and combined with the Annual Changeover, was attended by DG Pat, many past members (including three PDGs), Melville Rotary members as the sponsoring Club, our local MP and an almost full compliment of Applecross Rotary Members. A big evening in every respect, with about 80 in total in attendance.

Incoming Pres. Peter McEwen, presented an Honorary Membership to our local State Member Kim Giddens, and outgoing Pres. Ray Philp recognised our newest Life Members PDG Bruce James and John Henderson.

Two Paul Harris Fellowships and a number of other special recognition awards were also presented.

Celebratory Master Chef Brendan Pang provided a selection of his famous Dumplings and other courses, accompanied by lots of time on the dance floor and chat time.

A highlight for Applecross Rotary is its annual Jacaranda Festival, this year on the 27th of November, and this will be the 21st celebratory JacFest!

Over the years this Street Carnival, held in Applecross Village, has developed its own brand reputation and attracts support and interest from far and wide.

Grant support from Lottery West and the City of Melville, plus Club Sponsor support adds about \$50k a year to the capacity of Applecross Rotary to 'give back', with much of the profits shared with local Rotary

Clubs and community groups who give of their time in support of the day.

The Project Team operate as a truly professional Project Management team, which has ensured the longevity for the Club's premier event, and which is also a driver for quality new Members wanting to join with its success.

We look forward to long remaining actively relevant to both our local and broader community.

AG Kenn Williams Applecross Rotary





APPLECROSS ROTARY, THE ROTARY CLUB OF KITENGELA and Mama Respond International (a Perth based NFP) have joined forces to build what will be the only comprehensive toilet block for special needs students in Kitengela, Kenya (population 150,000). This will be at Noonkopir Township Primary School – a public school closely affiliated with Mama Respond.

Mama Respond has worked with Noonkopir Primary since 2013 when they mobilised parents, community members, church groups and international donors to address overcrowding. They built two new classrooms to halve the 130-student per classroom population in both the year five and six classrooms, thus enabling improved learning. These two buildings cost AUD 10,000. Mama Respond also established employment and educational sponsorships for several parents and children at the school. Mama Respond have since resurfaced several classroom floors at Noonkopir Primary, distributed Days for Girls Kits, run healthcare programs, and established more sponsorships for many children.

In 2017, Noonkopir Primary built the only <u>special needs unit</u> in Kitengela. It was soon overcrowded with intellectually and physically disabled students. Mama Respond started to take these children to hospitals for medical diagnoses, treatments, and medications, to improve their health for better education; again, mobilising local support to cover treatment costs. Three of the children treated that year returned to mainstream learning where they thrived unrestrained by a curable disability. This work has become Mama Respond's mandate.

The existing special needs unit does not match the extensive needs of the students. The unit is incompatible for students who are in a wheelchair. Students who are unable to walk or sit without aids spend their time laying on a mattress on the floor. The others are able to learn basic reading, writing, and other skills for everyday life.

The school toilets are not appropriate for the needs of these children. They must share the regular toilets (squat long drop pits) with the 1000 other students at Noonkopir Primary. Several students are incapable of using those toilets, and others require special assistance: an unsanitary situation and an undignified one too.

To resolve this, Mama Respond is working with Noonkopir Primary and the city community to build a comprehensive special needs unit for these students. The unit will comprise toilets, two classrooms, a kitchen, and an administration room. This will replace the unfit toilets and unsuitable rooms currently in use.

Applecross Rotary, Rotary Club of Kitengela and Mama Respond have taken the challenge to construct an appropriate toilet block; and to enable the disabled students to receive a medical diagnosis and possible treatment. This will require a Rotary Global Grant project of USD 30,000.

Applecross Rotary are the lead coordinator. The project needs to raise USD 12,000 from Australian sponsors. To date, we have pending pledges from five Rotary Clubs.

To get off the ground, we need pledges of another A\$8000 (USD 6,000) from local Rotary Clubs.

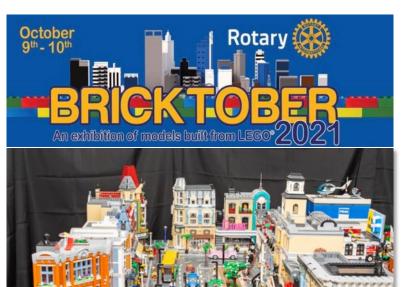
We need your help.

Ken-ya support this project?

To find out more or to make a pledge, please contact:

Chris Whelan, Applecross Rotary, 0437 800 991 Erin Hegarty, Founding Director, Mama Respond, 0418 439 623





ricktober is a fun yearly event that showcases models built from LEGO® by fans of the brick in Perth WA. The event is a major project of the **ROTARY CLUB OF ASCOT** with funds raised at the event going towards support programs for young children and other Rotary and community projects. This year it is again being held at Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley on 9-10 October 2021.

We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic and friendly volunteers to assist in the general running of our Bricktober event. We look forward to again seeing all those who have volunteered with us in previous years and also any new volunteers who would like to assist at this awesome event. Feel free to pass on to family and friends who may be interested to also volunteer for us.

Without the assistance of volunteers Bricktober would not be so successful and the hours donated by all are priceless.

Applications to volunteer this year will be open shortly and you will be able to access the application form on our Bricktober Website http://www.bricktober.info/ or on our Facebook Page face.com/BricktoberPerth/

If you have any queries contact Ann at: friendsofbricktober@outlook.com

he ROTARY CLUB OF MILL POINT prides itself on entertaining, educating and inspiring members and guests each Friday morning with exciting guest speakers. The upcoming group is no exception:

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
July 23	Peter Durrant & Rick Sneeuwjagt	Rotary's response to Perth Hills fires
July 30	David Allan-Petale	Young author- Writing, travel and inspiration
Aug 6	Stephen Davis & Jon Sanders	Sailing around the world for microplastic research
Aug 13	Spike McGettigan	Adventures of a deep-sea diver
Aug 27	Sam Walsh AO	Leadership in Challenging times

The breakfast meetings are held at the Royal Perth Golf Club (no jeans policy) in South Perth, starting at 7:20, finished by 8:30. \$27 with breakfast.

Please email Raelene George (Raelene.george@rapallo.com.au) 0417 920 401 if attending

LOCAL FATHERS BENEFIT FROM MENTORING PROJECT

Local man David Walker was the guest speaker for the **ROTARY CLUB OF ARMADALE** meeting via Zoom this week. David oversees the Fathering Project in the Armadale region, working through local schools to help dads improve their communication skills with their children—both boys and girls.



David, whose official title is Community Fathering Dads Group Coordinator for the City of Armadale & South Metro (Cockburn to Mandurah), has had a longstanding relationship with the Rotary Club of Armadale and we applaud the great work he is facilitating in the community. He is married to Bonnie and they have five children



Here's a brief overview that David has provided of the progress of the Fathering Project in the Armadale area:

- Continuation of program in 11 schools, typically one activity per school per term for dads and kids. Schools are: Armadale Primary, Carey Baptist College (Forrestdale), Challis Community Primary, Good Shepherd Catholic School, Gosnells Primary, Grovelands Primary, Gwynne Park Primary, Kingsley Primary, Southern Hills Christian College (Bedfordale), Westfield Park Primary, Willandra Primary.
- Establishment of Community Fathering Hub at Champion Centre on Wednesdays.
- Commencing Term 3
 - Coffee and chat mornings
 - Tool box talks for dads
- Community Fathering Bowls and BBQ night, commencing weekly in term 3, to be held at Armadale Bowling Club
- I have a local business that is prepared to pay for food each week. The strategy behind this is to create a regular meeting place for dads to connect with their kids. Single dads in the area can have an outing each week with their kids plus share in a community meal. I can connect with the dads there each week, and introduce them to what we will be doing at the Community Fathering Hub. An Invitation will go out to all 11 schools. This will create a community of dads from the whole area from different backgrounds and demographics. Service providers in the area can refer men to attend also that aren't part of the schools I work with
- **Banksia Hill Detention Centre:** Working in partnership with Hope Community Services Ltd to help deliver Fathering program to young dads in detention. Note this to commence at some point in Term 3 once clearances have been obtained.
- **P&N Bank:** Ongoing support from P&N Bank. About to sign a new agreement to go into new financial year. I delivered an update at their annual "Flourish" event last week.
- **Manna:** I'm looking at forming a working relationship with another not-for-profit organisation that P&N support called Manna. They provide food for school breakfast programs.
- **O'Neil Real Estate** have generously offered to support 11 schools to the tune of \$500 per year for two years. This in effect will half the financial contribution that schools are required to pay to register with TFP.
- Rotary Club of Armadale: Further support under consideration
- WAPOL Community Crime Prevention Fund
- Funds acquired to run **two camps at Dare Adventures in Dwellingup**. Westfield Park PS camp Term 2, this coming weekend. Kingsley PS camp in Term 3. Approximately 12 dads plus their children will attend from each school community.



Founded in Western Australian by Professor Bruce Robinson, and now expanded into New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland – The Fathering Project delivers resources, programs and events specific to the engagement style and needs of dads and father-figures. We're taking a research backed and preventative approach to improving the lives of children.

Group 1 AG KENN WILLIAMS

Applecross Rotary



I first joined Rotary in Applecross in 1994, as I best recall, after almost a lifetime of community representation in three states: Rural Youth and Apex (Vict), Agri-politics alongside 20 years with Lions, including help establish the now nationally recognised South Aus. Lucindale Field Days, then moving to WA and finding a new community home in Rotary.

Married to Peta and with two daughters and grandchildren, and having first developed, then sold out of a successful Financial Planning practice in Perth, i have retired and we live in the wonderful Swan River suburb of Bicton.

Over the years with Applecross Rotary, so many roles and the commitment to cause, with membership, fund raising for our broader community and project management as key roles.

As a Club, we can now claim to hold one of Perth's premier Street Carnivals in our annual Jacaranda Festival, we have developed a wonderful working partnership with Perth Makers Market at Heathcote and we have been able to secure significant Club local corporate Sponsorship. Our local Government, the City of Melville and Lottery West are also significant Grant contributors to the financial success of the Jacaranda Festival.

Outcome: our capacity to provide service and 'GIVE BACK' to both our local and broader communities is a testament to the commitment of Applecross Rotary, and ensures our relevance in a fast changing world.

I look forward to working with DG Pat and supporting the role of District 9465 as AG.

My personal commitment is to help build stronger Rotary Clubs by working together for better outcomes.

Group 2 AG PETER MICHAEL (MIKE) BERMANN

Rotary Club of Ascot

Educated at Mt Lawley Senior High School, I am married to Ann and enjoy two children and two grandchildren.

I worked in the National Australia Bank for 34 years in various locations in the State as a



Branch Manager and completed my time with them as a Commercial Manager at their Commercial Business Centre in Kewdale. During this time I had considerable business and financial experience.

Currently I run my own business management consulting business specialising in business development, systems and procedures and other consulting services.

Community Activities:

- I was involved in Apex for 12 Years holding various portfolios including Club President and Secretary/Treasurer to the State President.
- Treasurer of the Albany Golf Club for 2 years. (1979-80)
- Treasurer for 4 years on the Lady Gowrie Childcare Centre in Victoria Park. (1982-86)
- President and Committee Member of Chisholm College for 7 years (1987-94)
- Director on the East Perth Football Club Board a position held for 6 years. (1999-04)
- A current member of Rotary of Ascot and have been since 1993 having held various portfolios including President.
- Life Membership of Apex and a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary (Mulit).
- I've been playing golf since 1979 having been a member at Albany Golf Club, Lakelands Golf Club and now Mount Lawley Golf Club for the past 17 years. Two of these years spent on the social committee. Past 6 years on match committee
- Project Manager involved in our Rotary clubs overseas water and sanitary project in Timor Leste since 2011
- Involved in AGFR (Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians) since 2013 being a delegate for WA. Will be taking up the position as Vice President 2022 starting in Tasmania.





Colin Burns
District Governor
2020-2021

Patricia Schraven
District Governor
2021-2022

Celebrating achievements and welcoming life changing opportunities

ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB Labouchere Rd., South Perth Saturday, 31 July 2021 6:30 for 7:15 PM start

- Buffet Meal
- Welcome drinks on arrival
- Dress Code: Cocktail

Tickets \$80pp via Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/BSVJW

BOOK BY 24 JULY 2021

DISTRICT FINAL



- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021
1.30 ARRIVAL: 2PM START
KEN JACKMAN HALL, DARIUS WELLS CENTRE,
CHISHAM AVE & ROBBOS WAY
KWINANA

Entry: \$5 adults (plus .50c booking fee), FREE for children under

15years (includes hot drink/sweet treat from Dome).

To book: https://trybooking.com/BSSRU

Queries: fwt@rotary9465.org.au

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A while ago I was talking to a lovely lady from a club from North of the river.

Part of the discussion was about just meeting and talking with people from other Rotary clubs.

I thought that it would be a good idea if we members of Rotary could have a day where we could just meet and talk with other Rotarians who we would never normally meet.

She agreed and said to let her know if I was able to come up with anything.

I would like now to invite all Rotarians in Western Australia to

A DAY AT THE PERTH ZOO

On the 17th of October 2021 I would like Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, Partners and Family of Rotary members, to come down to Perth Zoo and have a day mingling.

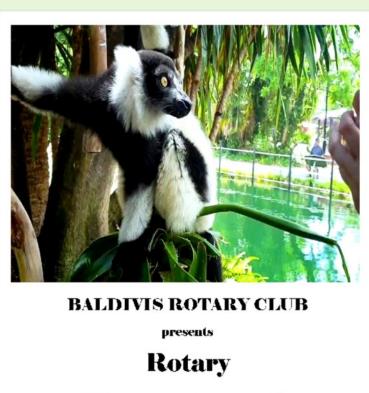
The will be no set activities no fund raising just a day to celebrate being a member of Rotary.

The only request is that you wear your Rotary shirt and when you see someone in a Rotary shirt say **Hi**.

If you want you can chew the fat, see what they are doing, tell them what you are doing or talk about the animals.

The day itself is completely up to you.

- Bring your lunch or buy it.
- Come with your family or alone
- No pressure, just a chance to meet others and enjoy.
- Celebrate being a Rotarian.
- The cost is entry to the Zoo. The price of entry helps support the Zoo.



Rotary
Western Australia
At The Perth Zoo
17th of October 2021

The Perth Zoo is a leading Wildlife Conservation Organization in Western Australia and the best way to support it is to visit it. Then tell others how great a place it is. You can see their work and just enjoy yourself.

A Win all around.

For more information email me at baldivisrotaryclub@gmail.com

I hope to see you there.

Regards

Trevor Churcher President 2021-22 Baldivis Rotary Club



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 27-31 MAY 2023 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

July 2021



Message from the Melbourne HOC Chair – Mary Barry

As you are aware
Melbourne will host the
2023 International
Convention.

While the official promotion program for the Convention will not commence until after the 2022 Convention in Houston, this newsletter will help to keep you up to date on relevant information about the Convention and the work of the Host Organising Committee (HOC).

Membership of the HOC includes 14 Rotarians from all Victorian Districts and two representatives from the Melbourne Convention Bureau.

Please see a copy of the HOC structure (below) for further details.

HOC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2023 CONVENTION

The Host Organization Committee (HOC) is a group of Rotarians from the host district(s) who support the success of the convention by fulfilling specific responsibilities. Key responsibilities include:

- · Serve as a welcoming committee
- Recruit and manage a volunteer force
- Promote the convention to host districts
- Liaise between key local contacts and RI
- Organise Host Hospitality event
- Identify potential sponsors
- Opportunities for associated tourism & Merchandise Sales

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Recruitment of volunteers for various roles during the Convention will commence in the next few months. Clubs will be notified about the different roles required from greeting delegates at the airport to ushers and booth crew at the House of Friendship during the Convention. HOC volunteers may be Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Exchange students and alumni as well as people from community service groups and relatives, or friends of the above.

HOST HOSPITALITY

Host Hospitality, an RI Convention tradition where delegates are given a memorable evening of hospitality, local culture and international fellowship in the home of a Rotarian, a restaurant or larger venue in the host area is a key responsibility of the HOC. A number of venues and opportunities are currently being considered by the HOC. Over the coming months the HOC will be seeking Host Clubs for the larger events and host families for the home hosting component.

Next Steps

The International Convention Committee (ICC) chaired by Francesco Arezzo who is a PDG of District 2110 - Sicily & Malta and RI Board Director representing Rotarians in Italy and France, for the period 2018-2020, will hold its first meeting at the end of August. Following that meeting further details regarding volunteers and other Club support will be made available.

HOST ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

HOC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS







VICE CHAIR &

SECRETARY! TREASURER Tony Monley









Jessie Harman

VICE CHAR & PROMOTION



Dennis Shore

Operations and Logistics **Emma Davis** HOF. and Creative James Commercial Cunningham HOF -

TECHNOLOGY & CUSTOMER Tim Moore

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Peter Dunn









































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