

Rotary Matters

July 2020 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Welcome to District 9510.

It is a great honour to be entrusted as your District Governor to serve the District over the next 12 months. In Holger Knaack's year where ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES it is my intention with Lyn, to visit our District's 85 clubs in one form or another over the next 12 months. Whilst doing so, I will be encouraging clubs to explore the opportunities for engagement that could exist through partnering with Local Government and other organisations and to provide both existing and new members opportunities to engage with Rotary.

There are several events planned throughout the year. The inaugural District Conference will be held from 16th-18th April in Bendigo. A Virtual Bike-ride/walk to Bendigo is also being planned by the ARH Committee and a Polio Ute Relay is planning to be launched around World Polio Day in October. In addition, we have the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Australia this year as you can see from our lead story. I hope many Rotarians will take the opportunity to engage in these events.

Rotary Matters will be our official monthly publication and would like to thank Editor Euan Miller (Norwood) and Graham Fussen (D9510 Online) for the production, which will be distributed 1st week of each month. This is an opportunity for you to tell your Rotary story. In addition, I feel there is a need for clubs to advertise their events to the wider District. That opportunity will exist with a mid-month publication called Rotary Classifieds. Contributions to this can be sent to District Secretary David Fenton. See details below.

I welcome all Presidents to their role. The District 9510 Leadership team look forward to being of service to you in the year ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES.

Yours in Rotary
David Jones

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Centenary of Rotary in Australia Launch

12 noon- 1 PM, Friday 10th July

To celebrate the launch of the R100 Centenary Baton, you are invited to join us via Zoom from Government House, Canberra in the presence of Governor-General and Mrs Hurley.

Rotary's Centenary is a time of celebration. It is a time to reflect on our past, and take pride in all that has been achieved. And together, we will create a legacy for the next century.

Click here to register your attendance. <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=632367&>
Once registered you will receive a link to Zoom prior to the event.

Please pass this registration link on to as many Rotary clubs and Rotarians as possible so that they too can join this event. We look forward to you joining in and making your mark on history!

Watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/435423862>

End Trachoma 2020 project <https://www.endtrachoma2020.org.au/>

The first Rotary meeting in Australia was held on 21 April 1921 with Sir John Monash in the chair. This was followed a few days later with the first meeting in Sydney.

Clubs all over Australia have been asked to consider celebrating the Centenary through a special meeting or project and to use this to promote the work of Rotary in their local communities. So get your thinking caps on and see what your club can do to mark this event.

Apart from club projects there are five nationwide or Zone wide projects as well. One of these has been taking place in our district, End Trachoma 2020. This project is based in Alice Springs and is focused on eliminating this eye disease amongst our Indigenous population. A number of clubs in the district have been involved in raising funds for the project. Some of these that have had an ongoing interest over the years include Alice Springs Mbantua, Salisbury and Whyalla. I am sure there are many more that have helped over the years.

This project is about to achieve its goal which will be a great achievement to kick off the celebrations.

The other event that all clubs will have an opportunity to be part of is the baton relay which will visit every club in the district. Because of the size of the district the baton is likely to be carried by a specially branded ute which will also raise funds for Polio Eradication. *Details to follow.*

Rotary Club of Adelaide Light

was chartered in 1986 as an inner city Breakfast Club. We meet fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings of the month at 7.00 am for a 7.15 am start and finish at 8.30 am.

Whilst we are currently using ZOOM, we normally meet at the Stamford Grand Hotel on North Terrace. Currently we have 23 very active members who assist in our fundraising activities which include monthly barbeques at Bunnings Mile End and selling Christmas trees at Bunnings at Kent Town.

One of our great successes was sponsoring the establishment of the Adelaide City Rotaract Club five years ago and a member of our club always attends their fortnightly Monday evening meeting.

Two projects have been the very successful garden makeover at [Catherine House](#) and the ongoing Colombian Scholarship Program in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bogota Suba, now in its 11th year.



Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise

is a breakfast club with the Morialta Club being its parent. It had its inaugural meeting in May 1996 at the Stonyfell Function Centre. The members then were mostly 100% in the workforce and preferred a morning meeting time. The venue for meetings has changed over the years; such places as the old Seaview Cellars and even a Scout Hall.

Our permanent home for many years has been the Hectorville Sporting Club, (Daly Oval), Fisher Street, Hectorville. This venue is being refurbished with extensive renovations, so we have moved for the time being to the Campbelltown Memorial Oval (CMO), Darley Road, Paradise.

Up until Covid-19 our meetings were held at 7:00 am on the first 3 Tuesdays of the week. We are still a breakfast club despite the majority of members being retired. The CMO is also the same venue for our monthly market. This has been a good fundraiser by selling stall space to vendors of a variety of foods and non-perishable items. Our club runs the BBQ. As the market was not exclusively for the sale of food, we had to shut it down because of Covid-19.

Our major annual event and fund raiser is The Reel Event, which showcases short movies created by aspiring South Australian Producers, Directors, Actors and Technicians and is held in May. Again, this event has been rescheduled to September. Our club is down to 11 members, which sadly, is far cry from the mid to low thirties when I joined the club in 2001.

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President Elect 2020/2021
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Rotary Club of Henley Beach

One of Henley's on-going projects is providing meals for needy school students in Adelaide - through "Kick Start for Kids". Hundreds of sandwiches are made every week, involving 10-20 volunteers. The Western Hospital's kitchen is used to prepare the sandwiches, with food donated to the Club. WE also meet at the hospital.

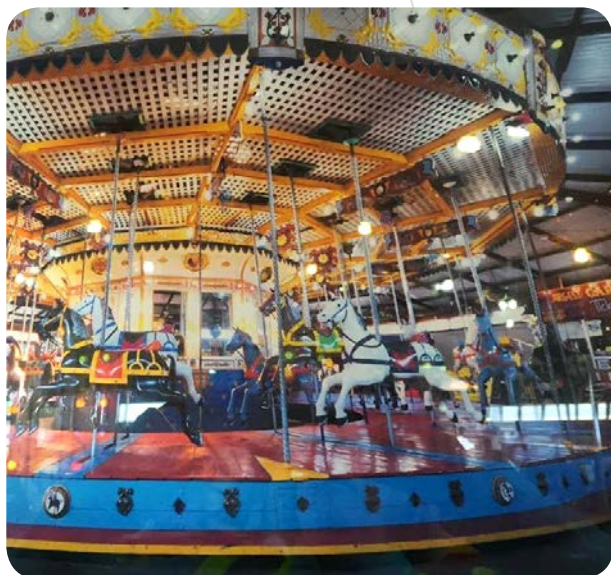
Henley manages the Carousel on the foreshore at Semaphore. One of our Rotary members owns the carousel, and profits are given to charity. Several other Rotary Clubs help in the running, and share the profit. The carousel is available to be hired for private functions. It has been the centre of large community events in the past 2 years, including its 90th anniversary in 2019. The State Governor attended this event, and the carousel was featured on Channel 9.

Recent projects include preparing 1000s of Birthing Kits to go overseas and assembling Treasure Box's with hygiene products for new mums and teens. Other Rotary Clubs have shared some of these activities with us. Henley aims to be involved with as many other Clubs as possible, sharing events and visiting meetings. Prospect and Kidman Park Rotary are particularly great allies!

Our members enjoy the social side of our Club. We have been to movies together, had meals at restaurants and visited places of interest.



<https://kickstartforkids.com.au/about-us/>



Carousel on the foreshore at Semaphore

The Rotary Book Exchange



<https://www.edwardstownrotary.org/bookshop.html>

corner of Towers Terrace and Aberfeldy Avenue,
Edwardstown Phone: 0402 333 514

email: rotarybook@internode.on.net

Rotary Club of Edwardstown

The Club was chartered in 1958, and currently has 28 members and 23 Friends of Rotary. Our major fundraiser is our second-hand bookshop - *The Rotary Book Exchange* - on Towers Tce, Edwardstown. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we closed the shop in mid-March but opened the shop again on May 27th, after completing some modifications and orientating our volunteers. Despite the lack of income over the past months, we have continued to support our international and community commitments.

Rotarian John Price recently returned from Nepal, where he participated in the annual Eye Camp and was present for the installation of a new Xray machine at the Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children. Our Club partnered with clubs in the US & Canada in supporting this project. DG Tim Klar surprised John, at our Zoom meeting last week, by presenting him with the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, in recognition of his many years of active service in Nepal.

Our Community committee has supported our local Foodbank, provided Buddy Benches at 7 local primary schools, and made welfare phone calls to our Meals on Wheels clients.

Our fortnightly Zoom meetings have been highly successful and President Ray has found this technology is a great way to communicate with his grandchildren around the state. We are however looking forward to the time when we can meet face to face again.

Rotary Clubs support Helping SA farmers

with drought relief in upper North of South Australia Rotary National Appeal for Drought Relief. Supporting South Australian farmers, Rotary Clubs of Port Pirie, Mawson Lakes, Burnside, Campbelltown and St Peters have provided a total of \$25,000 to purchase much needed hay to Farmers and Pastoralists in the upper North of South Australia at Yunta.

The semi-Trailers will deliver the Hay to Yunta on Saturday 11 July where the rolls of hay will be unloaded by volunteers and then distributed to farming families who are still in drought and are trying to keep their livestock alive.

Total 240 Rolls (Hay Roll weights 400kg & 350kg) = 88 tonnes of Wheaton and Oaten Hay- 7 Prime movers 100% donated, 1 prime mover \$500 fuel - paid by Helping SA farmers Inc (HSAF)

This is in conjunction with Helping SA farmers Inc. who have arranged for the purchase of hay and arranged the semi-Trailers to be loaded at the hay distributors early and leave Roseworthy at 8 am for the long trip to Yunta. The drivers of the semi-trailers have donated their time and fuel for the trucks has been co-ordinated by the Helping SA farmers Inc.



There will be a BBQ lunch proved by the local Yunta community after the Semitrailers arrive at Yunta and the hay is then allocated to the farming families in Yunta. The hay will then be taken to the stations to help keep livestock alive on the 12 to 16 properties contacted by Elders at Peterborough.

Rotary raised the Drought relief funds in a national appeal from the public and have been working with Rotary Clubs to help farmers in their need to get through the drought. It is much appreciated that the Rotary clubs haven't forgotten about the Drought affected Farming community.

Rotary working with Helping SA farmers have given hope to those who need help in the Drought affected areas of South Australia.

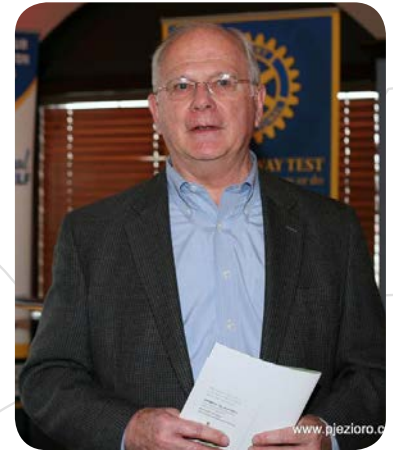


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Helping SA Farmers Inc. Lisa Vassallo mobile 0423 223 013

Bob Arnold OAM - Rotary Club of Blackwood

Rotarians were delighted to learn that Bob Arnold was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. Bob is a member of the RC Blackwood.

He has had extensive interests and service in yachting, church music, theatre, kindergartens and primary schools as well as Apex and Rotary. He had a particular passion for the environment and through Rotary has been a district leader in the nest box program for endangered species and founded Rotary's involvement with the Australian Landcare Trust and the Federal Governments major project of regeneration, environmental research and education at Calperum/Taylorville Station out of Renmark in South Australia.



He began his community service as the cadet training coordinator and rear Commodore at the Port Pirie Yacht Club. He was training coordinator from 1949-57 and Rear Commodore in 1951-52. He joined the Whyalla Yacht club in 1958 and served until 1963. In 1971 he was transferred for work to New Zealand and served on the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club 1971-77.

From 1951-57 he was deputy Choirmaster of Port Pirie Male Voice Choir, church organist at the Port Pirie Church of Christ from 1951-58. He joined the Port Pirie Theatre Guild as was chorus master 1952-58. He became Choirmaster at the Peter St Methodist Church after his transfer to Whyalla and served in that role from 1958-63. He was appointed conductor and musical director of the Whyalla Players and served from 1958-63. In New Zealand he also served as Choirmaster of Upper Hutt United Church 1972-77.

While in Whyalla he joined the Apex Club of Whyalla and was a member from 1958-63.

He began his Rotary service at the Rotary Club of Western Hutt in 1970 and was President Elect in 1977-78. He resigned to return to work in Victoria and joined the Rotary Club of Balwyn. He was responsible for major fund-raising initiatives for that club and was appointed Club Service Director 1983-84. He resigned again because of a work transfer back to South Australia.

He joined Rotary again in 2002 at the Rotary Club of Blackwood. He was elected to the role of Community Services Director in 2003 and became President in 2006-07. During that time he established school essay and speech competitions and an inaugural Road Watch program. He introduced Open Community Forums to engage with the Blackwood community and held three of these. He was also responsible for organising major group projects with other Rotary clubs in the Adelaide Hills to increase the presence of Rotary in the community. He co-organised the annual Christmas fair for Blackwood, the major community event for the area. He established Music Fest – an annual music festival held at the Mitsubishi car plant in Adelaide. He led that for four years 2007-2010.

In 2003 he began his interest in Calperum Station. This was a large former sheep station out of Renmark that was purchased by the Chicago Zoological Society in 1993 as a research station to rehabilitate a seriously overgrazed station and protect vulnerable species. It is part of the Riverland Biosphere Reserve.

It was transferred in 2003 to the Director, National Parks to be held in trust by the Australian Government which arranged for it to be managed by the Australian Landcare Trust. The station occupies 2386 sq.km and the adjoining Taylorville station of 926 sq. km was added. 95% of the combined stations is mallee and 5% is river wetlands. It is used as a model for the implementation of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve action plan. One of its purposes is to protect the endangered black-eared miner and the vulnerable mallee fowl, bush stone curlew and southern bell frog. It is now managed as a broader environmentally sustainable development entity which could include new uses such as tourism.

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Bob Arnold OAM - Rotary Club of Blackwood *(continued)*

From 2005 Bob led the Rotary involvement in Calperum. Dozens of working parties by Rotary clubs from South Australia and Victoria were led by Bob until he retired from the position in 2015.

Extensive tree planting and tree health surveys were carried out under his leadership, as was salinity testing. Bird and animal restoration was also surveyed. The original homestead was refurbished for Rotary accommodation and is now designated Rotary House and used solely for that purpose. Bob has worked closely with the leadership and management of the station during this period providing Rotarian labour for countless projects.

He also arranged for a schools program for 14-15 year olds from Victoria and South Australia. These are biennial weekends teaching environmental science called Health of the River and are now based at Calperum.

His other environmental interest was in a Rotary sponsored nest box program for vulnerable bird species. He served on that committee from 2005 to 2015 and was chair from 2010-13.

One of its signature projects was re-establishment of habitat for the endangered red-tailed black cockatoo on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

From 2007 -15 Bob also undertook a range of leadership roles for his Rotary district 9520 and the adjoining district serving South Australia and the Northern Territory, 9500.

This included Assistant Governor and a member of the 9520 district management committee 2007-14. He also served as the joint district Preserve Planet Earth chair 2010-11 and Environmental Projects Coordinator 2010-15.



Rotary Club of Stirling

47 years ago, the Rotary Club of Stirling with 25 members received its charter and hit the ground running! Among its first projects, Rotary spearheaded the financing and development of the Pinoak Tiers Retirement Village, today boasting 45 detached and semi detached units in a sylvan setting in the heart of the Stirling township

The Club now with 34 active members, recently chartered an Interact Club at Heathfield High School, presented cheques to local groups through its competitive Community Grants program, canvassed for funds for Rotary's Drought and Bushfire Relief campaigns and continues to support all manner of community events.

Internationally, the Club, in partnership with neighbouring clubs, has provided water, sanitation, hygiene and educational facilities to several communities in Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and Sumatra and actively raises funds for End Polio Now.

The Club supports ShelterBox International financially but also makes other tangible contributions through volunteering for direct fundraising through demonstrating disaster relief equipment at markets, fairs and exhibitions in, and around, Adelaide. It also provides storage for tents and other disaster relief supplies in its large shed which also serves to garage its large multipurpose catering van and BBQ trailer, seen regularly throughout the community.

The Club's current major project is organizing the region's first ever Small Acreage Field Days to bring together local industry and small acreage land holders over the weekend of 13, 14 March 2021.



End Polio promotion day



Stirling Charter to Interact Club



Stirling Catering Van



Farmers Drought promotion day



Stirling Water and Sanitation project in Timor Leste

Rotary Club of West Torrens

The Rotary Club of West Torrens (RCWT) was chartered on the 23rd April 1979, today the 16 Club members meet every Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at the West Adelaide Football Club.

In 1981 “the Year of Disabled Persons” RCWT began an association with Ashford Special School (now Errington Special School) which continues to this day. From working bees to providing bikes to the annual supply of Easter Eggs, the Club has been committed to the welfare of the school’s students. Vocational Service has been an integral aspect of the RCWT’s life from day 1 and today is actively involved in sponsoring students to NYSF, Conoco Phillips, RYPEN and RYLA in addition to assisting Ambassadorial Scholars.

In more recent times, RCWT has partnered with Nazareth Catholic Community to support projects in the rural and remote villages in Timor-Leste.

A 16-member Nazareth Outreach Team travels annually to Baucau to support a local NGO in health, education and community building activities. Each year, a shipping container full of furniture, medical equipment, clothing and computers is sent to support local community projects including the construction of three community playgrounds, a Maternity Clinic, water filters, vehicles for mobile health services and computer training. This project has benefitted from the support of the District Grants program, DIK and the RAWCS office in Dili.



West Torrens members group photo

Rotary Club of West Lakes

RCWL was chartered in 1976, as the area of West Lakes was establishing as a new suburb. The club activities focus on the community – Carols by the Lake, Surf Life Saving Club; youth projects – RYDA, Science Experience, Primary & High School, connecting across Rotary Clubs locally, nationally and internationally.

We enjoy weekly dinner meetings with other clubs, good speakers and the company of our members and guests!

The club has written an invocation to give it purpose, “We are proud members of Rotary International where we can serve our community and those needing help across the world. We enjoy meeting together for meals and mutual service in the convivial company of other Rotarians.”

During Covid-19 isolation the club has pulled together to support each other and try new ways of meeting. Zoom has modified our agenda to adapt to the new custom with a greater focus on interacting with each other.

All members have joined in the meeting format and we regularly enjoy 80+% attendance. RCWL has found new community and international projects at this time - assisting to contact isolated and “at risk” people through wellness packages, keeping up help with Meals on Wheels, and extending our international contacts by sending greetings to Clubs we toast weekly, sometimes enjoying a reply!



West Lakes members enjoying a ZOOM meeting

Rotary Club of Morialta

First formed in 1984 the Rotary club of Morialta has 31 members and a long standing friendship with the Rotary club of Usa in Japan.

With a number of great programs, most people know about us through the kiosk at Thorndon Park. Open on weekends, members volunteer their time to contribute to the community and raise very necessary funds.

Our two major flag ships now are our local project at the Community workshop and our International project in PNG.

The Community Workshop is open Tuesday and Thursday for morning and afternoon sessions and Wednesday and Saturday mornings. (currently closed due to COVID). Members meet to work on their own woodwork projects or assist with other projects. Some products are sold and sometimes people in the community ask to have items repaired.

Our international project is supporting midwives in PNG. When midwife members of the Papua New Guinea Midwives Society (PNGMS), reached out to the Australian College of Midwives, to develop leadership and advocacy training to address the urgent need to improve maternal and newborn outcomes in PNG, members saw their opportunity to assist. In 2017, with the assistance of Rotary Foundation grants, the club developed a 3-year project, to provide 18 midwives in PNG with a leadership and advocacy 'buddy' program. We are looking to continue this project with further support from clubs in the district.



RC Morialta in Adelaide - PNG Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project



This project is the joint district 9520 winner of the best Rotary International Project for 2020.



Clinical Immersion day in Pt Moresby where Midwives from Australia and PNG visit workplaces and health care facilities.



PNG midwife Lucy at work rescuing a mother and sick baby from a rural area.



PNG Midwives working in a Port Moresby Hospital.

Rotary Club of Mitcham

Sunday 5 July - This afternoon was a very proud moment for our club when long standing member David Jones was inducted as the inaugural District Governor of the new Rotary District 9510 and will be supported by wife Lyn.

Other special Mitcham guests were President Barry Hurst and wife Julie and the long term member who introduced him to Rotary Jim Horwood and wife Elaine.

The smaller than usual "in person" gathering due to the problem of pre planning around Covid-19 restrictions, was able to be shared by a larger online gathering via Zoom.

There were reports from the outgoing District Governors. First Jane Owens of District 9500 highlighted their programs including RYLA and the Science and Engineering Challenge which was held this year in her home city of Whyalla. Having had to cancel their District Conference they held a Virtual Conference. She was also proud of all Rotary Foundation District Grant projects being completed and thanked her husband David for his support.

Tim Klar of District 9520 thanked his leadership team as well as the Steering Committee headed by Darcy Walsh for their work on bringing the two Districts together. He highlighted the support during the year of Shelter Box, which included wife Bronwyn making it her partner project and saw her receive a Shelter Box Volunteer Impact award and the sincere thanks of her husband. A special moment was a fundraiser High Tea organised by Dianne Maas wife of his District Secretary Peter. He also thanked his Conference Committee headed by Penni Taylor for their huge effort only to see the conference cancelled a week out due to the emerging pandemic. Our club received mention as one of 4 (along with Burnside, St Peters and Unley) who this year donated an average of at least \$200 per member to the Rotary Foundation through personal member and club donations.

David's induction was preceded by the Changeover of the District Rotaract Representative from Liz Gardner of Salisbury Rotaract Club to Gregory White of the Adelaide City Rotaract Club. Liz (also a member of Rotary Club of Campbelltown) highlighted some of the wonderful work done by the Rotaract Clubs which included events for suicide prevention, Cultural Night and Virtual Movie Nights. Gregory looks forward to growing the spread of Rotaract clubs.

Both Jane and Tim inducted David, who was first exposed to Rotary as a Rotaractor in 1977. He also gave thanks to the steering committee and then presented PDG pins to Jane and Tim and His DGE pin to Jeff Neale of Rotary Club of Campbelltown who then presented his DGN pin to Paul Thomas of Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula before presenting the rest of his leadership team.

David also received a grafted fruit tree representing the merged Districts from new Membership Chair Fiona Biedermann and the keys to the brand new District Governor's vehicle generously donated by Paradise Motors Mazda who also opened their showroom this afternoon to host the event. Thank you to Jeff and Jenny Neale of Paradise Motors and congratulations to David and Lyn Jones as you embark on your busy year with our best wishes.



Tim Klar, Jane Owens, David Jones, Jeff Neale, Paul Thomas



Gregory White & Liz Gardner

The Changeover continued

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From left to right - David Fenton (Campbelltown), Frank O'Neill (Adelaide), PDG Barbara Wheatcroft (Maitland), PDG Peter Ochota (Somerton Park), Fiona Biedermann (Seaford), DG David Jones (Mitcham) Susanne Marie (Stirling), IPDG 9520 Tim Klar (Coromandel Valley), Damian Leach (Campbelltown) IPDG 9500 Jane Owens (Whyalla), DGN Paul Thomas (Northern Yorke Peninsula), DGE Jeff Neale (Campbelltown)



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