



THE WONTHAGGI WOODY

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DIARY... 2018

August 6th	Committee meeting
August 12th	Members lunch (at clubrooms, see notice board for details)
August 13th	AGM + Elections
August 30th	Bunnings toy night
September 3rd	Committee Meeting
September 7th – 9th	Cowes Turn around
September 10th	General meeting
September 17th – 21st	Lakes Entrance trip – 5 Days (see notice board)
October 1st	Committee meeting
October 7th	Bunnings BBQ
October 8th	General Meeting
November 3rd – 6th	Melbourne cup sales Philip Island
November 5th	Committee Meeting
November 12th	General Meeting
November 25th	Bunnings BBQ
November 29th	Christmas break-up at Inlet Hotel
December 23rd	Bunnings BBQ

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hello one and all,
A new month, we have had our shed extension, dignitaries came and went. Extraction project completed thanks to Neil and John .The

opening went well, more members present would have been great, but, those who could attend seemed to really enjoy it. Alan McNaught was given a skeleton clock to be used for a future raffle from Brendan Stemp and he bought an offset chuck from him and graciously donated it to the club - thank you Alan.

At our opening ceremony the Victorian Men's Shed Association gave us a rotary sander (in the machine room) and a rotary tool (in the scroll saw room) also a selection of abrasives, a really big thank you.

Disposal of waste from the dust extractor. Users of machinery supported by extractor will be responsible for cleaning. Either take waste home or place it onto our native garden on south side of new shed.

A plaque has been made by Jim Kilpatrick, which impressed Jenny Mikakos MP, it will be a fixture in the machinery room

We have had a successful application for our first new dust extractor for the lathe room, a big thank you to FRRR for that.

A huge thank you to fellow members who took notice of my last message, clean-up of lathe room floor is much better, keep it up please.

Chucks, live and drive centres used from the drawer - please return them to the drawer or shelf (chucks) so others can locate them when required, help others to help yourself, it's just as easy to return items as it is to get them.

The new Laguna lathe was reported to have had a problem which turned out to be the indexing

lock being engaged which could seriously damage machine. A RED button on the face of the headstock is the lock to remove chucks use it ONLY to lock temporarily. The indexing tab is on the LEFT of the machine headstock, unless your intention is to do segmenting LEAVE IT ALONE.

Two new scroll saws are in process of being purchased. Scroll sawing is on the increase it seems - great to see more members willing to have a go.

Guillio Marcolongo has returned from a successful U.S. tour. He has donated a new (easier to use) Oneway sharpening jig. He indicated he would give us a lesson on its proper use soon.

Alan McNaught has presented his beautiful large urn (open segmented) to the shire council, it was officially handed over last Monday, at the same time a gavel and block (made by me) was given over (hopeful for brownie points).

Our fantastic toy group has had a really successful session at the Vietnam Veterans Museum, my apology but the actual figure escapes me (90 plus?). Ron Snooks was very happy but still desperately needs help. Even occasional ad-hoc assistance will be really well received. He is looking for turners to make men and small parts, a great task to gain good practice on the lathe. Don't wait to be asked, see us and we'll let you know what they need.

Great to see Dave Teasdale up and around, said he will be back when he is up to it.

The new grinding wheel is in place, only to be used for hss tools - test on white wheel, red sparks indicate hss. Don't drop tool onto grind surface, use tool weight ONLY to grind. Not for use for any other steel or metals.

Don't forget committee elections are coming on, please give thought to standing - new people new thinking can only make ours a better club.

Neil

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING:

Regular Sessions

Monday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328, Neil Bateman: 5672 3229 or Neil Lenne: 5678 5736
Monday	5 pm – 8 pm	Contact John DiStefano: 0481 480 812
Wednesday	1pm – 4pm	Contact Lionel Wood: 5672 2029
Friday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328 Neil Bateman: 5672 3229 or Neil Lenne: 5678 5736

SEGMENTED TURNING:

Regular Sessions

Friday	9am to 12 noon	Contact Alan McNaught: 5674 2457
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WOODTURNING:

On-demand Sessions

Friday (project based)	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328
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TOY GROUP:

Regular Sessions

Tuesday	9 am – 4 pm	Contact Ron Snooks: 5672 2113 or 0429 722 113
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PYROGRAPHY:

Regular Sessions

Friday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Michael Bladen: 0428 270 850
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SCROLL SAWING:

Regular Sessions

Wednesday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Ray Oram: 5662 4181 or Lionel Wood: 5672 2029
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BANDSAW

BOX MAKING:

On-demand Sessions

Monday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Marion Kerry: 0409 010 843 or 5672 3553
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JOINERY & SMALL

FURNITURE MAKING:

Regular Sessions

Thursday	9am - 12 noon	Contact Robert Millard: 0418 565 467
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CARVING:

Regular Sessions

Friday	9am – 12 noon	Contact Lionel Wood: 5672 2029
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As a courtesy to workshop supervisors and other participants, please notify them in advance if you are unable to attend your regular session.

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES:

The club has expendable items (sandpaper, super glue, etc) for sale at cost price. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items see your supervisor. Check the noticeboard for details and cost.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP – INLET HOTEL 29th NOVEMBER:

See the notice board for details as they are posted and get your name down quickly! The more the merrier. Also, Tony Stephens is requesting donations for the Christmas hamper. If you have anything to give talk to Tony. There is a box in the clubrooms for donations.

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY:



A very *happy birthday* during the month of July to the following Members – Michael Barnes, Okke Huitema and Ron Snooks.

There are still some birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Syd Gordon know or email woodies.newsletter@gmail.com

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE TOY MAKERS:

The Bunnings Father's Day event is on again (August 30th). They are in need of bodies to help with setting up as well as helping out with assembling kits. Please consider joining them for this one day - You don't have to be a member of the group!

Also, they are in need of some more pyrographers – Michael Bladen has offered to teach the basics if anyone is interested. Just turn up at the club on Friday afternoons. You don't need your own burners as the club owns some that you may use.

Talk to Ron Snooks or any of his 'servants' for more details. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.

Your participation will gratefully appreciated....

MISSING TOYS:

It is never a pleasant subject to broach but sometimes it has to be said:-

Ron Snooks is a little perturbed about what appears to be theft. When Ron informed the committee of his concerns regarding the disappearance of some of their toys we were all surprised and dismayed, the thought that it could be someone from the club was disturbing. There is of course, the possibility that someone outside the club is gaining access while people are on coffee break or lunch – shutting the shed doors when no one is inside should combat this.

The toy group put a lot of hard work into their toy production and they do it for the club and local kids – the proceeds ALL go to the club coffers, so please be mindful of this and if you would like some toys for kids or grandkids see Ron and he would be more than happy to help out.

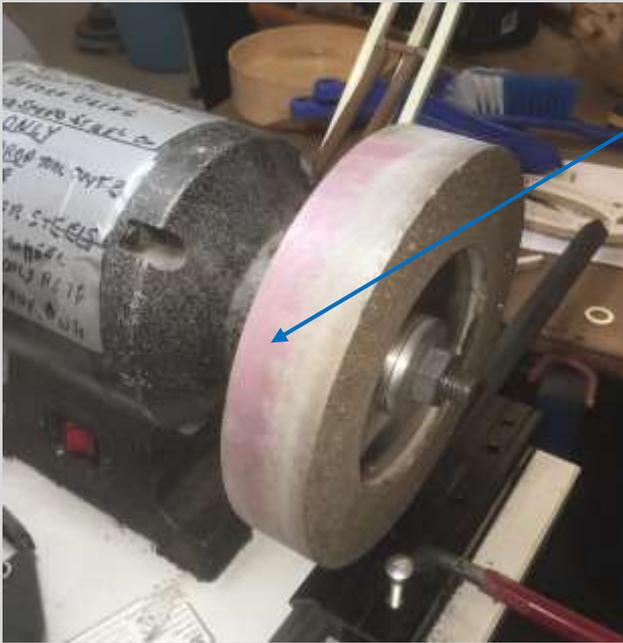
If you have any insight into these missing toys please have a chat to one of the committee members or Ron Snooks. Remember, this club belongs to all the members. What affects one group ultimately affects the whole club and we ALL have an obligation to look after each other.

Cheers

Syd

LIGHTENING DOES STRIKE TWICE!

Or at least where CBN wheels are concerned. Our new CBN wheel, installed only two weeks ago, has been damaged already!

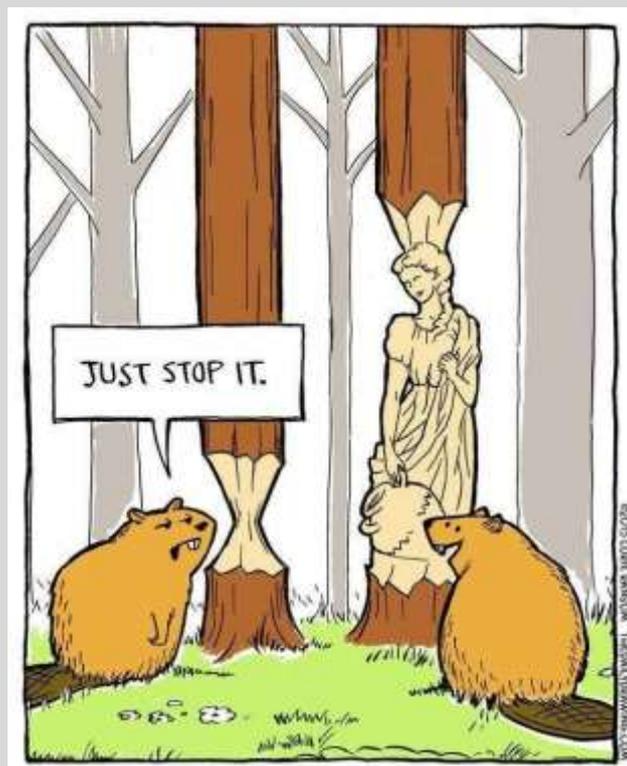


The damage is clearly visible and after a great deal of discussion and conjecture the cause was spotted. The locking lever on the slide had been pushed in the wrong direction and was jammed under the grinding wheel – the damage there is also clearly visible.



This lever is made from mild steel which damages the CBN coating on the wheel – tool steel and HSS are the only metals that should be ground on these wheels. To prevent this happening again a bolt has been placed as a stopper.

We are all aware that accidents occur, sometimes by misadventure and sometimes by misuse or negligence. In any case, it is expected that the damage be reported immediately and not left until someone else discovers it. Please be diligent when operating our machinery – if you are unsure, ask your supervisor or a committee member to demonstrate.



NEW SHED GRAND OPENING DAY:

As you would all be aware the new shed was officially opened on 28th June by the Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos. After many “show and tells” and guided tours of our facilities, not to mention the frequent photo-ops, we all eventually manoeuvred into the club room for the official part of the afternoon.



Proceedings were opened by Neil Bateman who introduced and welcomed Jenny Mikakos and other dignitaries before handing over to Lex Van Saane. Lex's ‘short’ speech was eloquent and entertaining to say the least. After outlining a brief history of our club and how it began Lex handed over to Jenny Mikakos.

Jenny was very impressed with our display (Thanks to Lionel Wood) and was impressed with the quality of the work that we do. (well done to all those that displayed their wares). Jenny and Neil unveiled

the plaque created by Jim Kilpatrick (see top right).

After all the pleasantries were over Lindsay Oates presented us with some goodies from the Victorian Mens Shed Association – a rotary tool, a random orbital sander and a selection of ebrasives.

All that done and dusted it was then time to eat, mingle and lobby for more grants.....

The ‘all-you-can-eat banquette’ was masterfully assembled by Rhonda and Neil Bateman and John di Stefano. Thanks for all your hard work guys.

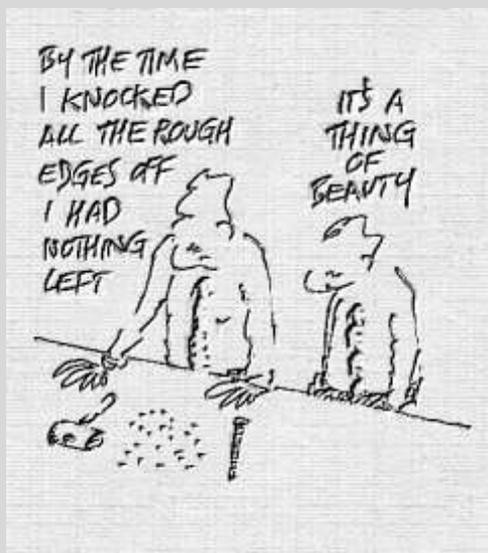


CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE ORMSHAW:

Well done to Anne Ormslaw winning second prize in the Novice section of The Australian Woodturning Exhibition with her “laminated built up” (segmanted bow).



This is Annes first entry in the competition which make the achievement even more sweet. The bowl is made from: Radiata pine, American Oak, Merbu, Walnut and Fiji Mahogany.

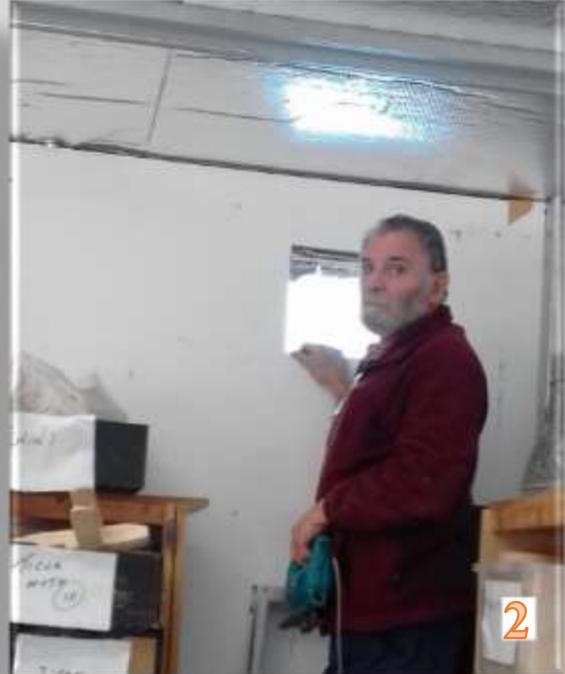


DUST EXTRACTION TO THE NEW SHED COMPLETED:

On a bright and sunny morning, early in June, the work began by fitting piece #1 to the dust extractor, outside the Woodcrafters brand new, still shiny new shed.



1. Neil Bateman is doing the heavy lifting.
2. I think the hole is big enough, so Neil Lenne rests for a moment. Actually, he is telling us to get rid of the camera and give him a hand with that s-shape piece outside.



3. We are inside and making great progress. We have actually surprised even ourselves!!!

A few weeks later, just before the end of the June, the job is complete, finished, all done.

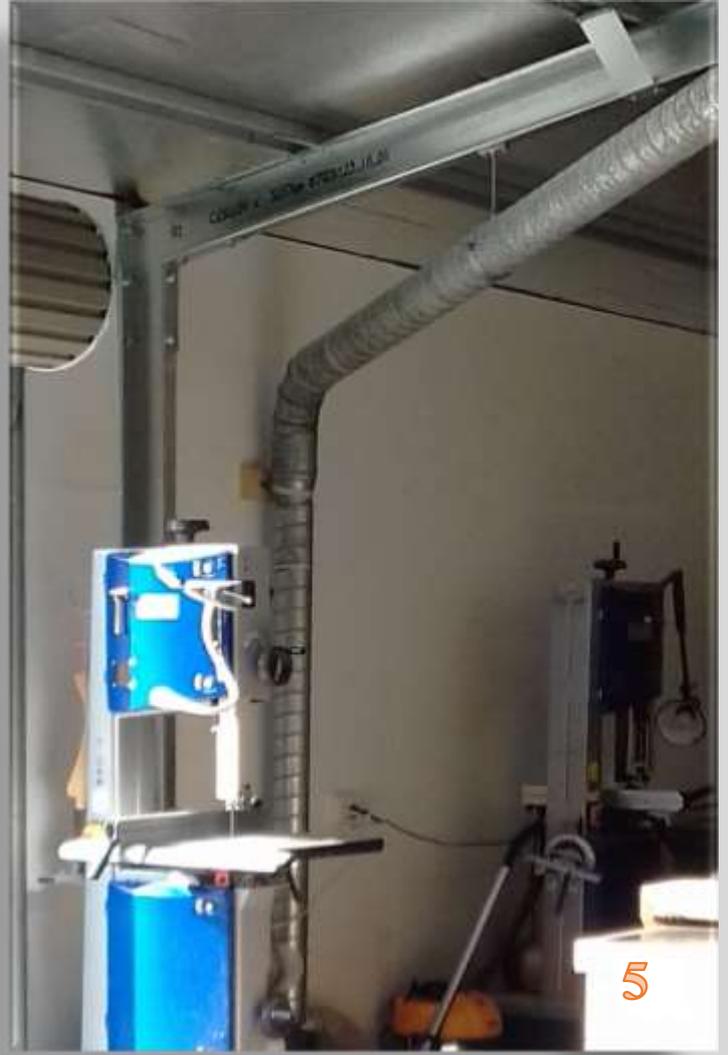
Rope Man

Working Man



Observation Man

During construction the epitome of teamwork was observed in all its glory!



4. Dust connection to the table saws and thicknesser.

5. Dust connection to the band saws.

6. Dust connection to the drills.

It was fun working with NB and NL. An excellent job, if I say so myself.

John Di Stefano

SHOW AND TELL:



From top left:

1. Neil Bateman – Segmented bowl made from one board, - Myrtle, Elm and Redgum. Finished with Shellawax
2. Neil Bateman – Miniature offset turned egg cups made from walnut. Finished with Shellawax
3. John Di Stefano – A selection of segmented bowls made from a single board. The smaller ones from the off-cuts of the larger one. – Redgum, Elm, Tassie Oak, Blackwood and Myrtle. Finished with clear lacquer.
4. Grant Crocker – Segmented bowl – Myrtle, Blackwood and Elm.
5. Lex Van Saane – Beautiful occasional table – Top is Tasmanian Messmate, finished with epoxy, the frame and legs are Fig Ash and finished with 4 coats of polyurethane.



Allan
Morcom

I am the husband of Judy, father of four children and grandfather of eight. Inverloch has been home for the past 10 years prior to which we lived in a caravan at Inverloch foreshore for one year and prior to that, on a beef property at Dumbalk East for 25 years. Our children spent much of their life on the farm.

My first twenty years were spent growing up in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne in Burwood. At that time the tram terminus finished at Warrigal Road, only a short distance from my home. When my two sisters and I caught the tram to the State school in Hartwell, the fare was threepence. As an older primary student I was known to have walked to and from school thus saving sixpence which bought me some hot chips and two potato cakes.

My mother's family were butchers in Rochester, northern Victoria and my father came from Horsham and was an accountant and company secretary for Beecham.... makers of Brylcream. Yes, I did use that as a kid.... when I still had hair!

Many of my holidays were spent in Rochester where I developed a love of meat and watching sausages being made and the slaughtermen doing their job out at the abattoirs. As a teenager I eventually learnt to knead sausages and deliver meat on a fixed-wheel butcher's bike.

Secondary school years were spent at Burwood High. During these years I was keen on sporting interests including football, cricket and tennis. All these sports were associated with our local church, Methodist and then Uniting. Luckily for me, the sports venues were within walking distance from home.

An important part of my life apart from sport, was the Scouting movement and at the age of 16 I was amongst a small group of teenagers to be introduced to 'adventure camping' in Gippsland at "ICTHUS" on the Banksia peninsula. I was later to become a leader there for a couple of years. Thus, camping and the outdoors was a part of my early life and has been so ever since. Strangely though, as a child, my family never did camping!

Following school I applied and was accepted for a teaching studentship at Burwood Teachers' College where I met my future wife. We were both involved in the college Musical Comedy productions. Now, much later in life, we both belong to the U3A choir and still enjoy singing.

The first four years of teaching were spent in one-teacher schools, firstly at Combienbar in East Gippsland and then at McKenzie Creek just south of Horsham. Judy and I were engaged, married and started our family in the three years we were there. Like many couples in those days, we began by renting a house and furnishing it with table, couch and bed etc. from the local second-hand furniture market. One of my first attempts at renovating was re-covering two large lounge chairs.

Over my teaching career there were many moves throughout Victoria and it was at Kongwak PS that Judy and I knew we wanted to own a few acres. I was already milking a cow by hand when we lived at the Kongwak School residence. Our first house and land we purchased was 16 acres just north of Kongwak, back in the mid '70's when interest rates leapt to the high 'teens'. It was on this property that my father-in-law, Alan McNaught, would spend many weekends helping us turn a neglected, ramshackle house into a lovely home and where I began an interest in building.

We developed such a great love for the land that by the early '80's we found a larger farmlet, 96 acres at Dumbalk East. It definitely was a lifestyle choice but meant we both had a 'big hobby'!

Alan Morcom continued.....

It was here that our four children grew up and learned to participate in farm activities. By this stage I had learnt to kill and cut-up our own sheep and still enjoyed milking a house cow. A lot of spare time was spent on renovating another old house....but it was worth the effort and we spent the next 25 years on the farm.

In 1994, I was fortunate to receive a Teaching Fellowship to Pennsylvania, USA. This involved swapping houses and jobs with an American teacher and this experience was indeed a highlight of my career. It was also my first overseas travel and no doubt gave us both the desire to see more of the world.

My first five years of retirement were on the farm doing many jobs we couldn't tackle whilst still teaching. We worked hard to clear and clean gullies, fence them off from cattle and grow from seed and then plant out 16,000 trees throughout the farm. It was a pleasing achievement to see the results several years later.

While on the farm, I was also involved in Landcare, CFA, as a football trainer and scout leader. So life was busy and interesting.

After selling the farm and moving to Inverloch, Judy and I have had two cycling holidays overseas. We spent three months each time, firstly in the Netherlands, Belgium and France..... and several years later Germany and Austria. We cycled with another couple with whom we had been friends for many years. We camped in tents during these trips carrying all our gear on our bikes. Great memories!

Nowadays, I do some voluntary work.... driving a Shire community bus, go caravanning when possible, help out family where needed, do plenty of gardening, ride bikes a little less but still enjoy riding with others. At present I am trying to master playing the harmonica. I have been a Wonthaggi Woodcrafter for about three years. As you can imagine, having Alan McNaught as a father-in-law, I have witnessed woodturning for many years. I had a little dabble over the years but only recently felt moved to learn more and develop better skills. I have a lot to learn and am especially pleased that the Woodies have a great group of members who can pass on their knowledge of woodcrafting. So far, I have made a turned chess set and table, several bowls, lazy-susan, clocks, pens and vases. I have many things I would like to make and hopefully over the coming years I will keep an interest in woodworking...and improve the quality of my finished products. Maybe even learn how to carve!

Our club is very friendly and it is great to see the effort that many members make to ensure the Woodies remains a place in which it is a pleasure to belong.

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW NEWSLETTER SEGMENTS?

AND if you have any funny stories, articles, Tips & Tricks, items to sell or buy, or interesting websites, send them to - woodies.newsletter@gmail.com

Articles must be received no later than the 18th of the month, to be included in the next Newsletter.

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