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Winter
July 2019

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TOP THINGS TO DO IN WINTER

The weather is cool, the days are short and while many people prefer to stay indoors during the winter months there are still plenty of great activities going on in the City of Ryde during this time of the year for the whole community to enjoy.



1 Join up, Join In at Ryde Libraries

Winter is the perfect time to read that book you have been meaning to get to and becoming a member of Ryde Library Service doesn't just give you access to thousands of books, but also a number of services to make you glad to be indoors.

This includes access to free Wi-Fi and PCs, a 24/7 online library, children's programs and ancestry research tools.

And just last month, The Hive Digital Media Lab opened, giving library members free access to creative software for design, 3D modelling, web and app development, as well as image, audio and video editing software.

So what are you waiting for? Become a member by visiting any one of our local library branches in Ryde, Eastwood, Gladesville, West Ryde and North Ryde.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library.

2 Turn that junk into a masterpiece



You may not know it, but your growing collection of household recycling items could actually be a magnificent piece of art.

To prove it, this winter the City of Ryde is staging its Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (commonly known as SWAP). This is one of the more unique events held by Council in which we ask members of the community to express their creativity by turning their repurposed rubbish and recovered materials into works of art.

Applications for this year's prize are now open, and will close on Monday 12 August. Winners will be announced at a special gallery opening event at See Street Gallery in Meadowbank on 18 September. This event will also mark the opening of the SWAP exhibition, which will showcase around 80 of the entries for this year's award up until Thursday 3 October.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap.

3 Surfin' Sundays at the RALC



Getting in the water may not be the first thing that springs to mind in the depths of winter, but the activities taking place at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) will change your thinking.

One of the highlights is Surfin' Sunday, which is a great day out for the whole family. Running on the last Sunday of each month, families can purchase a Family pass (two adults and three children or one adult and four children) for a discounted rate of \$20.

This pass gives all recipients access to the RALC's giant water inflatable course, 40-metre wave pool, junior and giant water slides and much more.

Even better, all the pools at RALC are heated.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc.

4 Thursdays with Venture Cafe



Renowned Italian author Pietro Aretino once wrote, "Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius".

For those that think Mr Aretino was on to something, then the new Venture Café Sydney, located in the heart of Macquarie Park, is just for you!

Each Thursday Venture Café Sydney delivers a weekly program to connect people from Sydney's budding innovation and start-up community. It creates intentional spaces for individuals and organisations to gather, connect and build relationships.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/venturecafe.

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Take advantage of our first-class sporting facilities



Gone are the days where winter meant regular cancelled sporting fixtures and closed sporting fields.

Due to a commitment from the City of Ryde to provide high quality outdoor sporting facilities all year round, there are now two synthetic playing fields at Christie Park, in Macquarie Park, and one at North Ryde's ELS Hall Park.

Each of these playing fields offer consistent playing surfaces 365 days of the year, even during the coldest and wettest periods.

So grab some friends and check out these first-class facilities this winter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring Garden

Competition

Entries have opened for this year's Spring Garden Competition. Having been staged by the City of Ryde for more than 30 years, this year's event is expected to attract high quality entries from a variety of local residents and businesses.

This is an inclusive event and we strongly encourage entries from young aspiring green thumbs (children) to older green thumbs (seniors), individual gardeners, families, community groups, different cultural groups, gardeners with different abilities, as well as commercial organisations. With 12 categories of entry, there is certainly something for everyone.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp.



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Prayer

Breakfast

26 July 2019



The City of Ryde Prayer Breakfast has been held since 1992 and is a time for Christians of all denominations to come together as one to promote goodwill throughout the community.

The 2019 City of Ryde Prayer Breakfast will be held on Friday 26 July at the Ryde Civic Hall.

This year our guest speaker will be Tim Silberman.

The topic will be Cultural Diversity and the Community: God's vision for the world.

To book tickets visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/prayer. Ticket sales close Friday 19 July.

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Granny Smith

Festival

19 October 2019

The annual Granny Smith Festival celebrates the life and legacy of one of our district's most famous citizens, Maria Ann Smith - aka Granny Smith - who, back in 1868, 'accidentally' grew the first batch of little green apples that bear her name on her Eastwood property and are now grown all over the world.



The Granny Smith Festival began in 1985 and is now regarded as one of Sydney's largest street festivals, a true community carnival, full of colour and good old fashioned fun.

The festival will include:

- Grand street parade
- Market stalls and food trucks
- Live entertainment
- Circus workshop and carnival rides
- Granny's cider bar
- Fireworks

It attracts more than 90,000 people each year and is supported by local businesses, sporting and service organisations, schools and the wider community.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf.



New water stations

Four new filtered water refill stations have recently been installed at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) as part of the City of Ryde's efforts to reduce single-use plastics.

Each station at the RALC has a water fountain and a bottle refill point, providing members of the public with the opportunity to top up their reusable water bottles.

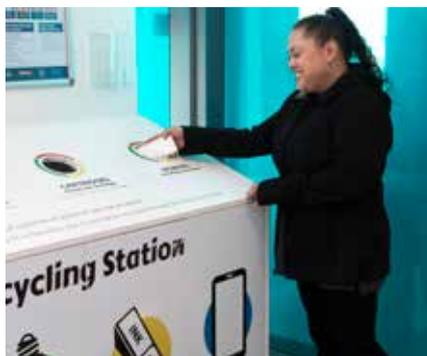
The RALC is now one of 24 locations in the City of Ryde that has filtered water refill stations. In 2018, water consumption from the refill stations equated to 22,668 litres, which is equivalent to 37,780 standard plastic water bottles that have not ended up in our ecosystem.

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre is now home to a brand new Problem Waste Drop-Off Station!

Problem Waste Drop-off Stations are for City of Ryde residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste items that are not allowed in your kerbside red, yellow or green lid bins.

These items include light bulbs and globes, household batteries, mobile phones and accessories and ink cartridges. Please note, light bulbs and globes are not accepted at the RALC Drop-Off Station.

There are seven Problem Waste Drop-Off Stations around the City of Ryde, including at our Operations Centre, Customer Service Centre, West Ryde Library, Tzu Chi Australia, Eden Gardens and Macquarie University, in addition to the one at the RALC. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/dropoffstations.



LIBRARY

The Hive opening creates a buzz at West Ryde Library

Ryde Library members now have access to free creative software tools with the official opening of The Hive Digital Media Lab in June.

Offering individually bookable iMacs and PCs, The Hive features creative and industry standard software for design, 3D modelling, web and app development as well as image, audio and video editing software.

It allows library members to create an array of creative projects, including web pages, business cards, as well as edit music, film and images, without having to pay the high costs of creative software licences.

The Hive operates seven days a week during West Ryde Library's opening hours.

Comic Culture Festival Day

Join us for a fun day of family activities to celebrate Comic Culture. There will be superhero green screen technology, free face painting, colouring and craft stations, as well as the chance to get your photo taken with the famous Disney character Maleficent. A superhero and comic character costume competition will also be held, while local cartoonist Alice Wang will be on hand to provide free cartoon drawings.

When: Thursday 18 July | **Time:** 10.00am

Where: Ryde Library

Knit-In 2019

Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks to be part of this fantastic community event while supporting the charity Wrap With Love. Donations of completed squares and wraps and eight-ply wool are all welcome.

When: Friday 2 August | **Time:** 10.00am

Where: Ryde Library | **Enquiries:** 9952 8352

Dad's Day Out

A fun-filled day of activities is planned at West Ryde Library to celebrate Father's Day. Activities will include Draw and Tell Storytime, Curiosity Cabinet Treasure Hunt, Cubetto Robotics workshop, Edison Robotics class workshop and Get Creative Craft.

When: Saturday 31 August | **Time:** 10.00am

Where: West Ryde Library

HSC Lock In

Get your friends together and prepare for your HSC. 2019 HSC students only. You will have access to HSC resources, library space, free Wi-Fi, The Hive Digital Media Lab and food!

When: Wednesday 18 September | **Time:** 5.30pm

Where: West Ryde Library

PLANNING RYDE

From 1 July to 12 August 2019, the City of Ryde is seeking your feedback on Council's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement, which provides a blue print for the area's future.



What is a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The Local Strategic Planning Statement sets out the 20-year vision for land use in the local area.

It gives consideration to the characteristics which contribute to local identity, the special character and values that are to be preserved and how change will be managed into the future.

In addition, it brings together the priorities and actions from Council's existing plans, such as the Community Strategic Plan, and identifies where further evidence gathering is required.

Why is Council developing a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

Every Council in NSW is required to prepare a Local Strategic Planning Statement.

The statement will shape how the Ryde Local Environmental Plan will evolve over time and will help guide the current review of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan which is due to be completed by July 2020.

Why is Council asking for feedback on the Local Strategic Planning Statement?

Essentially, Council wants to know what you love about the area, how it can be improved, and what you would like to see in the future.

The consultation period helps ensure this by giving all residents the opportunity to have their say on how they want the community to evolve.

How can feedback on the Local Strategic Planning Statement be submitted?

You can provide feedback in person at one of Council's community information sessions. Times and locations for each session are available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay to read more about the Local Strategic Planning Statement and complete the online survey prior to 12 August.

We will also be seeking feedback at various stages throughout the consultation period via Council's social media pages.



The New Heart of Ryde

- ✓ COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- ✓ 100% COUNCIL-OWNED
- ✓ NO RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS
- ✓ NO INCREASE IN RATES AND NO CUTS TO SERVICES FOR THIS PROJECT

A cultural and community hub - Ryde Central

'The New Heart of Ryde' offers a bold new vision for a redeveloped Ryde Civic Centre site.

We have listened to our community, who have asked us for more space for performances, meetings, art and functions, with no residential apartments.

'The New Heart of Ryde' will deliver a four-fold increase in community space whilst retaining 100% public ownership of the site.

This space will house public meeting rooms, offices, childcare facilities, commercial and retail facilities, a plaza and open space, on-site parking and Council chambers. It will also be home to a dedicated, flexibly-designed cultural and community space.

The City of Ryde has committed to achieve this without increasing rates or reducing services.

Frequently asked questions



Where is the Ryde Civic Centre site?

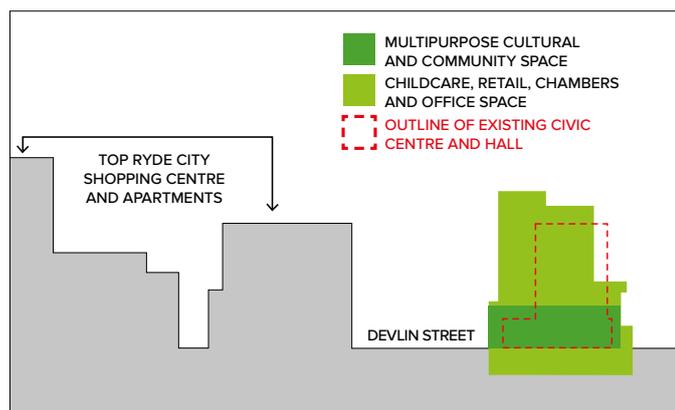
The Ryde Civic Centre site is where the previous Council Chambers and Civic Hall are located, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.

Is the Ryde Civic Centre a heritage item?

No, the NSW Heritage Commission has determined that the Civic Centre has insufficient merit for inclusion on the State Heritage Register.

Why can't Council just upgrade the current buildings?

The cost of refurbishing and upgrading the Civic Centre and Civic Hall to today's standards is estimated to exceed \$60 million. Even after this expense, the existing buildings would still provide insufficient space and are not fit for purpose for our growing community.





Please note these images are indicative of how the redeveloped Ryde Civic Centre site could look and are subject to change following community consultation.

What will be built on the site?

'The New Heart of Ryde' will be a low impact development that will address the growing demand within Ryde for a new and significant accessible space that will service a diverse range of community needs.

It will feature two buildings, a flexibly-designed, multi-purpose cultural and community space, and a space with offices, childcare facilities, commercial and retail facilities, a plaza and open space, on-site basement parking, public meeting rooms and Council chambers.

How will the project be funded?

The proposed redevelopment will be funded by a mix of Council reserves and a loan serviced by developer contributions. The project will be financially sustainable and will not require an increase to Council rates, nor will it require any cuts to be made to essential services.

What are developer contributions?

Developer contributions are a form of development tax available to Council's under Section 7.11 (formerly S94) and Section 7.12 (formerly S94A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The purpose of development contributions is to enable Council to levy funds from development to provide new and/or upgraded infrastructure to meet demand caused by population growth through development.

Will there be any residential apartments on the site?

No Council has previously received significant feedback from the community that they did not support residential apartments being included as part of a new civic and community hub. Council has therefore committed to not include any residential apartments in 'The New Heart of Ryde'.

Will my rates increase to help fund this project?

No, this project will not require an increase to Council rates, nor will it require any cuts to be made to essential services.

Will any part of the Civic Centre site be sold off to help fund the project?

No, Council will retain complete ownership of the site.



Have your say

We welcome the community to have their say on the proposed 'New Heart of Ryde'.

You can have your say in a number of ways including:

- The online survey: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart
- Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post: General Manager,
City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069,
North Ryde NSW 1670

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'The New Heart of Ryde' and will be received up until **Sunday 25 August 2019**.

Community roadshow

Come visit us at one of our roadshow locations where you can drop-in, provide your feedback and ask staff any questions you may have.

For roadshow dates, times and locations visit the timeline at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart.

Next steps

Once formal consultation closes, Council staff will consider all the feedback received and prepare a report for Council's consideration in September 2019.

More information

More information is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart including updates, answers to frequently asked questions and the option to subscribe to 'The New Heart of Ryde' email newsletter. Alternatively, you can contact our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Building Ryde River Walk's missing link



One of the final missing links of the Ryde River Walk is to be completed.

The award winning Ryde River Walk was opened to the public in 2008, providing access to the Parramatta River foreshore for walkers and cyclists between Gladesville Bridge and Ryde Bridge.

However, a section at Tennyson Point diverts from the foreshore and instead forces people up a steep stairway and into local streets. The stairway has proved to be an impediment for some people while also depriving others of accessing a major part of the foreshore.

Due to this, Council has resolved to build a connection along Glades Bay, between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street.

Childcare to be provided for advisory committee members



Childcare will be provided to members of the public who are on Council advisory committees to help them attend committee meetings.

The landmark step was taken by the City of Ryde in an effort to encourage more parents to join advisory committees and broaden community representation.

It is hoped that the decision by Council will ensure single and working parents from all walks of life and from all backgrounds will become a part of the advisory committee process and contribute to discussions that impact them.

There are currently 16 advisory committees that meet on a quarterly basis each year such as the Status of Women Advisory Committee, the Arts Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum. The purpose of advisory committees is to allow local residents and relevant organisations to participate in Council matters.

More to be done to promote Macquarie Park as an entertainment and recreation precinct



The City of Ryde has committed to do more to promote Macquarie Park's entertainment and recreation precinct to help support the continued growth of the business park.

As part of the commitment, Council will partner with local businesses, the live music industry, entertainment venues and other stakeholders to develop strategies aimed at promoting the activities taking place at Macquarie Park.

This will include the development of a promotional package that will provide local employees with an overview of the recreational and entertainment options within Macquarie Park.

In addition, the City of Ryde will identify ways in which current planning controls in Macquarie Park can be altered to enable and encourage further night time economic activity and entertainment.

Meadowbank Skate Park opening



A huge crowd was on hand for the City of Ryde's official opening of the Meadowbank Skate Park in late April.

People of all ages attended the event to witness a great day filled with demonstrations by professional skaters, competitions, a live DJ and a free ride to test out the new facilities.

Developed by award-winning youth space builder, Convic, the Meadowbank Skate Park has received rave reviews from the public since the opening, with a range of high-quality components that cater for people of all ages and skill levels.

While the Meadowbank Skate Park has been popular with local residents, it also caught the eye of industry experts, with the City of Ryde named as a finalist at the Parks and Leisure Australia NSW/ACT Awards of Excellence for its work in building the new facility.

Key features of the Meadowbank Skate Park include:

- Three-metre deep Olympic-standard competition bowl
- Dual spine flow bowl as well as obstacles such as a euro gap, kickers, rails, kerb banks, and a streetscape skate area
- A surrounding asphalt track for beginners
- Picnic and shelter facilities
- Playground equipment and a climbing net tunnel
- A table-tennis court
- Connecting footpaths.

Volunteer Recognition Awards



The recipient of this year's City of Ryde Volunteer of the Year Award says her volunteer work has helped fulfil a wish she has to make those in need feel valued and loved.

Joey Chan was named Volunteer of the Year at the City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards in May for her work with the Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club and involvement in various community events.

A renowned singer and performer, Joey has staged a large number of performances for the senior citizens club while also undertaking other activities that have reduced social isolation among club members. She also contributes to a number of other major local community events each year

including the City of Ryde Lunar New Year Festival, the Chinese Citizens Club Australia Day celebrations and the Mid-Autumn Festival concert.

Joey said she gets enormous joy out of helping others.

"Music can make people happy and I find that volunteering with my music is the best channel to bring joy to people who need their spirits lifted" she said.

She hoped her award would inspire others to volunteer.

"Everyone in the community can contribute to helping those most in need. The reward is a tremendous sense of satisfaction knowing your actions are making a difference."

The Volunteer Recognition Awards are staged by the City of Ryde to acknowledge the contribution volunteers make to the local community.

Full list of winners at the 2019 Volunteer Recognition Awards

- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Joey Chan
- **Highly Commended:** Philip Brown
- **Young Volunteer of the Year Award:** Isabella Wilks
- **Group Volunteer of the Year Award:** North Ryde Community Aid Linen Group
- **Highly Commended (Group):** Stryder community transport volunteer drivers.

Apr – July 2019

**WORKS
IN OUR CITY**



For full details visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects



West Ryde Plaza Embellishment

West Ryde Plaza has been recently upgraded to create a more activated and welcoming space for the community. This includes an iconic shade structure, contemporary seating, greenery incorporating a new children's play area and features CCTV and free public Wi-Fi.



**Pidding Park, Ryde
New Amenities Building**

As part of the sportsfield amenities renewal program, the ageing amenities building was replaced with a larger building incorporating multi-purpose change rooms, public toilets, new canteen and storage space for sporting equipment.



Meadowbank Skate Park

This new space provides an area for youth of all ages and the rest of the family to socialise and play within our community.



**Coulter Street
Gladesville
Upgrade**

The Coulter Street upgrade provides an appealing connection between Trim Place and the Coulter Street carpark and improves safety for people and vehicles.

A tree lined boulevard enhances the pedestrian experience and features increased footpath space, seating, decorative paving and lighting, supported by CCTV and free public Wi-Fi.

**Morrison Bay Park –
Passive Park Upgrade**

Located on the picturesque Parramatta River, Morrison Bay Park has been upgraded to improve walkability and recreational opportunities within the park. The improvements include new footpaths, pedestrian lighting, fitness equipment, basketball court and an additional cricket net.



Program	Count
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	72
Building Upgrades	8
Stormwater Works	19
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportsfields	26
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	14
Town and Neighbourhood Centres	4

How to pay your rates

Council sends out rates notices four times a year, in January, April, July and October either by post or electronically. If you would like to have your rates notice delivered electronically, please register at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/erates. See below for current payment methods offered by Council to pay your rates:

-  **NEW – Direct Debit**
Council offers direct debit from cheque or savings accounts only as a method of paying your rates. Sign up now – complete the online form at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/directdebits.
-  **Internet Banking**
BPAY – Contact your participating bank, credit union or building society to make this payment. Council's Biller Code is 5330 – find out more at www.bpay.com.au
Council website Go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au and click 'Make a Payment' for payments of up to \$5,000 by credit card (MasterCard or Visa only, and includes a merchant fee).
-  **Over the Phone**
BPAY – Contact your participating bank, credit union or building society to make this payment. Council's Biller Code is 5330 – find out more at www.bpay.com.au.
Credit Card payments – Phone 1300 652 073 to make a payment via credit card (MasterCard or Visa only, and includes a merchant fee).
-  **In Person**
Australia Post Outlets – You can present your rate notice at any Australia Post office. They accept cash, cheque or EFTPOS.
City of Ryde Outlets – Visit our Customer Service Centre during business hours. You can pay by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card (American Express, Visa or MasterCard only and includes a merchant fee). For further information please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/contactus.
Discontinued – Westpac Branches – As part of its review of payment methods Council has now discontinued this option, with similar services provided within the same locales such as Australia Post.
-  **Pay by Mail**
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North Ryde NSW 1670



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19 OCTOBER 2019
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MARKET STALLS & FOOD TRUCKS
ENTERTAINMENT

ANIMAL FARM

CIRCUS WORKSHOP

GRANNY'S CIDER BAR

City of Ryde
Granny Smith
FESTIVAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT RYDE.ROCKS/GSF

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

It has been extremely heartening to see such a large response to the initial stages of our community consultation on the exciting plans to redevelop the Ryde Civic Centre site.

Described as 'The New Heart of Ryde', it is not an understatement to say that this proposal will be a game-changer for Ryde as it will provide a low-impact development that delivers the first-class facilities our community have been screaming out for over a number of years.

Highlights of 'The New Heart of Ryde' proposal include:

- A four-fold increase in community space, which will resolve our current shortage of community space and free up existing venues across our City
- The relocation of Council staff back to the Ryde Civic Centre site, saving ratepayers millions in rental costs
- Council retaining complete ownership of the site
- A guarantee there will be no residential development on the site

- 100 per cent financially sustainable as it will be funded completely from Council reserves and developer contributions, meaning no rate increases or cuts to Council services.

I understand this is not the first proposal for the Ryde Civic Centre site, but I can assure you that this is the first proposal that is financially sustainable, does not add to our City's overdevelopment woes and is designed entirely for the community's use and benefit.

Given the importance of this project, I would strongly encourage anyone who has not yet taken part in the consultation to do so.

Every bit of feedback we receive will be factored into the final report that will be submitted to Council later in the year.

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart for more information on the proposal and to find out how you can take part in the ongoing consultation.

Consultation is due to close on Sunday 25 August.



Sincerely,

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