

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

November 2019 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday
21 November
2019**

7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance
Museum
Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and
Tingal Road Wynnum)

Join us for our
**Christmas break
up party**

Relax, mingle, chat,
eat and enjoy our
Christmas break up
celebrations and the
Christmas raffle
draws

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

Bring & Buy Table

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From the President

Greetings, and welcome to our November newsletter.

I don't know about anyone else, but I seem to be running out of days in which to complete all my projects for 2019. Usually by this time of year I have almost finished my Christmas cards and correspondence for the year and have it all ready for posting on 1st December. So far, nothing! I've been reflecting on what to say this month in our newsletter, when a wonderful book entitled *The World's Heritage* landed on my desk from the UK.

Also, last week, Ayer's Rock or Uluru—Kata Tjuta National Park received some publicity in the press, announcing its closure to hikers. Having climbed it about 60 years ago, I had no intention of ever doing it again! Believe me, it is dangerous and the chains provided for safety get so hot you could give yourself a nasty burn if you grabbed them! So much for being young and stupid.

Anyway, this book is a guide to the most interesting sites on our planet and lists all the UNESCO World Heritage sites. This list currently includes 1073 sites. These include 832 cultural, 206 natural and 35 mixed properties, all of which have been recognised for their "outstanding universal value" as determined by the 1972 UNESCO *Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*.

Criteria used for including Uluru on the World Heritage list for both its natural and cultural values include:-

- Traditional human settlement
- Heritage associated with events of universal significance
- Natural phenomena or beauty
- Major stages of earth's history.

It was included on the list in 1987 and is one of the 19 sites listed in Australia. Others include:-

- Australian convict sites
- Fossil mammal sites (Riversleigh/Naracoorte)
- Fraser Island
- Gondwana Rainforests of Australia
- Great Barrier Reef
- Blue Mountains area
- Heard and McDonald Islands
- Kakadu National Park
- Lord Howe Island group

- Macquarie Island
- Ningaloo Coast
- Purnululu National Park (W.A.)
- Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens (Melbourne)
- Shark Bay (W.A.)
- Sydney Opera House
- Tasmanian Wilderness area
- Wet Tropics of Queensland
- Willandra Lakes Region (N.S.W.)

Uluru and Kata Tjuta and the surrounding country are part of an important cultural landscape. They dominate the vast red plain of Central Australia, and are composed of hard red sandstone exposed as a result of the folding, faulting and erosion of the surrounding rock. Rock art around its base provides evidence of the cultural traditions of the Anangu Aboriginal people.

The part is home to 21 native mammals including the rare hairy-footed dunnart, the sandhill dunnart and the mulgara. More than 170 bird species, 73 species of reptile and at least 7 species of bat.

When we consider that, damage to World Heritage sites has become more widespread e.g. recently in Iraq and Syria, it is great to think that we now have a worldwide organisation involved in their protection.

All for now.

Best wishes,
Jan

Membership Renewals due 31 December 2019

Membership renewals for 2020 are due by 31 December 2019. Membership prices remain the same:-

\$20.00 for individuals

\$30.00 for families

Renewals can be paid by cash or cheque at the Resource Centre; or at the General Meetings in October and November; or by post to PO Box 318, Wynnum 4178; or by direct deposit to:-

Bank of Queensland BSB 124 012 Account No 2013 9708 Account Name: Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

If paying by direct deposit, please use your surname and initial as the reference.

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Resource Centre Report

November 2019



- **(From last month) Where was "Blakeways" ?**

The problem is solved.

In the 1950s and 1960s **Blakeways** was found opposite Wynnum Central State School, more or less where the Christian Science Office now stands.

Blakeways was know for its delicious cakes, especially its custard tarts.

Later the shop moved further down the street, in under the Laurella Reception Lounge.

Thank you to Eric Sibley for this information.



- **Florence Street in the 1950s and 1960s**

Eric Sibley has prepared a chart showing the Traders in Florence Street in the 1950s and 1960s

(See page 4)

Please could you study that chart and add or delete or make suggestions that can improve the chart.

If you are of an earlier generation, how about constructing a chart of other traders that you remember trading in Florence Street?

- **Family Bible from Lota**



Inside the front cover:

"a present to Maurice Howard,
his eleventh birthday by his brother,
(Ge)ater Howard. . . ."

July 1887

An 1884 Family Bible

Inside the back cover

"Ilene O'Malley
17 Boran Street Lota."



Does anybody know of these early citizens, the **Howards** and/or the **O'Malley's** of Lota?



Seasons Greetings to all our Members and a special Thank You to all our Resource Room Volunteers who allow us to be open every week day.

We close on Friday 13 December 2019 and re-open in the New Year on Monday 13 January 2020.

Till next year.

Jill

Can you add or delete or make suggestions that can improve the chart below?

Florence Street in the 1950's and 1960's as remembered by Eric Sibley

BAY	TERRACE
<p>Bayards in old Charlie Mills Shop</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strand Shoes</p>	<p>Birchley's Later Moreton Bay Electrics, then Chandlers <u>Approx. No. 60</u> Macdonald's Cakes Springett's Photography Christo's Pets <i>Reedman Drapers later in Edith Street</i> <i>Wally McCarthy Jeweler later in Edith Street</i> <u>Approx. No. 80</u> Kauff's Deli <i>Barry's Pantry later called Coralie in Edith Street</i> Barry and Roberts Supermarket <u>Approx. No. 90</u> Blakeway's Bakery later moved to under Laurella's Lounge (No. 108) Brightways Hardware Original Perry's Fruitshop <u>No. 130</u> Old Health. An old house for nursing mothers STAR Theatre Fish Shop Butcher Gas Company Brown's Grocery Store Blacksmiths</p>
<p>F L O R E N C E</p>	<p>S T R E E T</p>
<p>Moreton Bay Gils College</p> <p>Hess & Ferguson Electrical</p> <p>Roy Philips Butcher</p> <p>Tennis Courts</p> <p>Side entrance to MoretonBay College</p> <p>Wynnum Central</p> <p>State School</p> <p>Bonton Cafe Hairdresser Ann Mason (nee Troy)'s Craft Shop Blaik's Shoe Repair Pearson Real Estate</p> <p>Wynnum Radio Cabs</p> <p><i>These shops later moved to Edith Street</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">TINGAL ROAD</p>
<p>BAY</p>	<p>TERRACE</p>

Former Late Member

“Col” Colin Harold Brown

Colin was born in St Kilda Hospital, Wynnum to parents Robert and Lucy Brown on 2nd August 1932.

Colin grew up in Wynnum and is fair to say was a Wynnumite through and through. Colin was the seventh child of a large family. His siblings were Robert, John, Gordon, Graham, Gloria, Neville and Nancy. The family home was in Chestnut Street, Wynnum just a few metres up from the Wynnum foreshore. Growing up during the Great Depression meant that there was very little money to go around, however Colin had a happy childhood with the Wynnum Esplanade and the iconic Wading Pool as his backyard. They made their own fun. Col went to primary school at Wynnum Central State School and would comment, later in life, at how during the Depression all the kids at school went in bare feet.

As a child and a young man Col loved sailing, cricket and fishing. He played first grade cricket for Wynnum Manly at the age of 16. He won numerous sailing races in which he participated on Moreton Bay. Later, with his good friend Les Clements, he would sail luxury yachts from Manly to the Whitsundays to deliver to wealthy owners.

In his late teens Col moved to Melbourne and was working as a storeman for Colgate Palmolive and worked his way up to Warehouse Manager. Col enjoyed his life in Melbourne, but in his late twenties decided it was time to move back Col to Wynnum.

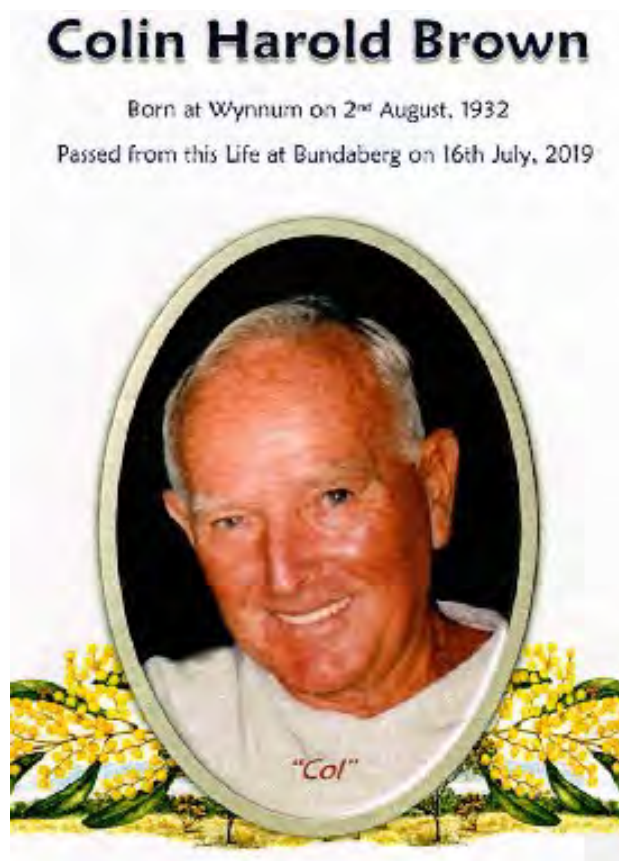
Col then went on to be an owner operator of a Wynnum soft drink run. In the early 1970's Col began working as a Trades Assistant at GMH in Brisbane and worked there until 1984. After finishing with GMH, Col went to work for Dandy Factory as Head Storeman until he retired at the age of 65 and one day, as he would like to say.

Col enjoyed his retirement. He loved camping and fishing. His special spot was in the dunes north of Cabarita Beach and he would stay for weeks, where he would spend the days beach fishing and walking. He would go well prepared, with a TV and video recorder hooked up to his car battery. He would even take a lawn mower so he would keep his spot mowed.

Col was a member of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society. This made sense because he loved Wynnum and was extremely interested in its history. Col did several talks on historical events and went on many excursions and reunions with his friends from the Historical Society. Col had collected a large amount of historical information about the Wynnum and Manly area over the years - everything carefully put in order in a huge filing cabinet. Col's years of research and resources have been donated to the Historical Society and I believe they are still cataloguing, 18 months later, such was the extent of his passion.

In September 1999 Ky Brown, Col's only grandchild was born. He was the apple of Col's eye. From Ky's birth Col would come up to Bargara from Wynnum at least once a month to see him. Diana and Daryl (his children) also lived there. Col would house-sit for Diana and walk much loved dogs, Rosie and Roxie three times a day. Col enjoyed walking and at the age of 70 he once walked the 20 km from Wynnum to Brisbane Central, just to see if he could.

Col had a series of strokes in December 2017 and was unable to return home to Berrima Street. He was admitted into Palm Lake Care at Bargara. Here he passed away on 16th July 2019. His ashes were scattered into Moreton Bay, from the end of Wynnum Central Jetty, on Saturday 28th September 2019, according to his wishes.



HISTORY OF THE WYNNUM MANLY GIRLS' MARCHING ASSOCIATION

September 1957 Mr Rex Dodd, who was a member of the Wynnum Manly District Band at the time decided to hold a meeting at his home to see if there was enough interest in starting Marching Girls Teams. The first training session was at the old Army Drill Hall near Wynnum Central Station. Approximately 20 girls attended.

They then moved to Kitchener Park (Junior Rugby League Field) and in June 1958 there were then 80 girls participating. The 6 teams at that time were – Coronets & Vikings (Senior), Mariners & Commodores (Junior) Daffodils & Mermaids (Midget). These teams soon became 9 competing teams plus a training squad, where members learnt the basics before being placed in a team.

In 1963 due to limited space available at the football fields, the Association had the foresight to purchase a piece of land on Wondall Rd. It was 15 hectares and included a house. The purchase price was 3000 pound. 3 Members at the time provided the deposit for this land.

This was then the beginning of weeks of work which became years. As this was a rural ground there were many trees to be removed and ground levelled. As all the land was not needed the house was moved to be closer to the fields. In the years to follow a BMX track was also built as well as basketball courts to support other local sporting groups.

Before too long a canteen was built followed by a toilet block and dressing rooms. A music room was built on top of the dressing rooms. This music room was used on training nights and competitions. Posts were put into the middle of the field when speakers were hung so all teams could hear the music (and apparently half of Manly West)

Each of the teams were given their own training field to look after, plus there was a championship field roped off to be used for Championships only.

In 1968 the field was officially opened by Lord Mayor Clem Jones. A memorial with a flag pole commemorated this occasion. This plaque is now on display at the entrance to Bunnings on Wondall Rd, which now stands on the site of the old field.

During the time at the field it was decided to name the field "McFarlane Field" after Mr Bill McFarlane, one of the members who loaned money to purchase the field. Mr McFarlane also volunteered hours of time to maintain the field.

Over the years our club participated in the community through the local Spring Parade. The club were Parade Participants, and Fundraised on a Stall with handicrafts, jams and Mrs Denby's famous fudge. The club also entered members into the Queen Quest which the club were successful in winning a number of times.

Our members remember numerous hours put in by members and their families to raise funds over the years to maintain our field, purchase uniforms and travel to completion events. Funds were raised through events such as – Raffles, Lamington and Pie Drives, Cake stalls, Phone Book deliveries, Christmas Gift wrapping and now Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. These events often strengthened the relationships and bonds of our club members and families.

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In the year 2000 changes came to the sport when the first National Championships was held Indoors – here in Brisbane. The sport had to change to keep up the interest with the current generation and being able to perform without the inconvenience of the weather was seen to be important.

Wynnum Manly were the last club to stop training in the outdoors when financially the decision was made to sell McFarlane Field. Member numbers had dropped dramatically through the 1990's when it was not "cool" to be a marching girl. All fundraising dollars at that time were put into the up keep and maintenance of our field.

The 2006/07 season was the last one at McFarlane Field.

The club then moved to the Gospel Hall on Preston Rd to train but as our numbers grew more space was needed so we moved to the Wondall Heights State School, where we have been ever since.

In 2010 another change came to the sport with the name of our National Body changing to DrillDance. This was again aimed to modernise the sport. Most members still head off to "Marching" training each week though.

Although the sport has changed name we still perform Drill routines yet have included Thematic and Dance routines to attract the younger generation. Interestingly younger members are attracted to the sport for the fancy costumes and dance routines but soon enjoy the drill too.

The club continue a few of the past traditions such as our annual Marching Out Parade – although we now celebrate with a club dinner. Our Long Service badges continue to be awarded and volunteers are acknowledged. We even still ensure our team names have a connection to the water.

In the 60 years of the club we have fielded teams for competition every year, with up to 9 teams in one season. In total of the 60 seasons from 1958 – 2017 the Wynnum Manly Marching Association has been represented by 274 teams.

For the club it has always been about – Fun and Friendship which still continues for us today.

This information was provided by Kim Rooding of Wynnum Manly DrillDance (formerly Wynnum Manly Marching Girls' Association) and was prepared for the Club's 60th anniversary celebrations in 2017.

Note from Editor: The Club is still operating under the banner of Wynnum Manly DrillDance and teams train in the Wondall Heights State School Hall. They are always looking for new members—young and old.

October 2019 Where was I?



In 1968, Bill Macfarlane, who was one of the members of the Association, loaned money to purchase the field for the Wynnum Manly Girl's Marching Association.

Bill also volunteered hours of his time to prepare, then maintain the quality of the field. The Marching Girls used the field until the 2006/07 season when the field was sold.



Main Entrance to Bunnings, ManlyWest.

See pages 6 & 7 of this Newsletter for full history of Wynnum Manly Girls' Marching Association.

November 2019 Where am I?



*Till next time
Jill*

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 17 October 2019

Meeting opened at 7.25pm. There were 19 members present and 1 visitor, Doug Brewer.

Opening Comments:

President, Jan Parnell took the Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and provided some interesting happenings of the past times, on this day, including that Chopin died aged 39 years in 1849.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 19 September 2019 were accepted by Laurima Rabe and seconded by Gary Parsons.

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented for September 2019. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 3 October 2019.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 September 2019 – 30 September 2019</u>	
Opening balance at 1 September 2019		\$36,285.14
Income	\$ 108.16	
Expenditure	\$ 104.99	
Closing balance at 30 September 2019		\$36,288.31
<u>Bank Account Breakup</u>		
Everyday Account	\$ 3,903.33	
Websaver(Building)Account	\$32,384.98 (including \$17.76 interest)	
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30 September 2019		\$36,288.31

Resource Centre:

“Where was I?” this month was a photo of the plaque mounted at the entrance of Bunnings, West Manly reminding customers that the store was erected on MacFarlane Field, the former home of the Wynnum Manly Marching Girls.

Members were asked for donations for the Christmas Raffles, which will be received at The Resource Room in Wynnum Central Community Centre (Old State School) until a week before the November General Meeting.

President Jan told of the scattering of late member Col Brown’s ashes on the morning of Saturday 28 September 2019, from the end of Wynnum Central Jetty, which was according to Col’s wishes. The Eulogy from Col’s funeral service in Bundaberg was read and a summary will be included in the next newsletter.

Guest Speaker: Librarian Jill Greenhill told the story of the Irvine Family who opened the “Commonwealth Store” in Bay Terrace in 1901. Inspiration for the development of the store came from Annie Watt, Hugh Irvine’s second wife. She gained her experience from her early experiences working in George Barnes’s Emporium in Warwick in the late 1800’s.

Raffle: Laurima Rabe **Lucky Door** Ellen Coupland **Member Draw:** Chiharu Tsurutani

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

A delicious Supper was provided by Ellen, Lena and Eric.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

Our Committee and Volunteers..

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Friend of Society: John McIntyre		
Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies.		
Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP.		

General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Eric Sibley
 Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks
 Supper Co-ordinators: Eric Sibley, Ellen Coupland
 Raffle Prizes: Committee

Minutes

Committee Meetings: Ellen Coupland
 General Meetings: Jill Greenhill

Newsletters

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Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Jill Greenhill, Jan Parnell
 Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Tours

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle, Myrtle Beitz
 Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

Publications for sale

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon, or
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay January 1860 –December 1863 Vol 2	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
History of Music in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 1997	Nock, Betty	1998	\$5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 – 2003	Nock, Betty	2005	\$5
Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale's Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15

When	Where	What's On
<p>November 16 2019</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p> <p>Ph: 3409 9699</p>	<p>North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum</p> <p>Welsby Street</p> <p>Dunwich</p>	<p>'Ship of death' book launch with author</p> <p>Learn about the 2 rows of white crosses in Dunwich Cemetery, North Stradbroke Island.</p> <p>Author, Jane Smith, will be talking about her new book, which is a true saga about the voyage and quarantine of the typhus-stricken ship <i>Emigrant</i>. Jane will tell riveting stories and facts about the 276 desperate assisted-immigrants from the United Kingdom who sailed into Moreton Bay in 1850, searching for a better life. Their stories are tales of hardship, resilience and despair.</p>
<p>November 23 2019</p> <p>2pm—4pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>New Farm & Districts Historical Society</p> <p>Merthyr Road Uniting Church</p> <p>Merthyr Road</p> <p>New Farm</p>	<p>Samuel Walker Griffith: Premier, Chief Justice, radical and New Farm resident</p> <p>Griffith, twice Premier, then Chief Justice of Queensland, arrived in Queensland in the 1850s. He was responsible for important social and legal reforms. He was a key figure in the movement towards Federation and became the first Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.</p>
<p>November 27 2019</p> <p>6pm—7.30pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p> <p>Enquiries—Ph 3221 4698</p>	<p>Royal Qld Historical Society</p> <p>Commissariat Store</p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>A perfect cyclone: exploring the 1899 Pearling Fleet disaster—Mahina, the worst cyclone in north Australian history</p> <p>Ian Townsend is the guest speaker.</p>
<p>November 28 2019</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Wynnum Library</p> <p>145 Florence Street</p> <p>Wynnum</p> <p>(above Woolworths)</p>	<p>Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club</p> <p>There have been sails on Moreton Bay since the exploration of Matthew Flinders. The Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club is not as old as that, but it has an established place in local sailing. John Harper has been a member all those years and will entertain you with his stories.</p>
<p>December 8 2019</p> <p>11am—3pm</p>	<p>Ormiston House</p> <p>Wellington Street,</p> <p>Ormiston</p>	<p>Christmas Craft Markets</p> <p>Come and browse the markets on the lawn overlooking beautiful Moreton Bay. Devonshire tea will also be available on the verandah of Historic Ormiston House.</p>
<p>December 11 2019</p> <p>12.30pm—1.30pm</p> <p>Cost—Talk Free</p> <p>Lunch—\$5</p> <p>Enquiries—Ph 3221 4698</p>	<p>Royal Qld Historical Society</p> <p>Commissariat Store</p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>Edward Barton: father of the electricity industry in Queensland</p> <p>This presentation by Brian Becconsall and Stuart Wallace will cover the contribution that Edward Barton made as a pioneering electrical engineer and who laid the foundations for the start of the electricity supply industry in Queensland.</p>

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.
Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.

Membership application forms are available from the Resource Centre
at the Wynnum Community Centre (formerly the Wynnum Central State School building), .Florence St, Wynnum

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person.



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