

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2nd April 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Nigel Tisdale, Paul Barclaire, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Malcolm Davison, Vicki Davison, Greg McPhee, Van Davy, John Steinbeck, Paul Blinkhorn, Annette Blinco, Bill Blinco, James Boyd, Lindsay Boyd, Deb Rhodes, Chris Rhodes, Steph Wood, Keith Wood, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Andrew Alter, Francis Alter, Cally Osmond, John Allan, Margaret Brown, Andrew Cordwell, Kerry Caloyannidis, Malcolm McDonald, Bev Lapacek, Paul Toohey, Sabine Kirshke, Jane Borton, Paul Wickham, Bronwen Young, Peter Connor, Gary Phillips, Alison Phillips, Warwick Teale, Amanda Winley, Sandy Sherwood.

Apologies – Elizabeth Nelson, Jan Steinbeck, Jane Clarke, Vic Clarke, Gabby Pritchard, Karina Stafford, Marcel McKay, Adrian Thurlow, Dorothy McDonald, Pauline Toohey.

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Russell Grove acknowledged the traditional owners –

As we gather in the name of the Pearl Beach Progress Association we acknowledge the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respect to their Elders-past, present and emerging.

Minutes of previous General Meeting

A link to the minutes of the previous meeting on 5/3/22 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 24th March 2022, and is available on the website.

Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes –

Malcolm McDonald requested amendments be made to the previous minutes with regard to the application for a Liquor Licence variation. (see appendix for the actual application)

Additional questions were raised about the decision by the Executive to not take a formal approach with regard to the application for the Liquor Licence.

Russell Groves (hereafter referred to as RG) advised that the Executive took the view that given the varying views of the community expressed at the previous meeting, an email would be sent to all members providing information to allow them to individually support or object to the proposal. RG added it is not possible for the PBPA to represent the views of all its members.

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Van Davy queried the process. He reported that the applicant is required to undertake consultation with the community, and he did not believe this had occurred. Van advised that he intends to give a "Notice of Motion" under General Business .

Matthew Logan reported that he is an owner of one of the strata units above the shop and café. He reported that no notice had been provided to the Strata management with regard to changes to the Liquor Licence.

RG reported that as far as he is aware no actual application had yet been submitted.

A question was asked from the floor about the relevance of the street signs which say "alcohol free error"? How would this impact on the application? RG gave an interpretation of the signage, and indicated that currently many people seem to ignore the signs and bring alcohol to the beach and surrounding areas.

Minutes of previous meeting with the above amendments were thus accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed ; Paul Toohey

Seconded: Tanya Masters

Covid 19 Update

RG advised the meeting that the Executive have agreed that we will adhere to NSW Health department guidelines, and if any changes occur in those guidelines they will be so implemented.

Financial Reports

Treasurer; Elizabeth Nelson had apologized for not being in attendance.

A link to the financial reports for February were including in the notice of meeting email sent to members on 24th March.

Please note the financial reports for GM on 5/3/22 should have been recorded as January Financials not February.

There were no questions regarding the reports .

Resolved - "That the February 2022 financial reports be accepted".

Proposed: Russell Grove

Seconded : Paul Barclaire

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RFS and CFU Report

- *Note the change in order from published Agenda*

Lindsay Boyd spoke about the amount of work over the past month due to the inclement weather; with tree branches falling and some flooding in back yards around the lagoon and in Agate St.

He reported that the CFU had been out pumping out some backyards, and that the CCC had been out earlier in the afternoon to drain the lagoon which had been flooding into surrounding backyards.

Lindsay advised that there was a pile of sandbags which were free to anyone who needed them.

He also gave notice that the AGM for RFS would be at the end of June, and everyone is welcome to attend. He reports that one of the goals for the current team is to improve the RFS engagement with the community, which is progressing well.

There are 10 new members who are currently elevating their skills. He asked anyone interested in joining either the RFS or the CFU to please contact him as new members are always very welcome.

SUB COMMITTEES

Hall

Paul Barclaire reported that it is hoped to have the stove fixed. Gas fitting at front of hall, waiting for plumber and the leak in storeroom waiting for dry day to access roof. Re ; Keys It is hoped to get started on master key soon. After a question from the floor, Paul explained that currently many people have multiple keys for the various doors and cupboard, and the intention is to rationalize this to one or two universal keys.

Notice Board at the front of the hall has been moved to provide better visual access.

A question from the floor regarding how the members can access the notice board.

It was explained that there is limited space for general information.

Victoria Crawford spoke regarding the Hall Booking Officer.

She thanked Rebecca Jacobs for her work over the past 2 years as Hall Booking Officer. Unfortunately Rebecca has had to resign this position and Victoria has agreed to take over for a month.

She made a plea for a volunteer to take on the role and went on to outline the requirements.

1. Need to check the Hall bookings daily
2. Respond with any clarification , confirmation and costs
3. Ensure the Treasurer (Libby Nelson) is aware of booking and deposit amount
4. Ensure that Malcolm Davison is aware of booking. He organizes keys and inspections.

Victoria advised that the Communications group seeks ideas about good ways to impart information to the general community. The group has been investigating the sign on the corner of Diamond Rd and Pearl Beach Drive which has been in that

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location for many many years and is in very poor condition.
The CCC has agreed to allow the PBPA to erect a new sign on the toilet block.
Current thinking is possibly a large map of the village with street names and important points of interest .

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey provided the following report.

- Monthly check of the safety equipment is up to date except at the northern end at this stage..
- In regular liaison with Craig Healy, Team Leader Beach Safety CCC:
 - Rock pool to be cleaned again as soon as debris floating down the Hawkesbury eases.
 - Rocks walkway - Craig Healy is pushing for a long-term solution – an engineering report commissioned by council apparently several years ago would need to be reviewed, costed, and budgeted for.
 - Progressing with other beach signage near the Pearls Rest with input from Professor Robert Brander known as ‘Science of Surf’. Not aware of any progress?
- **Emergency Response Beacon_(ERB) at Pearl Beach**
Followed-up Terry Barber of Surf Lifesaving NSW 16 Feb 2022:
 - Surf Lifesaving NSW received NSW Grant funds for 26 beach ‘Black Spot’ locations in 2021 and rollout is still underway in some locations.
 - Another 30 beach locations have been identified, of which Pearl Beach is one. In May/June, they will be seeking another round of NSWG Grant funds (NSW Office of Emergency Management & Aust G Minister of Resilience) to meet the cost estimated at \$20K per location.
 - Surf Lifesaving Ass is still looking at bolting the ERB service to our existing defibrillator at the amenities block. But this will be subject to discussions with Paul Jones/Australian Defibrillators PL as more research is required with the product manufacturers investigating the build requirements.
 - Comms costs say \$70/mth

The Safety Advisory committee will follow up this in May or June.

Intersection at Diamond Rd and Pearl Beach Drive

Ongoing discussions with CCC, with Scott Stapleton advising that “tree trimming had been undertaken”, although this does not appear to be the case. It was pointed out by a member that Patonga had successfully obtained permission for a 40km zone throughout their village.

RG acknowledged that PBPA is trying for a similar speed limit.

Mobile Phone Reception Issue

Despite ongoing liason with Lucy Wicks, there have been no recent updates. RG

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advised that Pearl Beach had been added to the Black Spot Government program, however it was essentially up to the Telco's (ie Optus, Telstra etc) to determine whether they wished to budget for improvements in our village.

Community Support Centre

Aust. Govt Black Summer Bush Fire Recovery Grants Program – application lodged 6 Oct 2021 for \$91K – approval received 25 February. This relates to the establishment of a “Community Support Centre” in the PB Memorial Community Hall with the following infrastructure:

- i. Solar + Battery + generator off-grid power system.
 - ii. Water sprinkler system on the hall roof inclusive of spearpoint and tank/s 20K litres. (This should result in a reduction of the building insurance as well).
 - iii. Ben Kearney an engineer and a member of the RFS Pearl Beach volunteered his time and expertise to reviewing/researching our needs for both the Solar + Battery and the Fire Sprinkler systems. Specification documents prepared for supply/installation contractors.
 - iv. Currently seeking update of quotes before commencement of the project ASAP - from suppliers/installers to make sure the expenditure does not knowingly exceed the grant amount \$91K.
- Paul provided expected milestone information and expenditure budget to the meeting .
(see attached document)

A question from the floor was put with regard to ongoing maintenance costs. Paul advised that the main maintenance costs related to the solar and alternative power systems and that individual components had varying lengths of warranties. The Sprinkler system which need to be checked 4 times annually, has no moving parts.

Paul reported the belief that the PBPA would save costs in some other areas, eg electricity costs and insurance of the building.

A further question from the floor related to the group working with SES, which Paul confirmed in the affirmative.

RG thanked the committee for their hard work with this project, and in particular, Paul. All agreed with acclamation.

Resolved that the SAG committee report be accepted.

Proposed ; Russell Grove.

Seconded: Victoria Crawford

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Events

Lynne Lillico listed the coming events which are in the Gem and also in email sent from PBPA.

26/3/22 An extremely successful Trivia evening, managed by Malcolm McDonald and a band of helpers. Big thanks to him, as well as Paul Wickham for the Audio set-up. The evening made a profit of \$1200 which included the \$400 from the raffle managed by Heather. Lynne thanked everyone for their help and support.

16/4/22 Easter Saturday Book Fair. Alison still needs helpers for the day, please contact her
This is the biggest fundraising annual event, so please help. Enquiries: 0407 272 495
Refreshments and Fine Arts/ Bric a Brac will also be for sale.
If you are able to make a cake for the refreshment stand this would be much appreciated.

Easter Art Trail Various Pearl Beach Locations, Flyer now out with the route map
details of the participants. Enquiries - 0412141721 & 0407100120

25/4/22 Anzac Day – Dawn Service. Co-ordinated by Malcolm Davison. On the Beachfront, 6am start, bring a candle and a chair. If inclement weather the service will move into the Memorial Hall. After the service all are invited to morning tea and wreath laying will take part at the hall.

Donation to Legacy will be appreciated.

14/5/22. George Washingmachine 'Swing into Jazz', with Trio of top musicians, Time: 7.30pm
Memorial Hall, cost \$45 **NOW ON SALE, CARD/CASH contact Lynne 4344 2319**

21/5/22 Central Coast Conservatorium - Showcase & Scholarship Concerts , 2.30pm each day
Incorporating the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship and the Pearl Beach Music
Scholarship Tickets: \$10 each day. **Two concerts \$15**
Drinks & Nibbles each day, for a donation , Contact/Bookings Lynne 4344 2319

PB Scholarship Sponsors confirmed as follows -

'Irvine Family' Piano Scholarship \$1,000.

Pearl Beach Scholarship, 'Pearl Beach Cafe' \$1,000.

'Peoples Choice', Russell Grove in Memory of Frances \$500.00

New award, 2nd place Peoples Choice, Coast Realty \$250.00.

There were several comments from the floor about inability to be fully aware of up coming events. Questions regarding advertising these events were answered by Lynne.

All events are published in the minutes of the General Meeting, and frequently additional emails to members for specific events occur. In addition the list of proposed events is in The Gem, which is posted in the noticeboard at the shop. There is also a list on the notice board outside the hall. Lynne reported it is difficult to get "free " advertising elsewhere, however the local paper also publishes events in the week prior.

Resolved that the Events Report be accepted;

Proposed; Lynne Lillico

Seconded; Paul Barclaire

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Fundraising:

Adrian Thurlow had apologized for his non attendance; and sent the following Fundraising report.

We are running a raffle at the Easter Book Sale to try and raise some money towards the upkeep of the hall and beach safety gear.

It would be appreciated if anybody was available to sell raffle tickets that they advise me so their name can go on the helpers list.

We are also looking for some fund raising ideas for action during the winter months.

Welcome New Membership

RG welcomed the following new members and friends :

Lorelle and Larry Savage

Judith Norris

Jeanne Albrecht

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Arboretum

Victoria Crawford advised that parts of the Arboretum are closed due two sections collapsing on the bridge across the swamp area. This particular area is a key interpretation site. VC reported that the bridges throughout the Arboretum are the responsibility of the CCC and they have indicated there is no money to fix it VC further reported that on 20/8/2019 the Council had advised the Arboretum committee that the bridge required repair, however on discovering it was actually their responsibility to do so, nothing happened. The Arboretum committee are currently trying to meet with representatives from CCC.

However, the remainder of the Arboretum remains fully functional and will soon host the 2nd Ephemeral Art Trail. Last years' event saw fabulous art sculptures being fashioned from native plants and seeds.

PLODDERS

Bev Lapacek reported the Plodders will visit Blackheath for a 5 night stay on 24th April.

She also advised that on Thursday 19th May, she will again host the Biggest Afternoon tea event from 3pm which raises money for the Cancer Council.

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Bev also reported that the Pearl Beach Singers would hold a concert on 19th and 20th August. Any budding singers please come along and join in on Friday afternoons in the hall.

John Hill spoke to a plea for a piano player for a short musical play that will be put on in conjunction with the singers. He is seeking a “classical” pianist to play for about 5 minutes .

Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Vic Brown, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy wished to thank members and their friends for the magnificent support they gave the Opera in the Park this year. In particular, he thanked all those who volunteered their time to help with ticket sales and crowd control.

War Memorial Upgrade

DA before Council . Grant application submitted. Still waiting for a response.

Environment Group.

Mary Knaggs advised that the Environment Group meets last Friday of each month, and generally have a guest speaker. Last meeting they enjoyed a talk by a Grade 5 Arborist regarding local trees. Mary advised anyone wishing to have an unbiased evaluation of trees on their property should ensure they employ a Grade 5 Arborist. The next meeting will be in the garden of Gabby Porter: The Pink Onion.

Buddies

Mary also briefly spoke about Buddies which meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 12pm -2pm and is for anyone living alone, or who cares for someone living alone. A light lunch is provided.

Mary also thanked Karina Stafford for helping clean up the beach after the recent flood waters and high tides.

Bushcare and Dune Care

Malcolm reminded all that Bushcare is generally the 1st Saturday each month a Dunecare is generally 2nd Saturday each month both starting at 9am. Both have not been held recently due to inclement weather. However, Malcolm is hopeful of a return in the near future. In particular, the dunes have suffered by the abnormal swell and very large waves during this past week.

Victoria C pointed out that if it hadn't been for the great work done with planting by a previous resident Faye, then the dunes would be in a far worse state.

Water watch group

Paul reported that given the previous extensive rainfall they group had expected

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excellent results in the creeks. However Green Point creek was high acidic, as a result of water running over leaf litter and sandstone. The water temperature has been a mild 21degrees.

Male Bowlers

Lynne Lillico spoke on behalf of the male bowlers, and advised that the Ettalong Bowling club would host a Charity Bowling day on the 1st May from 9am. Funds raised will this year go to the Guide Dog Assn. An invitation is extended to all visitors .

Other Business

1. Copy of email forwarded to CCC by Lynne Lillico regarding the number of potholes in Pearl Beach . A number of those present also complained about the potholes along many roads in Pearl Beach, and were advised to contact the CCC individually.
2. Kerry Caloyannidis advised the meeting of the Pearl Beach Community Hub Facebook page which she reported had about 250 local resident members and was an excellent source for information distribution.
3. Van Davy formally presented his Notice of Motion to the meeting (see attached) and argued that the proposed change in the liquor licence goes to the issue of the commercialization of our National Trust village.

The notice of motion will be debated at next month's General Meeting.

4. Andrew Cordwell also spoke to, and presented a Notice of Motion with regard to the extension of the liquor licence. (see attached)

This notice will also be presented at the next General Meeting.

RG requested that, if possible, the two applicants discuss their motions and attempt to incorporate both into one Notice.

Van and Andrew also expressed disappointment at the neutral stance taken by the Executive. (see earlier notes).

They additionally spoke about a number of requirements with regard to the application has not having been met. RG advised that this was up to the applicant; and reminded the meeting that members could express their positive and negative opinions individually; either by emailing the Liquor and Gaming Board or writing directly to the applicant. Address as on the notice on the shop front door.

The meeting closed at 6.45 and those present were invited to stay for drinks and nibbles and general conversation.

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Next General Meeting. MAY 7 th at 5 pm.

APPENDIX **Expenditure Budget and Milestone Information**
Milestone Information / Dates

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| 1) Accept quotes | 29 April |
| 2) Order Equipment | 29 April |
| 3) Installation | 1 August |
| 4) Commissioning & testing | 8 August |
| 5) Reporting
- launch CSC, media, promotion, community education events, distribution of educational material | 17 September |
| 6) End of project report | 31 October |
| 7) Report/compliance with working with children | 31 October |

Grant Payments (by electronic payment to PBPA – CSC Bendigo Bank bank account:

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| ▪ Initial Payment | \$82,467 | 21 April |
| ▪ Payment | \$ 4,581 | 20 July |
| ▪ Final Payment | <u>\$ 4,582</u> | 20 November |

\$91,630

Expenditure Budget - Summary based on the contract:

Head of expenditure	Breakdown of expenditure	Agreed project cost
Project expenditure	Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination)	\$1,500
Project expenditure	Contingency	\$4,150
Project expenditure	Contracts	\$0
Project expenditure	Domestic travel	\$0
Project expenditure	Equipment/ Materials (purchase or hire)	\$1,990
Project expenditure	Infrastructure / Building, including approvals	\$82,990
Project expenditure	Other	\$0
Project expenditure	Planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals	\$0
Project expenditure	Report on project outcomes	\$1,000
Project expenditure	Salary	\$0
Project expenditure	Staff training	\$0
Project expenditure	Workshops, conferences and events	\$0

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 ABN 33 688 265 112

All financial years total	\$91,630
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Figures in the above table are GST inclusive amounts less GST credits that can be claimed in relation to the expenditure

Notice of Motion presented by Andrew Cordwell 7 Agate Ave Pearl Beach

PROPOSED MOTION

"The attendees of the April general meeting of the Pearl Beach Progress Association express their disappointment at the decision of the executive to adopt a neutral position in respect of the proposed variations for an expanded liquor licence at the Pearl Beach General Store and Café."

The executive position is inconsistent with the first objective of the Constitution which states in part – To promote the best interests of the rate-payers and residents of Pearl Beach ... Failure to facilitate a report outlining the positive and negative impacts does not promote the best interests of all of the residents.

It is noted the proposed variations are to avail:

1. Sale of liquor without service of food
2. Take away sale of boutique wine and craft beer
3. Increase seating for 120 people

These variations have the scope to potentially harm our neighbourhood. Accordingly, ILGA requires a Community Impact Statement to be prepared by the applicants which helps understand any concerns our community may have about the variations to the liquor licence. The ILGA expects community associations to contribute to this process.

Instead of advising the PBPA members of the opportunity to contribute to this Community Impact Statement by forwarding their concerns to the applicants before 2 April, the Executive only promoted any comments to be forwarded directly to the L&G NSW.

2. Notice of Motion presented by Van Davy

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NOTICE of MOTION

This April General Meeting of the Pearl Beach Progress Association expresses its disappointment at the decision of the Executive to adopt a neutral position in respect of the current application for an expanded liquor licence at the General Store and Cafe.

We note that the proposed development in Pearl Beach includes:

1. A liquor licence to sell alcohol to adults (18+), without serving food.
2. A liquor licence to sell liquor on premises, without food, from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm every day.
3. Take-away sale of liquor from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm every day
4. Increased seating to include 120 patrons.

These variations have the potential to increase noise and anti-social behaviour throughout the residential and Heritage-listed village of Pearl Beach. These variations are likely to draw more unwanted commercial activity to Pearl Beach and create the pre-conditions for yet more non-local, hotel, tourist, traffic and commercialisation, followed by yet bigger development proposals from developers.

We note that the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority requires a Community Impact Statement to be prepared by the applicants and that this statement must include concerns our community has about the variations to the liquor licence.

We express our unequivocal opposition to the proposed development and ask the President to represent this opposition to the applicants, and to both the Central Coast Council and the Liquor and Gaming authorities.


Number of PBPA members present:

Mover: Van Davy [40 Cornelian Road ... text/mobile: 0414 310 968 ... email: vandavy@hotmail.com]

Seconder:

Liquor & Gaming NSW

**Notice of intention to apply for a new liquor licence,
or to apply for a change to an existing licence**



Notice date: 3rd March, 2022

Applicant name: Pearl Beach Café Pty Ltd

Intends to apply to Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) for:

Packaged Liquor License

Proposed premises address, trading hours, licensed floor area (m²), patron capacity (if applicable):

1 Pearl Parade Pearl Beach NSW 2256, 10.30am – 10pm, 20m

If existing licence: Licence number, current premises address, trading hours (specify if different areas / types), licensed floor area (m²), patron capacity (if applicable), existing authorisations:

LICO660030935, 1 Pearl Parade Pearl Beach NSW 2256, 10.30am – 10pm

Proposed business model:

Sell select range of Boutique wine & craft beer and conduct tastings.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Community members can provide feedback or seek additional information from the applicant regarding the above proposal via email, post, phone, or face to face, within 30 days of the date of this notice. If you don't want your contact details published, please clearly state this in your submission.

Feedback will be used to create a **Community Impact statement (CIS)**; if the application is lodged, the CIS will be published on the L&GNSW electronic noticeboard at liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au while the application is considered. Further submissions can be lodged directly with L&GNSW during this time.

Applicant contact details for feedback:

Email: pearlbeachcafe@gmail.com Phone: 02 43431222

Postal address: 1 Pearl Parade Pearl Beach NSW 2256
Website: pearlbeachcafe.com.au

Public consultation meeting (if applicable):

L007614-01/2022

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Primary service Authority

Proposed premises address, trading hours, licensed floor area (m²), patron capacity (if applicable):

1 Pearl Parade Pearl Beach NSW 2256, 10.30am – 10pm, 250 sqm, 100 patrons

If existing licence: Licence number, current premises address, trading hours (specify if different areas / types), licensed floor area (m²), patron capacity (if applicable), existing authorisations:

LICC680030635, 1 Pearl Parade Pearl Beach NSW 2256, 10.30am – 10pm, 200sqm 100 patrons

Proposed business model:

E.g. if liquor to be consumed on premises: any outdoor areas, entertainment, food offerings, gambling activities; For packaged liquor or producer/wholesalers: whether the licensed premises are an office with sales by delivery only, or the types of packaged liquor to be sold restricted to certain types, or a broad range etc.

Liquor to be consumed on premises, with or without a meal.

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Public consultation meeting (if applicable): _____

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