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COOK STREET MARINA SUMMARY OF MEETING

(Provided by Alderman Brian Thompson)

A meeting was held at Glebe Town Hall on 6th February concerning a development application lodged with Leichhardt Council by Colin Dalton & Associates, 29 Cook Street, Glebe for industrial alterations and change of use - maintenance and repair of boats (to be associated with proposed 14 berth marina).

In attendance were:

25 residents from Cook Street, Leichhardt Street, Forsyth Street.

Representatives from the Glebe Rowing Club and the Glebe Society.

Alderman Doug Spedding, Mayor of Leichhardt Municipality.

Alderman Brian Thompson.

Ms Sandra Nori, State Member for McKell.

Mr Alan Coker, Municipal town Planner.

The Town Planner advised the Meeting of the proposal and said the proposed marina was similar to the floating berths at Birkenhead Point. The Maritime Services Board had also received an application for the marina as Council only has power for matters beyond the high water mark. The MSB Harbour Foreshores Committee would be the body within the MSB to make a recommendation and Council is represented on that Committee.

In response to a number of residents' concerns, the Town Planner advised the development application was lacking details in a number of areas and that before Council could consider or determine the matter the applicant would be requested to provide further information. The Town Planning department was concerned by this lack of detail, including traffic movements in Cook Street. It was possible that a full Environmental Impact Study may be required to examine the effect such a development would have on the amenity of local residents.

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FERRY RIDE - SUNDAY 12TH MARCH

Tickets for the Ferry Ride are selling fast. Over 60 people have paid so far, ranging from our more senior members to young children.

As we can only take 100 people including children, all members who intend to come and have not yet booked are urged to send in the booking form from the last Bulletin without delay. Post your form **now** or give it to a Committee member. 'Berths' will be allocated in order of receipt of payment. Refunds will of course be made if the boat is full.

Please be at Glebe Rowing Club by 11.15am so we can depart promptly at 11.30am. Bring with you enough food and drink for yourself or your party. Don't forget to bring a garbage bag so you can take all your rubbish home.

The broad plan for the day is to follow a possible commuter ferry route from Glebe into the City, probably to the wharf in Darling Harbour, then around to the Opera House. Then we will cruise to Rodd Island for a picnic lunch (not a barbecue; it takes too long). After lunch the ferry will cruise slowly back to Glebe Rowing Club around the Balmain foreshore, arriving at about 3.30pm.

Please book now if you have not already done so. Ring Marianne von Knobelsdorff on 692 0916 for further information.

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The representative of the Glebe Rowing Club expressed his concern over the proposal. The Club has had an association with Glebe for over a hundred years and training could be affected, especially for disabled rowers.

Residents attending the meeting expressed their opinion of community expectations and waterfront open space, including the relevant point that this area has changed over the past 10-15 years and that industries such as the proposed D/A and Fletchers were no longer suitable in this area.

The Meeting endorsed a Committee to monitor the development application and to liaise between the residents, the Aldermen and the Town Planner, and to organise a further meeting with residents.

The Mayor, Ald Doug Spedding, advised he would advertise the meeting in the Council's 'Topics' column in The Glebe.

The Residents' Committee comprises:

Kevin Scott - Glebe Rowing Club

Barbara Neil, Maria Capsanis & Ray Ainsworth - residents in the area

Marianne von Knobelsdorff - Glebe Soc.

The Glebe Society Committee has written to Council calling for an Environmental Impact Study and a public meeting when all information is available.

PLANNING REPORT

THE EXTENDING UNIVERSE

An issue which has been simmering for some time is extensions to existing dwellings. Several controversial developments are now before Council, and in the case of 28 Allen Street, a proposal for an additional storey has led to a public outcry.

LEP 20 lays down that in Urban Conservation Areas such as Glebe, changes that are visible from the street should be fully evaluated. Unfortunately these are not the only changes that affect nearby residents and in any case, extensions are always visible on corner houses such as 28 Allen Street. In both Glebe and Balmain, relatively small blocks and the very high cost of buying even a very modest house mean that new purchasers often buy intending to extend and established owners will often choose to add more rooms rather than incur the cost of moving to a larger house.

Many additions are considerable of neighbours, thoughtfully undertaken and carefully planned, often involving reorganisation of existing space or bringing empty areas, such as attics, into use. The many attractive and successful alterations undertaken in Glebe show that much can be done without unsightly congestion. In the process, insensitive accretions such as carports and enclosed balconies are frequently cleared away. However the impact of extensions can be severe, even when the streetscape is preserved or enhanced by restoration, and the extensions themselves attractively designed.

The Society has encouraged members to voice their objections when they believe they are adversely affected by extensions but has usually lodged objections itself only when the extensions appear to be an overdevelopment or affect the streetscape.

The types of extensions that are causing most concern are those that go higher than the existing roof ridge (these are most common at the rear of houses that are single storey to the street) and two-storey or upper-storey extensions causing loss of sunlight, overlooking or just plain claustrophobia.

In the case of 28 Allen Street, Council on 28th February 1989 refused the Building Application on the grounds of excessive bulk, overshadowing, loss of privacy, a wall over 3.5m, visual intrusion in a single storey streetscape and lack of sympathy with conservation controls (DCPl) for the precinct.

As economic pressures to extend are likely to continue, the Committee is looking at reasonable limits on size of dwellings in relation to sites and better enforcement of maximum site coverage.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The Marchants Garage site proposal (174-8 Bridge Road) has been modified but the objections of neighbours and Society members have not been fully answered. The Committee is objecting, pointing out that there are other options that have not been explored. Have you written to Council asking for the attractive terrace house at 174 Bridge Road to be preserved? If not, do so now, please.

The Committee has also written to Council expressing concern at the intensification of use proposed for 57 Hereford Street (previously the Woolworths warehouses) by an expanding stationery supply business, supporting residents' complaints about traffic movements and parking and the need for rezoning for residential development of sites in residential areas.

PLANNING REPORT (Continued from Page 2)

As members will realise from 57 Hereford Street, the Cook Street marina proposal and the boutique business proposal for the end of Glebe Point Road, commercial and industrial sites in Glebe are enjoying revived popularity. In many cases these sites are so inappropriately located that this tendency gives cause for concern. More intense residential development while sites were moribund also increases the likelihood of adverse impact.

Glebe now has three YHA Youth Hostels (YHA now controls 51 Hereford Street, the old Commonwealth Hostel). The Committee has written to Council welcoming such use as appropriate to the area, although the abundant parking available at 51 Hereford Street could be shared by the adjacent NSW College of Nursing. The Committee also expressed concern that the nearby Backpackers Hostels (eg 256 Glebe Point Road) should be required to meet suitable health, safety and accommodation standards.

STALE CIGARETTE SIGN LINGERS ON

The owners of the sign on University Hall have appealed against the order to abolish it on a point of law, so the sign will probably remain, unlit, for another six months.

MELOYS

About 18 months ago Meloy's sold their 9,000 square metre storage depot that extends from Ferry Road and Lombard Street to Burton Street and leased back the property for three years. The new owners, using a specially formed development company called Blackwattle Hill P/L, have distributed a brochure through their planning consultants (Masterplan) outlining a housing development for the site.

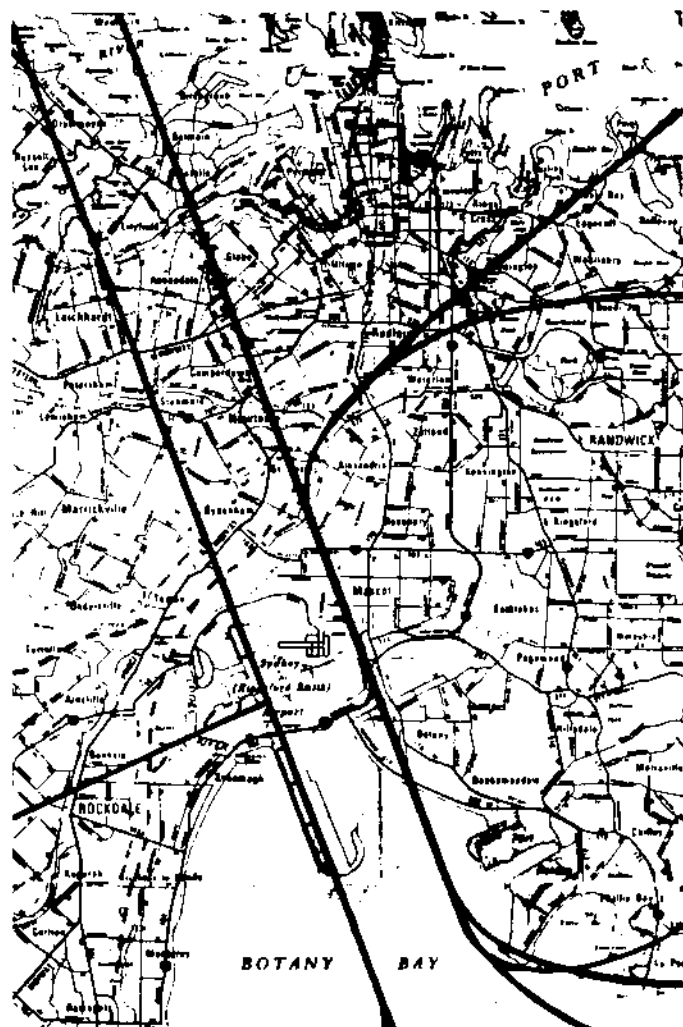
Meloy's is currently an Industrial site and will need to be rezoned Residential. The developer is proposing 2(b3) - 225 persons per hectare - which is higher than for the rest of Glebe at 2(b2) - 175 persons per hectare. There appear to be forty-two large town houses, but the brochure is very short on detail. The maps and plans provided are small and difficult to read.

Interested members should ring Masterplan on 906 3480 and request further specifics and a large, detailed plan with description from Bruce Goldsmith or Jocelyn Colleran.

THIRD RUNWAY AT MASCOT AIRPORT

The map below shows that the flight path for the proposed new runway at Mascot airport goes directly over Glebe. Most of us know what it is like in Leichhardt when a plane goes over and we do not want that for Glebe.

Some of our members are already taking part in the anti-third-runway campaigns and others are urged to join with them. The Society has not yet formed any policy on the third runway issue, but opposition to it seems to fit our overall objective of making Glebe a good place to live.



THE SOCIETY NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY

Our secretary, Jeff Ibbotson, has been posted to Darwin for six months starting in April. We wish Jeff and his family well in their venture to the tropics. This will leave a vacancy on our committee which we need someone to fill at least until the next AGM. If you can help please ring Peter Strickland.

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THE GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT

Ian Jones

The project to enhance the conservation area character of Glebe Point Road is being undertaken by the Glebe Society together with the Glebe Street Fair Association. With the monies already committed to this project, a brief is being prepared for an architectural firm to draw up a conceptual scheme for the paint colours, street lights, street furniture and replacement trees.

The Department of Housing has already done much for the streetscapes of Glebe and has agreed to display our conceptual plan at the Glebe office. The Department owns 7 commercial premises and 16 houses on Glebe Point Road, so their support for this scheme is most welcome.

The Society needs people to join the working group for the Glebe Point Road project. People are needed to prepare display material, write a historical review, approach the shopkeepers along Glebe Point Road to explain the scheme and to look after booths at appropriate Glebe events. People who wish to discuss their ideas or who can help in any way are asked to contact Ian Jones on 660 2451 (H).

FOR SALE

Don't forget the Correspondence Cards and Guide Books which the Society produced last year.

The Correspondence Cards, with original drawings of Bidura and Toxteth Park (Saint Scholastica's) cost \$5.00 for a packet of six.

The Guide Books are \$3.50 each or \$2.50 each if you buy four or more. They are ideal if you are showing visitors around Glebe and no member should be without one.

Ring Peter Strickland (660 7624) or Jeff Ibbotson (660 7713) with your orders.

GLEBE ESTATE WALK

A ONE HOUR WALKING TOUR THROUGH THE HISTORIC SUBURB OF GLEBE

The Department of Housing's new "Glebe Estate Walk" brochure features a picture of the fine group of shops in Glebe Point Road near the Post Office. That picture is reproduced below to show what could be done with the re-introduction of posted awnings. Copies of the brochure are available from the Department of Housing Office at 115 Glebe Point Road.



*Glebe Point Road viewed from St John's Road.
From a newspaper engraving, 1882.*

Mitchell Library

GUEST SPEAKER EVENING - STREET TREES IN GLEBE

Jeff Ibbotson

An informative evening took place on 21st February at the Mitchell Street Hall. Our guests were Rebecca Richardson, Moyra Mayne and John Gregory from the Department of Housing.

The Department has prepared a plan of existing and suggested tree stock on the St Phillips and Bishopthorpe Estates. The plan suggests appropriate species for street planting. This and other plans prepared by the Department will be on display in the near future for public comment. (One plan is on traffic, so look out for details.)

John and Moyra pointed out that the area was originally covered with a Blackbutt forest which gradually disappeared as the area became settled.

The streets west of Glebe Point Road, being wider, offered more scope for larger species than did the narrower streets to the east. This did not prevent imaginative plantings in St Phillips, as several Queensland rainforest species were planted in the 1980s. The Department has tried to emulate this plan with its current proposals.

An overall aim has been to keep the street frontages formal whilst encouraging natives at the rear of houses. This is not a hard and fast rule however. The first requirement is that the species be tough.

John noted that taller, stout-trunked trees have advantages over low bushy trees. They make it easier for drivers to see children who are about to run out on the road and are better for household security.

The Glebe Point Road poplars could become a contentious issue. There are only a few left on the east side of the road between the Post Office and Parramatta Road where there are overhead wires. The Department considers it is best to remove those poplars which have been deformed by pruning and to ensure that healthy specimens remain on the west side of the road. As commercial developments with street awnings predominate on the east side, this proposal has some merit. However some may think that a short poplar is better than none and helps to create the avenue effect.

Whilst the Department cannot officially plant trees, as the street remains the Council's domain, the Department is willing and happy to provide technical assistance. The clear message is that Officers of the

Department don't want to impose their own views but would rather work with residents in each street to choose and plant suitable trees. Fiona Campbell from Glebe Street is now discussing a proposal with the Department to show the rest of the Estate what can be done.

Leichhardt Council will provide and plant trees upon request. It has a list of preferred species, however their approach appears to be fairly ad hoc. There could be a more thematic approach to match the formality of many streets in the suburb.

To survey and draw up a plan of all existing trees in Glebe would be a daunting task. At this stage the street by street approach suggested by the Department may be the best way to go. A Street Tree Co-ordinator could arrange introductions to the right people at the Department and Council and then leave implementation up to the residents of each street. Bridge Road and Glebe Point Road would require more overall planning.

It was interesting to meet John, the phantom tree planter of Darghan Street, who came to our meeting. John has been waging a one man street tree planting campaign for the past few years. The streets around Lyndhurst are much greener, especially in the way of Chinese Tallow Wood, due to his efforts. His work shows what residents can do without waiting to have things done by Council.

After the discussion on trees, we were shown slides of the Department's work in Daceyville and Glebe. The demonstration of the ways in which the public housing in Daceyville had been revitalised and increased was most illuminating. The imagination and talent of the planning and design team were shown to be first rate.

Any member who wishes to become the Street Tree Co-ordinator should contact Andrew Wood on 660 2194 or any other Committee member.



6 Minister blocks second track

Sydney will not have a second metropolitan greyhound track. The Minister for Sport, Mr Rowland Smith, said yesterday that the costs did not warrant the building of another track at Wentworth Park or one at Harold Park.

Sections of the greyhound industry lobbied for another track following dissatisfaction with the revamped Wentworth Park circuit.

The lobbyists claim that the new track does not give all dogs a fair chance and that the industry requires a bigger one-turn track similar to that at Harold Park, which was closed in 1987 after members of the Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association voted to join the National Coursing Association at Wentworth Park.

After being handed a petition with several thousand signatures, Mr Rowland Smith investigated the possibility of building a second track at Wentworth Park or returning to Harold Park.

"Wentworth Park is one of the best greyhound centres in Australia and the two principal clubs should make full use of the existing facilities there," he said.

Despite persistent rumours, Mr Rowland Smith said there had been no plans to establish a second greyhound track at Homebush Bay.

He said Harold Park had been ruled out because it would cost \$800,000 to rebuild

GREYHOUNDS

BOB CURTIS



Mr Rowland Smith ... clubs must stop bickering.

the track (three-quarters of which has been demolished) and new kennels and track lighting. Private estimates put the figure at closer to \$1 million.

He also said the Harold Park Harness Racing Club planned to relocate to

Homebush Bay within three years so that it would not be feasible to set up another greyhound track there in the short term.

Mr Rowland Smith asked the Greyhound Racing Control Board for a feasibility study of building a second track at Wentworth Park and was told it could only be established by extending into surrounding parkland.

This would have raised the ire of local residents and become a political hot potato. Also there were enormous problems of excavation. A new 420m track would have cost more than \$1 million.

The GBOTA and NCA have been bitter rivals for many years and their coming together at Wentworth Park only served to fuel their disagreement.

Mr Rowland Smith said: "The two clubs experienced some problems after moving to Wentworth Park and I now call on them to settle their differences in the best interests of greyhound racing.

"The sport will never advance while the two major clubs are bickering."

In what can only be described as an unusual arrangement, neither the GBOTA nor the NCA holds a licence to race at Wentworth Park. This was handed to the Government-controlled Wentworth Park Trust by the previous government when the

(From The Sydney Morning Herald 21/2/89)

The saga of Wentworth Park (and Harold Park) continues. At least Mr Rowland-Smith recognises that local residents will not tolerate any further alienation of parkland.

Wentworth Park petitions (insert in the Nov/Dec 88 Bulletin) are coming in fast. We intend to submit the petition soon so if you have one filled (or even with a few signatures) get it to a committee member or to PO Box 100 Glebe. You can see that the greyhound lobby has already petitioned the minister with several thousand signatures. More of our petition forms are available if you wish to do some door-knocking.

two clubs failed to come to an agreement.

Mr Rowland Smith said he would ask the Greyhound Control Board and the two major clubs to look at establishing their administrative offices in the \$18 million Wentworth Park grandstand to save costs to the industry.

The Control Board and NCA (both at Lidcombe) own their premises, while the GBOTA pays rent for its offices at Five Dock but owns land at Glebe.

The Control Board, which employs a full-time staff of 25, purchased its property in 1965. It was valued at \$300,000 in May last year.

The NCA built new offices last year for about \$600,000 and would reap a big profit from rising land values should it sell.

The GBOTA pays \$50,000 a year rent and is looking to build new premises when its lease runs out in two years.

But there seems little incentive for those who own to sell up and move into the rent spiral and more

important for the industry is the rising cost of racing at Wentworth Park.

When the new track and grandstand opened in September 1987 the budget for the first 10 months was \$552,000. This rose to \$763,000 this financial year or about \$7,600 a week per club.

However, the increase will be more dramatic next year with rising costs, including water rates which have shot from \$13,000 to \$52,000, likely to take the cost to \$900,000.

Despite already having a \$14 million investment in Wentworth Park, the Racecourse Development Committee will approve an application to air-condition the grandstand for about \$700,000.

The cost of opening the second level of the grandstand including a restaurant will be close to \$2 million but the Government sees this as viable if all concerned work together.

Given the history of the grandstand, one could be forgiven for thinking that would be a long way down the track.

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FOR THE HOUSE RESTORER

The Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales has opened its library at Lyndhurst, 61 Darghan Street, Glebe, to the public as the first stage of its development of a Conservation Resource Centre. The library contains general reference texts but also houses collections of rare nineteenth century reference books and journals relating to domestic design. The Resource Centre is building its collections assisted by a corporate sponsorship program that has raised over \$300 000 in the past few years. The library is presently concentrating on building its runs of twentieth century journals and is always interested to hear from people who can assist.

As well as this, Lyndhurst is commencing a collection of wallpapers and fabrics for designers and conservators. The library already houses a large collection of reproduction fabrics, all catalogued and sourced - an invaluable reference for those interested in using appropriate fabrics in old houses. The Resource Centre is open to the public by appointment only, Monday to Friday. Phone (02) 692 8366.

SEMINAR

Sydney Past, Present and Possible

Date: *Saturday 15 April 1989*
Time: *10 am - 5 pm*
Venue: *History House*
Cost: *\$25 members, \$30 non-members*

A seminar exploring the urban environment. Speakers include Jack Munday, Grace Karskens, Graeme Applin, Clover Moore MLA.

STAINED GLASS AT GLEBE TOWN HALL

With the restoration of the fire damaged interior of Glebe Town Hall, we have received a request from Cherry Phillips (phone 797 0175) who is restoring the stained glass windows and panels from the interior and rear of the hall. She would like to be able to reproduce what was there originally but she has not yet been able to locate any photos or other records. If you have any photos of the interior of Glebe Town Hall, perhaps of a function held there, they may be of use to Cherry. Please ring her if you have anything you think might be of help.

A NEW EDITOR FOR THE BULLETIN

As some of you have already heard, this will be the last Bulletin I will edit. I am about to start a new job and will have to give it my full attention. But don't worry - we have an excellent new Editor, Jeremy Long, who lives in Cook Street and has recently joined the Society. Jeremy has helped with this and the February Bulletin, so he knows what to expect - lots of help and support from the Committee and other members.

Thank you all for the kind words I have received during my years as Editor.

MONDAY GROUP

The Monday Group will meet on 20th March at 12 noon at the home of Jean MacKenzie, 16 Avon Tower, 2a Forsyth Street.

Bring lunch for one person as usual.

HAPPY HOUR - SUNDAY 9th APRIL

Andrew Wood will host the April Happy Hour at 11am, Sunday 9th April at 25 Toxteth Road (The Ferry Ride will replace the March Happy Hour.)

DINING OUT IN GLEBE

On Wednesday 22nd March we will go to Hoi Yuen, the Chinese restaurant at 35d Ross Street. 6.30pm - BYO.

The restaurant chosen for Wednesday April 26th is Vince's, 333b Glebe Point Road, where the Lotus Chinese restaurant used to be. It serves Spanish and Asian food.

On Tuesday 30th May we will visit the Saigon Pearl. We are assured that the food is better than the intrusive sign suggests.

Ring Isobel Dupre if you are coming to any of these evenings. New members are especially welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER MEETING - WED 12th APRIL

The topic for our second Guest Speaker Meeting will be the Heritage Study for Glebe. Details of the speaker(s) will be announced in the next Bulletin.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society and look forward to seeing them at the Society's functions:

Andrea	Benn
Charlie	Brady
Anita	Calvin
Maria	Capsanis
John	Doherty
Bruce	Elder
Geoff	Falle
Patricia, Clive, Elizabeth & Alexandra	Jackson
M & C A	Joyce
Gregory	Mour
Barbara	Neil
Diana	Oliver
Edna	Ryan
Jennifer	Stevenson
John & Jan	Wall
William	White

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12th March - 11.15am - 3.30pm -
FERRY RIDE - picking up from Glebe Rowing
Club.

Wednesday 15th March - 7.30pm - Committee
Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street.

Monday 20th March - 12 noon - Monday Group
- 16 Avon Tower, 2a Forsyth Street.

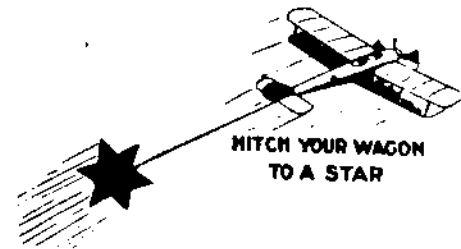
Wednesday 22nd March - 6.30pm - Dining Out
- Hoi Yuen - 35d Ross Street.

Sunday 9th April - 11am - Happy Hour -
25 Toxteth Road.

Wednesday 12th April - Guest Speaker Meet-
ing (Details to be announced)

Saturday 15th April - Royal Australian
Historical Society Seminar - see Page 7.

Wednesday 26th April - 6.30pm - Dining
Out - Vince's - 333b Glebe Point Road.



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All Convenors are ex-officio members
of the Management Committee

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