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23-25 May 2025 Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

Plant of the Night in April *Den*. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory' (Vic Petrovski)



Novice Plant of the Night in May Epi. unknown (L Chan)



Plant of the Night in May *L. anceps* 'Rosey Tiger' (Amer Alanati)

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President's Report

Hello everyone

Show season has begun. Societies like ours are in the process of setting up Autumn shows all over Sydney. Our first show of 2025 will be staged at Lidcombe Shopping Centre from Thursday May 15th to Saturday May 17th. Set up details are as previous shows there, arrive 7.15-7.30am for show and sales set up, benching follows immediately, then sales table open. Judging on Friday morning. Pack up will be after 12.30pm on Saturday.

Those at our meeting last night saw some excellent plants benched, the winner a very well flowered Cattleya (Laelia) anceps owned by Amer, the novice, a nicely grown Epidendrum...... benched by Lisa. Congratulations to you both.

Got your money ready? Orchids Out West is just 9 days away at the Hawkesbury Showground in Clarendon NSW. If you have any money left, a good spot for lunch with a view over the RAAF base, is the tavern, a few minutes walk from the show.

Our 'home' in Georges Hall is looking good (renovations) and I'm hopeful of our return there for our June meeting, stay tuned.

See you all at Lidcombe on 15/5

If you're a MUM....have a lovely day this Sunday

Veronica



BUNNINGS BBQ's at Padstow Bunnings, Fairford Road

- Saturday 14 June
- Saturday 19 July
- Saturday 6 September

The Committee would really appreciate your help at these BBQ's. The money helps support your club so how about supporting your committee!!



SHOWS 2025

- 15-17 May: Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- 23-25 May: Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◆ 28-29 June: Mingara Show & Fair, Mingara Recreaction Club, Mingara Drive Tumbi Umbi
- 24-26 July: Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 8-10 August: National Orchid Extravaganza, The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
- 15-17 August: St Ives Orchid Fair, St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
- 17-19 October, Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldrige Rd Bankstown
- 13-14 December, Summer Orchid Festival, Ermington Hall, River Rd Ermington

PLANT BENCHING

At monthly meetings all plants must be benched by 7:20pm Rewrite those labels if they are illegible.

Autumn Show Schedule 2025 NEXT WEEK: 15-17 May, Lidcombe Shopping Centre

Setup Details

· Table Setup: Thursday 15 May from 7.00 am Plant Benching & Show Set Up: Thursday 15 May until 12 noon Friday 17 May at 9.30 a.m · Judging: · Dismantling Saturday 17 May from 2pm at the President's discretion (please be present before 2pm)

Prizes

Grand Champion: **Reserve Champion:** Champions: Prize Money all Classes:

\$75 and Sash \$50 and Sash \$20 and Sash 1st \$10.00 | 2nd \$5.00

For further information please contact:

President	Veronica Clowes	0424 070 757
Show Marshalls	Jim Cootes	0415 559 520
	Stephen Lee	0430 421 960
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Grand Champion Reserve Champion

Champion Laeliinae species or hybrid Champion Cypripedioideae/species or hybrid Champion Oncidiinae/species or hybrid Champion Monopodial/species or hybrid Champion Any Other Genera/species or hybrid Champion Species Champion Specimen Champion Seedling Champion Novice

Open Classes

- Best Cymbidium greater than 90mm Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm Class 1
- Class 2
- Best Cymbidium up to 60mm Class 3
- Class 4 Best Láeliinae over 110mm
- Best Laeliinae 65-109mm Class 5
- Class 6 Best Laeliinae 64mm or less
- Best Laeliinae Cluster Type Class 7
- Class 8 Best Laeliinae any other
- Class 9 Best Monopodial 80mm and over
- Class 10 Best Monopodial up to 79mm
- Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm Class 12
- Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags) Best Cypripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid) Class 13
- Class 14
- Class 15 Best Dendrobium hybrid/species (other than Australian/Australasian)
- Best Pleurothallidiniae hybrid/species Class 16
- Class 17
- Best Any Other Genera Best Seedling to be nominated Class 18
- Class 19 Best Species Cattleya
- Class 20 Class 21
- Best Species Oncidinae Best Species Cypripedioideae
- Best Species Monopodial Class 22
- Class 23 Best Species Asia
- Class 24 Best Species other
- Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native species or hybrid



Novice Classes Class 26 Best Species Class 27 Best any other Genera

Conditions

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- 3. Entries are accepted on condition that they are disease free. The decision of the President or Show Marshal shall be final.
- 4. All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months.
- 5. All competitive entries should be correctly and clearly labelled with the name of the plant.
- 6. There shall be no restriction to the number of entries by an exhibitor in any class. Entries in joint names will be accepted. Only financial members may exhibit.
- 7. The Show Marshall and Committee reserve the right to reject, remove or rearrange any exhibit without giving any reason for that action and to reclassify any plant if necessary, prior to judging.
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- 17. 'Miniature species' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of <200 from 1st to last flower. All miniature species will be judged in this class.
- 18. 'Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids' are defined for the purpose of this schedule as Cymbidiums where the flowers are 55mm or less, to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower without manipulation and are also miniature in habit.
- 19. 'Laeliinae Alliance' classes shall include all combinations and not only those hybrids with Cattleya in their parentage. E.g. Epidendrum, Sophronitis, Laelia, Hawkinsara, Cattleyatonia, Leptotes etc.
- 20. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered genera e.g. Paphiopedilum, Lycaste, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
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Winter Show Schedule 2025 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE 24-26 July, Lidcombe Shopping Centre

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- Class 8 Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 60mm Class 9 Best any other colour Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 10 Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes & colours including péloric)
- Class 11 Best nominated Seedling
- Class 12 Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110mm
- Class 13 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65mm to 109 mm
- Class 14 Best Laeliinae up to 64mm
- Class 15 Best Laeliinae Cluster type

Novice Classes

Class 30 Best Species Class 31 Best any other Genera

- Class 16 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
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- Class 18 Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/ Phrags)
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- Class 23 Best Any Other Genera
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- Class 28 Best Phalaenopsis
- Class 29 Best species monopodial



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Courtesy of The Monthly Bulletin of the Ku-Ring-Gai Orchid Society Jim Bridie wrote the following article as part of his Best of the Evening Plants

Catt. maxima var. coerulea

What a delightful and delicate species. The flowers were definitely blue. It was a rather pale blue however and it is hard to show that colour accurately with pictures taken in artificial light. The long lasting, fragrant flowers are generally 12-13 cm diameter and although the segments are narrow, the overall display is balanced and appealing.

The large flowers stand up well and there are up to 15 flowers on a 30 cm inflorescence. The flowers come in a wide range of shades between pale pink to near purple, white, and the rarer blue.

The Bakers outline of the species in Orchidwiz is quite unusual as to habitat:

" This orchid was originally discovered in the hot, humid lowlands around Guayaquil, Ecuador. Since then, it has been found at high elevations on the western slopes of the Andes in northern Peru, Ecuador, and southern Colombia. Because conditions in the highland and lowland habitats are so different, we will treat them as separate species with appropriate climate data for each. Highland populations are



found near El Oro and Loja in southern Ecuador southward into Peru. … Plants grow in both dry and evergreen forests at 1000–2000 m. Visitors to the northern Peru habitat report that most plants grew on long tree branches at about 1800 m. The lowland population is found in southwestern Ecuador, where temperatures are hot but rainfall is low and humidity is high. Plants grow on horizontal branches of old trees in a desert or dry cloud-forest. They are usually found near sea level, but they are known to grow as high as 0-600 m."

There is a much more detailed explanation of Catt maxima and its two forms on the Chadick and Sons orchid website. In part of that wonderful description by A. A. Chadwick he says that Catt maxima is one "one of the few species of the large-flowered cattleyas that are easy to identify from their color. Cattleya maxima has a characteristic yellow stripe down the center of the lip in all color forms including the albas. The bright yellow stripe is quite striking against the dark purple flowers of the short-pseudobulb type, as can be seen in the photograph of the clone 'Belle', HCC/AOS."

JB: I couldn't find the intended picture of Belle but the one at the right is another picture of Belle I obtained to illustrate his point.

Mr Chadwick tells a very full story and even provides culture instructions for Catt maxima. The website reference is : <u>https://chadwickorchids.com/content/cattleya-maxima</u>

However, as you might imagine, the original clear distinction between highland and lowland forms of maxima has very likely been diluted and mixed by man's cross breeding of the species over the past 100 or more years. The taller plants and high flower numbers of the lowland plants would be



mixed with the shorter plants, low temperature tolerance, and fewer flowers of the higher

elevation populations. When you buy a maxima plant from a nursery these days please don't expect to get specifically one form or the other.

But what beautiful flowers this species has. See some the samples below.



Crownfox Delecado



Crownfox



semi-alba Estralita

Bankstown OS Benching - April 2025



Paph. Hatsue Otzuka (T Thompson)



Blc. California Girl 'Orchidlibrary' (V Petrovski)

Results of Meeting 7 April 2025

62	nlants	were	exhibited	at the	meeting
υz	plants	were	exhibited	active	meeting

Plant of the Night

V Petrovski	Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale
	Glory'

Open Section

Small Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic *Cym*. Nekubga Snow 'Doris' x Lancashire Khan x Early Kiw 'Elizabeth'

Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. madidum alba x* aloifolium alba

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. V Petrovski	Blc. California Girl
	'Orchidlibrary'
2. V Petrovski	<i>Lc</i> . Ta 2 Dona
3. V Petrovski	<i>Lc</i> . Hawaiian Fantasy 'Dora' x
	Mini Purple 'Oc'

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm-110mm)

1. L Wu	Otra. Pink Delight Burdekin
2. C Bechara	C. Maris Love 'Taka'
3. M Redman	Hknsa. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'

Cluster Cattleya all. (min. 5 flowers per infl.)

1 M Chin	Dth Dumana Deautry IDumanal
1. M Chin	Rth. Burana Beauty 'Burana'
V Petrovski	Rlc. Nell Hummer
V Petrovski	Schom. splendida x Rlc.
	Digbyana

Oncidiinae hybrid up to 30mm

1. A Zderic

Onc. Unknown

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm 1. P La

Oda. Unknown

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. M Redman	Alcra. Sweetheart Jonel
	'Everglades'
2. M Zanetich	Milt. Aztec Toni

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm 1. A Zderic Phal. unknown

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. S Lee	Phrag. longifolium
2. R Cawley	Paph. spicerianum
	Daula anatuluian aun

3. V Petrovski	Paph. gratrixianum
Panhionedilum/P	hragminedium comple

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

- 1. T Thompson Paph. Hatsue Otzuka 2. T Thompson *Paph*. Duo de Citron
- 3. S Lee

Phrag. Pink Panther Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty

ny	brids	
1.	A Zderic	

Paph. Rosy Dawn

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Australasian Dendr	obiinae species
1. J Chow	Den. sharishii
Australasian Dendr	obiinae hybrids
 V Petrovski 	Den. Golden Gem 'Queen Vicki'
3. P La	Den. Melbourne 'Robbie McInnes'
Non-Australasian d	endrobium hybrids
1. V Petrovski	Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'
 V Petrovski 	Den. LD Red
V Petrovski	Den. Barrabui's Dark Knight
Vanda/Ascocenda	>55mm
1. A Zderic	<i>V.</i> unknown
Species: monopodi	al or vandaceous
1. S Lee	Phal. gigantea
2. S Lee	Phal. cornu-cervi
3. S Lee	Phal. pantherina

Species: The Americas

1.	M Zanetich	E. cochleata
2.	V Petrovski	Cat. bowringiana
2	DIA	Ecochloata

3. P La E. cochleata

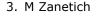
Species: Any Other 1. S Lee Ddc. arachnites 2. J Chow Coel. celebensis

Ddc. uncatum 3. R Cawley

Any Other Genera

- 1. S Lee
- 2. J Chow
- Coel. Kirribilli Colin 'Partip' ?

Bulb. Wilmer Grandeur





Phal. gigantea (S Lee)

x sib.

Results of Meeting 5 May 2025

74 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

A Alanati L. anceps 'Rosey Tiger'

Novice Plant of the Night

L Chan Epi. unknown

Open Section

Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm1. A ZdericCym. canaliculatum x floribunda

- Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm1. P LaBlc. Donna Kimura x Dream Trader
- 2. V Petrovski *C. labiata x* Rubra Fair *x Blc.* Momilani Rainbow 'Red Gypsy'

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

- 1. P La *Slc*. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth'
- 2. V Petrovski *L. anceps x Slc*. Wendy's Valentine
- 3. L Valli C. unknown

Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65mm

1. T Thompson C. Chief Gem 'Red Jewel'

Cluster Cattleya all. (min. 5 flowers per inflor.)

1. P La C. Porcia Coerulea

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

- 1. P La Onc. unknown
- 2. A Zderic Odcdm. Wildcat Bobcat

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

- 1. V Petrovski *Milt*. Kawai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'
- A Zderic Dega. Pinot Princess 'Nita Naulege'
 A Zderic Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
- Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm
- 1. A Zderic *Phal*. Yellow Lightning x Yellow McNow
- 2. A Zderic Phal. unknown

Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. A Zderic *Phal*. Sogo Vivien x Sogo First variegated

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

- 1. S Lee *Paph. fairrieanum* Ganesh Villa x Hoffart
- 2. A Zderic Paph. insigne
- 3. T Thompson Paph. micranthum

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. T Thompson Paph. Goleta Dream x Holdeni

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

T Thompson Paph. Booth's Supersuk 'Ribbons'
 A Zderic Phrag. Perseus Highclare

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

- 1. D&K Mitsios Den. Hibiki
- 2. S Lee *Den*. Amphio Choice
- 3. L Valli Den. Awesome

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1.	v Petrovski	Den. Dars Diamond x <i>Digiddun</i>	1
Va	nda/Ascocen	la >55mm	

1. A Zderic V. unknown

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

- 1. S Lee Phal. cornu-cervi
- 2. S Lee Phal. violacea
- 3. S Lee Phal. violacea

Species: The Americas

- 1. A Alanati *L. anceps* 'Rosey Tiger'
- 2. D Mitsios Epi. porpax
- 3. P La Enc. cochleata

Species: Any Other

- 1. R Cawley Ddc. arachnities
- 2. S Lee Bulb. velocampii
- 3. S Lee Bulb. spathulatum
- Any Other Genera

1. D&K Mitsios

&K Mitsios C. Lyme Bay

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios Masd. Hot Shot 'Cracker'

Ferns & Foliage

1. V Petroski Ludisia discolor

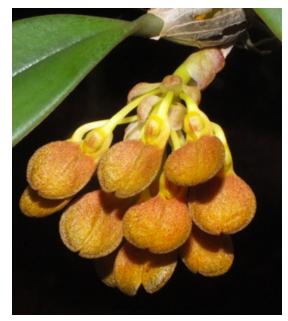
Novice Section

Species

1.L ChanEpi. unknown2.S TranLyc. cochleata

Any other genera

1.	S Tran	<i>Lyc.</i> Kibune
2.	S Tran	V. unknown
3.	S Tran	<i>Lyc</i> . Alwine Miller x Guyra



Bulb. spathulatum (S Lee)

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Milperra Community Centre, 130 Ashford Avenue, Milperra on 7th April, 2025

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30

Apologies: Laura, Nancy and Morteza

Correspondence: Square, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Orchids Australia Magazine, Australia Post, Trenear Printing, Bunnings Padstow, Any Spaces, Judy Major and AOC. **Bulletins:** The Orchid Place, Western Suburbs, Manly Warringah, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, Five Dock, North Shore and Neutrog.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to our April meeting at our new temporary venue at Milperra. Unfortunately there is no microphone or air conditioning and the lighting for the plants is not great. Please take extra care when exiting the hall as it is dangerous outside with the lack of lighting. May, please contact Council to hopefully get the situation rectified for the next meeting.

"What's happening around the traps" is a new concept to see what is happening at shows, other societies etc. Veronica asked Adrian, Robert and Marga and a discussion was held.

Upcoming shows: Collectors Plant Fair this weekend, Sunday is Manly auction with 428 lots, orchids at the Easter Show will be held on 15-16th and 21st-22nd May. Orchids Out West 23-25 May, Mingara 28-29 June, Cymbidium Show 8-10 August, St Ives 15-17th August, AOC Conference 1-5 October, Orchids Central 17-19th October. A new show – Summer Orchid Festival will be held at Ermington Community Centre 13th-14th December. It will be held 10am-4pm Saturday and 10am-2pm Sunday. Most Societies have closed for their Christmas break and there are a lot of wonderful orchids to showcase. Please put this date in your diaries. It will be \$5 entry fee to help cover the \$1,400 hall hire charge. There will be a Society sales table with the stipulation that all sales plants must be flowering. Any NSW Affiliated Society member can bench plants in the show. The Show schedule will be out soon. Volunteers will be required for security, entry etc. and if you wish to sell plants help will be required on the sales table.

Toni then handed out Easter Eggs to everyone thanks to Veronica.

Our Show at Lidcombe is on next month. We need your car registration numbers tonight so you can have free all day parking. Please note that street parking is becoming a nightmare. The Show Schedule was in last month's bulletin. The truck will be loaded on 11th May at 10am with setup at 7-7.30am on 15th May and breakdown on 17th May. Benching will begin once the site is ready and the sales table will open when we have someone to help with sales. We have bought some freezer bags for the smaller plants, but if you have any plastic bags which are made of recycling plastic please bring them. Native Plant sheets and stickers are available tonight.

Bunnings BBQ was held last month in 37 degree heat. It was hot hot hot. Please thank your committee for the great effort. The profit was down but all in all a profit was made.

Brochures for our shows have been printed and are available for anyone wishing to distribute them. 30 raffle plants have been ordered and will be picked up at Orchids Out West.

Orchid of the Night was then announced – Den. Yashiga 'Fantasy' "Russell Vale Glory" grown by Vic Petrovski.

David gave a talk about the plant of the night.

Jim gave a talk about some of the benched plants.

The meeting then broke for supper. The raffle was drawn and Adrian was thanked for his contribution.

Lorraine was thanked for supper.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Milperra Community Centre, 130 Ashford Avenue, Milperra on 5th May, 2025

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30

Apologies: May Chin,

Correspondence: Chris Sofokleous, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Any Spaces, Garden Clubs, Registrar of Judges, Summer Orchid Festival, Janet Hill and Lidcombe Shopping Centre. **Bulletins:** AOF. OS NSW, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, Manly Warringah, The Orchid Place, Neutrog, Barrita, AOC, Five Dock, Canberra, North Shore and Hawkesbury.

General Business

Veronica reminded members that the growing comp plants will be judged in June. She also reminded members to sign the book on entry to the meeting.

Veronica had visited the Georges Hall venue and noted that in all the time that had passed it would appear that they have only sanded down the floors and removed the blinds, we will assume that we will be back home for our June meeting.

Veronica reported on the success of the Easter Show and encouraged members to put their plants in the show in 2026.

Veronica asked about what was happening around the societies regarding shows. Both Five Dock and Western Suburbs Orchid Societies have shows on 8-10 May.

<u>BOS Show</u>: Reminder of the show next week at Lidcombe shopping centre, 15-17 May. Show Schedule available again in this Bulletin and on the Web.

The truck will pick up the tables on Sunday 11 May at Peters at 10am. Veronica requested members to help with loading the truck if anyone could spare 1/2 hour. Set up 7-7.30 on Thursday 15 May. Pack-up 17 May at around 1-2pm, all should be there from 12-12.30 pm. Remember the Sale's rule that you have to bench a plant to put plants up for sale. Natives must have a sticker and listed on Natives sheet available from Lyn as are the yellow tags for your sale's plants. Payments for sales will be deposited into member's accounts.

The usual 4 hours volunteering is necessary to limit commission fee to 15% otherwise 25%.

Veronica mentioned the major shows coming up with Orchids Out West on 23-25 May. There is a new show on 13-14 December - Summer Orchid Festival at the Ermington Hall. Veronica asked if anyone would like to volunteer for a few hours, just like we help out at Orchids Central. Please let me know soon if I can put your name down on our roster.

Bunnings BBQ on 14 June. Please give a couple of hours to help out the committee.

Orchid of the Night: *L. anceps* 'Rosey Tiger' owned by Amer Alanati,

Novice Plant of the Night: Epi. unknown owned by L. Chan

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