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



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GENERAL MEETING @ ARB

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS are held at the clubrooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome. During daylight savings a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

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If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to the Trip Co-Ordinator two weeks before the next General Meeting.

If you have any trip reports (past or present) please send them through to the Editor for inclusion in the magazine.

For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The calendar year for 2023 was very active for the Club with a total of 19 trips in all (only counting Moonambel as one trip) and a total of 18 different trip leaders (including the 10 individual trips at Moonambel). I think this is a great effort from the Club as a whole and particularly for those people who led trips, well done to everyone!

We have already had our first trip for the New Year with Graeme Jeffrey leading a trip to the Woodfield Shearers Quarters and the Strathbogie Ranges. This was extremely well organised by Graeme, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Having said that, the next couple of months are looking a bit thin for trips. Tim has a Big Desert trip arranged for March 1-4 which has proven very popular already. At this stage there are no trips organised for either Labour Day weekend or Easter (the normal Beachport Easter Trip has been cancelled for this year only). If anyone would like to lead a trip they have been thinking about or contribute to the organisation of a trip, now is your chance. It would be nice to keep last year's momentum going. If you have any thoughts, contact Tim, myself or any of the Committee.

A reminder that the first General Meeting of the year is at the Clubrooms on 14th February, the March meeting will be at Ironman and the April meeting is at the ARB store.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks.
Date	Wednesday 13th December 2023
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all – special Mention -4 generations of the Brocks family in attendance for the last meeting in our 50th year.
New members	Nil
Visitors	Nil
Present	Johnny Atanasov, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Jemma Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Werner Brocks, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Dannielle Miller, Daniel Murdoch, Jennifer Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rothon, Peter Searle, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford.
Apologies	Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Juanita Mountjoy, Dan Jennings, John Goodall, Karen Goodall, Beth Rogers.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Trevor Brocks
Seconded	Keith Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Club Activities Review Member suggestions valued & required, survey to be circulated in New Year. Christmas Party Review Special Thanks: Sophie Brocks, Alanna Stratford for great organisation of everything, Keith Murdoch, Belinda Murdoch – Bar Attendance / Duties. All who assisted in set up / pack up. Moonambel 2024 On the Radar – develop post Xmas – Letters have been sent to other Clubs – Prelim Invitations.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recyclable Cans / Bottles Committee has approved Isabel Mountjoy to collect recyclable cans / bottles at club's events / functions exclusively" till May 30th 2024. Bin to be provided & maintained by Isabel for such. Other / if any interested parties will be considered at expiry of term. First Aid Kit First aid kit has been purchased by Club. Graeme Jeffrey to follow up if COGG will provide a defibrillator as clubrooms are a council building? If not G4WD to explore purchase. Projector The Club is exploring a replacement projector. This will be portable.

Correspondence

In	a) FWDV - November eNews. b) Liquor Control Vic - Licence Renewal Notice – Juanita emailed & requested to action - confirm done.
Out	a) Isabel Mountjoy - email confirmation of request approval.

Treasurer's Report

Presented By: Moved: Seconded:	Juanita Mountjoy - read by Graeme Jeffrey Julie Brocks Tim Neville
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Regular Reports

Association Rep	FWDV AGM 20th November – Attended by Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Tim Neville.
Regional Rep	Nothing to report.
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglesea Pop-up trip - Mark Rothern Fish & Chip Night - December 2nd – Daniel Murdoch. Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day Weekend Trip - Strathbogie Ranges. 25th - 29th Jan, Base Camp @ Woodfield Shearers Quarters – full amenities, fuel nearby, day trips out – easy / medium, wanting another 3-4 cars. Graeme Jeffrey. Big Desert Easter Trip - March 1-4 - Tim Neville. Beachport Easter Trip - possible postponement of Mountjoy Beachport – unless another party runs? – May need to roll-over Caravan Park payment to following year?
Editor	Nothing to report.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	Nothing to report.
Fines	Geoff Davey x 9, Mark Mensch x 1, Daniel Murdoch x 2, Tim Neville x 1, Jake Cook x 2, Alanna Stratford x 1
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey
Members Draw	Keith Murdoch

Other Business

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Brocks - Consider Walhalla Visit as being repainted to Heritage format for upcoming movie shoot. Graeme Jeffrey - Advise any badge requirement – have to order a couple.
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Meeting closed at	8.12 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 14th February 2024 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th February 2024

	Christmas party review
	First aid kit for clubrooms / trips
	Update on club participation and activities review

PIST'N BROKE DECEMBER 2023



GEOFF DAVEY



UPCOMING TRIPS

BIG DESERT WEEKEND

Date: 1st to 4th March 2024

Trip Leader: Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** TBA

Meeting: Various

Requirements: Medium sand driving, you will need basic recovery gear, recovery points, sandflag, compressor, deflator.

Note: Base camp at Big Billy Bore Camp Ground as we have done before. I will be leaving work at 4pm in Melbourne on the Friday, happy to meet others at Ballarat at 5pm and travel in convoy or meet at the campground.

Plans will be weather-dependent but the aim would be a day trip in the area on Saturday (big dune, and possibly cactus bore). Sunday would be a run down part of the Border Track (can call past Pinnaroo on the way to the track to top up with fuel for those that need it) and get back to camp about 4pm. Those that wish to go home then can, I have the Monday off work and will be travelling home on Monday. This is bush camping with toilets but no showers, you will need to be self-sufficient in terms of food, cooking and sleeping equipment.



MYSTERY OVERNIGHT TRIP

Date: 2nd to 3rd March 2024

Trip Leader: Mathew & Juanita Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy | **Vehicle Limit:** TBA

Meeting: Batesford Roadhouse at 8am on Saturday

Note: We will travel approximately 225kms to reach our campsite. Tents, camper trailers, caravans and campervans welcome. We will offer an easy drive Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The track is suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres. Toilets and fire pits available at the campsite.

Please RSVP to Juanita Mountjoy on 0467809040.



LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ GLENPATRICK

Date: 8th to 12th March 2024

Trip Leader: Graeme Jeffrey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Meeting: TBA

Note: Base camp at Glenpatrick Reserve. Make own way up Friday evening. Daily drives out easy - medium, happy for those with higher capability to run own harder trip if they want to. Only condition will need to be minimum of 3 vehicles on any single trip. Meet back at end of trip/s for social evening.

Leave after pack up at own pace Monday. Contact Graeme on 0407 371 808 for more info.





UPCOMING TRIPS

GENERAL MEETING @ IRONMAN SHOWROOMS

Date: 13th March 2024

Note: The March General Meeting will be held at the Ironman Showrooms - 324 Melbourne Rd, North Geelong

The travel ramp will be on site for you to test and show off your rig's flex. The showroom will be open for you to browse and buy, with staff on hand to answer any questions about products. We will have a BBQ and refreshments prior to the meeting starting.

Meeting from 7:30pm, BBQ from 6:30pm, Travel Ramp from 6:00pm.

SIMPSON DESERT TRIP

Date: 5th to 24th January 2024

Trip Leader: Warren & Shez Tedford | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 8

Meeting: TBA

Note: This trip will be run in 2 parts.

Part 1 - Broken Hill to Mount Dare via Cameron Corner, Innamincka, Cordello Downs, Birdsville, QAA Line, Poeppel Corner, French Line, WAA Line, Dalhousie Springs.

Part 2 - Madigan Line - Mount Dare, Lambert Centre, Old Andado Station, Madigan Line, Birdsville.

The trip is currently full however if you are thinking about attending - contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for more info and to jump on the waiting list.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - CAPE YORK 2025

Date: June 2025

Trip Leader: Daniel Murdoch | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Medium Plus | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Meeting: TBA

Note: Expressions of interest sought on doing a Cape York trip in June 2025. Plan on doing 4 - 5 weeks from Cairns to the Cape and back. It will be a medium plus trip depending on weather conditions.

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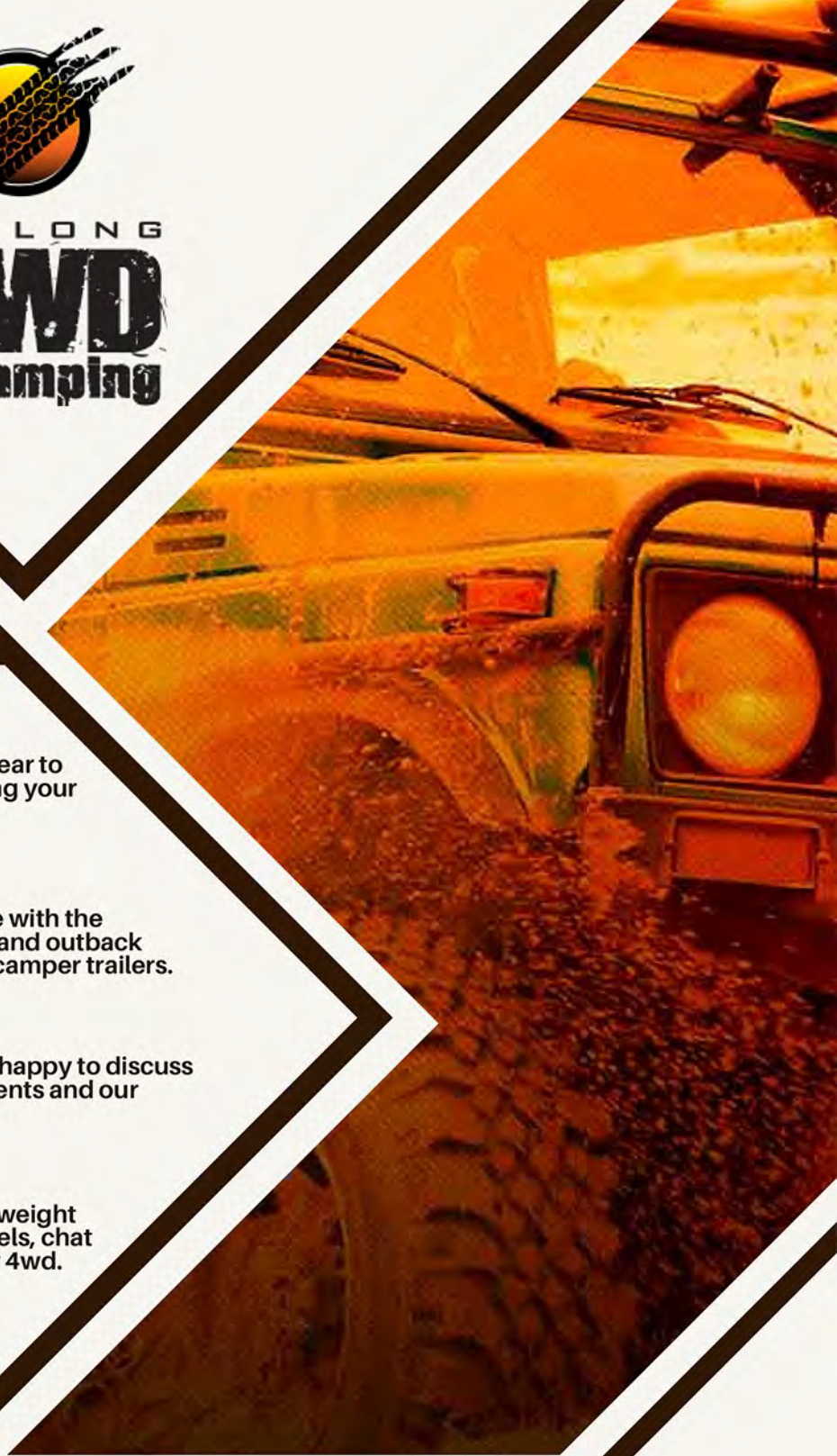
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AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND STRATHBOGIE STATE FOREST / MOUNT SAMARIA

25TH TO 29TH JANUARY 2024

WORDS: GRAEME JEFFREY - PHOTOS: VARIOUS



Four vehicles with seven occupants: Graeme Jeffrey, Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen, Paul and Heather Oberli along with Geoff Davey and passenger Adrian Deppeler met at the Little River Roadhouse at 9am on Thursday to travel to the Strathbogrie region to explore an area not previously visited by the club.

Being only two and a half hours from Geelong, it's a good spot for a weekend away; the driving is not full on but has a

few spots where you have to engage a rear locker or think about how to navigate your way, this was also made easier as it was dry after some rain on Thursday afternoon.

The tracks are well maintained and very picturesque with substantial rock boulders scattered everywhere alongside the tracks and in the surrounding gorges; the area is a great spot for less experienced drivers and

groups wanting to socialise.

We chose to base camp at "Woodfield Shearers Quarters" a quirky accommodation venue with five separate sleeping areas setup for couples and singles accommodating up to thirteen guests.

It has a full kitchen living area with TV, log fire, separate showers and toilets (for male and female use if desired), along



with a Weber and outside fire pit. Being only five minutes out of Bonnie Doon and fifteen minutes from the forest area, it's a very good location.

We settled into four of the rooms on Thursday afternoon, then went for an explore for a couple of hours, entering via Ancona Road and covering the smaller west corner of the forest before collecting firewood and heading back to camp for a communal BBQ.

Friday we entered via Dry Creek Road to travel through the central area of the forest and were able to travel virtually all tracks in the central southern end before travelling quite a long way north to fill our day in. After some more wood collection we journeyed back to camp for baked potatoes with the traditional toppings followed by delicious homemade cake and whipped cream for dessert - generously arranged by Heather & Paul Oberli.

Saturday we took on the eastern side of the forest entering via Glen Creek Road however it wasn't long before a call came over the radio that Geoff's car dash had lit up like a Christmas tree and that the ECU was having a "fit", with the result that the car was locked in low range with the centre diff locked in.

After some time and a couple of calls for assistance it was decided that Geoff and Adrian would limp back to camp to either seek further assistance or arrange a tow truck home. We had only travelled some 500 meters when Geoff came back on the radio advising all the



pretty lights had disappeared and the car was performing normally again, a “spontaneous remission”.

They rejoined the convoy after deciding to only travel in high range with no centre diff so at least if it played up again they could travel home or back to camp on bitumen with no drivetrain damage, a wise idea as the same fault did reoccur later that day and continued after that.

We travelled the Lightning Ridge track and fortunately went in the direction to travel down the tricky rocky sections, eliminating what certainly would have been impassable with no low range option. After a lunch stop we travelled on to James Reserve Campground which is a lovely spot for a small group for future reference.

From there we took Monee Monee Track back to Dry Creek Track and then back to camp where we all got ready to visit the Bonnie Doon Pub for dinner. Boy was that a busy spot, but the meals were worth the wait.

Sunday saw the Van Ingens having to head home early due to work commitments, so after brekky and farewells we decided to head off to explore the Mount Samaria area as we had covered the large majority of the Strathbogies. Again the driving was in the easy category with 2 or 3 medium bits thrown in to spice it up (Geoff still having to do those in high range).

We trekked into the bush to find some



old mining ruins which turned out to be as good as Cactus Bore in the Big Desert for those of you who have had the pleasure of visiting that site; from there we had lunch at Spring Creek Sawmill Camp which is the site of 3 redundant timber kilns constructed in the 1920's.

A bit further on, given we had some time to spare, we decided to trek the 3 kms to view Wild Dog Creek falls and lookout, which was well worthwhile given the views and serenity of the falls. We arrived back to camp about 3.30 to see out our last arvo and have another hearty serving of baked potatoes with snags, burgers and salad followed by more yummy cake and cream.

Monday we departed just before 9am, arriving back in Geelong around 11.30am.

Thanks to those who came and made it such a great weekend.

Graeme

Participants:

Graeme Jeffrey (Trip leader)

Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen

Paul and Heather Oberli

Geoff Davey and Adrian Deppeler (Tail end Charlie)



ANGLESEA FISH & CHIP NIGHT

2ND DECEMBER 2023

WORDS & PHOTOS: JENNY CARPENTIER



The meet up was at the Jan Juc Fish and Chip shop for dinner around 5:30pm for most cars. Everyone enjoyed a nice feed. The fish was massive and the chips were delicious. 10/10 would recommend.

After filling our stomachs with food we left at 6:50pm to start the 4WD tracks at Anglesea. We started off going straight to Anglesea and turning down Camp Road.

We all aired down at the start of Alcoa Boundary Track at the end of Camp Road. Around 7:30pm we headed off down Alcoa Boundary Track, which we followed for a little bit then turned right onto Alcoa Powerline Track. The track was slightly wet but fairly easy.

Then we had a sharp right turn on Pipeline Track, which was a little bit rutted out and a damp track, but

overall pretty easy for everyone.

We crossed over the main road for a second time and then turned left back onto the tracks, which ultimately stayed on Pipeline and then we went on to a different section of Powerline Track.

We proceeded to a few different smaller tracks; Tree Creeper and Ixodia. This took us onto the Great



Ocean Road, and then we took a sharp turn back onto more tracks which led to Dusty Miller Track. We followed this for a bit before turning onto Shiney Eye Track which had great views to the left of the track.

From there we had some nice little funky bits with ruts and water on Ridge View Track. After that there was a little fun hill to go on as an option at the end of Alcoa Powerline Track linking back into Boundary Road. Most cars did take the fun option. We then went up to the Bunjil Mirr lookout via Allardyce, Peregrine and Bald Hill tracks.

We stopped at the lookout for 10-20 minutes then headed back the same way we came.

The trip was called for those who wanted to go home, otherwise an additional 'one last track' was offered for those who wanted to stay.

Overall it was a great night trip. It was fabulous to see so many cars coming out and joining. Although it was a short trip, it was still fantastic. Thank you for the guests who came along, and also thanks to all the club members who came out.

Jen

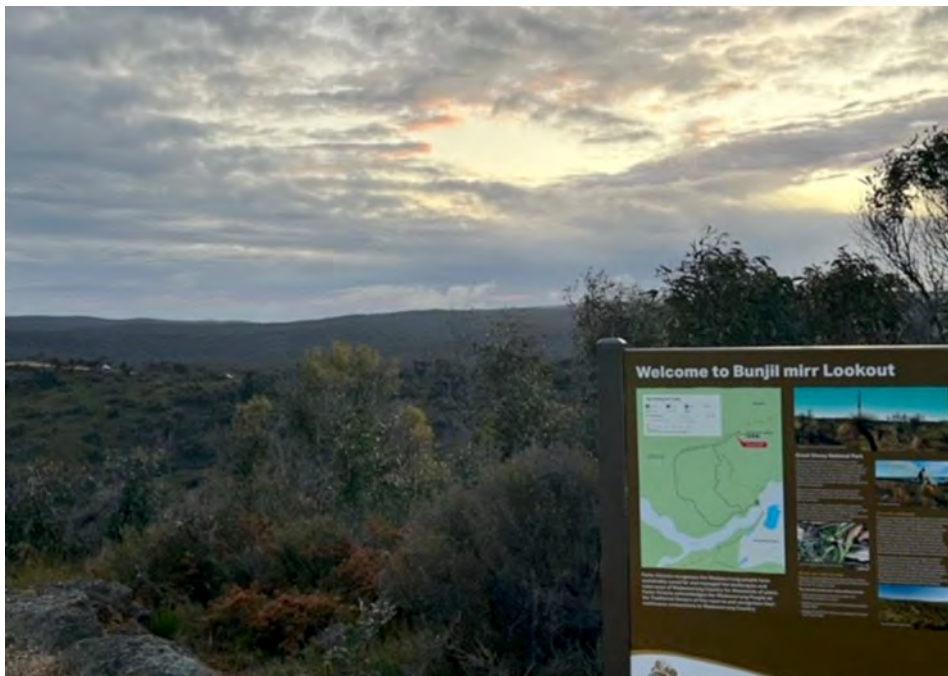


Tracks:

Alcoa boundary track
Alcoa Powerline track
Pipeline track
Cross coalmine road
Pipeline
Powerline
Tree creeper
Lxodia
Dusty miller
Shiney eye
Ridge view
Powerline
Boundary
Peregrine
Bald hill (lookout)
Peregrine
Boundary
Alladyce
Tanners Link Track (optional)

Participants:

Daniel Murdoch and Jennifer (lead)
Keith and Samatha Murdoch and
Samuel (tail end)
Andrew and Tyler smith
Ryan Allen (Guest)
John Prowse
Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen
Scott Latham, Sophie, Justin, Katie
and Bodhi Brocks
Jake Cook and Milly Turner
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