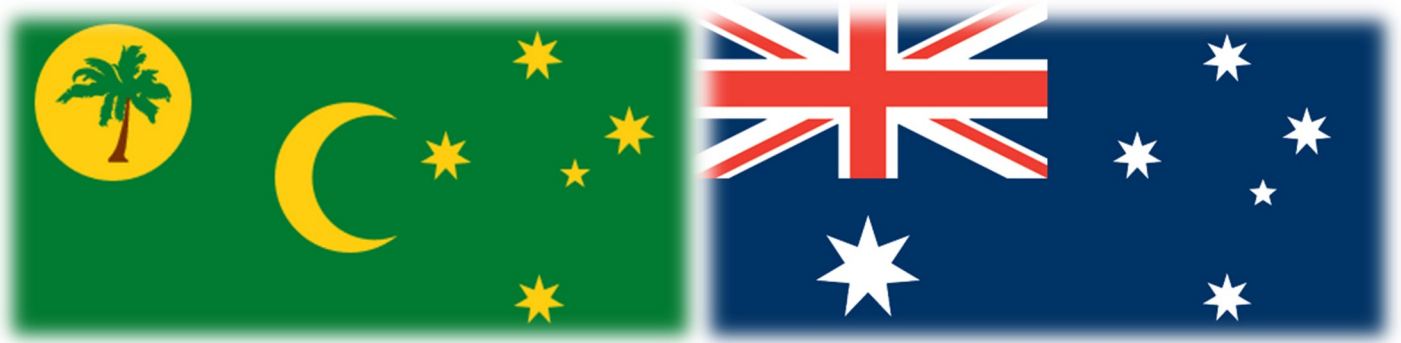


# “THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th November 2022 – Thursday 18th November 2022



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls—situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin—and is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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**Top Picture:**  
CKI Hunters with the Cocos family in Perth at the Harmony Cup game last week.  
Thanks for your support.










**Bottom Picture:**  
CKI Hunters and CI Robbers.  
Congratulations to both our IOT teams for their hard work and dedication representing the IOT.

Photo source: CKI Hunters Rugby League Club



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## DID YOU KNOW?

-  We have an electronic distribution list that you can join to receive Government information relating to service delivery agreements, community bulletins, shipping updates, or any general information relating to Cocos Keeling Islands? It's **FREE** and you can subscribe by letting the CRC office know!
-  We provide the community **FREE** events such as quarterly Market Days, Info and Business Buzz Sessions and Get Online Week events!
-  We have a great range of stationery and technology items in stock such as Bluetooth headphones, certificate/photo frames, a huge range of pens/pencils/markers and thumb drives and hard drives. What we haven't got - we can get it for you.
-  We can scan documents, bind books and laminate your documents right up to 600mm wide! We can also take and print your Passport and Visa photo in less than 10 minutes!
-  We can print just about anything! We can design and print your next invitation, greeting cards, flyers, labels and more. You can use our Kodak Kiosk to print your own photos, or we can print posters and photos on plain paper, photo paper or canvas using our wide format print (600mm wide).
-  That we design and print the Cocos Telephone Directory, Cocos Calendar and Cocos Tide Charts? Let us also know if you would like to make changes to your current phone book listing.
-  We provide conference room and office space, which includes internet, flat-screen TV, video conference facilities and morning/afternoon tea. We also hire items such as data projectors, screens, conference phone and marquee.

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### Rainfall Stats

Latest to 4 November 2022:

November Statistics

**4.0mm**

(not accurate)

Latest 2022 Statistics:

**1707.8mm**

(not accurate)



### LATEST WEATHER





[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

BOM have advised that rainfall is currently not being recorded. Does anyone want to start recording backyard rainfall?

### Emergency Contact List

AFP	9162 6600
VHF	Ch20
IOTHS WI Clinic	9162 6655
IOTHS HI Clinic	9162 7609
	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	9162 7788
DFES WI	9162 7777
VMRS	VHF Ch20
Shire HI	9162 6649
Watercorp	9162 6722

### Thumbs Up

-  To everyone involved with the Kds Halloween and for taking part in the trick or treat rounds.
-  Congratulation Blue! Well done to students, teachers and community for a great day at the school sport carnival.
-  Thankyou to the Cocos Community for your patience while the ferry is being service.
-  Thankyou Cocos for always willing to help and assist others.

Feel free to email your thumbs up to the CRC for inclusion.



# Sip & Connect



## Get Online and Get Connected!

Get help to improve your digital skills and get connected. Come along to the CRC to enjoy some light refreshments, ask your tech questions or try one new thing online. Please bring your phone or iPad.

**Wednesday 9th November**

**4.30pm - West Island CRC**

**Please RSVP by 4th November**

**E: [INFO@COCOSISLANDSCRC.CC](mailto:INFO@COCOSISLANDSCRC.CC) P: 08 9162 7707**



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# AGM

Annual General Meeting

The Cocos (K) Islands Community Resource Centre will hold it's AGM on

**Wednesday 16th November 2022**  
**4.30pm - CRC verandah**

Finger food and refreshments provided.

Please come along to show your support for your local CRC.

The Australian Government, through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Territories Division, provides funding to the Cocos (K) Islands Community Resource Centre to provide services to the Indian Ocean Territories



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## In this edition we are focusing on **Tip#3 - How to take a screenshot.**

Need to preserve what you're seeing on your phone screen? Your phone operating system offer robust screen-capture tools

It is smart and efficient too!

**Watch this space for the next tip...**



### Apple Phones

- 1** Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Centre or Lock Screen.
- 2** Select the rear-facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device will recognise the QR code and display a notification.
- 3** Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

### Android Phones

- 1** On your compatible Android phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app.
- 2** Point the camera at the QR code.
- 3** Tap the banner that appears on your Android phone or tablet.
- 4** Follow the instructions on the screen to finish signing in.

If you can't scan the QR code, you can try to sign in another way using Google Assistant or Google Lens.



## CEO update



*Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Chief Executive Officer Frank Mills*

Being a West Australian Local Government operating within the realm of the West Australian Legislation, whilst also conforming to Commonwealth Government legislation, as part of the Indian Ocean Territories provides a unique setting to do business.

A myriad of challenges occurs daily and across my desk this week, with my staff, I have been dealing with Waste Management. Attending meetings with the Commonwealth and State Government agencies to progress the finalisation of the Indian Ocean Territories Waste Management Strategy.

This document is a significant step forward for Cocos (Keeling) Islands as we now have the three tiers of government working towards implementing solutions to the waste that is generated on our islands.

Finding a balance between the waste we produce and the waste we can dispose of is no simple matter and the reality is that the cost of waste disposal far outweighs the return the Shire gets from rates or fees and charges.

During 2022, the Shire has started to implement changes to the way we receive waste at our “transfer stations” and more changes are to come. Residents, businesses, government agencies and organisations will all be working to a different set of rules in the future, and you will be kept well informed of changes prior to them occurring.

On another note, reliable air and sea freight and transport, aging infrastructure, cost of living, remoteness, global warming, and tidal inundations, are all areas of enormous concern to the people and the pristine environment that we are privileged to live in. I am pleased to say your Council is leading the way in challenging the Commonwealth to come to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to talk to the people and see firsthand the challenges we face.

I am a firm believer of the need to have Ministerial (including the Prime Minister) support to achieve change in such remote locations as ours. Collectively your elected members and I will continue to challenge the norms and accountability of Government to bring about positive change for your islands.

Bear in mind as we progress in a new direction of accountability for the Shire, some of our decisions may not be palatable but they will not be made in haste and will be of benefit in the long term.

I am available most days to discuss any matters concerning the Shire and the direction we are taking. I am usually on Home Island Monday to Thursday and West Island on Friday or alternatively email [frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au) or phone HI Office (08) 9162 6649 or WI Office (08) 9162 6740.

**Frank Mills**  
Chief Executive Officer



## CEO update



*Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Chief Executive Officer Frank Mills*

Menjadi Kerjaan Tempatan yang beroperasi dalam wilayah undang-undang Australia Barat, sementara jugak mematuhi undang-undang Kerajaan Komanwel, sebagai bagian dari Indian Ocean Territories menyediakan tempat yang unik untuk membuat bisnis.

Pelbagai cabaran berlaku setiap hari dan di meja saya minggu ini, dengan pekerja saya, saya telah berurusan dengan Pengurusan Sampah. Menghadiri miting dengan agensi Kerajaan Komanwel dan State untuk memajukan penyempurnaan Strategi Pengurusan Sampah Indian Ocean Territories.

Dokumen ini merupakan satu langkah penting untuk maju ke muka untuk Pulu Cocos karena kami sekarang mempunyai tiga tingkat kerajaan yang berusaha untuk melaksanakan penyelesaian terhadap sampah yang dibuat di pulu kami.

Mencari timbangan antara sampah yang kita buat dan sampah yang kita boleh buang bukanlah perkara yang mudah dan kenyataannya adalah bayaran buangan sampah jauh melebihi dari apa yang Konsel dapat dari rates atau fees and charges.

Sepanjang 2022, Konsel telah mula melaksanakan perubahan pada cara kami terima sampah di “tempat sampah” kami dan lebih banyak lagi perubahan yang akan datang. Penduduk, bisnis-bisnis, agensi kerajaan dan organisasi semuanya akan bekerja dengan set peraturan yang berbeza pada masa hadapan, dan anda akan terus mendapat informasi tentang perubahan sebelum ia berlaku.

Selain itu, kapal terbang dan kapal laut yang boleh diharapkan, bangunan yang lama-lama, ongkos kehidupan, tempat jauh, pertukaran cuaca, dan banjir, adalah perkara yang sangat membingungkan masyarakat dan persekitaran yang bersih yang kita mempunyai keistimewaan untuk tinggal. Saya senang untuk mengatakan bahawa Konsel anda sedang menuju cabaran untuk Komanwel datang ke Cocos (Keeling) Islands untuk bicara dengan masyarakat dan melihat sendiri cabaran yang kita hadapi.

Saya sangat percaya perlunya untuk mendapat sokongan Ministerial (termasuk Prime Minister) untuk mencapai perubahan di tempat yang jauh seperti tempat kami. Memba Konsel yang anda angkat dan saya akan teruskan untuk menentang kebiasaan dan tanggungjawab Kerajaan untuk membawa perubahan yang positif untuk pulu kami.

Perlu diingat semasa kami maju ke arah pertanggungjawaban untuk Konsel, beberapa keputusan kami mungkin tidak sesuai tetapi tidak akan dibuat secara terburu-buru dan akan bermanfaat dalam masa panjang.

Saya ada hampir setiap hari untuk membincangkan sebarang perkara mengenai Konsel dan arah yang kami tuju. Saya biasanya ada di Kampong hari Senin hingga Khamis dan di Pulu Panjang pada hari Jumaat atau emel ke [frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au) atau telepon Opis HI di nomor (08) 9162 6649 atau Opis WI di nomor (08) 9162 6740.

**Frank Mills**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### Road Closure Notice

#### Road Closure – Jalan Bunga Mawar, Home Island

Due to planned paving and kerbing works on Jalan Bunga Mawar between Jalan Masjid and Jalan Raya, the road will be closed to through vehicle access.

Appropriate signage will be in place. The works commenced Monday 31 October 22 and will continue until Friday 2 December 2022.

Large machinery may be active during normal working hours.

The Shire apologies for any inconvenience.

### Notis Penutupan Jalan

#### Penutupan Jalan – Jalan Bunga Mawar, Kampong

Disebabkan kerja membetulkan jalan yang dirancang di Jalan Bunga Mawar antara Jalan Masjid dan Jalan Raya, jalan itu akan ditutup.

Papan sign yang sesuai akan dipasang. Pekerjaan bermula hari Senin 31 Oktoba 22 dan berlanjutan sampai Jumaat 2 Disemba 2022.

Mesin besar mungkin aktif semasa jam kerja.

Shire memohon maaf atas sebarang kesusahan.





## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### CYCLONE SEASON VERGE SIDE PICK UP

Cyclone season is fast approaching. Now is the time to start clearing out and securing any loose items that may become airborne through a weather event.

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands will conduct a verge side pickup on **Tuesday 14 November 2022**. All items must be placed at the road verge prior to 7am on the day.

The following items WILL NOT be collected:

Car Bodies	Boats
Motorcycles	Trailers
Asbestos	Gas bottles

All items can be stored one week prior to pickup date, no closer than two metres in from the road verge.

For any more information contact Thomas Battcher, Environment Officer on 91626649 or email [environment@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@cocos.wa.gov.au)

### ANGKATAN SAMPAH TEPI JALAN DI MUSIM SEKLON

Musim seklon sudah mendekat dengan cepat. Sekarang adalah masanya untuk mulai membersihkan dan meringkaskan barang-barang yang longgar yang mungkin terbawa angin dimasa terjadinya angin kuat.

Konsel Pulu Cocos akan menjalankan angkatan sampah di tepi-tepi jalan pada hari **Selasa 14 Novemba 2022**. Semua barang mesti diletakkan di tepi jalan sebelum jam 7 pagi pada hari itu.

Barang-barang berikut TIDAK AKAN di angkat:

Bekakas kereta	Sekoci
Motorsekel	Trela
Asbestos	Botol gas

Semua barang boleh ditompok satu minggu sebelum tanggal angkatan sampah, tidak lebih dari 2 meter dari tepi jalan.

Untuk keterangan lebih lanjut hubungi Thomas Battcher, Environment Officer di nomor 91626649 atau emel [environment@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@cocos.wa.gov.au)



## Community Update Pulu Keeling National Park



### Fishing Permit Arrangements

- Doldrums (Nov 01 - May 01) - 2-3 days permit
- Months outside doldrums - 6 months permit

We would like to thank everyone that attended our PKNP Fishing Permit Workshop on Saturday.

As mentioned in the presentation, below is the link to our new online Fish Catch Data Form. <https://pknfishcatchdataform.paperform.co/>

### **KEY MESSAGES FROM SATURDAY'S WORKSHOP**

- New lagoon bag limits will also apply in Pulu Keeling
- From Nov 01 - May 01 only 2-3 days fishing permit will be issued
- For remaining months, a 6 months fishing permit will be issued
- Fish catch data returns can now be submitted online using the link above
- Your fish catch data adds to a 15 year scientific database

Thank you for your cooperation. To apply for a permit and more information contact [pulukeelingnationalpark@awe.gov.au](mailto:pulukeelingnationalpark@awe.gov.au) or 9162 7602.



## Cocos Club Inc

The Administrator's Fund has been wound up and the Cocos Club has been tasked with distributing the funds amongst the community.

If you or your group has an idea for a project, please email [manager@cocosclubinc.com](mailto:manager@cocosclubinc.com) for an application form. The funding will be up to \$500 per project and a committee has been formed comprising of Home and West Islanders to decide on the recipients.

To be eligible, applicants must be not-for-profit and able to demonstrate that their project will be beneficial to the local Cocos community.

Applications close on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

### **From the Committee:**

We are extremely pleased to announce that Amy Rossbach will continue as the Cocos Club Manager for 2023, along with the return of Chelsea Burleigh!

We are sure our Members will join us in welcoming this powerful duo back, continuing to make the Club the amazing community asset that it is!

Please keep in mind that our AGM will be held in late January, and we hope to gain some new and energetic Committee members.



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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### Cleaning Services in Commercial, Community & Accommodation Facilities

Cleaning of all Commercial, Community and Accommodation buildings is an essential service.

It is imperative that all service providers and their employees undertake regular training, utilise the correct equipment and implement the correct procedures to ensure cleaning is consistent and thorough in its outcomes.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts in partnership with the Western Australian Department of Finance have instructed JLL to assist with the coordination of a number of workshops throughout the Indian Ocean Territories to provide education and resources to current and future cleaning providers.

We are keen to see all local community members attend these sessions so that the understanding and capability of providing this essential service throughout the IOT is enhanced.

Have you ever thought of doing a few hours a week of cleaning to help the island function? Cleaning really is an essential community service and the more qualified candidates available enables the island to operate at its best.

**Session 1 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Home Island Cyclone Shelter**

**4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Session 2 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
West Island Cyclone Shelter**

**4:30pm - 5:30pm**

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## NOTIS MASYARAKAT

### Serbis pembersihan di tempat Komersial, Masyarakat & Tempat Penyewaan

Pembersihan semua bangunan Komersial, Masyarakat dan Tempat Penyewaan adalah serbis penting.

Adalah penting bahawa semua penyedia serbis dan pekerja mereka menjalani training selalu, menggunakan bekakas yang betul dan menjalankan prosedur yang betul untuk memastikan hasil pembersihan sama dan teliti.

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and Arts dengan kerjasama Western Australian Department of Finance telah mengarahkan JLL untuk membantu menguruskan beberapa workshop di Indian Ocean Territories untuk menyediakan pelajaran dan resources kepada penyedia pembersihan yang sekarang dan akan datang.

Kami ingat lihat semua masyarakat setempat menghadiri sesi ini supaya pemahaman dan kemampuan menyediakan serbis penting ini di seluruh IOT dapat ditingkatkan.

Pernahkah anda berpikir untuk membuat cleaning beberapa jam seminggu untuk membantu pulu?

Pembersihan benar-benar merupakan serbis yang penting dan lebih banyak tukang yang memenuhi syarat yang tersedia memungkinkan pulu untuk beroperasi dengan sebaik-baiknya.

**Sesi 1 – Rabu 9hb Novemba**  
**Cyclone Shelter Kampong**  
**4:30petang – 5:30petang**  
**Sesi 2 – Khamis 10hb Novemba**  
**Cyclone Shelter Pulu Panjang**  
**4:30petang - 5:30petang**

**Serbis yang disediakan oleh JLL di IOT dibiayai oleh Kerajaan Australia melalui kerjasama dengan Western Australian Department of Finance dan Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development Communications and The Arts.**

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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Landlord, Jones Lang LaSalle are seeking Expressions of Interest from parties interested in operating a café tenancy on West Island in the Cocos (Keeling) Island.

A local stand-alone café premises will be offered for lease from March 2023.

The supply of café meals and amenity is an important community service on West Island. The Australian Government maintains this property to enable a viable business owner to operate a quality and reliable food and beverage service that meets the expectations of community members and tourists.

Building area is approximately 39.5 sqm in size, with a surrounding yard area available as part of the allocated lease area.

Interested persons should respond by **email** to the appointed JLL Property Manager: Kara Collins [kara.collins@ap.jll.com](mailto:kara.collins@ap.jll.com) for expressions to be recorded.

It would be advantageous to include a proposal of the café operation intending to be undertaken, the proposed operating hours and relevant experience with providing this service.

Layout plans of the space can be provided upon application.

**Expressions of interest close Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.**

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## NOTIS MASYARAKAT

Untuk dan atas nama Pemilik, Jones Lang LaSalle mencari Tunjuk Minat dari pihak yang berminat untuk menjalankan penyewaan kafé di Pulu Panjang di Cocos (Keeling) Island.

Sebuah kafé yang berdiri sendiri akan ditawarkan untuk disewa mulai bulan tiga 2023.

Penyediaan makanan dan kemudahan kafé adalah serbis masyarakat yang penting di Pulu Panjang. Kerajaan Australia menjaga property ini untuk memungkinkan pemilik bisnis yang layak untuk menjalankan serbis makanan dan minuman yang berkualiti dan boleh memenuhi harapan masyarakat dan pelancong.

Luas bangunan sekitar 39.5 sqm, dengan kawasan luar tersedia sebagai sebahagian daripada kawasan yang disewa.

Orang yang berminat harus membalas melalui **emel** kepada Pengurus Properti Manger JLL: Kara Collins [kara.collins@ap.jll.com](mailto:kara.collins@ap.jll.com) untuk tunjuk minat direkodkan.

Akan menguntungkan untuk masukkan cadangan operasi kafé yang ingin dijalankan, jam buka yang dicadangkan dan pengalaman yang berkaitan dengan menyediakan serbis ini.

Pelan susunan ruang boleh disediakan semasa permohonan.

**Tunjuk minat ditutup Jumaat 11hb Novemba 2022.**

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## Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park

**Update and visit  
Nov 2022**

**Mike and Allyn from the marine park team will be on Cocos 15-18 November for a first meeting of the Cocos Marine Park Committee. The committee will provide advice to help prepare a management plan for the new marine park**



Following the creation of the CKI Marine Park, an important next step is to prepare a management plan. The management plan will guide how the marine park is managed for the next 10 years and describe things like:

- the vision and objectives for the marine park
- the natural, cultural, social and economic values of the marine park
- the types of management activities that should be prioritised over the next 10 years
- how the local community and other stakeholders will be engaged in management
- any rules that may be needed for activities in the marine park

The Cocos Lagoon Conservation Action Plan that many community members have discussed with JP Hobbs and Kendra Travaille from Sea Country Solutions will help inform the management plan, and there will be plenty more chances for people to have their say, so don't worry if you weren't able to volunteer for the committee.

### ***Want more info or have something to tell us about the marine park?***

- Please let us know by phone or email and/or if you'd like to catch up during our visit:

Allyn: [allyn.white@environment.gov.au](mailto:allyn.white@environment.gov.au) or 03 6208 2934

Mike: [michael.misso@environment.gov.au](mailto:michael.misso@environment.gov.au) or 0477 070 225.





## Taman Laut Pulu Cocos

### Berita baru dan lawatan Nov 2022

**Mike dan Allyn dari tim taman laut akan berada di Cocos pada 15-18 Novemba untuk mitngan pertama Komiti Taman Laut Cocos. Komiti akan kasi nasihat untuk membantu menyediakan pelan pengurusan untuk taman laut yang baru.**



Setelah pembentukan Taman Laut CKI, langkah penting seterusnya adalah menyiapkan pelan pengurusan. Pelan pengurusan akan memimbing cara taman laut diuruskan untuk 10 tahun akan datang dan menerangkan perkara seperti:

- pandangan dan tujuan untuk taman laut
- nilai alam, budaya, kemasyarakatan dan ekomi taman laut
- jenis pengurusan aktiviti yang perlu dikasi keutamaan dalam masa 10 tahun akan datang
- bagaimana masyarakat setempat dan stakeholders akan terlibat dalam pengurusan
- peraturan-peraturan yang mungkin diperlukan untuk aktiviti di taman laut

Cocos Lagoon Conservation Action Plan yang telah dibincangkan oleh masyarakat dengan JP Hobbs dan Kendra Travaille dari Sea Country Solutions akan bantu menerangkan pelan pengurusan, dan akan ada lebih banyak peluang untuk orang sampaikan pendapat mereka, jadi jangan kuwatir jika anda tidak dapat volunteer untuk jadi komiti.

#### ***Ingin maklumat lanjut atau ingin kasitahu kami sesuatu tentang taman laut?***

- Sila kasitahu kami melalui telepon atau emel dan/atau anda ingin ketemu semasa lawatan kami:

Allyn: [allyn.white@environment.gov.au](mailto:allyn.white@environment.gov.au) atau 03 6208 2934

Mike: [michael.misso@environment.gov.au](mailto:michael.misso@environment.gov.au) atau 0477 070 225.



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## Senior Operations Manager

Territory Executive Level 3 - Christmas Island

Full Time Vacancy

Non-Ongoing Fixed Term 3 year

(option to extend for a further 2 years – at the Department’s discretion)

**\$139,128 - \$160,548 per annum**

(a remote support package may be offered)

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is currently seeking motivated, professional and suitably qualified persons to join our team as the Senior Operations Manager within the Indian Ocean Territories Operations Service (IOTOS) based on Christmas Island.

The IOTOS is responsible for managing a diverse portfolio of services and infrastructure across Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the interest of the Commonwealth including Commonwealth owned properties and infrastructure, community services including distribution of licences and permits, justice, fleet, land management and contracts and project management.

The Senior Operations Manager is primarily responsible for leading and managing the IOTOS to achieve the Commonwealth’s objective of providing quality services to the Indian Ocean Territories communities. In addition, the Senior Operations Manager undertakes a key role in the procurement, project and contract management functions across the Indian Ocean Territories.

Our ideal applicant will have extensive demonstrated experience in a similar role requiring responsibility for leading and managing a diverse and complex range of operational portfolios ideally in a remote and / or culturally diverse region. The successful candidate will also have a proven ability to lead and manage staff and support a proactive and productive workplace culture as well as extensive experience in the development, management and delivery of complex projects, procurements and contracts. Strong interpersonal and communication skills as well as excellent negotiation and analytical skills are also essential. Relevant tertiary qualifications are desirable.

To be considered, applicants must be eligible to obtain a security clearance at baseline vetting level (must be an Australian citizen) and hold a ‘C’ class Driving Licence transferable to the Indian Ocean Territories. The successful candidate will also be subject to a health assessment.

For further information about this unique and exciting opportunity or for an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOT Human Resources Team at [IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au) and quote position number 109131.

**Applications close 4.00pm (Christmas Island local time) (CXT) (UTC+7),  
Thursday 24 November 2022**



## Australian Government

### Defence

## NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUMS

From 28-29 November 2022, the project team for the Department of Defence's Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airfield Upgrade Project will conduct Community Information Forums on Home and West Island to outline proposed future construction works on West Island.

Subject to Parliamentary Approval, the project will provide a significant upgrade to the existing infrastructure of the existing Cocos (Keeling) Islands airfield to enhance the overall safety and serviceability for all aircraft operating out of the islands. The proposed works will involve upgrades to the runway, taxiways, aprons and lighting, in addition to improving drainage to minimise future flooding on the runway.

The project also proposes to upgrade existing infrastructure on the island (including road works along the Sydney Highway) and to construct a new, permanent Material Offload Facility (construction wharf) at the Rumah Baru Port facility to enable construction activities to take place. The Project will also aim to remove some existing Defence legacy waste (aircraft debris) from West Island.

The Community Information Forums will include information, displays and a presentation outlining the proposed works and will also offer an opportunity for locals to ask questions and speak with members of the Project Team and Defence Representatives.

### Community Information Forum Details

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Monday 28 November 2022	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Home Island, Shire Office
Tuesday 29 November 2022	10:00am – 11:00am	West Island, CRC Conference Room

*\*Light refreshments will be provided at the information sessions*

### Contact the Team

If you would like further details, please contact the Project Team via email at [info@CKI-airfield-upgrade.com](mailto:info@CKI-airfield-upgrade.com)



**Australian Government**

**Defence**

## NOTIS FORUM INFORMASI MASYARAKAT

Dari 28-29 Novemba 2022, tim projek untuk Department of Defence's Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airfield Upgrade Project akan mengadakan forum informasi masyarakat di Kampong dan di Pulu Panjang untuk menerangkan pekerjaan yang telah di majukan untuk masa depan di Pulu Panjang.

Tunduk pada Persetujuan Parlimen, projek ini akan memberikan peningkatan yang penting pada infrastruktur yang ada di lapangan terbang Cocos (Keeling) Islands untuk meningkatkan keselamatan dan kemudahan untuk semua kapal terbang yang beroperasi di luar pulu. Pekerjaan yang dicadangkan akan melibatkan membaguskan runway, taxiways, tempat kapal terbang menanti dan lampu, di samping itu membaguskan pipe buangan untuk mengurangkan banjir di runway di masa depan.

Projek ini juga bercadang untuk membaguskan infrastruktur yang ada di pulu (termasuk pekerjaan jalan di sepanjang Sydney Highway) dan membuat tempat untuk menurunkan cargo yang baru (jembatan untuk kerjaan) di Rumah Baru Port facility untuk pekerjaan di jalankan. Projek ini juga akan bertujuan untuk mengalehkan sampah Defence (sampah kapal terbang) dari Pulu Panjang.

Forum Maklumat Masyarakat akan termasuk informasi, pertunjukan dan presentasi menggariskan kerjaan yang dicadangkan dan juga akan menawarkan peluang kepada penduduk untuk bertanya dan bercakap dengan memba Tim Projek dan Wakil Defence.

### Detail Forum Informasi Masyarakat

<b>Hari bulan:</b>	<b>Masa:</b>	<b>Tempat:</b>
Senin 28 Novemba 2022	2:00petang – 3:00petang	Kampong, Opis Shire
Selasa 29 Novemba 2022	10:00pagi – 11:00pagi	Pulu Panjang, CRC Conference Room

*\*Makanan ringan akan disediakan di sesi informasi*

### Hubungi Tim Projek

Jika anda inginkan detail lebih lanjut, sila hubungi Tim Projek melalui emel di [info@CKI-airfield-upgrade.com](mailto:info@CKI-airfield-upgrade.com)



THINKING PEOPLE

DFP Recruitment are seeking applications for a local contractor to undertake a set number of duties aligned to weather monitoring and radiation monitoring station operations within the Cocos Island Region with Bureau of Meteorology and ARPANSA.

The position is required to start as soon as possible in November 2022 and would be a 6 month contract with potential for extension. The role is based on West Island and travel to and from the office would be at the contractors undertaking (however travel time would be factored into the contract). The role, one of 3 at the station, entails approximately 6 hours per week of onsite work, during designated work hours. On-site training will be provided prior to commencement of duties.

**Local Contractor duties include:**

- Mon- Sun
  - Daily operations of the radionuclide monitoring facility include:
    - Daily system checks, Filter processing and Housekeeping
    - Filter and equipment shipment where required
    - Assistance with troubleshooting where required
    - Solar radiation sensor cleaning (ideally in the morning at first light)
- Mon- Fri
  - Fortnightly
    - Loading of radiosondes into the Automated Meteorological Balloon Launch System (AMBLS) and general housekeeping of the field station, such as Office cleaning
  - Once a week (generally Wednesday)
    - Delivery of Geomagnetic observations
    - Cleaning optical weather sensors – ceilometer and visometer
    - Report on condition of facilities (eg. checking building for signs of vandalism, reporting on condition of grounds and whether maintenance is required)
  - Once a month
    - Cleaning of the Temperature screen and the rain gauge
  - As required
    - Basic fault finding and rectification (such as removal of tethered balloons, equipment tests etc.) Upon request.
    - Rubbish removal, in particular, waste from AMBLS loading
    - Picking up and delivering freight to the field station
    - Reporting of equipment malfunctions to the Bureau
    - Facilitate site access to allow air-conditioning, electrical and other contractors access for maintenance
    - Fault finding of Space Weather equipment

Applicants with a trade or technical background are particularly encouraged to apply.

**For further information and enquiries please contact:**

**Tamzyn Cole – Senior Consultant**  
**DFP Recruitment**  
Email: [tcole@dfp.com.au](mailto:tcole@dfp.com.au)

Please forward expressions of interest including resume and reference to [tcole@dfp.com.au](mailto:tcole@dfp.com.au)



COCOS KEELING ISLANDS TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
(AGM)

We would like to invite you to the Cocos Keeling  
Islands Tourism Association Incorporated  
2022 AGM on:

**When:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Where:** CRC Conference Room, Administration  
Building, West Island, Cocos Keeling Islands

**Time:** 4.00pm

We hope to see you all there!



## ENROL NOW

### Health & Safety Representative Course

Lesley Leong from WA Skills Training (RTO#5715) will be delivering the following course on Cocos (Keeling) Islands. **Enrol now!**

Cocos (Keeling) Islands		
Course	Dates & Location	Cost
<b>Health and Safety Representatives</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 days</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 9th Nov - IOGTA, Home Island</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 10th Nov - IOGTA, Home Island</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 11th Nov - IOGTA, Home Island</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 14th Nov - CRC, West Island</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 15th Nov - CRC, West Island</p>	<p>\$2,000 per person</p> 

Please contact IOGTA on **(08) 9162 6776** or [info@iogta.wa.edu.au](mailto:info@iogta.wa.edu.au) to enrol.



Adult Education and Group Training Services provided by the Indian Ocean Group Training Association are subsidised by the Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

**Sports & Recreations**

*Olahraga & Rekreasi*

# Geof's Bird News

Geof has been back for two weeks and lots of new birds on Cocos.

For those that remember the Giant two metre Heron in the Q Station last year, well it must of got sick of eating grasshoppers and rats because it is now out in the inner Lagoon eating fish.

Sometimes it sticks its head way under water and sometimes it does a lot of jumping around.

By Geof Christie



## Blast From The Past



### **Prison Island**

This photo of Prison Island was taken in 2000. Now, it is only a sandbar due to wind and sea erosion.

Prison Island was formerly name Rice Island. Rice was stored on the island in the olden days hence the name. It kept it's Malay name Pulu Beras. The name Prison Island was later implemented because prisoner was kept there during the early days of settlement.

Photo Source:  
Cocos As it Was

## Did You Know

Pulu Gangsa now Home Island cemetery was used to be separated from Home Island. In late 1940s, Pulu Gangsa was joined onto the northern part of Home Island. The cemetery has not always been at the northern part of Home Island as the early settlers grave are located near the present school between the road, Jalan Kipas and the sports field (behind the school).

## Cocos Malay Dictionary

### WORDS

New - baru  
Old - lama  
Few - sedikit  
Many - banyak  
Wrong - salah  
Correct - betul  
Bad - buruk  
Good - bagus  
Happy - gembira  
Short - pendek  
Long - panjang

### EXPRESSIONS

Good/ Bad/ So-So - Baik/ Jahat/ Sederhana  
Big/ Small - Besar/ Kecil  
Today/ Now - Hari Ini/ Sekarang  
Tomorrow/ Yesterday - Besok/ Kemarin  
Yes/ No - Ya/ Tidak  
Really! - Betol!  
Look! - Cobak diak!  
Hurry up! - Lekas! / Cepat!  
What? Where? - Apa? Di mana?



### Thoughts of the Week

It takes courage to honour yourself. It takes courage to believe in yourself, to value yourself, and to take care of yourself. It takes courage to speak your truth, to follow your dreams, and to reach for the stars.

**-Crystal Andrus**

Learn when it's time to walk away.  
A wise mentor once told me,  
"You're never going to be everything to everyone, so don't kill yourself trying."

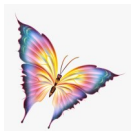
**-Jen Schwanke**

Your self-worth is the most valuable thing you own and should be secured, fastened tight, to something solid. Something unshakeable.

**-Donna Ashworth**

When we believe in others and encourage them to believe in themselves, we hand them the key to their own power. We help them stretch their thinking, envision success, and open the door to their true potential. Words are contagious.

**-Great Igwe,**



### Fun Facts

#### Manta Rays

'Manta' means cloak in Spanish. The name describes their wing-like pectoral fins which they flap to glide gracefully through the water. Manta rays also have two fins that protrude from their head, which have earned them the nickname "devil fish".

Mantas are amongst the largest, and smartest, fish in the ocean. Weighing up to two tonnes with a wingspan of up to seven metres, mantas have the biggest brains of all fish and are particularly good at problem-solving and communicating. Unlike their stingray cousins, they have no venomous tail spines and are harmless to humans.

Mantas love to play with their food. Feeding on krill and zooplankton, they are often seen forming long chains and swimming in circles to create a spiral effect, catching food in their wake.

Mantas are particular about hygiene. Regular stops at Reef "cleaning stations" are a must for mantas. These special spots on the Reef are generally run by smaller wrasse, which clean dead skin and parasites off the bodies of visiting animals. Mantas will wait patiently for an hour while these cleaners go to work, often returning to the same location time and time again.

Mantas are all unique. The natural spot pattern on their underside is unique to each individual, much like a person's fingerprint. Researchers use these markings to track individuals' movements.



### Movember

What is Movember?

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide.

By encouraging men (whom the charity refers to as "Mo Bros") to get involved, Movember aims to increase early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatments, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths.

Besides annual check-ups, the Movember Foundation encourages men to be aware of family history of cancer and to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Using the moustache as the driving symbol of the movement, Movember focuses on the three key areas of prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health & suicide prevention.

You will notice some of the men or ladies on Cocos will be participating in the month of Movember.

You can donate by visiting the Movember website.

Click on **Donate**

Then select **Find a person or team**

Type in **Cocos Club Cohort**



## Cocos Resident Profile



**Name:** Shakirin Keegan

**Kampong Name:** Pak Muslihah

**Place of Birth:** Cocos Keeling Islands,  
West Island

**Where were you living before Cocos?**

Born and bred Cocos (K) Islands

**What are you doing now?**

CMC Marine Ranger (Fisheries compliance)

**What are the top 3 things you love about living on Cocos?**

Living close to the ocean, no traffic and Family.

**Do you have a Cocos moment/mishap/experience to share?**

The moment when Azman, Aindil, Hisham and I accidentally dropped Azman’s grandfather’s outboard motor in the water, we only have the fuel line to hold on to which it is attached to the engine already submerged in the water, the fuel line broke and down she goes, Oops!

**Fav. sport/activity?**

Love spending time on the boat and in the water.

**Fav. 3 places on Cocos?** My Home, open water and inside the lagoon.

**Fav. Cocos food?** Sambal gelek

**If you could change Cocos what would you do first?**

Leave it the way it is, it’s just perfect.

**If you were stranded on North Keeling Island for 1 year, what 3 items would you require?**

Knife, flint and fishing line.

**List some of the things you are passionate about?**

Policing, research and photography.

**Is there anything else interesting you would like to share with us?**

Growing up on the island, I have always been fascinated by the beauty of our lagoon, reefs and every living marine life surrounding it, my greatest obsessions are with sharks and sailfish. I spent almost every day before and after school even just to watch sharks from the shoreline. Times when I’m not allowed to be in the water, I would tie an empty fire extinguisher on my back, pretending to dive with sharks.

# "THE ATOLL" COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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- 18 Strawberry horse
- 19 Flightless bird
- 20 Mexicali munchie
- 22 Casino supervisor
- 24 Night-blooming cactus
- 26 "My kingdom for \_\_\_!"
- 27 Nike rival
- 29 Gastric woe
- 31 Hope of showbiz
- 32 Honshu seaport
- 34 Trials
- 38 Animation unit
- 39 Vanessa Redgrave film of 1968
- 41 "Bali \_\_\_"
- 42 Be abstracted
- 44 Skipjack or bluefin
- 45 Where It.'s at
- 46 Computer store
- 48 Common sense
- 51 Not out
- 54 Latin case
- 56 Deny
- 58 Grail seeker
- 61 "The King \_\_\_"
- 62 Skyrocket
- 64 Legal get-out
- 65 "\_\_\_ the picture!"
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- 7 Indian prime minister 1991-6
- 8 Letters of urgency
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- 10 Refrained
- 11 Find repugnant
- 12 Fertile loam
- 13 Rental contract
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- 23 Angle symbol
- 25 Conquered
- 27 Multiple choice choices
- 28 Live wire, so to speak
- 30 Boxer Spinks
- 33 Swear word
- 35 "Women and Love" author
- 36 Lacking slack
- 37 Letter opener
- 39 Muslim priests
- 40 Jamaican sect member
- 43 Monkshood
- 47 Ended
- 49 Actress Alyssa
- 50 The Land of the Blessed
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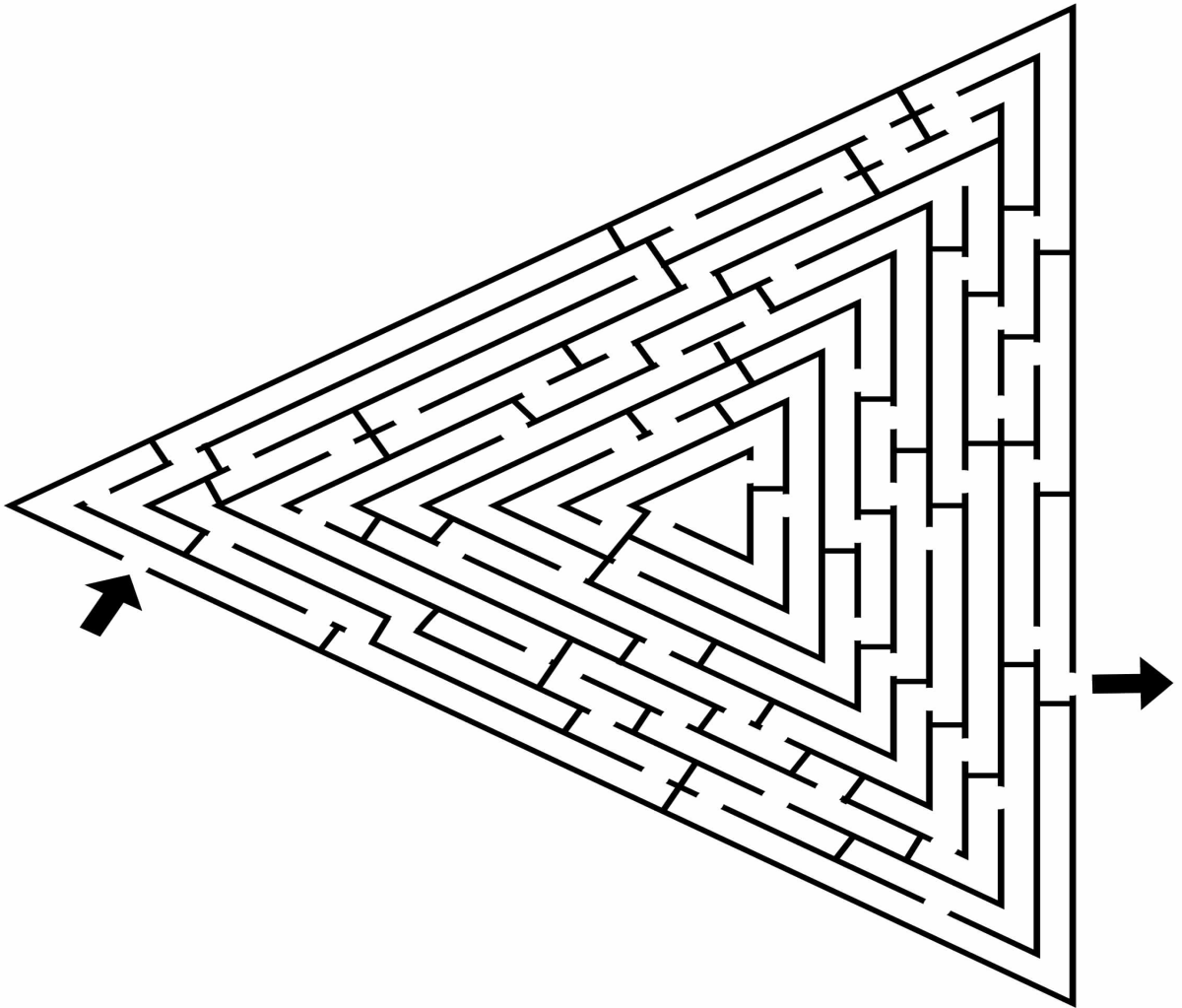
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Sudoku Solutions

**MAZE**



**Spot the Difference**

Spot 7 differences between the two pictures.



## A Cocos Moment



Photo thanks to: Rhy Pegler

**The Indian Ocean Territories Health Services team on Cocos Keeling Islands farewelled Fiona Dickson (nurse manager) and husband. Wishing you both all the best and Sampai Jumpa Lagi.**

### Cocos “Feel Good” Stories

We were sad to be seeing Fiona and Dicko leaving Cocos.

Fiona has been one of the most amazing bosses and friend to work alongside.

Fiona is 10/10 amazing, and we're not sure that a lot of the community actually knows how skilled this woman is (which – might be a good thing for you if you didn't meet her in the Emergency ward!)

Her career included 20 years with RFDS as Senior Nurse, she has volunteered overseas and participated and conducted multiple training courses for critical care, and she finished it off with 2.5 years on with us here on Cocos.

So Fiona, thank you, we love you, and we can't wait to have you back on the casual nurse pool.

- IOTHS Team on Cocos Keeling Islands

### Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Uncle Cassidy for 11th November

Happy Birthday Pak Nah for 15th November

*Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries? Drop an email to CRC at [Info@cocosislandscrc.cc](mailto:Info@cocosislandscrc.cc)*

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- Not defamatory or inflammatory

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**3pm, Tuesday 15th November 2022**

# 2022 COCOS ISLANDS COMMUNITY EVENTS

**9 NOVEMBER**

Sip & Connect, WI  
Cocos Islands CRC

**30 NOVEMBER**

International Day of People  
with Disability  
Shire of CKI

**10 DECEMBER**

Members Farewell -  
BBQ Dinner  
Cocos Club

**16 NOVEMBER**

CRC AGM  
Cocos Islands CRC

**30 NOVEMBER**

Movember  
Cocos Club

**14 DECEMBER**

Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**23 NOVEMBER**

Shire Council Meeting  
Cocos Islands CRC

**30 NOVEMBER**

CKITA AGM  
Cocos Islands CRC

**17 DECEMBER**

Kids Christmas Party  
Cocos Club

**28 NOVEMBER**

CKI Airfield Upgrade Session  
Home Island

**1 DECEMBER**

School Concert  
CKIDHS

**31 DECEMBER**

New Years Eve  
Cocos Club

**29 NOVEMBER**

CKI Airfield Upgrade Session  
West Island

**10 DECEMBER**

West Island Market Day  
Cocos Islands CRC

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