



*August is still
Family History Month*



See page 3 for final events

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Another successful YURU

Dame Kate Harcourt

A wonderful night of fun, laughter and history was spent with actress Dame Kate Harcourt as she drew her audience into her family with *Virtues from the Past*. Dame Kate was an inspired choice as the subject for the 2012 production of YURU (*Why You Are You*). The setting was Kate's country kitchen and those present were invited to eavesdrop on a conversation, with Clive Palmer and Sue Greene, over a cuppa.

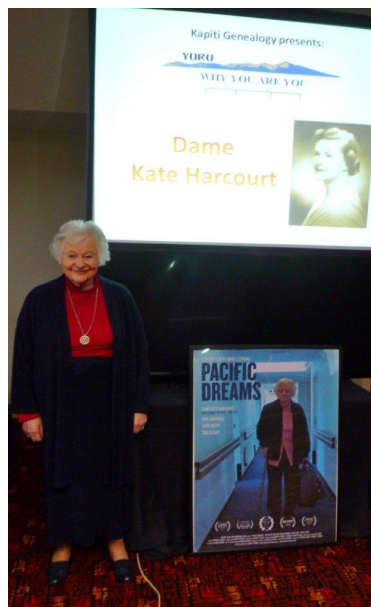
Kate's family includes some rather wealthy people. However she had a couple of very clever petty criminal ancestors who apparently set up a 'crime' that would guarantee they would be transported to Australia. Both went on to become very successful and wealthy Australian citizens!

Kate is very proud of her children and grandchildren and she allowed a small glimpse into her private life.

Her career as an actress is long and successful. She has been awarded many awards including first prize in the Best Actress category at the 2011 Rhode Island International Film Festival. A highlight was being treated to a hilarious video clip of Dame Kate in the production *Hen's Teeth*.

Special thanks to Clive Palmer and Sue Greene for the many hours of hard work which resulted in another successful event. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped the show to run smoothly.

- with thanks to Kathy Callaghan

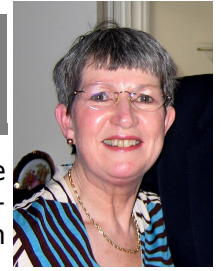


YURU 2012: Dame Kate Harcourt
Photo: © Kathy Callaghan

This month's meeting: Tuesday 28 August

The speaker is Major Paul Jarvis, Director of the Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives. Paul is bringing a small team to speak on the Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives and the Family Tracing Service (Missing People).

From the editor's desktop



This is now my third newsletter for KapitiGen as editor. As you will be aware, I responded to a last-minute plea to help save it from extinction, insisting on a six-month trial: basically to see if I could manage the additional workload.

I'm sorry to report that - because of considerable prior commitments and now recent family health problems (including my own) - I have already realised that I am not going to be able to continue in

this role beyond my promised six months' trial period.

Therefore, once again, the branch appeals to the wider membership for a new editor for 2013.

I do need to to pay tribute to your Kapiti Branch Committee members who - unfailingly - have been 100% supportive and considerate from the outset. Whoever takes over the mantle as the new editor can be assured of every assistance from this committed group of

officers who are working so assiduously on your behalf.

Here's looking forward to a long-term branch member putting up his or her hand and making a contribution! Otherwise there will be no newsletter after 2012.

Looking for our new editor:

email: [Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)

Blanche Charles #10774

Convenor's comment

Greetings, everyone, from a very warm Liverpool. First of all, I wish to congratulate all those branch members who, over the last few weeks, have been preparing for the YURU production with Dame Kate Harcourt. I am only sorry that I will not be able to be present at the performances.

I have continued my genealogical research, along with all the great sight-seeing I've been able to do. Talking about your research to complete strangers has paid off on two occasions lately. The first occurred in Linlithgow, Scotland, where my hostess at the B & B I was staying at became interested in what I was up to and asked her mother if she was aware of any descendants of the SPENCE family still living in Linlithgow. The outcome was exceptionally pleasing. Yes, there was a descendant who turned out to be a 4th

cousin who had a Victorian-type photograph album full of photographs of family members. A real treasure trove. Valerie knew most of the people pictured but asked me about the couple in one photograph. She did not have a name for them. I was able to tell her that they were my great-great-grandparents, George and Jane BARCLAY, taken on their wedding day. As it happened, I had visited George Barclay's workshop in Inverness only a few days earlier and also the house in Inverness where Jane had lived after George had died.

The second occasion occurred when I called in to a pub at a locality called Hoghton, near Blackburn. I was looking for a street called Walks Way, where my late wife's grandmother had spent the first years of her life after leaving London with her mother and

siblings, as recorded in the 1861 census. One of the locals rang another and I spoke with this woman who informed me that the house and street no longer exist but had been just along the road from the hotel at the entrance to Hoghton Tower. It appeared that the street and cottage had been demolished to make way for the driveway to the Tower about thirty years ago. Needless to say I took a photo of a vacant site. It reminds me of the quote on the refrigerator here in Liverpool: *"I'm a genealogist. Ask me about my ability to annoy complete strangers."* With the right approach you can be successful.

Bill McKeich, Convenor

When searching for names containing hyphens or apostrophes - eg Lewis-Davies or O'Leary - remove the punctuation from the search term or leave a space: *lewisdavies* or *lewis davies*

-Your Family Tree February 2012

Family History Month - final events

Final events around our region

Free Friday Tour: 11am - 12 noon

31 August: **Petone Library Heritage Centre**, 7 Britannia Street, Petone

Register for tours at NZSG Family Search at the National Library— Tel: 474 3048

Pathways to Family History

Date: Saturday 25 August

Time: 10am - 5pm

Entry: \$5.00

Venue: Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka, cnr Norrie and Parumoana Streets, Porirua

Interest Groups plus experienced staff from Wellington City Libraries, Archives NZ and the National Library will be there to assist with your family history research.

Saturday afternoon special – August extended

Date: **Saturday 1 September**

Volunteers from the NZSG will join staff of the National Library to introduce family historians and genealogists to the Library's newly re-opened research services.

Additional help and tours will be available between **1pm - 4pm**

For further information contact Joan McCracken - Tel: [04] 474 3056

National Library re-opens

The National Library building in Molesworth Street has now re-opened!

After over two years, the family history section is back in the redeveloped building in Thorndon, with upgraded Reading Rooms and collections facilities.

<http://beta.natlib.govt.nz/visiting/researching/the-reading-rooms>



The Library offers introductory and specialist tours for groups.

New opening hours:

Monday – Saturday
10am – 5pm

Visit from NZSG's new President

NZSG President in town

Recently elected President of NZSG, Michelle Patient, will be attending our monthly meeting on 28 August at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Visit the branch's fresh new
website:

<http://KapitiGen.org>

She will speak briefly, before our guest's presentation, about her plans for the future of the Society and the immediate tasks assigned to Council members.

Daytime FH Interest Group of Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

Contact Hanley Hoffmann: [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) Tel: 04 9043276

Disclaimer: This group has no affiliation to Kapiti Branch of NZSG

From the Committee

24 July evening meeting:

Heidi Kuglin from Archives NZ did a presentation on Passenger Lists available at Archives NZ and on the Family Search website. Heidi's presentation skills meant that all who attended were engaged and even when time was running out were pleased to get just a 'few more minutes'!

A link to Research Guides at Archives NZ is on the branch website: www.kapitigen.org Links > New Zealand page > Government Archives section.

Heidi also offered to send us a printed version of the Research Guides for our library so we hope to have those soon.

Re: familysearch.org Heidi explained two places for finding

Passenger Lists.

1. On home page, scroll down to map of the world. Then [Australia and New Zealand](#) > [New Zealand, Immigration Passenger Lists, 1855-1973](#) > Click > enter names > Search.

2. Images that have not been indexed yet can still be viewed. After clicking New Zealand Immigration Passenger Lists 1855 - 1973, scroll down to: *View Images in this Collection* to browse through 326,409 images: Search port, year, ship's name. This brings up the original shipping list.

Heidi also demonstrated how to index NZ Passenger Lists on Family Search in the hope of attracting a few more volunteers. Instructions are found on familysearch.org under the

indexing icon on the homepage

A special thanks to Michael McElvie who organised the sound system for us on the night.

We welcome three new members in August:
Tui MacDONALD, Michael GAF-FANEY, Lorraine DEBRECENY

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 28 August

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start
(*Meeting details, page 1*)

Michelle Patient, the newly elected President of NZSG, will also be visiting our meeting to introduce herself to the Kapiti Branch.

Supper roster: **K - O**

Dates for your diary

A Gathering on the Norfolk Plains 2013 is being held to commemorate 200 years since the Norfolk Islanders settled the plains in 1813 - ie the area comprising the towns and rural properties around Longford, Cressy, Bishopbourne, Illawarra & Perth - all not far from Launceston.

A full programme of events is planned over the weekend of 1 - 3 March 2013

Contact Fiona Dewar
Email: fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au
Tel: 00 61 3 6397 6321

**Deadline for next month's
newsletter contributions :
Saturday 8 September**

Family Search has been working with Archives NZ to put immigration records online. Mike Higgins, local manager for Family Search, will describe their work and will demonstrate the website. Monday 3 September, 2-3pm, Meeting Room, Petone Library

Branch computer upgrade

Sue advises that the branch's computer upgrade is scheduled for 3pm on Friday 24 August.

Although it is not anticipated that the outage will overflow into the weekend, please bear with us if it does. A notice will be posted on our website once the computers are up and working again, so if in doubt, check: <http://www.kapitigen.org/tag/apfhc/>

Around the repositories

The National Archives (TNA) - Since 30 July The National Archives (TNA) has been charging £80 per hour for research: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/paid-search-service.htm>

NZSG FamilySearch Microfilm Service at National Library: has now re-opened in the National Library, Moleworth Street, Thorndon: 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday

AtoJs Online: We all know the National Library's *Papers Past*, but have you searched their fellow website, the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives and the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives? The collection currently covers the years 1854 to 1930. Further information: www.atojs.natlib.govt.nz > [Introduction](#)

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has launched its own YouTube channel. A short video describes the online search process: <http://www.youtube.com/user/LibraryArchiveCanada/>

- Thanks to Otaki Branch newsletter

Christchurch City Library - Heritage Photos Collection: Free access to historic photos of the city: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/heritage/photos/>

Auckland City Library

- **Gallipoli online exhibition:** <http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/virt-exhib/gallipoli/index.html>
- **Armed Constabulary searchable database (1867–1877):** <http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/armedconstab/armedconstabulary.html>

What's online?

NZ Poll Tax: This official website has an index covering the Chinese immigrants who were taxed during the period 1888-1930. The index shows the date, the amount of tax and the Archives NZ reference. There is also the ability to search by ship name – resulting in list of passengers. From the Home Page click on **Advisory Services > Consultations**. Look for **Poll Tax Family History Research**. www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz

Riccarton Branch Newsletter

Welsh photographs online - People's Collection Wales: <http://www.peoplescollection.co.uk/> - is a government-sponsored website which has thousands of photographs from museums, archives, or uploaded by individual users

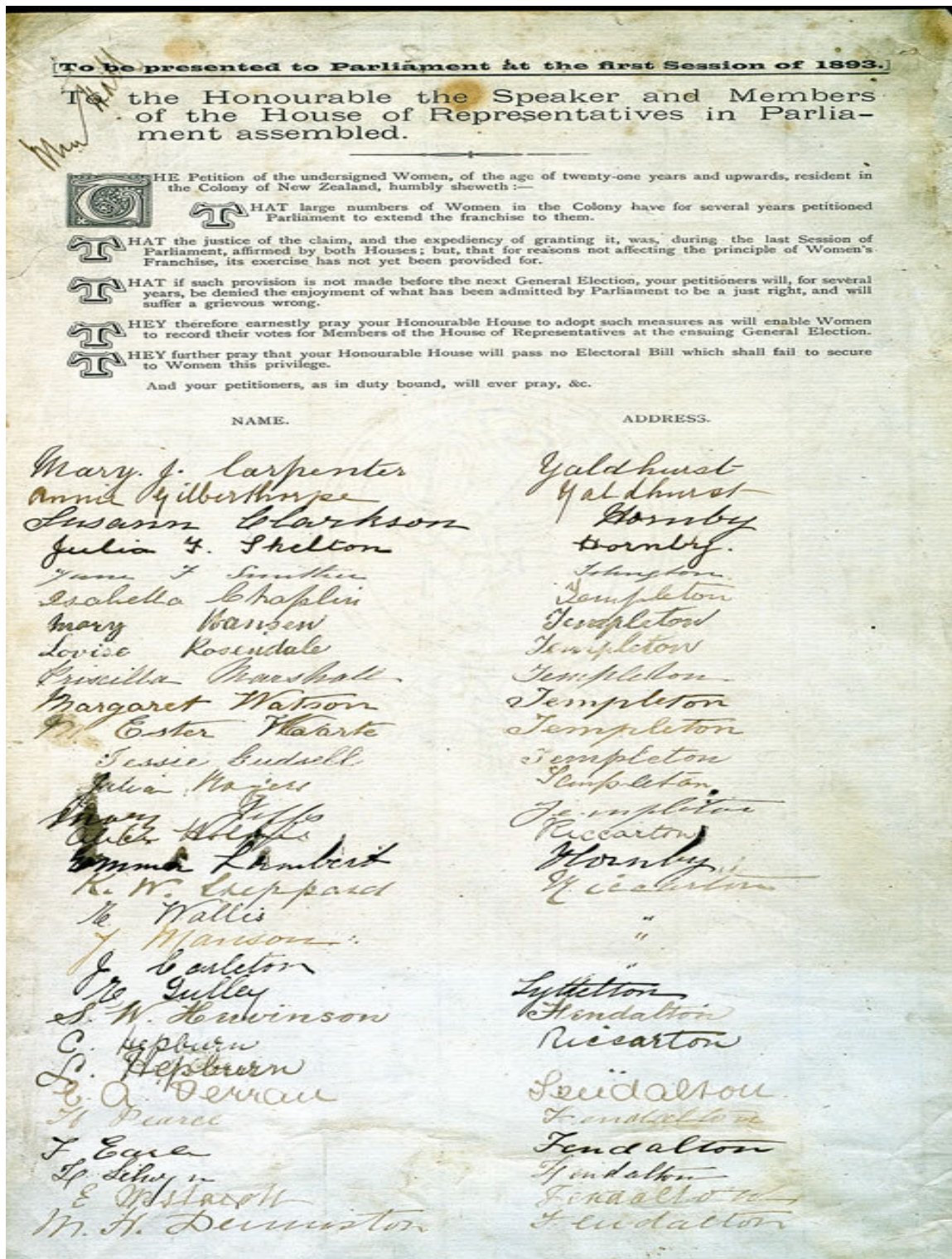
Irish Newspaper Archives - The NZSG announces the arrival of Irish Newspaper Archives, a free service for NZSG members and accessible via the NZSG website after logging in (Members' area > online newspapers): 29 newspapers from around Ireland, 1763 to date: http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Online_Newspapers_400.aspx

Climb Your Family Tree - UK Genealogy Tour - February 2013 - Victoria University Genealogy Tour to the UK. Also pre-tour course: "Family Tree: First Steps in Research" with Rachael Brown: 6 & 13 October. \$160 or early bird \$144 (free if enrolled for tour). Further information: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/cceshortcourses/UKGenealogy.html>

FindmyPast has added 8,163 new Chester wills and probate records to its Cheshire collection, covering the period from 1711-1772: www.findmypast.co.uk/content/news/cheshire-wills-july12

**Programme details for Branch Interest
& User Groups are on our website:**
[http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/
meetings/](http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/meetings/)

Women's Suffrage Day: 19 September



First page of Women's Suffrage Petition, 1893

Source: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/suffrage-petition-1893>

As family historians, we're all aware that New Zealand holds the proud record of being the first country in the world to legislate for Women's Suffrage. The 1893 Petition is searchable by surname town or city/region and is available at

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition>

Check it out! Your female ancestors' signatures may well be there — and while you're at it, you can see Kate Sheppard's signature, above

Heritage Council Short Story Competition



The **Wellington Region Heritage Promotion Council Inc (WRHPC)** celebrates Heritage Month 2012 in September. The theme for Heritage Month is: *"Our Heritage - Our Stories"*

To celebrate Heritage Month, WRHPC invites entries for its inaugural Short Story Competition from residents of our region, which incorporates Wellington, Porirua, Kapiti, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa.

Entries should be an original piece about an aspect of heritage within the region. Your story might be factual, or fiction based on a real person, an historic event, building or place. Entries close on 31st August 2012.

There are three categories:

Category	Size	Prizes
Primary school pupils	Up to 500 words	Book tokens up to a value of \$100
Secondary school pupils	Up to 1000 words	Book tokens up to a value of \$150
Open/Senior	Up to 1000 words	Book tokens up to a value of \$200

Full details are available on the WRHPC website:

<http://www.wellingtonheritagepromotions.org.nz/2012ssc/index.htm>

Heritage Photo Albums can be viewed here: <http://www.wrhpc.org.nz/menu.php>

Help needed

1925 Electoral Roll

The Chocolate Fish Team, led by NZSG member Diane Wilson, is a team of volunteers who over many years have put their own money, and hundreds of hours of time, into the production of many fiche and CDs for the Society. NZSG members will find a summary of the team's work on page 198 of the July/August issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

The team has approval to go ahead with the digitisation of the 1925 NZ Electoral Roll and seeks assistance from members and branches.

If you are interested in transcribing records onto discs please contact Diane:

[diane "at" wilson.gen.nz](mailto:diane@wilson.gen.nz), or Iris Tolley:
[ipeps "at" orcon.net.nz](mailto:ipeps@orcon.net.nz)

Full instructions will be given and your help much appreciated.

Next Branch meeting

(25 September)

**Marlene Sayers &
Beverley Keall**

report on their recent

Salt Lake City FH visit

New SIG email addresses

Further to last month's message about updated branch email addresses, the following Special Interest Group Convenors also have new contact details:

Computer Friendly Group - Sue Green - [ComputerGroup "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:ComputerGroup@KapitiGen.org)

Family Tree Maker Group - Hanley Hoffmann and Clive Palmer [FTM "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:FTM@KapitiGen.org)

Australian Interest Group - Deborah Shuker [OZSig "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:OZSig@KapitiGen.org)

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: *Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother*

Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box:

94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes every month: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk.

Forthcoming Events**Information Sessions for 2012**

The final of this year's four evening sessions exploring branch resources:

Oct 18: Using Family Search - the LDS site

September meeting

Tuesday 25 Sept: Marlene Sayers & Beverley Keall (details on page 7)

Wed Help Sessions at APFHC

September 5, 12, 19, 26: 10am - 12pm

Branch Committee

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Deputy Convener: Clive Palmer

Programmes & Activities: Kathy Callaghan & Frances Braddick

Librarian: Beverley Chappell

Denice McCarten, Dianne Sleeman

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Communications Assistant: Derek Griffis

Webmaster: Barry Thomson

Magazine Round Robin Manager: Meryl Opie

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Meeting Registrar: Mary Braddock

Sound System: Kerry Lee

FamNet Administrator: Lyn Lee

Computer Support: Lindsay Olsen, Kerry Lee (Asst)

Research Officer: Sue Greene

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send to Blanche Charles: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor%20at%20KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Next OZ Interest Group meetings
Thursdays: 13 Sep, 11 Oct, 8 Nov
10am - 12 noon, APFHC
Contact Deborah Shuker
Tel: [04] 934 2248
Email: [OZSig "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:OZSig%20at%20KapitiGen.org)

Legacy NZ - Kapiti Users' Group

Legacy NZ's Kapiti Users' Group was formed on 31 January 2004 and meets bi-monthly.

Next meeting: Sat 25 August 2012

Topic: Pictures

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Doors open: 1pm to 4.30pm

Meeting time: 2pm to 4pm

Admission: \$2.00

Refreshments: Tea & coffee are available before & during the meeting.

Bring your laptop if you have one (not compulsory)

Remaining meeting date for 2012: 27 October

Special Event

24 & 25 November: Two-day workshop with Jan Gow at Lindale Motor Lodge

Details to follow

Meetings are held on the last Saturday of every second month.

Contact: [gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:gero%20at%20ihug.co.nz)



YURU 2012: L-R Kate Harcourt, Clive Palmer, Sue Greene

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