



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #570 - 13 September 2022

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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13 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚲 Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 🚲

📍 Karuah Oval Turrumurra to Ku-Ring-Gai National Park and return. 📅 Sun 18 Sep 2022

Riders will take part in the annual Bobbin Head Cycle Classic from 6.30am in one of 4 events including a 104km, 80km, 57km or 27km ride from Turrumurra through Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park and return.

Road and lane closures will be in place between 5am and 3pm along Karuah Rd, Turrumurra Ave, Bobbin Head Rd and Woodbury Rd in Turrumurra, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, Mt Colah and St Ives as cyclists share roads with motorists.

Roads will reopen progressively as riders make their way along the course.

Speed limit reductions will also be in effect between 6.15am and 1.30pm along sections of Mona Vale Rd, West Head Rd, Bobbin Head Rd, McCarr's Creek Rd and Pacific Hwy. Check signs carefully and drive to the conditions.

The speed limit will be temporarily reduced for the safety of cyclists riding amongst vehicle traffic at the following locations and times. Speed limit reductions affects both directions unless stated otherwise.

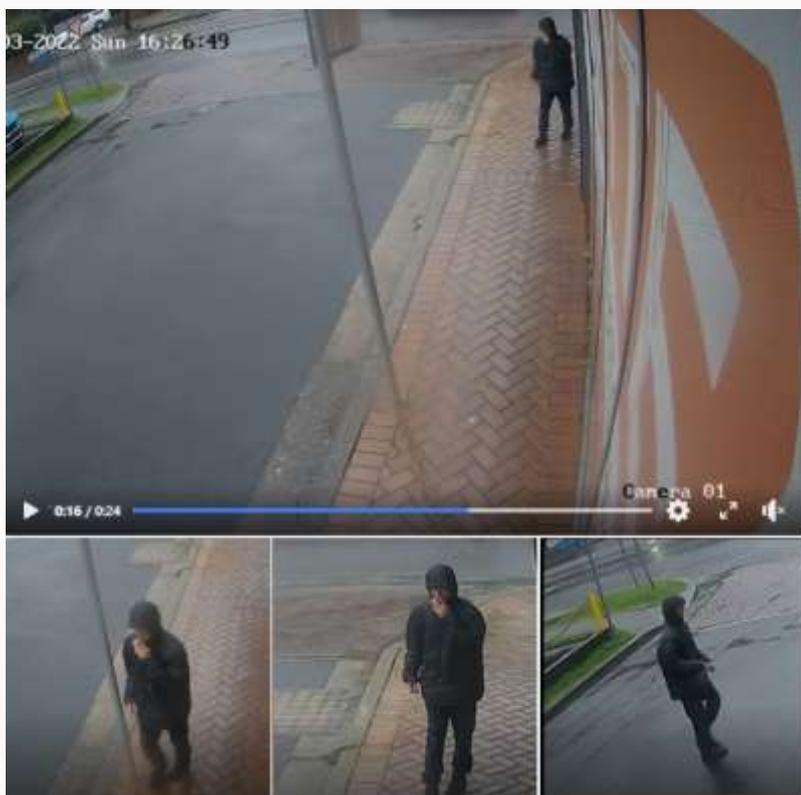
SPEED LIMIT REDUCED FROM 90KM/H TO 60KM/H: BETWEEN TERREY HILLS AND ST IVES

- 7am to 10.45am - St Ives to Terrey Hills on the eastbound lanes of Mona Vale Road between Wildflower Gardens and Myoora Road
- 8am to 1.30pm - Terrey Hills to St Ives on the westbound lanes of Mona Vale Road between Forest Way and the Wildflower Gardens

Special event clearways will be in effect in St Ives from 7am to 1:30pm on the eastern side of Mona Vale Rd from Property No.425 to Kitchener St. Local parking restrictions will also be in effect between 5am and 1pm on sections of Eastern Rd, Karuah Rd and Toolang Rd in Turramurra and North St Ives. If your car is towed, call 132 701 to find its new location. Clearways are strict no-parking zones even for local residents and RMS Mobility Scheme Permit holders. Check signs carefully as vehicles left in clearways will be towed and a fee applies.

Bobbin Head National Park (Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra entrance) will be closed from 6.15am - 9.30am access via Mount Ku-ring-gai Chase Road, Mount Colah

13 September from NSW Police Force: Police have released CCTV and are appealing for public assistance to identify a man who may be able assist with their inquiries.



Police have released CCTV and are appealing for information from the community following an armed robbery in Sydney's north in July.

About 4.45pm on Sunday 3 July 2022, police were called to a grocery store on Burdette

Street, Hornsby, following reports of an armed robbery.

Officers attached to Kuring Gai Police Area Command attended and were told a man entered the store and threatened an employee with a pair of pliers, demanding cash.

The man is depicted as being of Caucasian appearance, about 20 years of age, 165cm to 170cm tall, thin build, with dark hair and unshaven.

He was wearing a dark blue hooded jumper with the hood pulled over his head, long black pants, black gloves and black work boots. He was carrying a pair of white handled pliers.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://www.crimestoppers.com.au). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

 More details: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=103200>

09 September, from the NSW Police Force: Statement from NSW Police Commissioner Karen Webb

On behalf of the NSW Police Force, I join the people of Australia, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and across the world in expressing my deep sadness of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at age 96. We acknowledge Her Late Majesty's service to the community, the people of the Commonwealth and the role she has played in world history since taking the Crown in 1952. To this day, NSW Police Force officers swear to "well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen as a police officer without favour or affection, malice or ill-will until I am legally discharged, that I will cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept and preserved, and that I will prevent to the best of my power all offences against that peace, and that while I continue to be a police officer I will to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all my duties faithfully according to law." Each day, it is a privilege to serve the community of NSW as an officer of the Crown and Her Late Majesty. In addition to our sworn duties, the NSW Police Force had the honour of welcoming and protecting Her Late Majesty during most of her 16 visits to Australia throughout her reign, and our Mounted Unit performed their Musical Ride on centre stage at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the same year our force celebrated a milestone of 150 years. NSW Police Force have a long and proud history in supporting Her Late Majesty. Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Late Majesty's family as they grieve the loss of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. I would also like to pass on our thoughts to Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales and her team during this sad time.



08 September, from Tuggerah Lakes command:



JAKE BRIAN PATMAN – WANTED FOR OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

- Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on arrest warrants as part of North West Metropolitan Region's Operation Persistence
- Jake Brian PATMAN, aged 34 is warrant by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants in relation to domestic violence related offences
- He is described as Caucasian appearance, light coloured hair, medium build
- He is believed to frequent the Central Coast and Sydney
- Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- Operation Persistence is a region-wide operation run across the North West Metropolitan Region





OPERATION PERSISTENCE

**08 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Don't let not being an expert stop you from asking 'are you OK?'.
#UROKDay2022 🧡**

For more information on how you can support 'R U OK' visit: www.ruok.org.au/



06 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Information on the sale, purchase and possession of E-Cigarettes and accessories

VAPING/ E-CIGARETTES



E-cigarettes are battery operated devices that hold heat and e-liquids that emit vapours that users inhale. Using an e-cigarette is called vaping. E-cigarettes can look like traditional cigarettes, cigars or everyday items such as USBs or pens.

E-liquid can contain nicotine which is the same drug present in regular cigarettes and other tobacco products, this means that vaping can also become addictive. **E-cigarette products bought in Australia are not legally allowed to contain nicotine.**

If purchased somewhere else (online/overseas) they may contain nicotine as labelling may not be regulated as it is in Australia, even when labelled as 'flavoured', e-liquids can still contain nicotine.

E-cigarettes often contain chemicals like propylene glycol, glycerol and ethylene glycol, some of which are known to cause cancer.

Although it is illegal in Australia, e-cigarettes are sometimes used to vape/inhale cannabis and other illicit drugs. Cannabis e-liquids can contain ingredients which are not listed on the label including nicotine and/or other drugs. This can increase the risk of addiction to vaping.

SALE, PURCHASE AND POSSESSION OF E-CIGARETTES AND ACCESSORIES



Under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2000

- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes and accessories to or buy these products of behalf of someone who is under 18 years of age.
- A police officer may seize a tobacco product, non-tobacco smoking product or e-cigarette in possession of a person in a public place if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is under the age of 18 years.
- E-cigarettes and accessories cannot be seen by the public, displayed or advertised anywhere inside or outside a retail shop.
- E-cigarettes and accessories cannot be sold from temporary and mobile premises such as a market stall or stand, a tent or a car, and cannot be given out as a free sample.
- Retailers can only sell e-cigarettes and accessories from a single point of sale in each retail outlet and cannot promote or include these products in a shopper loyalty program.



From last week's eNewsletter...

06 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Traffic Tuesday



ANSWER: From the Road User Handbook (NSW) page 87:

You must not make a U-turn at traffic lights, unless there's a 'U-turn permitted' sign.

13 September, from the Australian Federal Police: Police are issuing a warning about a worrying online sextortion trend targeting young Australians.

What you should know:

- ➡ Investigators are warning that overseas offenders are increasingly preying on Australian children, particularly teenage males, coercing them into producing explicit images and then extorting them for money.
- ➡ Sextortion is a crime that can involve child victims being manipulated by online offenders into sending sexualised images, often through the offender pretending to be another young person. An offender will then threaten to share the content with others unless their demands are met. These demands include more images, sexual favours, and money.
- ➡ Authorities globally are seeing a significant increase in offshore criminal syndicates targeting teenagers. Investigators hope highlighting the trend will encourage children who have become victims to seek help and report the crime to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation at www.accce.gov.au/report.
- ➡ Some of the AFP's tips to keep children safe include having the privacy settings of their social media accounts set to 'friends only' or 'private,' and turning off any location settings that could show where they go to school or where they live.
- ➡ Parents should also encourage children not to share any personal information with 'friends' they meet online.

 [Read more here.](#)

13 September, from the North Shore Times: Fire and Rescue NSW is investigating the cause of a house fire at St Ives on Coppins Close around 8:20pm last night.

More than 40 firefighters attacked the flames, which towered above the roof of the two-storey building. The occupants managed to escape without any injuries. One firefighter sustained a minor eye injury and was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics at the scene. It took fire crews two hours to gain control of the fire. However, with the roof and walls partially collapsing, the home was deemed too dangerous for firefighters to enter to extinguish. An investigation is underway.



12 September, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade: The #NSWRFS GET READY WEEKEND this weekend (17-18 September)

This statewide initiative engages communities and residents living in BUSH FIRE PRONE land like BEROWRA. Our AIM is to inform and empower YOU to PREPARE, ACT and SURVIVE this coming bush fire season. Berowra and the adjacent townships have not experienced bush fire for 20 years, and with a large population shift since then, the majority of the community will not have experienced the ferocity of a bush fire. Complacency is dangerous, and with the recent wet weather, bush fire is far from people's minds. YOU need to prepare YOUR FAMILY AND PROPERTY for the coming bush fire season.

BEROWRA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE opens our doors this Saturday from 10am to 2 pm for locals to come down to discuss bush fire preparation, meet your local firies, and who knows you may want to join the #NSWRFS 😊 Time to switch on. See you and the family this **Saturday - 14a Berowra Waters Road - Between St Marks and the skatepark.**



11 September, from Nathan Tilbury: WARATAHS NOT MALICIOUSLY DEFACED

With all the winter rain & backburning several years ago have combined to make the native wildflower season spectacular. Waratahs are not excepted & there are literally 100s of huge & vibrantly red flowers dotted around Berowra & other bushland areas in our Shire. Several local residents have also mastered the tricky art of successfully planting them in their garden which also look brilliant at the moment. I have been contacted by some residents concerned someone has been defacing the waratahs in local bushland with blue paint. Please be assured that this is an effective protective measure that takes away any commercial value the flowers have to reduce the risk of the flowers being illegally harvested & sold. The blue paint tagging is being progressively done by NPWS officers & their contractors. The paint causes no harm to the flower or plant.

Waratahs can only be bought for commercial sale in NSW if licensed growers have grown them. ***In NSW it is an offence to pick or have in your possession a protected native plant. It is also an offence to sell protected native plants without a licence. The maximum penalty is \$11,000 (plus \$1,100 for each additional plant), or 6 months imprisonment, or both.***

The photos in this post are all different waratah plants & were all taken today in the Berowra Heights bushland area, with the big one in a local garden. If you do see a waratah in the bush (or any native plant of interest) it is better to look & photograph it from the track. I noted today a lot of badly damaged undergrowth in the bush caused by people enthusiastically stomping up to the waratah plant for a photo. The best places to see Waratahs on a track at the moment include the Berkeley Fire Trail (high side) & Barnetts Lookout area. Please enjoy but be aware of your surroundings & be careful not to damage the bushland. Be quick as waratahs bloom for a limited period only.



11 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group: NEW WARRINA ST PLAGROUND CONSTRUCTION AREA VANDALIZED

Unfortunately, a group got into the fenced off area of the nearly completed upgraded playground at Warrina St last night (after 12am so technically this morning). Landscaping was ripped out along with fence posts & other minor damage. In addition, several doors were ripped off cubicles in the womens toilets. A police report has been made & a request for regular patrols (as much as a Saturday night allows). Council's after hours ranger will also make patrols. I will not post photos of their senseless handiwork, but Council staff have asked me to request residents that see anything suspicious in that area to report to police, who will respond as quickly as possible. The new playground will hopefully be open by next weekend weather & possible future vandalism repairs dependent. Thanks

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 14 September: 10am-12noon Hornsby RSL Coffee Club - Speaker: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

Wednesday 14 September: Ku-ring-gai residents 9am-230pm @ Wade Lane car park - Child car seat safety check day. [Info](#).

Sunday 25 September: St Ives Food & Wine Festival 10am - NHW crime prevention stall?
tbc

Wednesday 05 October: International Coffee with a Cop Day

Wednesday 26 October: 6pm NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers meeting @ PCYC, Waitara. Date/Venue tbc.

November: Neighbourhood Watch Week

Wednesday 30 November: 7pm NHW Gordon/Killara/East Killara/part Pymble/part St Ives
AGM @ St John's Anglican Church, Gordon. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

08 From 9Now: Rare access inside the telco operation fighting back against scammers

A Current Affair has been given rare access inside Telstra's security operations centre while a frontline team blocks millions of scam phone calls and text messages every day. "So far this year, Australians have lost an amazing \$336 million to scams," the head of Telstra's cyber security team, Narelle Divine, told *A Current Affair*.



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Full story [here](#).

06 September, from Simon Lennon: From the Post newspaper, September 2022 edition, page 28.

How can I be safe on the first date?

By Cr Simon Lennon
Neighbourhood Watch Kuring-gai & Hornsby

A LADY, who has recently returned to dating, attended a recent crime prevention stall at the St Ives Shopping Village. The stall was attended by local police and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

Seeking some advice before agreeing to meet the date, she should consider researching the man she is yet to meet.

Before agreeing to meet him, she should enter the man's name into an internet search engine and social media, to see what pops up. If she has an image of him, she might be able to use that image to search for public information about him.

That advice might have satisfied that lady. It did not satisfy our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. They looked further into the question that she was not the only woman to ask.

The result was another item among our Frequently Asked Questions, available at <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/faqs/>. #27 answers the question: How can I be safe on a first date?

The best places to meet strangers are public places, with lots of people around. That might be a cafe, bar, or restaurant.

Short introductions over tea, coffee, or hot chocolate might be prudent. Letting a short morning tea become long because it is going so well is easier than cutting short lunch or dinner because it is not going so well.

There's also no reason that only the two of you need to attend that introduction. Gatherings with your friends around can be a safe means to learn a little about each other. You can always catch up just the two of you the next time you meet,

if you want there to be a next time.

Neighbourhood Watch is not the only organisation offering advice. The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission's Little Black Book of Scams has a section on 'Dating & Romance Scams.' ID Care has a Fact Sheet on 'Relationship Scams'. Neighbourhood Watch Frequently Asked Question #27 links to both documents.

Inquiries about Neighbourhood Watch through Hornsby and Kuring-gai may be sent by email to Julia Eagles or Simon Lennon, both in Gordon, at

nhwkuringgaihornsby@gmail.com. For more information, please see

www.au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org

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06 September, from the NSW Police Force: When was the last time you spoke to your kids about their online safety?

This National Child Protection Week is a great opportunity to engage in conversations with children about their activities online and how they can keep themselves safe.

- For more details about the campaign, visit: napcan.org.au/get-involved-2022/
- More information can be accessed via the eSafety website: esafety.gov.au/
- Educational packages for parents and children are available from ThinkUKnow, a multi-agency program designed to educate and promote cyber safety: thinkuknow.org.au/

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NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2022

**Help build
strong and
supportive
communities
for children**



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales'

- Tip #4. KEEP THE ITEMS inside the property boundary, ie not on your council strip. Despite the name 'garage sale', it is advisable to have the items on your lawn/driveway. Collect expensive items all in the one place nearest to you/ the intended checkout table. To avoid concealment opportunities, put large items around the outside of the area. Video the whole area outside your home as a simple inventory of items for sale AND any not for sale (see #6 below).
- Tip #6. AFTER THE GARAGE SALE, check that all home security systems are operable & have not been disabled to help facilitate later unauthorised entry. Conduct an inspection (using video inventory in #4 above) to identify any missing items. Please remember to remove all advertising after the event.
- Tip #13. IF YOU HAVE KIDS OR PETS, consider lending them out for the day. They are difficult to supervise, vulnerable & may distract you from the customers.
- Tip #17. CHARGE YOUR PHONE the night before & have it on you. Ensure emergency numbers are in your phone (see below). If in doubt – phone! Alternatively, you could use your home/ car's panic alarm. Consider a personal alarm.
- Tip #19. DO NOT ADVERTISE AS A 'MOVING SALE'. You probably advertised your address on the Internet, local trees & lampposts, newspapers, etc. Be aware that criminals read this info too. Typical sales tips say "*advertise your 3 best items*" or "*flaunt what you've got!*" Note – If you do, you are giving an indication of the kind of items you possess. Do not wear expensive jewellery at the sale.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut!

website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).



Thanks to The Hills command: We had a driver that didn't immediately stop yesterday because they said they didn't see our blue lights. This afternoon Senior Constable Ethan topped up all the blue light blinder fluid to make us easier to see.

Rule 304 NSW Road Rules - Direction by a police officer or authorised person A person must obey any reasonable direction for the safe and efficient regulation of traffic given to the person by a police officer or authorised person whether or not the person may contravene another provision of these Rules by obeying the direction.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000
TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime.

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

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WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWatchOut)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)





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