

ANNUAL REPORT



2023/2024

CAMDEN HAVEN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (Inc)
Surf Life Saving MNC, Surf Life Saving NSW





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CAMDEN HAVEN SLSC MISSION, VALUES and GOALS

Mission Statement

Our mission statement defines the principles that guide us into our future and ensure that we continue to provide effective services to the community.

"To provide a safe and enjoyable environment delivering quality lifesaving education and services to our members and the community."

Our Values

Our values are fundamental to the way that we conduct our duties. We embrace the following values as being vital in achieving our mission:

- Professionalism
- Ethical
- Community Focused
- Accountable
- Friendship
- Health and Wellbeing

Our Strategic Goals

1. **Create, implement, and support effective patrols which deliver quality lifesaving services to the community.**
2. **Provide individual training and development opportunities for active patrolling members and key stakeholders**
3. **Provide supporting opportunities to hone rescue skills, assist with membership retention and to enhance club spirit**
4. **Provide opportunities to develop members and recognize their achievements.**
5. **Perform the routine tasks which underpin the operations of the club.**

CAMDEN HAVEN SLSC COMMITTEE

Committee Members

President	Michelle Garvan
Vice President	Kate Dwyer
Director of Finance	Neil Hosick
Director of Administration	Nicole Crowe
Director of Life Saving	Tony Worton
Registrar	Nicole Crowe
Chief Training Officer	Ben Hosick / Michelle Garvan
Gear Steward	Tony Worton
IRB Captain	Tony Worton / Peter Bagnall
Junior Club Captain	Sam Hannaford / Liam Miller
Grants Officer	Neil Hosick / Jan Hosick
Bar Manager	Bruce Cooper
Club Clothing	Jessie Johnson

Life Members

John Vipond	Heath Balkin
Craig Vipond	David Napper
Jim Eichmann	Doug Grimwood
Michelle Garvan	Susie Bell

CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT

MICHELLE GARVAN (LMCHSLSC)

It has been a pleasure to be president of Camden Haven SLSC over the past nine years. We are small but mighty. The members of this club work hard to make it a great club that represents its community in many areas.

Besides patrolling our beach, we get involved in all things community. We assist at Slice of Haven, give talks to community groups, and help them understand what surf clubs do, especially now that we are part of the emergency services and what that means to the community.

We have a great connection with other emergency service providers and work together whenever possible. We appreciate the donations, and the acknowledgment that is given to us from the other clubs and organisations in the area. It makes me proud to be part of such a giving community that appreciates what we do.

Camden Haven has had another good season with many visitors over all the holidays with no lives lost. We have had some big seas again, which has interfered with Nippers getting on the water.

Still, we had a great bunch of children with some very dedicated age managers and water safety who got the most out of their time in the water, all Nippers completed their training and received recognition for their efforts, and we got good feedback from families about how we conducted our Nipper program, so congrats to Nicole and her merry band of volunteers including the much loved BBQ after each session and to the new SRC and Bronze squad your efforts to get your training completed and assist with

Nipper water safety was a big support for the club as it meant the patrol could patrol the beach, but knew the children were in good hands.

We also had assistance again over the busy Christmas period from some members of Sydney clubs and other clubs from our branch.

Tony Worton, Leslie Williams, Michelle Garvan, Rod McDonagh, Josh Slade with two nippers at our Celebration Day which is the commencement of the Nipper Season.



CLUB VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

KATE DWYER

The Camden Haven Surf Lifesaving Club had a dynamic and fulfilling year, marked by significant events and milestones that have strengthened our community and club. Here are the key highlights and acknowledgements from the past season:

Increasing Our Profile and Membership

Early Year Efforts: The year kicked off with a strategic initiative to raise our club's profile through a presence at the Camden Haven Riverwalk Markets and a table at local soccer matches. These opportunities, secured by Nicole Crowe, were instrumental in engaging with the community and attracting new members. We marked our first Nippers day with wise words from our president Michelle, MP Leslie Williams, MNC SLSC Branch president Rod McDonagh and Port Macquarie Hastings Councillor Josh Slade. Hosting this special day highlights the importance of our club to the wider community.

End of Year Celebrations: We conclude the year on a high note with our presentation to honour our dedicated members, especially our youth team members, whose enthusiasm and commitment are vital to our club's future. We encourage these young members to invite their friends to join, helping to bolster our ranks.

Engagement and Volunteerism

Open Day and Registration Success: Our open day and registration event was a notable success, attracting interest from new families. Many of these newcomers have since joined our club, with a few stepping up to volunteer as age managers and achieving their SRC or Bronze qualifications. Their willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated and essential to the operation of our nippers and patrols.

Adapting to Media Changes: The media landscape has shifted significantly this year, with the disappearance of our regular paper, the emergence of a monthly edition, and a new publication set to launch this month. Despite these changes, our reliance on Surfguard, social media, and WhatsApp has ensured continuous communication. In the off-season, watch out for videos from some of our members aimed at boosting our membership.

Acknowledgements

A special thank you to:

President Michelle Garvan for her wisdom, training and guidance on all things surf lifesaving.

Tony Worton for his passion for the surf lifesaving movement and our mighty little club.

Neil Hosick for integrating Square to our bar and payment system, enhancing our operational efficiency.

Nicole Crowe for her tireless efforts in keeping the committee, club, and nippers on track, and for her outstanding work in raising our profile through various community engagements.

Ben Hosick for training our new SRC and Bronze members, who have been invaluable in providing water safety during nippers Sundays and Friday board paddling.

Bruce Cooper and our bar volunteers, whose efforts significantly contribute to our club's funds.

Our sponsors and supporters for their ongoing support.

All our age managers, committee and members whose efforts ensure Camden Haven SLSC continues to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Strategic Planning and Community Involvement

This season, we will continue to engage in strategic planning discussions aimed at sustaining our club. The challenge remains to attract fresh ideas and energy to ensure our club's growth and the continuation of a solid pathway for our young nippers. The dedication of our committee in these challenging times has been commendable, and the passion within our club is a blessing we must build upon.

This year has seen some growth, community engagement, and planning for the future. With continued support and fresh enthusiasm, we are confident in our ability to sustain and grow the Camden Haven Surf Lifesaving Club for years to come.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

NEIL HOSICK

Season 2023/2024 has seen the Club purchase a range of new equipment for both the “Nippers Program” and “Beach Safety”. I would like to thank the other members of the club’s committee who have provided valuable assistance in my role. It has been somewhat of a challenging experience and I am thankful for the dedication of those that put in many voluntary hours for this organisation.

The Club has unfortunately seen a slight drop off in membership in the last financial year. However with the dedication of Bruce Cooper and a group of volunteers, the Club has seen continued growth of patronage of the Life Members Bar. This has allowed us to continue to fund our operational expenses.

Further fiscal strength came in support by the community (donations, hall hire), grants and sponsorship. The grants received have helped to fund the purchase of new equipment which will aid the delivery of rescue services. We are grateful for the grants, sponsorship, contributions and donations received from the following throughout the season which allowed us to manage expenses.

- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Surf Life Saving Services
- Surf Life Saving NSW
- Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast
- Regional Australia Bank
- Camden Haven Tyres and Auto
- Laurieton United Services Club
- Laurieton United Services Social Bowling Club
- Port Macquarie Hastings Council
- Wiggly Tail Butchery
- Nippers BBQ, family gold coin donations
- Return and Earn
- Individual donations from within the community
- Woolworths

Again, we are in a good position to start our new season, with this in mind there are several areas I think require focus, these include:

- Square – We have introduced the SQUARE system to the bar and to the sale of Merchandise over the counter, this has greatly enhanced and eased the workload in accounting.
- Merchandise – sale of merchandise was even lower this year. There is a large dollar amount of goods in stock. Kate Dwyer is working to bringing the sale of goods online through SQUARE which should help to move merchandise.

- Accounting – This financial year we intend to move the Club's accounting to XERO to improve our ability to streamline the accounting process and procedures.
- Recruitment– this year we need to focus on recruiting more Junior Members through the local schools and focus on the benefits of the courses that Surf Life Saving provides, and how they beneficially reflect in résumés.

Club's Financial Position (EFY 30/4/2024) - Unaudited

	2023-24	2022-23	Movement
Bank	\$157,687.27 cr	\$158,189.98 cr	- \$ 502.71 dr

Profit & Loss

Bar	\$23,499.36	\$12,235.92	+ \$11,263.44
Hall Hire	\$ 8,409.09	\$ 3,590.93	+ \$ 4,818.16
Fundraising	\$28,815.45	\$21,403.85	+ \$ 7,411.60
Membership	\$ 3,460.04	\$ 4,878.53	- \$ 1,418.49
Grants	\$36,575.53	\$25,000.00	+ \$11,575.53
Total Income	\$100,759.47	\$67,109.23	+ \$33,650.24
Total Expenses	- \$57,159.85	- \$26,760.16	+ -\$30,399.69
Net Income	\$43,699.62	\$40,349.07	+ \$ 3,250.55

Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$308,690.48	\$279,335.93	+ \$29,354.55
Total Liabilities	-\$13,639.03	\$296.52	+ -\$14,245.07
Net Assets	\$322,639.03	\$279,039.41	+ \$43,599.62

Please note: The Audited Financials will not be available by the date of the AGM. Review of the Audited Financials and related commentary will take place at a later date (as will be minuted during the AGM).

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT

NICOLE CROWE

The Committee, Volunteers and Nippers have worked hard again this season. Patrols were great again with the crowds flocking in with the lovely sunshine. Busiest I've seen it since moving to the area. We should all be proud we kept them all safe.

My role as the Director of Administration for the Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club is important to me and I hope haven't let any of my members down.

I want to thank the Club Committee members for their support and effort this season. It is wonderful to know that the effort put in, at home, week in, week out, all your work doesn't go unnoticed.

So many of our members have stepped up and do so much for our club. Nominations have been submitted for Awards of Excellence for SLSMNC Branch and Volunteer Of The Week Postcards were sent out to all Committee members and Patrolling members to say Thank You for all the work you have done throughout the season.



DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING REPORT

TONY WORTON

Our stats for 23/2024 season

1819.92 hours patrolled
2687 Swimmers
5763 On the Beach
1586 Craft
2 Rescues
465 Preventative Actions
6 First Aids
160 Warning signs erected
745 Rips
14 Beach closures
8 Dangerous Surf
1 Shark
5 Storms

We started our season with our 3 Patrols.

Our Patrol Captains are:

Tony Worton Patrol 1

Ben Hosick Patrol 2

Michelle Garvin Patrol 3

You and your Patrolling Members did an awesome job keeping our Swimmers and locals and visitors to our beach safe.

Thank You Ben Hosick for putting a bronze course through we gained 5 new Bronze Members and 4 new SRC Members.

The start of the season was the school holidays we had a lot of people to our beach. Christmas holidays were bigger this year loads of people all day long. We had great conditions, warm water and a few storms we would close the beach for the storms once the storms cleared the people came back.

Well done Camden Haven you looked after them all.

Thank you to all water safety teams you all did an awesome job keeping our Nippers safe on Sundays and Friday afternoons.

Easter school holidays this year was busy loads of people to our beach Thank you Camden Haven for keeping them all safe.

Our younger patrolling Members are doing an awesome job I have been watching them set up patrol. Doing preventions keep the public safe their skill level is great to watch they look after our gear and always help out in packing up and washing down. We are very proud of you all for keeping up the good work. To all our Subs and Voluntary patrolling Members Thank you.

To our wonderful Committee you all do a wonderful awesome job I enjoy working with you all .

Thank you



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

NICOLE CROWE

This season was a great one. The weather was great at the start of the season and then after Christmas the rain came and dampened it all for us.

Pool swims were a great turn out and with a few new members through many age groups. All required documentation entered into Surfguard.

Age Managers Course was held at the start of the season thanks to Gary Hawkins for holding this course. There were four that attended the course; three completed the course and one the refresher.

The Celebration Day to mark the start of the nippers season was a great success once again.

Presentation was held at Laurieton Pool which was a huge success seeing over 60 people. Kids had a great time having a swim and a play in the pool and then had the presentation and something to eat.

Thanks again to Neil and Jan for bringing over the Snags. After the presentation they enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt THANK YOU to Kate for organising.

Just want to THANK Kate and Rob for filling in when I wasn't able to and all the people that have helped me throughout the season too. It takes many hands to make nippers happen. Thanks to ALL the Water Safety and Age Managers and parent helpers for their assistance throughout the season. Without the Age Managers



and Water Safety nippers wouldn't be able to happen so THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Neil and Jan and crew for doing the nipper's BBQ every week.

Much appreciated.

Congratulations to Cassie and Luca Pensini on their medals that they won at the MNC Branch Championships that were held at Hat Head SLSC In February 2023. It was great to see the black and white cap competing.

Thank you to the committee members that have helped with Nippers I enjoy working with you all.

GEAR STEWARD REPORT

TONY WORTON



Tony and his patrol getting ready for the day

Thank you to our members for looking after our gear this season and having it rescue ready.

Thank you CHSLSC for a wonderful job you all have done keeping our gear clean and in good working order.

This season we have gained more new gear.

- New Nipper hard and soft boards
- Thundercat IRB and trailer
- Resuscitation bag and gear
- Full new first aid bag and gear
- Beach safety signs
- Bleeding control trainers pack
- SLSA Major bleed control kit

All our gear is in top working order and is ready to go.

Thank you CHSLSC

IRB CAPTAIN REPORT

PETER BAGNALL

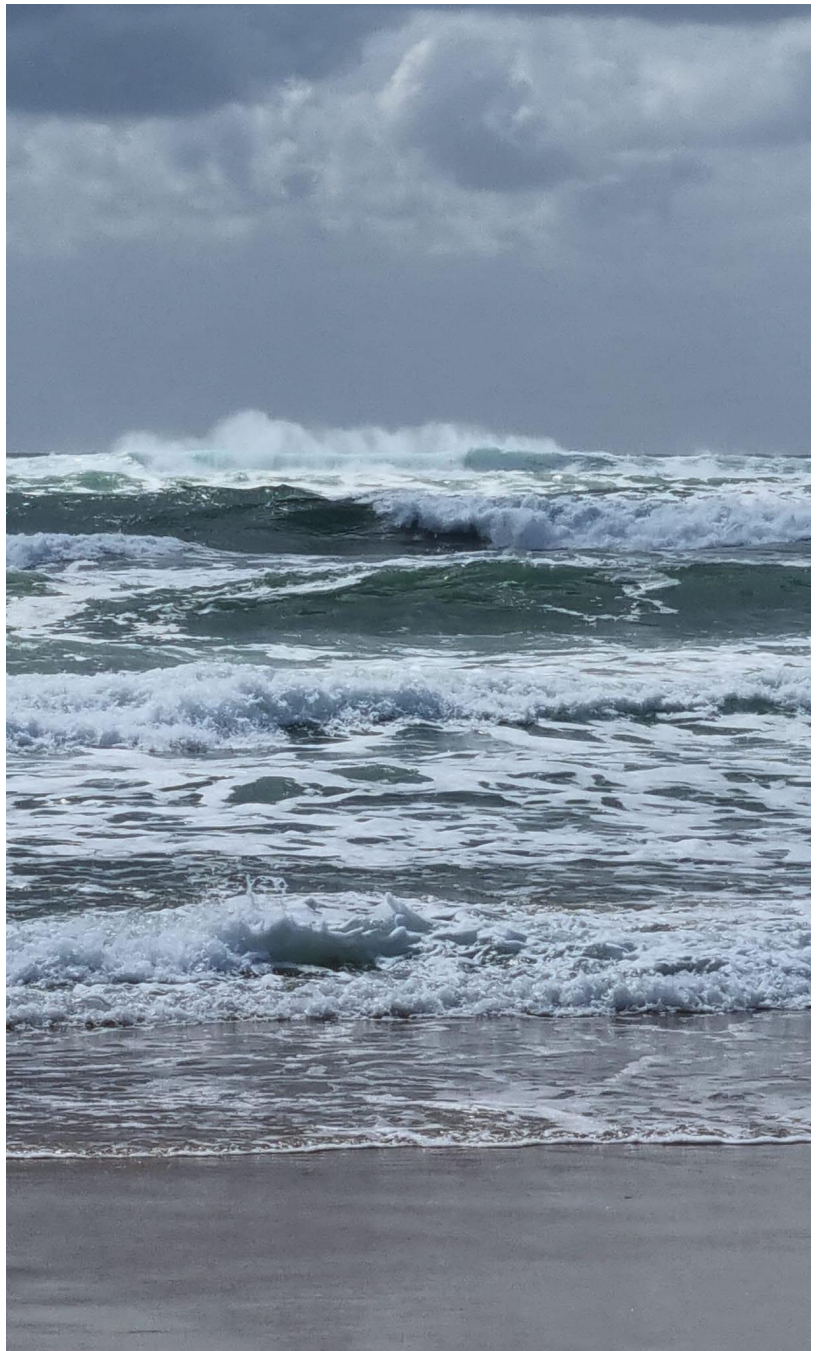
Firstly, a big thank you to all our IRB Drivers and Crew for your efforts and dedication this past season. This was my first season as Camden Haven IRB captain, and it was a privilege to be asked by Tony to come on board mid-season. I had big shoes to fill in replacing Phil Traves who had done an excellent job over the past few seasons keeping both engines and hulls in such great condition.

I would like to especially thank Tony Worton for his assistance in getting me settled into the position and I am looking forward, if elected, to continue next season. Speaking of next season, we have a new IRB Hull and Trailer that I will be setting up and to have operational for the beginning of next season.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Peter Poole from Camden Haven Tyre and Auto for his valuable support and donation of fuel and lubricants to assist us in the smooth running of our engines. Also, I would like to thank Ben from Camden Haven Marine for the servicing of our engines.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work our small but dedicated committee who work extra hard to keep our club running and thank you also for your support in me.

Finally, I would like to thank all the patrolling members whether they are IRB or Crew qualified or not for all the effort and hours to make our beaches safe for both locals and holidaymakers to enjoy.



FIRST AID OFFICER REPORT

BRIANNA RUMSBY

The 2023 2024 season was the busiest I have ever season. Thank you to all patrolling members for your time and effort on the beach this year. Every year my experience grows, and it was great to have learnt from you all and to develop my skills and knowledge further.

This was my second year being part of any Committee.

It was great to be a part of the behind-the-scenes decision making and to have a hand in the direction the club is going.

I really do love being a part of nippers. I love doing Watersafety and it was great to see the how it is all organised.

Thank you to the volunteers on the beach, with the nippers, on the bbq, in the bar.



2 Tony, Tony, Brie and Susie

CHIEF TRAINER'S REPORT

BEN HOSICK

For our Club to deliver on its promise to save lives, create great Australians and build stronger communities we need to train. We need to help our members retain and grow their skills. We need to help our Nippers take that next step to become a life saver. We need to entice parents of Nippers to be a part of water safety and then want to patrol.

Our goal for this season was to grow our patrol strength and water safety numbers. We did this by encouraging the older Nippers and Nipper parents to gain their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or Bronze Medallion in Aquatic Rescue. We also delivered this through the upskilling of current SRC's to obtain their Bronze Medallion. The knowledge of our Patrolling members was also broadened with an Advanced First Aid course conducted at the Club.

Our Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate course started mid-October 2023 with 11 candidates. It was a great mix of Nippers stepping up to the SRC, SRC's stepping up to Bronze and Nipper parents throwing their hand up to help. It was a great cross section of the best parts of our community. There were tuff conditions to contend with as well as some challenging content. All of their training and knowledge was tested on the 12 December 2023, Assessment Day. It was a beautiful sunny day at Grants Beach, great conditions and a bit cool in the water. They were put through their paces by Rob and Rex, Assessors from Port Macquarie SLSC, they were very thorough. They were truly tested with the swim leg of their run swim run assessment as well as their tube and board rescues. Our candidates set a strong impression with knowledge of hand signals and efforts in the water. Unfortunately, due to accidents outside of Surf Life Saving 2 candidates were unable to participate in the assessment.

Congratulations to:

Leah Rumsby (Nipper to SRC)
Thomas Maxwell (Nipper to SRC)
Lillian Hosick (Nipper to SRC)
Billy Miller (SRC to Bronze)
Luca Pensini (SRC to Bronze)
Brooke Burgess (Nipper parent to Bronze)
James Whittingham (Nipper parent to Bronze)
Blair Maxwell (Nipper parent to SRC)
Dave Castleton (Nipper parent to Bronze)

They were all told early in the course, 'the more you put into lifesaving, the more you get out of it!'. They all took on the challenge and put in the extra effort to all achieve success in obtaining their awards and have become valuable members of patrols, water safety, their club and their community. I was thrilled to be able to help these candidates achieve things that sometimes they doubted they could achieve. Having

Blair and Thomas complete the course as father and son was fantastic. Being able to train my daughter and help her to obtain her SRC and see her grow as a person was amazing.

The greatest feeling was to see those that we trained using their skills in real situations to save lives, render first aid and protecting people from danger.

It takes a village to raise a child, but, it takes Camden Haven SLSC to turn them into a life saver! It is through the efforts of Michelle Garvan, Tony Worton, Tony Miller, Nicole Crowe, Kate Dwyer that have helped with the delivery of the training, the promotion of training and the processing of the training. It takes every member of our Club to support our candidates in their journey through Surf Life Saving.



CLUB MERCHANDISE OFFICER REPORT

JESSIE JOHNSON

It was great to be back and what a wonderful start to the season.



We have sold out of the rest of the hoodie towels. Had a very successful Rego Day and low on rash shirts so will need to order some smaller sizes.

We are still selling our hoodies and will need to order some polos for start of the new season.

Nippers looking awesome in their uniforms.

All in all, a more successful year this year in regards to uniform and merchandise sales.

We have just gotten some sand-free towels to also sell.

As always, it's been a pleasure being able to work alongside such a dedicated group of people, doing amazing things not only for our Surf Club but for our entire community.



BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

BRUCE COOPER

I am pleased to present my annual report, as Bar Manager for the Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club.

The bar has been going quite nicely over the last 12 months.

During the last season it was great to welcome some new volunteers aboard Deon, Jack and Jason the first two both with a good background in bar work.

We have had many functions over the past year, weddings, birthdays, Christmas functions and a wake.

I would like to personally thank all staff for their support over the past year. I was personally involved in some of the functions, and I am glad to say that they have been some the best nights you would ever enjoy.

We live in a small but great community and it's a pleasure to be involved.

The Christmas holidays was our busiest time of the year and we were open 26 days straight alas few inclement days kept everyone inside but overall a successful outcome thanks to all the holiday makers.

Social memberships are moving along quite strongly.

We will be open each Sunday 2 to 5, so make sure you come down and say hello and enjoy our part of paradise been well supported by locals as word has spread, and we are seeing new people who have moved to the area.

Thank you to the committee for all your hard work.



MEMBERSHIPS

LIFE MEMBERS – 8

John Vipond	David Napper	Heath Balkin	Doug Grimwood
Craig Vipond	Michelle Garvan	James Eichmann	Susie Bell

ACTIVE MEMBERS (18 years and over) – 29

Peter Bagnall	Kate Dwyer	Rachel Hosick	Brieanna Rumsby
Susan Bell	Robert Dwyer	Anthony Maher	Adam Toogood
Brooke Burgess	Michael Falco	Blair Maxwell	Noah Traves
Ron Byrnes	Sarah Feldman	Anthony Miller	Philip Traves
David Castleton	Gary Hawkins	Sam Monk	James Whittingham
Leigh Crowe	Pauline Hearne	Cassandra Pensini	Leah Woolner
Nicole Crowe	Ben Hosick	Markeeta Quinn	Jacob Worton
			Tony Worton

ACTIVE MEMBERS (15 – 18 years) – 5

Finlay Baird	Jim Dwyer	Sonny Gilbert	William Hosick	Thomas Worton
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CADETS (13 – 15 years) – 7

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – 56

JUNIOR LIFE SAVERS IN TRAINING MEMBERS – 63

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