On Thursday 12 May 2016, the State Government made a series of proclamations regarding new council boundaries, including the creation of the new City of Parramatta Council.

The new council area is primarily bordered by the natural boundaries of the M2 Motorway in the north and the M4 Motorway in the south.

The Local Government Area (LGA) incorporates most of the former Parramatta City Council area with the exclusion of the Woodville Ward, along with parts of the Hills and Hornsby Shires and sections of the former Auburn and Holroyd Councils.

The former Woodville Ward has been merged with parts of the former Auburn and Holroyd Councils to form a new LGA called Cumberland Council.

In addition to vibrant residential neighbourhoods the new Council area also includes the Westmead Health precinct, the Parramatta CBD, the whole of the Epping Town Centre and Sydney Olympic Park.

The State Government has appointed Amanda Chadwick as Council’s Administrator, who will perform the civic duties and responsibilities of Councillors until the next local government elections, proposed to be held in September 2017.

Council’s priority since Proclamation day has been to ensure the continuity of important community services for all residents.

Formal arrangements with the neighbouring councils have ensured that services such as waste collection and access to libraries, childcare and seniors’ support have continued uninterrupted.

Another priority has been to ensure that projects in neighbouring councils, that now fall within the City of Parramatta, continue as planned. These include the $6.5 million improvements to Wentworth Point Library and forecourt, work on North Rocks Childcare Centre ($2.2 million) and the major redevelopment at West Epping Park ($11.3 million).

“Our aim is to maintain and improve services to all of our neighbourhoods and to deliver tangible benefits from the new Council,” Ms Chadwick said.

City of Parramatta is working to ensure that all residents, ratepayers and businesses are able to easily connect and engage with Council. The delivery of quality services and strong engagement with the community are top priorities.
Welcome to the first edition of Parramatta Pulse for the new City of Parramatta.

Since the State Government announced the new local government boundaries on 12 May, we have been working with Council staff to ensure that it is ‘business as usual’ for residents and ratepayers.

It is certainly a significant undertaking but we believe the transition to the new arrangements has been handled with great professionalism by all of the councils involved.

Within days of the Proclamation, City of Parramatta had signed Memorandum of Understandings with neighbouring councils to ensure the continuation of high quality council services. We are now finalising formal agreements – Transitional Service Agreements (TSAs), which outline contracts, responsibilities and commitments of the City of Parramatta, Hills Shire Council, Cumberland Council (formerly Holroyd and Auburn Councils and part of Parramatta City Council) and Hornsby Shire Council.

The need to ensure that services continue uninterrupted during this period has been at the forefront of all our planning and will guide our commitment to service delivery going forward.

In City of Parramatta’s Operational Plan we have also committed to continue projects identified within the previously exhibited operational plans of neighbouring councils – Holroyd, Auburn, Hills Shire and Hornsby – where sections of those current and former councils now fall within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area. These include improvements to Wentworth Point Library and forecourt, North Rocks Childcare Centre and the major redevelopment at West Epping Park.

We encourage residents to join the ‘Our City Your Say’ forum where you can have your say about issues that impact you and give your opinion on matters affecting the LGA. To join the panel email ourcityyoursay@parracity.nsw.gov.au.

If you have any questions regarding the new City of Parramatta Council call 1300 617 058, email us at newcouncil@parracity.nsw.gov.au or visit parracity.nsw.gov.au.

– Administrator Amanda Chadwick and Interim General Manager Greg Dyer

The State Government announced last month that the old Parramatta Golf Course had been identified as a potential site for a new aquatic centre to replace the Parramatta War Memorial Swimming Centre.

The site at the eastern end of the golf course will now be the subject of a State Government funded masterplan, which will determine the land’s suitability and provide greater clarity about the costs of a new facility.

The War Memorial Swimming Centre in O’Connell Street will close after the 2016/17 swimming season to facilitate construction of Parramatta’s new 30,000 seat state-of-the-art stadium, which is expected to begin later this year.

Interim arrangements are being developed to reduce the inconveniences that pool patrons will experience. We will do what we can to ensure important social, health and swim safety services continue during the construction period.

Council and the State Government will now explore funding options and interim arrangements while new facilities are designed and constructed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the $2 billion Parramatta Square urban renewal project.

In June, City of Parramatta selected a winning design by acclaimed architecture firm Johnson Pilton Walker (JPW) and appointed developer Walker Corporation for 3 Parramatta Square – a 16 storey, 35,000sqm commercial tower.

Significant demolition works have already taken place with buildings along Darcy Street and Connection Arcade removed to make way for two commercial towers – 4 and 6 Parramatta Square – and the Aspire residential tower.

Walker Corporation have lodged a DA for Stages 4 and 6.

Demolition of Council’s former administration building occurred throughout June/July and demolition works for the former Chambers building are due for completion by the end of October.

A major milestone was celebrated in May with the ‘topping out’ of 1 Parramatta Square which will be home to Western Sydney University’s city campus.

For more information and to register to receive news and updates about Parramatta Square visit cityofparramatta.com.au/parramatta-square.
City of Parramatta and TAFE NSW have signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and committed to establishing the Parramatta Skills Exchange (PSX) to provide industry-based opportunities for young, unemployed and under-employed workers.

The PSX is a pre-employment program that will provide opportunities to work on some of the biggest developments in the city. It is based on the award-winning Barangaroo Skills Exchange (BSX).

Participants will have the opportunity to work on development sites with values in excess of $50 million and receive on-the-job training as they go. City of Parramatta and TAFE NSW will work together to identify a suitable site for the PSX over the coming months with the aim of having the facility fully operational in 2017.

SUPPORTING YOUNG WORKERS

My Neighbourhood

Shawn Sequeira from Ermington

Shawn, how long have you lived in Ermington?
I have lived here for seven years and love living in the geographical heart of Sydney.

What is your favourite thing about Ermington?
I really like the warm community spirit, the regular upgrades and improvements Council undertakes to lift the overall feel of the suburb and keep it fresh.

How has the area changed in the time you have lived here?
Great new developments along the Parramatta River, small but noticeable improvements to public spaces and more activities at Ermington Library during school holidays.

What local services do you access?
The library and childcare services.

What services or improvements would you like to see in your local area?
Public transport to local trains and ferries, better lit communal spaces and more security around the social housing precincts.

Council announced that 2016 is the Year of the Community. What does this mean to you?
Band ing together, putting our thoughts and minds together to build an LGA for the future and celebrating the rich diversity of people that reside in the Parramatta LGA.

Do you have a strong sense of being part of a local community and why?
Yes. Because of my involvement and ability to have a say via Council on the many ways our LGA is run.

Do you regularly attend community and annual events organised by Council? If so, which ones and why?
Parramasala, NYE and Australia Day because of the ease of use of public transport and convenience of a quality event so close to home.

How important is it for you and your family to have local community events?
Very important, because it not only showcases local talent and promotes small business, it also offers residents of the Parramatta LGA a sense of involvement and belonging to their community.

Shawn Sequeira loves living in Ermington with his young family.

Get to know your city the easy way! Explore the places and spaces of your vibrant and evolving city with one of our friendly, professional guides on a free walking tour.

The two-hour New Resident Tour helps you locate facilities, government services, specialist shops, food and entertainment options, along with recreational opportunities and offers fascinating glimpses into Parramatta’s past.

Our multilingual guides speak English, Mandarin, Italian and German. Let us know if you wish to book a multilingual guide or to bring your own translator.

Bookings are essential. Visit discoverparramatta.com or phone 8839 3311.
COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

City of Parramatta awarded more than $410,000 worth of funding grants to 40 community groups at an awards ceremony in June.

The groups that received funding included cultural and creative projects, local school sports initiatives, a multicultural healthy cooking program and a music therapy program for deaf and hearing impaired children and their families.

Council supports a wide range of services and activities that contribute to strategic objectives and help support local communities. The recipients are also allocated a staff liaison within Council to ensure ongoing collaboration and support for their projects.

Small Grants, Parramatta Sport and Recreation Grants and Representative Sport Grants are open year round.

Updates on community funding rounds for 2016/17 will be provided at parracity.nsw.gov.au/grants.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

City of Parramatta has launched the ‘Shop for a Cause’ campaign to encourage more people to shop at social enterprises.

Social enterprise businesses produce high quality products and contribute at least 50 per cent of their profits to a social, cultural or environmental cause, which has a significant and positive impact on our community. There are a broad range of these businesses in the Parramatta area including a coffee shop, a second-hand clothes shop, a driving school, food tours, a co-working space, a cycling skills program and an artists’ workshop.

So next time you are out and about, keep an eye out for a social enterprise with the ‘Shop for a Cause’ logo in the window.

For a list of local social enterprise businesses visit parracity.nsw.gov.au/social_enterprise.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE TO WIN!

Are you a young person aged between 12 and 24 who visits, studies, works or hangs out in the Parramatta CBD? Tell us about your experiences and needs and you could WIN one of three $200 Westfield vouchers! Help us make the Parramatta CBD an even more fun place for young people, with services and facilities you want to use.

To be in the running, complete the survey at bit.ly/ParraYouthSurvey or add us on Snapchat ParraYouth and send us a creative snap showing us where you like to hang out in the Parramatta CBD, where you don’t and your favourite places elsewhere!

COUNCIL’S OPERATIONAL PLAN (2016/17)

The 2016/17 Operational Plan for the City of Parramatta went on public exhibition in July, to inform the community about Council’s priorities and encourage feedback. Council is committed to ensuring its priorities reflect the community’s aspirations for the new Local Government Area (LGA).

The Plan sets out the actions, projects and services that the City will provide to all areas of the new LGA. It presents the budget and gives updated information about the rates, fees and charges for 2016/17.

Council will consider all community feedback before formally considering the plan at its 25 July Council Meeting. The document can be viewed at parracity.nsw.gov.au/your_council/news/key_council_documents.
YOUR THOUGHTS ON PARRAMATTA BECOMING A DIGITAL CITY

City of Parramatta recently launched its Digital City survey to seek feedback and ideas from the community about how we can make the City more liveable, how we can better embrace digital opportunities and which Smart City projects should be prioritised across our LGA.

Thank you to everyone who took part – we received almost 1,000 responses via social media, online and through the ‘Our City Your Say’ community forum. Early results have found that being safe and resilient is most important for our community, as we look to build a future-focused vibrant City.

The survey enables us to understand people’s perceptions and use of technology and digital services, and how these can improve their daily life. It will be used to form the basis of Council’s new Smart City Smart People Annual Report, which will detail how technology can deliver and enhance quality and innovative local government services.

DON’T TAKE THE RISK... UPDATE THE MICROCHIP!

Domestic dogs and cats that go missing are often not returned home because the information in their microchip is outdated!

Have your lost pet safely returned to you by updating the details on their microchip when you have:

• Moved house
• Given away (or sold) your pet
• Changed phone numbers

You should also advise Council when:

• Your pet is missing
• Your pet is deceased

You can also provide a secondary contact such as a parent, neighbour or partner in the event you are not contactable or overseas.

Pet not microchipped? City of Parramatta offers a FREE microchipping service to its residents and in the convenience of your own home. Contact us on 9806 5050 or visit parracity.nsw.gov.au/parrapets for more information.

GETTING YOUR HOME CERTIFIED

Whether you are building your dream home or simply renovating your existing property, Council’s Parra Certification service can help you every step of the way to full certification.

Our team of expert building surveyors can provide you with the following certificates:

✓ Construction Certificates
✓ Occupation Certificates
✓ Building Certificates
✓ Swimming Pool Fencing Certificates
✓ Complying Development Certificates
✓ Construction Certificates - Prelodgement

What are the advantages to using Parra Certification?

• Independent certifiers who will ensure that your property meets the BCA guidelines
• Located in the heart of Parramatta
• Easy access to your development application, historical files and all council data
• Provision of a point of contact for all building requirements from start to finish
• Experienced surveyors
• No hidden fees

Make an appointment to discuss your certification requirements. Phone 9806 5684 or email parracert@parracity.nsw.gov.au

@ermington_west Thanks to Gina & Indy from @parracity for educating our community about road safety.
A WORLD OF WINTER FUN

Parramatta Winterlight was the star of all winter events these July school holidays, with big crowds flocking to the festival to soak up the winter fun. Showcasing the biggest ice rink in Sydney, a smaller dedicated kids' rink, an ice slide and a giant illuminated ferris wheel, Winterlight offered an exclusive assortment of activities like no other. Quality winter food, roving entertainment and carnival rides were also highlights.

LIGHT UP YOUR HOME FOR SICK KIDS

If you are planning to light up your home with Christmas decorations this year, consider supporting the ‘Lights for Kids’ appeal and help brighten the lives of sick children and their families. Council will again support the appeal this year and we invite you to jump on board. Register your lights display at lightsforkids.org.au. City of Parramatta will award prizes for the most funds raised and the most interactive, energy efficient and innovative display.

PARRAMATTA LANES RETURNS THIS OCTOBER!

Take a journey through Parramatta’s laneways and discover a world of tempting delights. From gourmet street food and boutique beer gardens to live music and art installations – there will be new and surprising performances to uncover around every corner. Part of Good Food Month, the program will offer an assortment of gourmet street foods, craft beers and cocktails, along with performances and food demonstrations among a labyrinth of uniquely themed lanes throughout the Parramatta CBD.

Parramatta Lanes runs from Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 October, from 5pm to 10pm. For more information visit parramattalanes.com.au.

ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND HISTORY ON SHOW AT BURRAMATTA NAIDOC

Thousands turned out to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage at Burramatta NAIDOC, as part of NAIDOC Week 2016. The theme for this year’s event was Songlines, with the community able to learn about the history and diversity of Aboriginal Australia and the relationships between the land, river and sea. Event-goers enjoyed live music from Mi-Kaisha, Radical Son, Krista Pav and Lawrence Barlow, and contemporary dance performances from Jannawi Dance Clan and Treasures Dance Project. Aboriginal astronomy, guided bike tours and Indigenous storytime were popular with families, as was the tasty bush tucker on offer. The event wrapped up with a stunning fireworks finale!
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**July 31:**
- **National Tree Day**
  - 10am - 1pm

**August 1-7:**
- **Local Government Week**

**August 8:**
- **2016 Western Sydney Homeless Connect Event**
  - Parramatta Town Hall
  - 10am - 2pm
  - (Part of Homelessness Prevention Week)

**August 14:**
- **India Day**
  - The Parade Ground, Old King’s School, Parramatta

**August 18:**
- **Newington Family Fun Day**
  - Pierre de Coubertin Park

**September 21:**
- **Walk With Me**
  - Northcott
  - 11am – 2pm
  - Cnr of Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

**October 7-9:**
- **Kidtopia**
  - Parramatta Park
  - kidtopiafestival.com.au

**October 11-14:**
- **Parramatta Lanes**
  - 5pm - 10pm
  - parramattalanes.com.au

**October 27-2:**
- **Spot On Children’s Festival**
  - Riverside Theatres
  - riversideparramatta.com.au

**For a full list of events please visit:**
- discoverparramatta.com
Anzac Day Projections: I went down to see this last night – it was fantastic. Congratulations to those who put it together.

PLUNGE INTO HISTORY

SECRET LIFE OF EELS
Saturday 20 August | 10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm
Little Coogee, Byrnes Ave, Parramatta Park
$5 per person, $15 per family

Do your kids love scary, wriggly, slippery creatures? Then eels sure fit the bill! As part of the Sydney Science Festival, City of Parramatta will celebrate National Science Week at a family event exploring the secret life of eels.

Children will have the rare opportunity to see real eels close up, uncover their secret life and learn about their significance to Aboriginal people. They will be able to take part in storytelling sessions about eel migration and create their own clay eels to take home.

FREE DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

From July to October Council is offering a number of free activities for local residents. All activities are run by experienced and enthusiastic guides who love to engage with people about our great city.

Our beautiful bushland reserves and river foreshore will be the focus of this program. If fossils are your thing, join Digging up Deep Time to explore Parramatta’s ancient past. Love a treasure chest? Then come along to our Environmental Treasure Hunt. For fascinating facts about cool critters try Riverkeepers. Just can’t get enough of the bush? Then Tales of the Trees is the bushwalk for you.

Pick up some sustainability tips on the Flora for Fauna walk or come along and celebrate World Day of Indigenous People, Wattle Day or Father’s Day activities.

Bookings are essential. Visit discoverparramatta.com or phone 8839 3311.

SPOT ON CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL
27 September – 2 October

Be entertained and let young imaginations run wild as the annual Spot On Children’s Festival returns to Riverside Theatres! The Festival promises a program brimming with comedy, live theatre, storytelling, music and film, plus heaps of fun activities to keep the whole family entertained.

This year’s line-up includes The Listies 6D, The Owl’s Apprentice, Curious Jac, Play Along With Sam, The Young King, In a Deep Dark Forest and more! Hang around between events and enjoy the free courtyard activities – where you can run, jump, crawl, draw, read and play.

For more information or to book tickets visit riversideparramatta.com.au/spoton16 or phone 8839 3399.

PARRAMATTA BASED ARTIST WINS $25,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Parramatta Artists Studios resident artist, Elena Papanikolakis has won the 2016 Eva Breuer Travelling Art Scholarship, a prestigious award from the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The scholarship will see her take up a three month residency at the Dr Denise Hickey Memorial Studio in Paris.

“Being in residence at the Parramatta Artists Studios has given me a fantastic opportunity to develop my technique and expand my connections within the NSW arts community,” Ms Papanikolakis said.

“The Eva Breuer Travelling Art Scholarship provides a unique chance for me to dedicate three months to the research and development of my work in one of the greatest cultural meccas in the world – I can’t wait to get started.”

Artist Elena Papanikolakis in her studio at Parramatta Artists Studios, 2015. Photo: Alex Wisse
Hire a bike in World Heritage listed Parramatta Park and explore the parklands, enjoy a family picnic, visit Old Government House or ride the dedicated cycleway along the Parramatta River.

Or make it a full fun day out for the family – cycle along the Parramatta River Cycleway to the hire operator’s base at Sydney Olympic Park, return your bike there and catch a RiverCat back to Parramatta!

Bike hire is available from the Western Domain of the Park, opposite the Queens Rd entrance, every day throughout all school holidays. Times vary based on the season and daylight savings.

Visit sydneybicyclehire.com.au for more information or phone 9746 1572.

WHAT’S ON at the Library

DUNDAS LIBRARY, 21 STURT ST DUNDAS VALLEY, 9806 5960

Tai Chi
25 August – 22 September (weekly Thursdays) | 4pm–5pm
Learn tai chi in a relaxing environment.
Free, bookings required.

CITY OF PARRAMATTA LIBRARY, 1-3 FITZWILLIAM ST PARRAMATTA, 9806 5159

HSC English Help Sessions
2 August – 30 August (weekly Tuesdays) | 5pm–7pm
Designed for HSC English students who need guidance, advice, tips and strategies to help gain a Band 6 in English. Bring your essay, assignment or questions.
Cost: $5.00 per session
Bookings are essential.
parracity.nsw.gov.au/library

Job Search
Wednesday 3 August | 10am–1pm
Are you looking for a job and need help with your resume and cover letter? Learn how to interpret a job advertisement, how to write a winning resume and a cover letter and also how to prepare for a job interview. In partnership with Mission Australia.
Ages 18 years +
Free, bookings essential.
parracity.nsw.gov.au/library

2016 Tax Time Updates
Thursday 4 August | 5.30pm–7pm
Find out about tax updates and how to do your tax online. Presented by the Australian Taxation Office.
Free, bookings required.

Health Talk – Diabetes Awareness Program (Hindi)
Saturday 6 August | 11.30am–12.30pm
Many people, particularly those over 40, are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Understanding diabetes is very important even if you are not at risk.
Free

Book Week Craft Activity
Friday 26 August | 3.30pm–4.30pm
It’s Book Week and we’re getting crafty! The craft will relate to the theme Australia! Story Country and the short-listed book titles for 2016.
Ages: 6 to 10 years
Free, bookings essential.
parracity.nsw.gov.au/library

The Tricolour of Vision (Mandarin)
Tuesday 23 August | 10.30am–12pm
Cataract, glaucoma and macular degeneration - diagnosis, treatment and prevention talk by Dr Season Yeung.
Free, places limited.

BOOK WEEK CRAFT ACTIVITY
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ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT
ON LAKE PARRAMATTA

Visitors to Lake Parramatta will soon be able to hire small water craft just in time for the spring season. Rowboat Parramatta will launch their hire service, as part of a one year trial, from Saturday 3 September. People will be able to hire:

• Pedal boats (max capacity 2 adults and 3 children)
• Four person row boats
• Canoes (2 people)
• Double kayaks
• Single stand up paddleboards

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For more information visit discoverparramatta.com
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UPGRADES IN YOUR AREA

Third Settlement Reserve, Old Toongabbie
The walking path and pedestrian bridge works have been completed. This project provides an important link to the walking network in the area.

City of Trees Program
The next stage of additional and replacement trees has commenced in the north west suburbs of the LGA.

Keith Willis Reserve, Winston Hills
The works include new park entry, colourful landscaping, log play space, ‘mud kitchen’ and stepping stones for younger children, new seating, water fountain and minor adjustments to levels. This project is expected to commence in August following notification to neighbouring properties.

Wigram Street, Harris Park
Works have been completed to the streetscape upgrade of the eastern side. This included new kerb and gutter, foot pavement, road surface and street trees. ‘Smart poles’ have been installed to improve lighting and to accommodate larger and more colourful banners.

Rosella Park, Harris Park
Works have commenced which include park enhancements, public amenity building and car park improvements.

New Settlers Reserve Park, Oatlands
Works include new entry wall, improved pedestrian pathway to bus stop and additional park seating.

Rawson Street Car Park, Epping
New public toilet facility has been completed.

Car Park Project, Westmead
Car park adjacent to Parramatta Park is now open.

BORONIA PARK
READY FOR ACTION

In June, a group of preschool children and their teachers from KU Isobel Pulsford Preschool were given an opportunity to road test a new playground nearing completion in Boronia Park, Epping.

The joy on the faces of the children was plain to see as they lent a hand planting a garden and explored the new equipment.

The park features new exposed aggregate footpaths, a nature play area and upgraded toddler playground, a picnic area, landscaping, lighting and park furniture.

The park's multi-million dollar makeover is being funded jointly by the State Government and Council.

Boronia Park, Epping
Stage 1 upgrade – works have been completed and include new exposed aggregate footpaths, a nature play area and upgraded toddler playground, a picnic area, landscaping, lighting and park furniture.

Stage 2 upgrade – works have commenced and include installation of exercise equipment, public toilet amenities, seating and new fencing in the sports field, and replacement of timber stairs near the playground. These works are anticipated to be completed in December.

Church Street between Grose and Fennell Streets, North Parramatta
A streetscape upgrade is underway on the western side of Church Street. Features include granite footpath; creation of a more interesting pavement design; formation of a series of ‘breakout’ areas for passive use or future outdoor dining area; new street furniture including informal seating within the breakout areas; and installation of an attractive garden bed at the base of the mature trees.

Queens Road, Westmead Cycleway Project
The project concept was approved by the Traffic Committee in June and a detailed community consultation will follow.

Sensory Garden, Hawkesbury Road adjacent to Helen Street, Westmead
Construction works have been completed.

Park Avenue, Westmead
Works to the service path between new car park at Westmead and Parramatta Park commenced in July.

For more information about these projects or to join a project mailing list for regular updates email placeservices@parracity.nsw.gov.au or phone 9806 5416.
There are lots of ways you can have your say in shaping the City of Parramatta:

- Join the ‘Our City Your Say’ forum where you can participate in Council’s decision making and have your say on issues that impact you. To join the panel email: ourcityyoursay@parracity.nsw.gov.au.
- Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter at parracity.nsw.gov.au
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**KOREAN**

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