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Mosaic Good Times!

A dozen budding artisans embarked on creating birdbaths at the Neighbourhood House on the weekend! They caused a slight traffic snarl, as locals thought that with so much activity that we were actually the Polling Booth for the Federal Election.

This was the second Mosaic Workshop this year, another is scheduled for June.

Register your interest by calling the Neighbourhood House!



Inside: Flu Vaccine with NDCH, Mayoral Column, Sport News, Mothers Day events, College News, Sylvaterre Nursery plant of the month and Seafood Platter Winners!

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

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WHAT'S ON

Scratching in the Dirt
Sunday| Mount Hope

Biggest Morning Tea - Pyramid Hill
SAVE THE DATE
23 May | 10.30am

Mosaic Garden Panel
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
14 June and 15/16 July. Register your
interest asap 5455 7129 cost: tab

Flu Vaccine Clinic - Pyramid Hill
22 May | 2pm - 3pm Call NDCH Medical
Clinic to book 54521366

Pyramid Hill Golf Trail Park Run
Saturdays | 7.45am for an 8am start at the
Hill

**Justice of the Peace Visit to
Neighbourhood House**
12.30 - 2pm | 13 & 27 May, 10 & 24 June

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

Carer's Walking Group | walk from
Neighbourhood House to the Hill | 9am

TUESDAYS

Staying Strong Exercises | Kelly Park
Exercise Equipment | 9.30am - 10.30am
\$5 per class

Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM |
Neighbourhood House

Goldfields Library visit | 11:30 AM |
Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 9 AM
| Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall Supper Room
| BYO exercise mat or towel

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

Book Club | 4:30 PM | last Wednesday of
each month. ONE VACANCY in this group!
This month's book is .. read your own!

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30 AM Neighbourhood
House

FRIDAYS

Pyramid Hill Playgroup | 10:00 AM |
Preschool, 67 Kelly St [Storytime and
activities once a month with Goldfields
Libraries see Pyramid Hill Playgroup on
Facebook for more details].

Card Sharks, Games and Afternoon Tea
| 2:00 PM - 4pm | Neighbourhood House

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Mother's Day

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Sunday, May 11

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When: Every Friday from 10am **Where:** Pyramid Hill Preschool

Come along to play, learn, and socialise in a fun and supportive environment.

Goldfields Library visits once a month for Story Time and activities at 10:15am. Whether you're a returning member or new to the group, we'd love to see you there!

For more information,
feel free to contact
Claire Pickles. Also be
sure to follow Pyramid
Hill Playgroup on
Facebook.



PUBLIC NOTICES



ANGLICAN CHURCH—Durham Ox Rd Pyramid Hill

1st Sunday of each month join with the UCA at

Tyndale Church at 10.00am

2nd Sunday 9.00am HC at St Thomas' Anglican Church

3rd Sunday 10.00am join with the UCA at Tyndale Church

4th Sunday 11.00am HC at St Thomas' Anglican Church

Bring & Share lunch to follow

Enquiries: Rev'd Sue Allen 0417 365 386

Bill Boyd 0448 219 457

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Kelly St Pyramid Hill

Every Sunday at 11.00am

Enquiries: June Smith 0438 062 646

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—Victoria St Pyramid Hill

Saturday Mass 6.30pm each week

Enquiries: Fr Dean 0401 337 433

TYNDALE UNITING CHURCH—Victoria St Pyramid Hill

1st Sunday of each month 10.00am at Tyndale Church

2nd Sunday 9.00am join with Anglicans at St Thomas' Church

3rd Sunday 10.00am at Tyndale Church

4th Sunday 11.00am join with Anglicans at St Thomas' Church

Bring & Share lunch to follow

Enquiries: Rev'd Mark Boyce 0402 906 780

PYRAMID HILL KIDS ROCK—for all school-aged children

Every second Tuesday during term 3:30-5:00 pm at the

Uniting Church - Enquiries: Robyn 0427 561 973

Vale Marg Mowat

We would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of our friend, and extend sincerest condolences to all who loved her.

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01:06 PM	TUE 03:09PM	04:29 PM
	THU 03:10PM	04:29 PM

Friday Only

07:08 PM	09:10 PM	10:25 PM
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Saturday & Sunday Only

07:40 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
06:43 PM	08:57 PM	10:05 PM

TRAIN/COACH PYRAMID TO MELBOURNE

Monday – Friday

Dep Pyramid	Dep Bendigo	Arrive Melb
08:05 AM	09:18 AM	11:28 AM
02:46 PM	03:59 PM	06:11 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

01:06 PM	TUE 03:09PM	04:29 PM
	THU 03:10PM	04:29 PM

Friday Only

05:30 PM	07:01 PM	09:09 PM
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Saturday Only

08:05 AM	09:20 AM	11:30 AM
02:46 PM	04:01 PM	06:09 PM

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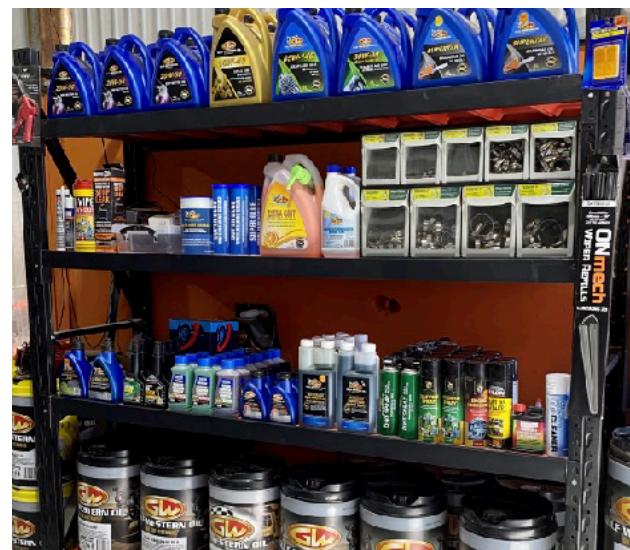


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Seven Personal Bests and Growing Smiles at Pyramid Hill parkrun #5

Pyramid Hill – 3 May 2025

The Pyramid Hill Golf Trail parkrun continues to build momentum, with 15 locals and visitors taking part in event #5 on a dry, sun-drenched Saturday morning. Visitors from all over again including Ballarat.

Alec Miller was the first across the line in 25:25, followed by Trish Soulsby (34:01) and Soleil Magno (41:20), who also notched up a personal best alongside six others.

In total, seven participants achieved new PBs:

Alec Miller

Soleil Magno

Stevie Galvin

Raidan Forster

Alison Farrar

Richard Fernandez

Marilyn Fernandez

"Each week the atmosphere builds and more people are challenging themselves," said volunteer organisers. "It's not about competition — it's about community."

The event wouldn't be possible without the volunteers, who this week included Rachel Cain, Carmen Cauchi, Colleen Hampson, Jean and Lionel Mann, Maree Ring, Tom Smith, Jason Deller and Marilyn Weston, who also completed the course.

Pyramid Hill Golf Trail parkrun is free and open to everyone, every Saturday at 8am. Just register once at www.parkrun.com.au and bring your barcode.



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'Health and Community Centre of Excellence'

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- 4:15pm
- 4:45pm

Register Here:



For more information contact:

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Pyramid Hill Football

Round 4 v Bears/Serp

Under 18s

The U18s took on the Rams at Serpentine on an excellent day for footy. With some of our top age players playing seniors we had Jacobi and Ewan as captains for the day. It was great to have Sonny back from an ankle injury and he played a huge game in the ruck.

The midfield brigade of Taj, (Carroll Family Award), Jacobi, Tynan (Good Sports) and Kobi were excellent all day. Taj was able to kick his first goal and was best on ground in an excellent game. The back line of Ewan, Matthew, Jaxon, Harley, Oscar and James (Mr Morison Award), were ever reliable and applied pressure all game. The forward line of Riley, Daemon, Cohan, Max and Sonny (Victoria Hotel Pizza) were active and provided options for our midfield. Max was able to get a handball resulting in an inside 50, which was a highlight for the team.

The team was set a goal of having ten tackles for the first quarter, midway through the first quarter they had already had fifteen and were ensuring opposition possessions were under pressure. The young team really stood up and demonstrated the progress they are making. Thank you to Harley and Oscar for helping us out and to the Rams for lending us players each quarter, their

thoughtfulness is a positive reflection of their positive culture. Thank you to Heath, Simon, Ray, Tyler,

Nadine, Marie and Hayden for filling volunteer roles on the day.

Reserves

After a what could best be described as a gruelling day at the office the Bulldogs were able to claim the four points, and record the first back-to-back win for the season. With limited rotations on the bench, it turned into a genuine arm wrestle in the second half, but in being able to win all four quarters in notching the victory, the Coach's Box would have been both relieved and happy.

Again the 'Dogs were led in inspirational fashion in the clinches and in the corridor. Jordan Simpson (Victoria Hotel) and Greg Quinn (National Hotel) were both hard at it, being assured in the air and precise with the boot. With Brad Moon (Pony Award), Brodie Reaper (Good Sports), Glen James, Ed Caburnay and Reece Mitchell providing plenty of zip and spark on the outside it meant the forwards, led by Rowan Pollock (5 goals) and Mitch Dingwall (2 goals) were able to cap off the good work at the coalface. When the ball did enter the back 50 it was slowed, stopped and repelled by excellent efforts from Dylan A'Vard, Pat Monaghan, Callum Pickles and the returning Jack Douch. It was a good win and hopefully can be the springboard needed to stay in the top rungs of the ladder.

Seniors

In many ways the senior clash copied the previous game. It was a tough, hard-fought encounter with pressure applied over the ground for the majority of the match. The Seniors won 3 of 4 terms, and with twice as many scoring shots eventually wore down the Bears and won by 40 points. Triple figures were almost posted, but with 8 individual goalkickers the load was shared, which is a positive to take from the victory.

Brodie Carroll (Victoria Hotel and 2 goals) and Archie Hildebrandt (National Hotel) were at their elusive and creative best as they created countless opportunities. Fed at the stoppages by Lachlan Sidebottom who worked non-stop against what was a strong Bears tall pack, the rest of the 'Dogs runners and overlap brigade were able to figure prominently as well.

Skipper Steve Gunther, Benny Knight and Zac Alford were able to win their fair share of the ball and put it to use. Deep in the back half Daniel Frame put in an excellent four quarters, and in conjunction with Dylan Morison they teamed to feed consistently to Gav James and Bailey George who delivered their multiple mop-up possessions with precision. It was a good win, and with no injuries it can hopefully provide some impetus as we head into the mid part of the season.

Make sure you catch up with Tania Burke if you haven't already been given a canteen roster duty and see Abbey Dingwall for your raffle and entry tickets to our Ladies Day activity today.

After today's game it is Family Night in the Clubrooms; get your teams of 8 sorted and we look forward to seeing you there.

#bulldogs2025

Netball

Round 4 V's B/L Serpentine

Community Umpiring Week, was celebrated last week, we thank all of the people who give up their time each week to make sure that those who play football and netball for the Pyramid Hill Football and Netball Club are able to run out with their teams each week. Community umpiring can be a great way to get involved in the game, to volunteer, to keep fit, develop life skills and make life-long friends. Pyramid Hill Ladies Day this Saturday, all money raised will be donated to Breast Cancer Network Australia. Thank you, Abbey Dingwall for all your hard work in running and organising this event. See Abbey to secure your entry ticket and raffle tickets. The "Good Sports Award" recipient last Saturday, is Aleesha Flanagan, for her teamwork skills, sportsmanship and kindness to stepping up playing 2 games of Netball in A and A Res. Congratulations Aleesha!

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B Reserve- Conditions were warm to start the play at Serpentine for the girls. Everyone came out firing with a strong lead at the end of the first quarter. Some good intercepts down the court and in the goal ring from Mikayla Gibson and Zoe Ross saw a few turnovers in favour of Pyramid Hill. The third quarter the girls really found their groove and continued to extend the lead. Best on Award- Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill Award- Zoe Ross. Final Score- Pyramid Hill 51 B/L Serp 19.

B Grade- We had a rocky start to the game, with Serpentine pushing us hard and making us fight for

every goal. Despite the early pressure, our defence stood strong across all four quarters, putting in a huge effort and continually turning the ball over. Although we took a little while to find our rhythm as a team, we gradually settled in and extended our lead, easing the pressure as the game went on. Well Done girls- a solid team effort! Let's keep the momentum rolling into next week. Best on Award- National Hotel Award- Jordann Broad. Final Score- Pyramid Hill 39 B/L Serp 28.

A Reserve- A Reserve claimed a 54-38 win over Serpentine in a competitive outing. Up by just 6 at three quarter time, the team pulled away with a strong final quarter, driven by full-court defensive pressure that forced key turnovers. Several combinations were trialled with great effect, and Katie Pollock was named best on for her consistent impact across the game. Best on Award- Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill Award- Katie Pollock. Final Score- Pyramid Hill 54 B/L Serp 38.

A Grade- Keen to put a full 4 quarter effort together on the back of last week's disappointing loss, the girls came out firing on all cylinders. Slick skills across the court made for a great spectacle. The defensive effort down the court was unrelenting and gave our defence countless opportunities to intercept and transition the ball into our attack with the results converted to scoreboard pressure and a great win!! Go Hill!! "Good Sports Award"- Aleesha Flanagan. Best on Award- National Hotel Award- Morgan Dingwall. Final Score- Pyramid Hill 60 B/L Serp 40.





— ● ANZAC Day – Remembering Our Heroes

On the 25th of April, teachers, staff and students of Pyramid Hill College joined the community at the Memorial Hall to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who served and sacrificed in times of war and peacekeeping operations.



Prior to this, several activities were held at school to commemorate our ANZAC heroes. Students baked ANZAC Biscuits and created a plaque for ANZAC Day. While Year F/1 class made some beautiful red poppies.

The ANZAC's bravery at Gallipoli and beyond has left a lasting mark in our hearts, a legacy of unity, courage and camaraderie.
Lest we forget.



— ● Mother's Day Breakfast

We had a wonderful turnout as our amazing mums, grandmothers, carers and special guests joined us for our Mother's Day Breakfast. Midway through the morning, a quick raffle added a touch of fun to the celebration. In addition, gold coin donations collected will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research.



The event was proudly hosted by our Student Representative Council (SRC) with the full support of our principal, assistant principal, teachers, staff and students.

It was heartwarming to see families coming together to share breakfast and celebrate Mother's Day. Wishing you all a "Happy Mother's Day" this Sunday.

MAYORAL COLUMN

30 April 2025

At our April Council Meeting, Councillors considered a number of key items. The meeting outcomes included:

Loddon Shire Council Draft 2025/26 Budget (including Fees and Charges)

Council has endorsed the draft 2025/26 Budget and draft Revenue and Rating Plan for public comment until Monday 26 May 2025.

The draft budget includes a rate increase of 3 per cent – in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. Council remains debt-free, with no loan repayments, and a continued strong cash positive position.

The draft budget allocates a capital expenditure program of \$8.61 million, which includes \$4.79 million towards roads, \$0.77 million for urban and road drainage and \$0.38 million for footpaths.

Additionally, the budget includes a \$634,000 allocation for works associated with the Building Asset Management Plan and full funding of Council's ongoing commitment to community planning of \$750,000.

To offset the increased cost of kerbside waste and recycling services, waste services charges will have a 6 per cent increase applied.

These adjustments continue to ensure compliance with any necessary legislation or regulations. The cost of a 140-litre bin will remain at \$425 and a 240-litre bin to \$578. The cost for a 240-litre kerbside recycling bin will increase to \$160.

The schedule of Fees and Charges is also out for public comment until Monday 26 May 2025. It is proposed to increase fees and charges by 3 per cent, the same as the rate increase.

The Revenue and Rating Plan for 2025-2029 has also been drafted and is out for public comment. This document provides guidance for Council to determine what is the most appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach for Council. The previous principles have been reviewed by Council and are seen as the most appropriate approach for this updated Plan.

Copies of the documents are available on Council's website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Financial-reports

Copies are also available for inspection at Council's Wedderburn office during business hours or can be posted out on request by calling Council's Customer Service on (03) 5494 1200.

Council will meet to consider any feedback on these key financial documents at the Council Forum on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

Governance Rules Review

Council is also reviewing its Governance Rules, with proposed changes now available for public feedback. Members of the community are invited to consider and provide feedback on the proposed changes. To view the proposed changes, visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment>

Feedback must be received by 9am on Friday, 9 May 2025 and can be submitted by email to loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au, by post to PO Box 21 Wedderburn 3518, or delivered in person to Council's Wedderburn office (41 High Street). Council will review feedback at its May Forum (13 May), before further considering the proposed changes at its May Council Meeting.

Draft Loddon Inclusive Communities Plan

Loddon Shire Council is seeking feedback on the draft Loddon Inclusive Communities Plan 2025–2029, on public display from Thursday 8 May to Wednesday 21 May 2025.

The Plan outlines strategies to enhance inclusivity across the Loddon Shire, ensuring all residents have equitable access to services, opportunities, and feel welcome to participate in all aspects of community life. It reflects Council's commitment to fostering a welcoming and accessible environment for everyone.

The draft Plan will be available for review on Council's community engagement platform: connect.loddon.vic.gov.au/loddon-inclusive-communities-plan

Feedback must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 and can be submitted by email to loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au, by post to PO Box 21, Wedderburn VIC 3518 or delivered in person to Council's Wedderburn office (41 High Street).

You can also share your feedback by completing a short survey at connect.loddon.vic.gov.au/loddon-inclusive-communities-plan



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Inglewood Streetscape Development Project update

Council has obtained permits to remove the existing building on the 'old service station' site at the eastern entrance to Inglewood.

Works will include remediation of the property, in preparation for future development of the site, as part of the project.

To read the full media release, visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notices/News-articles>

Congratulations Seth

I am pleased to share some great news from our Boort community. Congratulations to Seth M, who has been invited to join the Cross Country Athletic Tour in America in September.

Seth's selection is a result of his consistent and impressive performances over the years, especially at State level.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Seth and an outstanding achievement.

Well done, Seth.

Anzac Day

Finally, I would like to recognise and thank everyone involved in organising Anzac Day commemorations across honour of attending the Calivil and Mologa ser were well attended by our communities.

Cr Dan Straub, Mayor





Seafood Tournament Bowls Report

What a draw card are the succulent trays of seafood generously donated by Paul and Kathy from the Victoria Hotel! The greens were filled with twenty-six teams of players from a wide area all vying for the prizes on offer. (Mention and appreciation must be extended to Carmen and Joe who travel to many other bowling venues and put out personal invitations for return compliments from other places.) Plus, we were turning requests to play away as we ran out of room to accommodate everyone. That's an unavoidable shame, but an indication of how popular this tournament is.

Sincere thanks to Paul and Kathy for their generous sponsorship. You made our venue buzz and zing for the day.

Seeing all the bowlers in action and enjoying themselves was a magnificent sight. The weather was just perfect and the facility was in pristine condition. Of course a huge amount of work went into the preparations for the day. The time and attention to detail of our Green Keepers is just mind-blowing.

Carmen, Joe and Anthony spend many hours mowing, rolling, trimming, blowing, snipping, lopping, lining, ditch cleaning – amongst all manner of things. A huge THANK YOU is afforded to them for their work. They definitely deserve way more accolades than come their way. Thanks, also, to others who contributed along the way. Every contribution was helpful in making the day such a success.

Another wonderful draw card for our tournaments is always the food! Our Catering Committee, spear-headed by Kate, has built a remarkable reputation for providing delicious and copious amounts of food whenever a tournament is staged. This event was no exception. The passionfruit- iced sponges are always in demand.

As one gentleman commented, "You can't put on weight eating these sponges, they are so light!"

Although the spread looked like there was sufficient to feed two armies, there was little left when the tummies were filled. Thanks to all who helped with the provision of food – there was a great variety and display of local baking skills. Well done to, Kate for her organization of us all. Our good name was definitely maintained on a pedestal. No-one could possibly have gone hungry. The small work-force in the kitchen also deserve a few pats on their backs as they were left undermanned due to some local members having to form a team when a travelling team failed to show up. Well done to the people so flexibly who adopted the bowling role,

and great work and a round of applause to the ones left working at a frenetic pace in the kitchen, manning the bar and selling raffle tickets. What a great team together we all make!

The day was made even more profitable with the selling of raffle tickets. It is important to note that many of our local businesses donated items for the raffle. Thanks to Raelene at the PO., Janine at the Coffee Bank, Mandeep at the Store, Nev at Miller's Ag, and Paul at the Butchery for their contributions. The raffle register was added to by donations from a number of Club Members as well.

After the playing of 24 ends of bowls, there remained five unbeaten teams. Only one team was an outright winner after the calculation of points scored. That was the team with local talent, Lionel, who combined with some lads from the Cohuna area. They claimed the biggest trays of seafood. It took a count-back of shots up and down to separate the other four teams. The final decision fell in the favour of the Murray Downs team, which included the other local talent Marie S. It was fantastic that our own players scored some of the seafood haul.

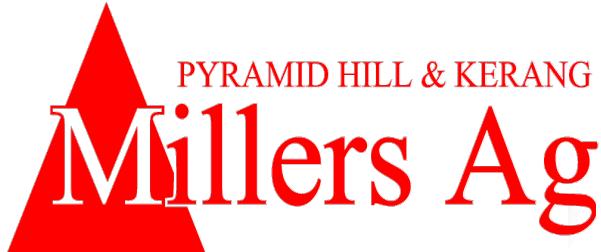
After experiencing a more financially challenging year than the norm, due to the failure and replacement of two refrigerators and a deep freeze, the profits from the tournament will be put to good use. A very sincere thank you to everyone who attended whether by playing or working. The day was a tremendous success due to your influence and support.

It is almost time to put our feet up and rehabilitate before a new season. Before we can do that, we have some greens and grounds preparations and catering to do for State Events mid-May – three days beginning 19th May. It will still require all hands on deck. Please don't neglect to do your allocate jobs to keep our facility in tip-top condition eg. ditches, cleaning, gardening etc. We will want to present our Club facilities in their best light for these elite players from across the state.

Other dates to remember: Wind Up dinner at the Victoria Hotel Wednesday 14th May @ 6:30pm AGM PHBC Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

Just to keep us laughing: It's gardening season: Five weeks ago I planted myself on the sofa and I've grown considerably.

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