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NSC Windmill. Photo credit: Pete Knuiman

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Editor's note

Rein could no longer commit as NSC's editor, so Pete and I have taken ownership for the time being. If you would be interested in the editor's position which also means you will need to become a committee member in the next term, please get in touch with us.

Even though it is not a difficult job, we – NSC – require a great eye for detail and expect you to work with others for copy and proof reading. The Echo is "het visite kaartje" of the NSC and needs to be as perfect as it can be.

Please let us know if you think you are up for this task. It does involve chasing people: get copy sent to you on time and in the correct lay-out. Of course, we can manipulate the documents for you, but time constraints play a huge role to get everything to the designer/printer on time. A "thick skin" is also helpful to make this an enjoyable experience 😊.

It would be preferable if you are proficient in the Dutch language, but it is not a 'must.' There are plenty of us to help out with that.

On page 18 Petra has written about her father's 100th years birthday. What a great story. We would love to hear about those milestone's as they are worth mentioning. But also, if you know of a person who passed away, let us know and we will mention the passing in the next Echo.



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Want to contribute to the next issue of the Echo Newsletter?

Echo Material for the next issue of the Echo has to be in by the 20th of each month. Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable, the editor will be very happy with typewritten articles. You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as an attachment to email or with an email in Word format (.doc NOT .docx). Please ensure any images are of good quality. Please send to:
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President's greeting

Dear reader of our Echo,

I would like to start this president's report with wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope 2023 will be a great year for you personally, but also in your career. I realize we cannot always – more often than not – choose the job we would so love to have but working with a great bunch of people can make a job enjoyable and worthwhile.

As it has been two months since our previous Echo, there is a lot we want to share with you:

- On 27 November we celebrated Sinterklaas with our senior members. It was a lovely afternoon with Sinterklaas and his Pieten. Sint must have had his ears turned “on” during the past 12 months as he was up to date with all things that happened in the year gone by. Have a read on page 4.
- Sinterklaas and his Pieten also arrived on a very sunny Sunday 4th December, after the games had finished. Not only did the younger members enjoy themselves, but parents and grandparents also put their best foot forward. Have a read on page 5.
- NSC's traditional X-Mas barbeque was held on Sunday 18 December. Even though the rain was bucketing down, inside there was a great atmosphere. The choir sang a few lovely Christmas and sing-a-long songs. The play was quite different this year. I even saw a rooster taking part 😊. Santa Claus also paid us a visit. Have a read on page 6.

Summer arrived and we can finally enjoy the warm and sunny weather. This is also the time of the year for us to order wood for the winter chills. Our dog Dakota was Pete's little helper 😊



When writing this report, we are busy working on the windmill as the unveiling will take place on the 12th of February. Have a read how this project took shape on pages 12 and 13. For more detailed information about the unveiling have a read on page 8.

The small concrete area has been removed, as well as part of the fence and hedge. New grass has been put down and it looks “groen als een biljart laken”. To the people and companies involved in making this happen on such short notice: “Thank you so much”.

On 12 February we not only celebrate the unveiling of the ‘Windmill on Marshland’ but it will also be the first Dutch Market in 2023. As it is such a special day, we have invited other European clubs to take part. Anyone interested to sell their crafts or food will be present with a stall.

As mentioned in a previous report we sent out December's Echo by email. This saved us quite a lot of money. Because we did not receive any negative responses, we – your NSC committee – have made the decision to continue sending out the Echo this way. Of course, if you prefer to have the Echo send to you by post, we will accommodate that, however from April onwards your subs will go up accordingly.

Even though it was only for a short period of time, we – NSC's committee – would like to say “Thank you” to Rein for taking ownership of the Echo. Until another editor will put his or her hand up to take on this task, Pete and I will be “the one(s)”.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee



Dee Segeren

President
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Sinterklaas for Seniors (on 27 November 2022)

Sunday the 27th of November our "mature" members came to the club rooms to have an afternoon with Sinterklaas. Everyone joined in the singing to welcome Sinterklaas and his "Pieten". The "boat" was a great place again for meeting up with Sinterklaas and we had a good laugh at the hilarious conversations.

The special afternoon tea and the little present were very much appreciated. Thank you very much to Sinterklaas and his helpers for their special visit and we hope he is coming again next year.

Annie



Sinterklaas Feest (on 4 December 2022)

The committee was up and rearing to go early on 4 December, setting up the tent and everything needed for another “Sinterklaas Feest.”

We were extremely lucky with the weather, enjoying a gloriously sunny day, although ‘Sint’ was a bit warm in his red robes.

The day started with the games for the children which were actively and competitively participated in.

Prizes were won for first, second and third place. Of course, the parents and even grandparents joined in and competed. The games ended with the tug of war which was enjoyed by both young and old.

In the meantime, everyone took the opportunity to enjoy coffee, a broodje kroket, and poffertjes.

Sinterklaas arrived around 2pm with his ‘Pieten.’

Even though the ‘boat’ was set up many children made the most of the lack of restrictions this year and sat on Sint’s lap and gave hugs. It is always amazing to see that the Sint speaking Dutch to the little ones does not phase them one bit. This year we had a family join us who had literally arrived in NZ just the night before, and it was great to see how they were welcomed and how quickly the children joined in the activities. They wrote us later to thank us for the warm welcome they received and how much they enjoyed celebrating ‘Sinterklaas’ in the Christchurch sunshine. Definitely a day enjoyed by everyone, big and small!

Miryam



Christmas BBQ (on 18 December 2022)

This year again we celebrated Christmas with a BBQ. This is a very popular event with about 80 people, young and old attending. It was a busy afternoon.

With the assistance of the choir everyone had a sing-a-long of all the old Christmas songs.



The Christmas play this year was very different from earlier years.

Never seen before, the Archangel sitting on top of the stable, the ox and donkey were having a party, a rooster made an appearance, the children did a dance and decorated the stall and sang songs.



For the children a big surprise, Father Christmas throwing lollies around.

After all that excitement we all enjoyed the food off the BBQ and a wonderful dessert.



Thank you to the committee members for doing all the hard work who made it into a fantastic day for all, and a special thank you to Pete Knuiman for building the stable, wonderful job.



Looking forward to seeing many of you at the next market on the 12th of February and wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Annie

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What's On!

European Market



Sunday 12 February 2023
from 10am–12.30pm

The market will be held in tandem with the regular monthly Dutch market at the Netherlands Society's grounds.

Unveiling “Windmill on Marshland”



12 February 2023, 1pm
637 Marshland Road, Christchurch

We would like to invite you to celebrate the official unveiling with us.



Dr. Ursula Rack

On 24th March Dr. Ursula Rack will give a presentation about Antarctica.

Where: NSC Clubrooms, 637 Marshland Road
When: 24 March at 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)
Coffee and tea will be provided

Dr Rack is a polar historian with specific expertise in Antarctic explorations from around the turn of the twentieth century. Her research interests relate to the social conditions on polar expeditions, ranging from the 19th century up until the modern day.

In May 2018 Dr. Rack was appointed as the Austrian Honorary Consul for the South Island of New Zealand.

Since 2018, she is working as a lecturer for Antarctic history and expedition staff for the company Silversea. The voyages are on the west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula as well as the Malvinas/Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

We would love to see you on the 24th March so please come along and listen to Dr. Rack's Antarctic travel journeys to and experiences in this very cold part of the world.



What's On!

Youth of Yesterday



Every Friday morning
9.30am - 2pm approx.

A Happy New Year to you all. The crazy time is over, all that pressure, shopping and idiots out there, I sometimes wondered whatever happened to goodwill to all. One old lady drove backwards onto the road out of the carpark onto a road full of traffic, the mind boggled!

I am sure you all had a wonderful time with family and friends and the weather on that day certainly helped. Our end of year luncheon went very well, we nearly had 30 people but unfortunately 1 person had contracted Covid and another had family or friends over. Thank you for the help in the kitchen and I also would like to thank you all very much for my gift. On 20 December we open again.

Back to the usual: A small charge of \$2 entry. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea with a speculaas biscuit is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you know of someone or a group who would like to come, bring them. There is plenty of room.

4 groups operating: cards - Klaverjas, adult colouring in, rummikub, golfers

Maybe you would just like to get out of the house for a coffee and chat speaking Dutch/English with a group of friends, or maybe you are a group of knitters, crochet, etc. You are most welcome. We have plenty of space. You do not have to be dutch to join in.

Phone Lilian on 381-0218 for information
lilian_van_elk@hotmail.com

Dutch Language Classes / Nederlandse Les



Christchurch Netherlands Society, 637 Marshland Road, Christchurch

This year the classes will start in March, as we have the European Market and the official Windmill unveiling on February 12, 2023.

Classes will commence in March on every second (2nd) Sunday afternoon of the month, after the Dutch Market. The market finishes at 12.30 pm and people then need to pack away and clean up, so we thought we would start around 1.15 pm.

This gives those who want to grab lunch at the market time to enjoy their purchase(s), and others to have their Sunday lunch at home.

Everyone is Welcome! We ask for a small donation of \$2 per class to cover materials.

Pop-up consular desks 21/02/23

The consular team from the Dutch embassy in Wellington will be visiting Christchurch on 21 February 2023 where you will be able to apply for a Dutch passport or ID card and activate your DigiD at the Netherlands Society Christchurch NZ.

More info and how to book an appointment:

www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/new-zealand/latest-news/news/2023/01/19/apply-for-a-passport-or-id-card-in-christchurch-on-21-february-2023



News from the Embassy

Volume 2, Issue 1

January 2023

Important dates

Embassy closure

23 January 2023
(Wellington anniversary),

6 February 2023
(Waitangi day),

Pop Up consular desks

Christchurch 21/02/2023

Other cities to be confirmed

Tip of the month

For all your questions, call our 24/7 Contact center:

0800-388 243

Or have a look on:

www.netherlandsworldwide.nl

Message from the Ambassador

For many 2022 was a difficult year. The impact of the war of Russia against Ukraine, COVID, increased cost of living, and climate change. There was also a lot to be thankful for. Look at Europe, we became more united, are working together on security, and creating more resilient societies.

Personally, it has been a year of change. Moving to New Zealand with my husband Pieter where I have the opportunity to work with a wonderful Embassy team in Wellington, also the Honorary Consuls in Christchurch, Auckland, Tonga, Fiji and Samoa. Furthermore, we have adopted a 10 week old Rhodesian Ridgeback named Rai from Tauranga. He has been a blessing for our little family.



In 2023 I look forward to expanding our friendships and collaborations with the hardworking Netherlands Societies, Dutch Clubs, Dutch Business Association and Federation. You all are such important ambassadors for our beautiful community in Aotearoa New Zealand. I am grateful for all your hard work. You can rest assured that the Embassy Team will continue to support your activities in bringing the Netherlands and New Zealand communities together. Especially, in a world that is drifting apart and polarization seems to prevail, I will focus on how we as the Dutch can bring it together, create welcoming platforms for all and strengthen relations between the different communities in New Zealand.

By the way, did you know there is a new windmill in Christchurch that will be inaugurated this year? Job well done! Also looking forward to Dutch Week which will run from 27 April to 7 May and includes; the Big Dutch Day Out, Dutch Film Festival, nationwide Orange Bike Ride, Speech Competition, Vrijmarkten, and several buildings around the country lit in Orange. In July we welcome the Dutch women's soccer team to Dunedin and Wellington for the FIFA Women's World Cup. Super exciting and great examples of the Dutch moving forward!

For many it's already no surprise, but we are opening a passport application facility in Auckland in March where you can apply for a passport. More information on this topic can be found in this newsletter. By opening the passport facility in Auckland I hope it will help your accessibility of the consular services of the Embassy. Please, let me know if there are any topics on our services that we can do better.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful 2023. Looking forward to meet you at our events or during our visits around New Zealand.

Ard van der Vorst, Ambassador.

Good news for Dutch citizens in and around Auckland!

It will soon be possible to apply for a Dutch passport or ID card in Auckland all year round at the office of our external service provider VFS Global.

Please note that, unlike the Embassy, VFS Global charges a service fee for handling a passport or ID card application. However, this is cheaper and less time consuming than a trip to Wellington!

VFS aims to open the appointment system early February and receive its first Dutch applicants early March.

Follow our NetherlandsWorldwide website for any updates!



New electoral college elections for non-residents of the Netherlands

On **15 March 2023** there will be new elections for Dutch voters abroad: the elections for the members of the electoral college (kiescollege) for non-residents of the Netherlands. These elections will give you a say in the composition of the Eerste Kamer (Senate). You can **register** for these elections so that you will be able to vote. This needs to be done **before 1 February 2023**.



<https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/voting-abroad> for more information.


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De transformatie van lightbeacon naar windmill

1



Shag Reef Range 2

Dit is de eerste keer dat wij hem hebben gezien en jullie misschien ook. Hij stond aan de ingang van Lyttelton haven.

2



Toen heeft de familie Newman hem gekocht en in hun tuin "opgeslagen".

Frank van Schaijik – John Jones Steel - dacht dat het een perfecte basis voor een windmolen zou kunnen zijn. Hij bood de Netherlands Society Christchurch aan de windmolen op NSC's terrein te plaatsen. Na veel overleg kreeg het project het groene licht.

3



Frank gaf architect Marijn van Herel de opdracht tekeningen en een schaal model te maken

4



Na veel tekeningen en berekeningen en het groene licht van de gemeente voor exemption voor een building consent en resource consent, kon er worden begonnen met de bouw. Op 25 juni 2022 werd de bekisting voor de fundering geplaatst

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Een stalen kolom en dak constructie werden gebouwd

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Vrijdag 2 december om 5 uur in de morgen kwam de basis aan op locatie

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Op 3 december kreeg zij haar definitieve plaats

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De wieken maakten de molen compleet op 17 december

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De "stenen" kwamen er in de week na kerstmis aan (gedoneerd door Pete Knuiman Ltd.) Natuurlijk is er nog veel meer gedaan. Voor het eind resultaat nodigen we jullie allen hartelijk uit. De officiële onthulling willen we graag met jullie (in grote getalen) delen op zondag 12 februari om 13.00 uur, na de eerste Dutch market in 2023.

We willen Firth Industries en Calder Stewart Construction in het bijzonder bedanken voor hun bijdrage / donatie aan het Windmill-project.

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We willen ook iedereen heel hartelijk bedanken voor de kleinere bijdragen, maar zeker niet minder gewaardeerd / op prijs gesteld 😊. Op 12 februari is de "barometer" ook beschikbaar voor je donatie!

Graag tot dan,

Pete

Puzzles

Ice Cream Flavours

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- BUBBLEGUM
- ROCKY ROAD
- CHOCOLATE
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- RASPBERRY
- VANILLA
- STRAWBERRY
- COOKIE DOUGH
- MINT CHIP
- CHERRY

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Anna and Henk Stegehuis



My parents have lived a truly remarkable life together. As they prepare to celebrate 72 years of marriage in April, I can't help but reflect on their life, their journey to New Zealand and the way they have contributed to the lives of those around them. They have built a beautiful life full of family, friends and countless memories which was only possible with love, courage, and a lot of hard work.

Their journey began when they met as scout leaders on a bus going to ommen for a weekend of training. Only a year later, they set off on a grand adventure to New Zealand aboard the ship Groete Bear. Anna's uncle had gifted them a packing case, which she, being the creative person she is, decided to decorate with paint. However, the paint was not fully dry when they stencilled their names on the crate. As they watched a sailor in a crisp white uniform carry the crate onto the ship, the passengers couldn't help but burst into laughter as the sailor walked back with their names smeared down his back.

Anna turned 21 while the ship was anchored outside Melbourne, and due to a harbour strike in Wellington, they were only able to sail as far as Sydney. After spending a few days in Sydney, they completed their journey to Wellington by flying boat, where they were greeted by a large sign reading "HOLLAND GO HOME". Luckily the sign was in reference to the prime minister and not them.

As they began their new life in New Zealand, Henk spent several weeks living in a tent and working at a milk factory while my mother worked at a hospital. Just two weeks after their arrival, they got married and started building their life together.

In September, while Anna was working for the Government in a building overlooking the harbour, the Southern Cross docked bringing Anna's bother Henk, his wife Will, and some friends from Almelo. This was a day that Anna and Henk were very much looking forward to.

Adjusting to a new life in a foreign country can be filled with unexpected challenges, as many immigrants can attest. This was something that Anna and Henk were not immune to!

The term 'bring a plate' had Anna worried the host had run out of plates!

Anna had a slightly misfortunate interaction with a drunk hairdresser, leaving her a little short on the back and sides.

Henk got out of the lift on the wrong floor and accidentally interviewed at the wrong company, yet surprisingly, he still landed the job!

After visiting Blenheim for a weekend and attending a wedding where they received 3 job offers, they decided to move there. My father secured a job with the National Bank, and they began building their own family together. After having two sons, Hans and Wouter, Oma, Anna's mother, came to help out while Anna worked hard to save money for a trip back to the Netherlands.

Upon their return, Henk worked in Anna's fathers wholesale business selling sweets, while also learning the craft of making cane plant stands, which he continued to do as a second job for many years, with Anna's assistance in varnishing them, of course. During their trip home, they welcomed their first and only daughter Marjon, before returning to Blenheim in 1958 and having two more sons, Eric and Reudi.

After a transfer from the bank, Anna, Henk and their 5 children moved to Christchurch and purchased a house on Grimsey's Road, which they transformed into their new home. My mother, Anna, started a café called 'Annas Place' when Northlands mall opened, learning as she went and growing it into a successful business.

In their 50's, they opened 'Northlands Travel', allowing Henk to leave the bank and Anna to step back from running the café, leaving it in Reudi's capable hands, and working alongside Henk. This new venture opened the door to a wealth of travel and new experiences for them.

Their hard work had paid off, and for many years, they were able to enjoy a Bach in Tikao Bay, where family and friends were always welcome to join them for holidays. There are many fond memories of Tikao Bay.

When Henk retired at 67, he said that he never thought he would have the opportunity to retire and that he would work for the rest of his life. Now at 94 and Anna aged 92, they live in their final home together where my mother continues to take care of my father and the garden with love and care.

They have five children, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Through all of the good moments, challenges and hard work, they both agree that they would do it all over again, and that, I believe, is the true mark of a wonderful life together.

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637 Marshland Road, Christchurch



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Amsterdam has had its fill of sex and drug tourists



The Netherlands: There's more to do in the Lowlands than getting high. Amsterdam is fighting back against foreign louts with an advertising campaign and new restrictions to stop tourists travelling there for drink, drugs and sex. The city will begin a "discouragement campaign" in the spring to put off "nuisance". British tourists seen as the principal menace to peace and quiet on Amsterdam's 17th and 18th century streets and canals. Councillors said it would be a "targeted, digital discouragement campaign on foreign visitors who only come to Amsterdam for alcohol, drugs and sex".

Sofyan Mbarki, the deputy mayor who is in charge of the initiatives, said: "The aim of the campaign is to keep out visitors that we do not want. If we love the city, we must take action now. "Action is needed to prevent nuisance and overcrowding. Amsterdam is a world city and bustle and liveliness come along with this but to keep our city liveable we need to choose limits instead of irresponsible growth."

Amsterdam's cannabis coffee shops are a magnet for often loutish groups of stag and hen parties. Drunk or stoned groups of young men walk to the city's famous red light district, renowned for its legalised brothels with prostitutes on display behind shop windows, creating a toxic atmosphere for residents. The stay-away campaign will initially focus on British tourists and, if successful, will tackle nuisance-causing groups from other countries, according to Noord-Holland, the broadcaster.

This week Mbarki presented a series of measures to the city's municipal executive, including a ban on smoking cannabis in city centre streets, reducing numbers of nuisance stag parties and pub crawls and limits on the number of river cruises. There are also plans to move about 100 brothel windows away from the Wallen district near the central train station to a new "erotic" centre and hotel.

Councillors are concerned that the red light district has become a voyeuristic and offensive tourist attraction far removed from the port city's earthy and romantic past as celebrated by Jacques Breil's song Amsterdam.

The council is also examining whether to ban the sale of hashish and marijuana after 4pm from Thursday to Sunday. Mbarki's plan has the long-term aim of keeping tourism below ten million overnight stays each year; numbers have almost doubled from 5.3 million in 2010.

One long-term project, if legal problems can be surmounted, is to limit the number of cheaper hotels and holiday rentals, with possible bans in central districts which have been overwhelmed by tourists. Hotels of "moderate quality" will be encouraged with grants to convert premises into homes or offices and the council will negotiate an agreement with the hospitality sector to set a maximum number of beds in the city.



Red light district by night in Amsterdam.

The real objective is to move Amsterdam away from the lower-end market of drug, drink and sex tours that put little back into the city's economy but creates a nuisance. "We want to get rid of commercial parties who earn their money from vulgar touristic entertainment in the scarce public space in the city centre: entertainment that does not take any account of Amsterdammers who live or work in the city," Mbarki said.

This article was published in Stuff, 03/12/2022.

Franz van der Velden 100 years young

Franz Johann Peter van der Velden (known as Franz) turned 100 on 18 November 2022, a milestone celebrated with family and friends. A special thank you to Bakermans bakery for supplying the superb birthday cake!



Franz was born and grew up at Kasteel Meerwijk in Empel, 's-Hertogenbosch, in the Netherlands. Here he attended Primary School and Lyceum. After that, he attended the Maritime Academy in Rotterdam.

During WWII Franz worked at home helping his family with harvesting on their property. At the end of the war he worked for several months as a telegraphist at the Post office. After that he worked for the KLM airlines for 20 years, first as a telegraphist and then joined the Ground crew.

Franz and his wife, Maria came to NZ on their honeymoon in 1963 and later immigrated here in 1968. His mother also joined them. His brother and wife had already immigrated to NZ in 1952.

When Franz first arrived in NZ he accepted several odd jobs in harvesting and painting before being offered work at the Sunshine Bread factory in Marshland, Christchurch. Here he remained for 22 years until his retirement at age 65.

Over the years, Franz's handyman and carpentry skills have been extensively utilised. He could always be seen fixing something around the house or building things including furniture for the home, dolls houses and rabbit cages. He took up lead lighting for several years and was also a very keen fisherman, especially enjoying eeling. Franz is also a very talented musician. He played several instruments including his favourites, the piano and accordion but also played the clarinet and saxophone.

Franz and Maria have two children (Alex and Petra) and two grandchildren (Brianna and Willem).



Franz had one brother; Henk Johannes van der Velden who passed away several years ago.

Franz and Maria (90) lived in Christchurch up until 4 years ago when they moved to Rangiora to be closer to their daughter, Petra. Both still live in their own home in Rangiora.

Up until 1 1/2 years ago, Franz was still able to drive but much to his disappointment, his failing eye sight has prevented him from continuing to do so.

Petra

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