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# RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We are half way through the year and we feel the winter is with us. We had a lot of activities in the last three months.

As we do in every year, in March we organise the barbecue for all our members. This was held on the 13th of March. A large number of members attended and all agreed it was a good day.

On the 16th of April we organised a trip to Daylesford where 48 members enjoyed the trip and the day.

On the 7th of May we had the luncheon for Mother's Day and this was supported by a large number of members and friends. The luncheon was held at the Firenze Reception Centre.

The Wednesday before Easter has been our custom to treat our members to a hot cross bun and some chocolates, and this year this was done once again.

Salvina and Paul Vella, our President and Secretary respectively, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 30th May. The committee and members presented them with a flower arrangement and a Willow Tree "Together" statue.

On the weekend of 16th and 17th May we organised a weekend trip to Albury. This time we experimented with some new clubs and motel. The choice was a good one as all members and friends who took part complemented the committee.

In the last few weeks we lost two committee members in George Colvin and Annie Gauci. This was a great loss and brought a lot of sadness on the committee and the members.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

**PAUL VELLA, Editor**

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## A Trip to Daylesford



### Reskeon Seniors members enjoyed a trip to Daylesford on Thursday, 16th April.

Daylesford is a lovely country town in Victoria, with the main attraction being the Hepburn Springs.

The weather forecast was for rain in the morning with better weather in the afternoon. It turned out to be a dry cloudy day.

A group of 48 members boarded the Midland coach from the carpark of St. Joseph the Worker Church in North Reservoir at 9.30 pm. We travelled on the Calder Highway through Woodend and stopped at Trentham for a free cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. After a brief stay we continue our journey to Daylesford.

When we arrived there it was time for lunch. Some brought their own lunch and stopped at a lovely park near the lake. The rest of the group chose to have lunch at the Daylesford Bowling Club. Everyone enjoyed a large meal and a glass of wine.

The chef and the waiting staff really looked after us.

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All members back on the coach we travelled to the Chocolate Mill specializing in Belgian chocolates. Everyone had the chance of sampling the first class chocolates and some couldn't resist in taking their chocolate purchase home. Back on the coach we started our journey back to Reservoir arriving around 4.30 pm.

Thanks to our coach captain, Ron, who really looked after us so very well.

Thanks also to the members who took part in this trip for their behaviour and punctuality in boarding the coach to make the trip runs smoothly.



## Għal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

*Naf li hafna jixtiequ jaqraw xi haġa bil-Malti f'din li Newsletter u allura se nippruvaw nagħtu xi dettalji fil-qosor.*

### L-IKLA GĦAL JUM L-OMM

Din l-ikla inżammiet bhas-soltu fil-Firenze Receptions. Dawk li kienu preżenti kollha hadu gost u hafna sabu l-hin biex jirringrazzjaw lil xi membru tal-kumitat.

### HARĠA GĦAL DAYLESFORD

Grupp ta' 48 membru hadu sehem f'harġa għal Daylesford. Dan kien post li qatt ma morna fih u hassejna li jkun tajjeb jekk nippruva ma mmorrox dejjem fl-istess postijiet. Il-membri kollha hadu gost iżuru dan il-post.

### BBQ GĦALL-MEMBRI

Fit-13 ta' Marzu il-Grupp organizza BBQ għall-membri fil-park ta' Edwardes Lake. Numru sabih attendew u bħal dejjem, għoġobhom hafna tant li qalulna biex nagħmlu aktar minn wiehed fis-sena.

### HOT CROSS BUNS

Issa saret parti mill-kalendarju tal-Grupp li l-Erbgħa ta' qabel l-Għid il-membri jirċievu hot cross buns u fit bajd tal-Għid. Mhix xi haġa kbira imma nafu żgur li ddahhal lill-membri fl-ispiritu tal-Għid.

### 50 ANNIVERSARJU TAŻ-ŻWIEĠ

Fit-30 ta' Mejju, il-President u Segretarju, Salvina u Paul Vella, iċċelebrav il-50 Anniversarju taż-żwieġ tagħhom. Nhar l-Erbgħa, 27 ta' Mejju, il-kumitat u l-membri tal-Grupp ipprezentaw bukkett f'jur u statwa żgħira lil-hom għall-okkazjoni.

### TLIFNA ŻEWĠ MEMBRI LI HADMU

#### HAFNA FUQ IŻ-ŻEWĠ KUMITATI

Fi żmien ta' tliet gimgħat tlietna żewġ membri li serew fuq iż-żewġ kumitati u li hadmu hafna għar-Reskeon Maltese Association u Reskeon Seniors Group. Dawn kienu George Colvin u Annie Gauci. Kemm George u kemm Annie serew fuq il-kumitati għal hafna snin. Annie, mill-banda l-oħra, kienet membru sa mill-bidu tal-Għaqda. Noffru l-kondoljanzi tagħna lill-familji tagħhom. Mulej, agħtihom il-mistrieħ ta' dejjem.

### HARĠA TA' JUMEJN GĦAL ALBURY

Grupp ta' membri u hbieb hadu sehem f'harġa ta' jumejn lejn Albury. Din id-darba hsiġna li mmorru fi clubs u motel differenti u mid-dehra kienet deċiżjoni tajba għax dawk li hadu sehem hadu hafna pjaċir.

*Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'jaċċati oħra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergħu nil-taqghu darb'oħra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!*

— Paul Vella

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## Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary



**Salvina and Paul Vella, President and Secretary respectively of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 30th May.**

Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, celebrated a special Mass for the occasion and later had dinner with their immediate families.

Fr Agius organised a special Blessing from Pope Francis as well as a Blessing from Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, DD. Paul and Salvina received special messages from the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Prime Minister, the Governor of Victoria, the Premier and from the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, MP.

The Committee and members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group presented Salvina and Paul with a flower arrangement and a Willow Tree "Together" statue.

Salvina and Paul would like to thank them for this kind gesture and thank Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, for celebrating Mass for them and organising the Pope's Blessing.

Paul thanked God for the time He gave them together and thanked Salvina for the love and support she always gave him and for her hard work in running the Group.



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# We mourn two great committee members

## Vale Annie Gauci (1932-2015)



Early Monday morning, 25th May, 2015, Mr Emmanuel Gauci, son of our member Annie Gauci, rang with the sad news that his Mum, our member Annie Gauci, passed away on Sunday, 24th May, aged 82.

Annie was a special member for us. She, in fact, was a founding member of Reskeon Maltese Association and served on the committee for a long number of years. Then she became member of Reskeon Seniors Group, once again serving on the committee for a long time.

To me, and to others, Annie was a 'silent' worker in both groups. She was always there when she was asked for help. Even in the last few years when her health was causing her problems, she still attended the Reskeon Seniors Group meetings and helped in selling bingo tickets and calling out the bingo as well.

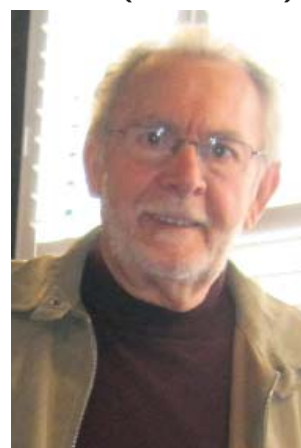
To us, Annie was a true friend.

She was the wife of the late John Gauci, the very first President of Reskeon Maltese Association who kept this position for a number of years.

Annie was survived by her four children, Emmanuel, Rita, Mario and Julie and their husbands and wives; her grandchildren Anastasia and Michael, Matthew, Simon, Benjamin and Noelle, Timothy, Thomas, Erin and Jacob and her great grandson, Noah.

On behalf of the President, committee and members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. we offer our condolences to all the family. May God grant her eternal rest.

## Vale George Colvin (1935-2015)



On Thursday, 14th May, 2015, with great sadness we learned of the passing away of our member, George Colvin.

George was a member of Reskeon Maltese Association for over 20 years. During this time he joined the committee as an ordinary member, then as Treasurer, Vice-President and was President for two years between 2002 and 2004. He also served as President for a few months before Reskeon Maltese Association joined the Reskeon Seniors at a Special General Meeting in May, 2014, by an unanimous vote by all members present.

In 1997 he joined the Reskeon Seniors Group. With this group he served as ordinary committee member, Treasurer, Vice-Co-Ordinator and Cordinator.

George was a hard-worker and always had Reskeon close to his heart.

He was always there when his help was needed and was always willing to lend a hand in whatever it was asked of him.

He was always there when he was asked to call the Bingo.

We are going to miss him, his wit and his willingness to help.

To his lovely wife, Tess, children Victoria and Michael, and grandchildren Melissa, Lee, Cassandra and Paul, we offer our sincere sympathy and pray God to give them the help they need during this sad time. May God grant him eternal rest.

## The arrival of the Defibrillator

As it was reported in the March issue, Secretary Paul Vella and member Tarcisio Xuereb attended an information session on the operation of the Defibrillator. Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group contributed \$500 towards its purchase as did other groups that meet at Merrilands. Some weeks ago the Defibrillator arrived and was placed in the office next to the kitchen. In the picture, Mr Paddy McVeigh, CEO of PRACE (middle), is seen presenting the Defibrillator to President, Salvina Vella (left) and Treasurer, Victor Pulis (right). Member Tarcisio Xuereb already showed interest in a First Aid course. Any other members who are interested in taking a First Aid course should contact Secretary, Paul Vella.



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## Reskeon members enjoy a barbecue lunch

Around 112 members of Reskeon Seniors Group enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Edwardes Lake Park on Thursday, 13th March.

The weather was excellent with temperatures reaching 26 deg. C.

The ladies prepared the salads while the men were in charge of cooking the sausages and the meat.

In no time the members started to be served with the meal. Red and white wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee were available all day.

Members were served with a fruit platter afterwards.

After the meal, some members enjoyed a chat in a group sharing all the goodies they brought with them. Cakes and sweets were in abundance. It was good to see the members enjoy the day like one happy family.

Other members enjoyed a walk along the 2.5 km walking track around the beautiful lake.

This is a family park and although on this Thursday we had the place for our own, on Saturdays and Sundays hundreds of community members from different nationalities flock the park.

This park boasts free gas barbecues and other amenities.

Thanks go to the Salvina and Paul for their part in organising the day. Thanks to Phyllis Vella, Madeleine Vella, Vera Sacco and Carmen Grech for preparing the salads and serving the meals. Thanks also to Charles Sacco, Vincent Borg, Caesar Vella and Joe Pace for cooking the meat and sausages.

A big thank you to all members present who made the day a pleasant and enjoyable one.



## A Free Sausage Sizzle



On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, the Committee of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised a free sausage sizzle to all members of the group.

The cooking was done by committee member Madeleine Vella with help from Sylvia Dakin.

Just after the first Bingo session all members enjoyed the free lunch of a sausage in a bread roll, along with free soft drinks, tea and coffee.

Thanks to all the committee members who helped one way or another in serving lunch, the drinks and tea and coffee.

All members enjoyed this treat.

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# The Seniors' Mother's Day Luncheon

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised their Mother's Day Luncheon on Thursday, 7th May, for their members, at the Firenze Receptions, McBryde Street, Fawkner. Around 130 members and friends attended.

Most members arrived at around 11 am and when they entered the hall were served with pre-lunch drinks and hors d'ouvres.

Secretary Paul Vella, MC for the day, welcomed guests and members and invited them to stand for the Maltese and Australian National Anthems. After Champagne was poured into the glasses, all male members were asked to be upstanding to offer a toast for all the Mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day.

The entrée of baked fish and rice and vegetables was served followed by a serving of lasagna and tortellini Carbonara on each plate. Main Course was grilled chicken and roast beef with vegetables on each plate. Dessert was Cassata and/or Tartufo ice-cream. This was followed by a platter of fresh fruit. Then tea and coffee was served along with Continental cakes.

The music on the day was in the hands of DJ King Charlie who kept all those present dancing on the floor most of the day.

Distinguished guests present were the Honorary Life Members, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Life Member and Ex-Co-Ordinator of the Reskeon Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella; Honorary Treasurer of the MCCV, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg. Apologies for not being able to attend were received from the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech, Life Member of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, the late Mrs Anne Gauci (who was in hospital at the time); and from Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville.

Later in the day, President Salvina Vella gave her message for the occasion of Mother's Day, wishing a good day to all Mums with their families and asked to remember and pray for all those mothers who were no longer with us. She wished all members to enjoy the day with their Mum if she was still with us and, as Mums, to enjoy the day with their families.

Then there was the presentation of trophies for the winner and runner-up of the Ladies' Bocce Competition which finished two weeks before this event. President Salvina Vella presented the trophies. This year's winner was Cathy Gatt and runner-up was Agostina Sultana. All participants in the competition were asked to join them for a group photo. Salvina Vella thanked Cathy Gatt for her role in organising this competition.

We thank President, Salvina Vella, who was responsible for the success of this function. We thank all members for being present and enjoying the day together as one big family.

Thanks to those members who donated items for the raffle. Thanks to all those members who found the time to approach committee members to pay their compliments for this well-organised function which, as always, was heavily subsidised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group. Thanks also to the management and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions for the way they looked after us like they do in all our functions.



## Hot Cross Buns and Chocolates for Easter

At the meeting of Reskeon Seniors Group, on Wednesday, 1st April, members present received a free hot cross bun and some chocolate eggs to get in the Easter spirit.

Around 120 members were present.

President Salvina Vella, committee member Madeleine Vella and helper Sylvia Dakin are seen distributing the hot cross buns and chocolates to members.

On the same day we had some young ones present with their grandparents. Dana and Lauren Volpi (Paul and Salvina Vella), Monique and Tara Grima (Rose Sacco) and Michela Spagnolo (Lina Frendo). Monique Grima had some cards with her for sale, with all proceeds going to the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. On Good Friday, Monique was on the Channel 7 Good Friday Appeal program and was interviewed when she presented her donation cheque from the cards for \$1600. Well done, Monique.



Back, from left: Monique Grima, Lauren Volpi, Dana Volpi. Front, from left, Michela Spagnolo and Tara Grima.

*It's now official! Now our name is...*

**Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.**  
After the May 2014 meeting, Reskeon Maltese Association joined Reskeon Seniors Group and now it's just one Group. We made changes to the Constitution and these were passed by the Department of Corporate Affairs. We thank Ms Cheryle Michael who added changes of the Department of Corporate Affairs and thanks to Caesar and Phyllis Vella who altered our Constitution with the new changes to become one Group.

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June 11: Restaurant Day  
 July: Free Sausage Sizzle  
 August 13: Fajer's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions)  
 September 8: Bambina Mass, St. Paul's Chaapel, Parkville  
 September 12: Vittorja (Bambina) Dinner Dance  
 September 13: Bambina Feast, St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne  
 October 7: AGM  
 October 15: Day Out  
 November 25: Club Closing  
 December 2: Christmas Break-Up\*

## MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

Every Saturday, at 6 pm:  
**St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)**  
 Every Sunday, at 8.00 am:  
**St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba**  
 Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:  
**St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine**  
 Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:  
**Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West**  
 Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:  
**St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir**  
 Every First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm:  
**St. Joseph Church, Springvale**  
 Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:  
**St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor**  
 Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park**  
 Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:  
**St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield**  
 (Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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## Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, **Dr Edwin Borg-Manche**, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertising our activities, to **Mr Paul Borg**, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin City Council** and the **Victorian Multicultural Commission** for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the **Maltese Radio Stations** for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.



With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently:

### JOHN SAPIANO

Cousin of member Iris Sapiano

### PATIENTIA CASSAR

Sister of member Carmen Grech  
 Sister-in-law of member Paul Farrugia

### JOSEPH PULLICINO

A member of Reskeon for many years  
 Husband of member Doris Pullicino

### JOHN MICALLEF

Brother of member Frank Micallef

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Sister-in-law of Alfred Mifsud

### GEORGE COLVIN

Member of Reskeon for many years  
 Served on committees as President, Co-Ordinator and Treasurer  
 Husband of member Tess Colvin

### ANNE GAUCI

Foundation member of Reskeon Assoc.  
 Wife of the late John Gauci  
 Founder and First President of Reskeon Maltese Association  
 Served on both committees

### JANE GAUCI

Ex member of Reskeon Maltese Assoc.

**Please remember them in your prayers**

**R.I.P.**

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## Happy Birthday ...

June: 3: Vivian Tabone; 7: Emily Depares, Fiona Cutajar; 17: John Saliba, Charles Magro; 22: Tessie Colvin; 25: Jane Cutajar; 27: Tony Cassar; 30: Pauline Busuttill.  
 July: 1: Frank Micallef, Charlie Camilleri; Charlie Ciantar; 15: Lina Bonnici; 19: Melita Borg, Tonina Cassar; 22: Freddie Cachia; 25: Annie Scicluna; 30: Carmen Borg, Paul Azzilla. August: 1: Helen Bonavia. 2: Salvina Vella (Reservoir), Fred Mifsud, Lino Hammett; 4: Mary Attard; 6: Salvina Vella (Coolaroo); 7: Frans Bonavia; Edward Fabri; 11: Doris Farrugia; 13: Godfrey Camilleri. 16: Gejtu Vella; 18: Dolly Agius; 20: John Hili; 23: Joe Agius; 24: Frank Mallia; 25: Sam Bartolo; 30: Manwel Mifsud; 31: Tessie Sacco.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

June: 1: Doris and Charlie Farrugia; 5: Gwido and Jane Ciantar; 12: Mr and Mrs Scicluna; 25: Mr and Mrs G. Magro; 27: Mr and Mrs G. Vella. July: 7: Mr and Mrs Tony Scicluna; 8: Doris and George Caruana; 10: Lucy and Edward Fabri; 16: Lisa and John Saliba; 17: Charles and Frances Galea; 27: Toni and John Hili. August: 7: Moses & Pauline Busuttill; 11: Rita and Charlie Zammit; 14: Antida and Jim Galea; 20: Miriam and Tony Mizzi.

## Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

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The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

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## SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:

The General Secretary, Society of Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

### Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



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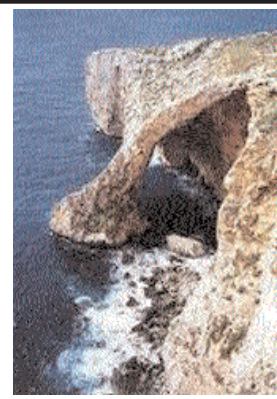
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## Weekend Trip to Albury

Early on Saturday morning of 16th May, a group of 44 members and friends boarded a Superb Tours coach from the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church, Wilson Boulevard, North Reservoir, on a two-day trip to Albury.

Weather-wise, Saturday and Sunday were two beautiful days, warm, with no clouds in the sky.

We travelled north through Chiltern and stopped in Euroa for free morning tea. Normally we stop at the Rotary Gazebo, but we found another four coaches there, so we travelled further on to another spot where we had the place to ourselves. This was more spacious with toilet blocks close.

From there we travelled and stopped at Howlong Country Golf Club for lunch and three-hour stay, then on to our accommodation, Elm Court Motor Inn, in Albury. The rooms were excellent and so was the hearty cooked breakfast on Sunday morning.

Saturday night we attended the Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church, and then we visited the SS&A Club in Albury for

dinner and another three-hour stay. The meals were excellent and the club has a lot of facilities.

On Sunday, after breakfast we travelled to Mulwala where we visited the Mulwala Services Club for lunch and another three-hour stay.

On our way back home we travelled through Shepparton where we did some shopping at SPC.

We arrived home at around 5.15 pm.

We would like to thank all the members and friends who travelled with us and they all enjoyed the weekend.

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