



# BERRIMA DISTRICT HISTORICAL & FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### From the President's Desk

The Berrima District Museum is gearing up for a busy October and November with the locking in of a number of group bookings. One promotional function, co-ordinated by Ros Dale and the museum volunteers, is called *A Taste of Berrima's Treasures*. District accommodation businesses are being invited to experience our award-winning exhibitions while sampling local wines and canapes. The objective is to promote and raise awareness for prospective patrons to be directed to our museum.

Our family history group held its most recent meeting on Wednesday 4 October where Denise Powers presented her research on wills and probate, records that are available online from the State Archives at Kingswood. An interesting discussion followed with other participants relating their many and varied experiences, some of which were most unusual.

Notice for the BDH&FHS Annual General Meeting is provided on page 2. Any member who is considering a committee or appointed position is encouraged to contact Secretary Peg for a nomination form.

The guest speaker for our general meeting on 26 October is Dr. Nathan Scudder from the University of Technology, Sydney. He will be talking about the implications of new DNA technology in regard to genetic genealogy. A full profile of Dr. Scudder is on page 3.

Also on page 3 is an invitation to attend a *Wine and Roses* open garden at Harper's Mansion in Berrima, a National Trust property. On show will be their collection of over 100 heritage roses.

Philip Morton provides on pages 4 & 5 a history of local telephone services and the "Hello Girls" who operated the manual exchanges for over 60 years.

Rocky Waterholes railway camp at Hill Top may not be widely known but Philip Morton has compiled an intriguing article from research uncovered by Frank Mitchell. The camp was established in the 1860s, primarily to house workers who were constructing the Picton to Mittagong section of the Great Southern Railway. The article on pages 6 & 7 highlights some of the difficulties encountered, including at the Big Hill cutting which at the time of construction was the deepest cutting in Australia.

Ian Mackey

### GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS

**OCTOBER 2023** Thursday 26 October at 2:00pm  
Speaker Prof Nathan Scudder, Genetic Researcher & Genealogist

**NOVEMBER 2023** Thursday 23 November at 2:00pm  
Annual General Meeting of BDH&FHS  
**AFTERNOON TEA** is served at end of meeting

The **Family History Interest Group** meets at the Mittagong Archives on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE, thanks if already paid**



## Moore Memorable Musings



### MOBILE VALUES?

*“Good manners mean being kind and thoughtful to others, making allowances for their shortcomings, and being considerate about their feelings.”* Ita Buttrose.

After a pleasant day in the city, I was looking forward to relaxing, perhaps even dozing on the train trip home. But it wasn't to be. Not far out of Central, some galoot in my carriage dialled his mate on his mobile phone. It was on speaker mode.

All the rest of us suffered an auditory assault of unintelligible chatter at full volume, which went on and on for about an hour. At one stage I thought of strangulation and I'm sure most of my travelling companions would cover for me in the ensuing court case. And this occurred in the quiet carriage!

I realise phones are now part of a person's anatomy, like any other limb. Mostly all of us carry this computer/camera/stopwatch/telephone/calorie counter/compass/street directory around with us all day. Just in case someone is trying to contact us. A 'must-have' device for lost bushwalkers and kidnapped teenage drug dealers. I believe this super sophisticated device has an 'off' button.

However, an amplified inane conversation is an affront to the senses when one is trying to relax, turn off, even read whilst enjoying the scenery. Here I suggest a little respect would not go astray since I've been taught that respect breeds civility.

In my short time on this planet, I've noticed that my old friend Good Manners is getting harder to find alongside that other old-fashioned expression, Common Sense.

Perhaps I have too much time on my hands to philosophise. Of course, today we live in a more complicated world of Political Correctness (PC), changing cultural values at a blistering pace.

Do you think we are confusing good manners with out-of-date rules?

**Bruce Moore**

## BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

### OPEN: FRIDAY to SUNDAY

10.00am to 3.00pm

throughout the year including school and public holiday periods.

Groups welcome at other times by arrangement. Ph John 0434 623 402

Museum: Phone 4877 1130 or email [bdmuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:bdmuseum@bigpond.com)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

#### Were due on 1 October

A Renewal Form was provided with the September newsletter. We are happy to receive payment by cash or money order, OR funds can be deposited to our bank account, details of which have changed since last year and are shown on the Renewal Form.

**NOTE:** If depositing funds to our bank account, please ensure that your initial and surname are used as reference and **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED-IN RENEWAL FORM AND BANK RECEIPT BY EMAIL.**

Thanks to all those members who have already paid.

### Archives' opening hours

Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

## NOTICE

### 2023 Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the BDH&FHS will be held on Thursday 23 November at 2pm along with a monthly meeting, in the upstairs meeting room at the Mittagong Archives.

### Local Community Heritage Study

The Wingecarribee Shire Council's Draft Community Heritage Study 2021-23 is now on public exhibition and Council is inviting submissions from property owners and the wider community.

Owners of properties identified in the draft Study as being of potential heritage significance were notified by letter and invited to engage with the project team commencing last month. Owners of properties within the proposed heritage conservation areas will have just received a letter providing details of the Study.

Public exhibition to the wider community commenced on 3 October and finishes on 6 November.

Please visit the public exhibition Project Page on Council's community website *Your Say Wingecarribee* on <https://www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/community-heritage-study> where you can find links to download all the draft Study. Submissions are welcome and can be made via the button on the Project Page.



**'Hello Girls':** A group of local telephonists and ex-telephonists attending a reunion at Bowral Bowling Club in November 1981. We don't have names, but readers may recognise some of the faces. The existing 1980s staff faced redundancy as the manual system was to be converted to automatic in 1983. *Story pages 4-5*

## October General Meeting speaker

**Dr Nathan Scudder**

University of Technology Sydney

**A talk on the implications of new DNA technology  
in regard to Genetic Genealogy**

**WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE DR SCUDDER SPEAK, SO  
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE USE OF CUTTING-EDGE DNA RESEARCH**



Dr Nathan Scudder is an Adjunct Associate Professor (Industry) at the University of Technology Sydney, where he researches the legal and policy implications of advanced DNA technology for forensic science. His research includes the use of Forensic/Investigative Genetic Genealogy for unidentified human remains identification and criminal casework. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Centre for Applied Psychology at the University of Canberra.

Dr Scudder is employed by the Australian Federal Police, where he leads the Biometrics section. He commenced with the AFP in 1999 and has worked on the AFP responses to the Bali Bombings in 2002 and Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.

He holds Master's Degrees in Business Administration and in Law and was admitted as an Australian lawyer in 2014. Dr Scudder researched the privacy and legal implications of advanced DNA technology for forensic science and received his doctorate from the University of Canberra in 2020.

Dr Scudder is a member of both the Forensic and Australia/New Zealand SIGs under the Association of Professional Genealogists. He has had a personal interest in genealogy for over 30 years, researching his own family history. He is a member of the Australian Forensic Genetic Genealogy Collaboration, working to assess the feasibility of advanced DNA capabilities to solve crimes in Australia. He received a Graduate Certificate in Forensic Genetic Genealogy from the University of New Haven in 2021.

## Out and about locally and beyond

**HARPER'S MANSION, BERRIMA**



You are invited to attend a Wine and Roses Open Garden event on Friday 10 November, 4pm to 7pm at Harper's Mansion, 9 Wilkinson St Berrima

Visitors may to wander through the collection of over 100 heritage roses, which will be in full bloom, while enjoying the produce of some of the best local wineries. Entry is \$10 not including wine and food.

Entertainment includes 'Persephone – the Goddess of Spring' a short play performed by The Melting Pot Theatre (at 6:30pm). Proceeds will go to Challenge Southern Highlands supporting people with disabilities, and to the Regional Heritage Rose Group.

**KANGAROO VALLEY**



An invitation has been extended by Kangaroo Valley Historical Society to all interested members to join with them in celebrating 70 years of existence.

On Saturday 11 November 2023 there will be a free Community Open Day commencing at 11:30am at the Village Hall with talks, displays of historical objects, book sales and refreshments.

The celebrations will also include the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of the Kangaroo Valley Museum.

For more details and/or offers of support, contact Secretary Christine Murphy on 0466 954 681.

**WAGGA WAGGA**

The RAHS 2023 Conference '*The Way Ahead: Local & Community Histories for our Future*' will be held at Wagga RSL, 21–22 October 2023. It will focus on the importance of local and community histories and the ways to strengthen community connections through preserving and sharing our histories. For more info: <https://www.rahs.org.au/2023-rahs-conference/>

## A history of local telephone services and the resourceful 'Hello Girls'

The first post office in the local district opened at Bong Bong in 1829, with mail to and from Sydney initially being carried on horseback. A post office opened in the Mittagong area in 1862 at the Fitz Roy Inn. A new Post Office opened in May 1891 on Station Street and functioned until 1964 when services were moved to the main street. In Bowral an official Post Office opened in May 1887 on Bong Bong Street and has remained on the same site ever since. Moss Vale Post Office opened in December 1891 in a two-storey building fronting Argyle Street near the railway station and served until the 1990s.

These local post offices also provided telegraph and telegram services which had been progressively introduced around Australia from the 1860s.

Telephonic services were also progressively installed nationally from around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The first local phone line was installed in 1891, being between Bowral and Burradoo stations and in 1905 the district was linked by telephonic communication with Sydney and intervening places.

### The first local telephone exchange opened

Applied for by Bowral Municipal Council, a telephone exchange opened in August 1909 at Bowral and by year's end 56 subscribers were connected. The magneto exchange linked subscribers by overhead street wires to a central switchboard. Callers were required to wind the handle of their handset and an operator answered, who then connected the caller to the requested number. The switchboard was located in Bowral Post Office and the duty of attending it would have been allotted to the Postmaster or one of his staff, most probably the telegraphic messenger.

The first mention of a telephonist's position at Bowral is found in Postmaster General's Department (PMG) staff records for 1913, where Alexander Read is listed as having been appointed to the position. At the time he was aged 18 years and received a salary of 52 pounds per annum.

A copy of the first list of subscribers, issued in 1915, shows Bowral's top number was 107, that being the number of Robert Loseby of *Somerby*. The hundredth subscriber was James Leahy of *Brewongie* in Merrigang St. The number eight would raise Joshua Stokes, produce merchant. Number one was Libbeus Horden of *Hopwood*. The number of telephone connections gradually increased such that by 1942 there were 602 phone subscribers locally.

### The first local female telephonist

The distinction of being the first female telephonist at Bowral goes to Edith Canvin, mentioned in the PMG staff list for 1916. The role of telephonist had extended beyond just connecting local calls – they had to book long-distance trunk calls, help with service difficulties, provide reminder and wake-up calls, handle emergency enquiries and cope with a variety of questions and queries that required a fair knowledge of the local district. Telephonists were a fundamental aspect of daily and business life and came to know what went on around the town.

In August 1955 a new central battery exchange was established in a building at the rear of Bowral Post Office that served 906 district customers who lifted their handpiece and an operator answered.

With increased subscribers, more telephonists were required – up to 50 women and girls worked shifts and visiting PMG technicians kept the exchange and lines in working order.



*The Bowral Exchange switchboard in the 1960s*

In 1960 a major change in the national telephone system was introduced. Known as Extended Local Service Areas (ELSA) it enabled telephone subscribers to call over distances of up to 35 miles at the local call rate. The local call area was increased from 5 to 25 miles, thus allowing direct-dial local calls to be made between Bowral, Moss Vale, Mittagong and a number of smaller automatic exchanges in the area.

Subscribers were provided with new dial telephones and only required telephonists for long distance calls and directory assistance.

The broadband radio repeater station on The Gib, between Bowral and Mittagong, originally erected in 1960 to amplify telephone calls, was used to amplify TV signals from the late 1960s.

### Conversion to automatic system

In August 1971, after 12 months of preparation, the conversion to automatic telephones was completed in the district with Bowral Exchange becoming the

new system's hub, equipped initially with 1600 lines that could be extended to meet future needs.

This made it possible to provide a large district-wide switching network involving 17 automatic exchanges, all able to dial one another and manual subscribers at Bundanoon, Barrallier and Wollondilly. The hub also linked the district's 4360 subscribers to the STD (Subscriber Trunk Dialling) network which enabled long-distance calls throughout Australia whereby any subscriber could dial any other subscriber. Those outside the Bowral area could dial '048' plus the wanted number for calls to the local network.

### The end of the era of local 'Hello Girls'

Once the automatic service came into being, the number of telephonists and monitor staff required reduced from the previous 25 at Bowral and five at both Mittagong and Moss Vale, to 14 telephonists, two monitors and an overseer at the Bowral Manual Assistance Centre. This reduced group would handle all the local traffic not directly dialled.

Thus began the winding down of over 60 years of 'Hello Girls' operating locally, and this prompted telephonist Jean Tebay and others to organise a reunion of ex-telephonists who previously worked in the district and had since scattered far and wide. The event was held in November 1981 at Bowral Bowling Club. There were 182 people in attendance (the photo on page 2 shows a group of these) being ex-telephonists from as far afield as Beenleigh Qld, Adelaide, Bendigo, Albury, Canberra, Dubbo and Sydney. Letters of regret came from as far away as Zimbabwe, Perth, Hammersley, Broome and Glenelg. It was described as a wonderful event with old friends meeting up, some for the first time in 30 years. Also present were several former 'techs' and other friends from Line and Postal staff.

The final death knell came in July 1983 when Telecom (formerly the PMG telecommunications division) announced that the Bowral Assistance Centre would be closed. Telephonists had worked at Bowral since 1909 and, of the remaining 13 staff, a number had served there since the 1950s.

No longer would the district have local operators handling directory assistance, reverse charge calls, reminder calls, service difficulties, emergency enquiries and operator connected trunk calls. All such calls would be routed to Sydney, Goulburn or elsewhere. No longer could residents ring up the local exchange and it was a sad day for many.

Seasoned operator Jean Tebay told the *Southern Highland News* in July 1983 that "it's not a complex job but you needed a fair knowledge of the local

district and what's going on. You had to be very patient and work out the problems; sometimes it's very difficult to understand what people want or what they mean". Bowral staff remembered fondly some of the funny and curious enquiries they received over the years, such as the lady who rang up and wanted to know the number of "the tall thin man with the accent who lives in Merrigang Street" or the caller who wanted to know the price of a bottle of white wine and, when the operator could not tell her, asked "but isn't this information?"



**Last days being on call at Bowral:** Jean Tebay, Pat Smith and Edna Casey in early 1983 at the switchboard in the Bowral Assistance Centre

At a farewell dinner at Bowral Bowling Club after the closure in July 1983, Telecom's District Manager Alan Chadwick paid tribute to all the telephonists who had worked at the Bowral Centre over the years.



**Telephonists at the farewell dinner** in 1983 include (back left) C Bruce, P Smith, G Chapman, K Duncan, B Cuppitt; (front) E Casey, B Saville, J Ripphausen.

Nowadays in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, most of us have our mobile phones and some no longer have a landline at home, but perhaps there are still those who miss the helpful, mostly female, local operator!

**Photos: *Southern Highland News*, BDH&FHS**

*Compiled by Philip Morton*

## Rocky Waterholes at Hill Top history

Recently the BDHS received an inquiry about the Rocky Waterholes railway camp of the 1860s. Information was found in our archives collection of railway history and researcher Frank Mitchell dug through early newspapers on Trove. For the interest of readers, some of the findings are presented here.

Two of the northern villages in Wingecarribee Shire, Balmoral and Hill Top, were originally the sites of railway camps established in 1863 as supply camps and for construction workers on the Great Southern Railway. The railway was progressively built from Picton to Goulburn by contractors to the NSW Government which had appointed John Whitton, from the UK, as Engineer-in-Chief. He would later earn the title of 'Father of the Railways'.

For the Picton-Nattai (Mittagong) section, Whitton selected the least expensive route which traversed the ridge, flanked by deep gullies, on the western side of the Bargo River. He thus avoided the more direct ridge carrying the Great Southern Road (now Old Hume Highway) that would have required bridges and tunnels beyond the means of the burgeoning colony. Whitton's route through the undeveloped upland south of Picton soon became dotted with the tent encampments of railway workers ('navvies'), dirt tracks and cart roads.

Work was particularly difficult on the railway cutting at Saddleback Range, Big Hill, situated between today's Balmoral and Hill Top. Originally planned as a tunnel on a gradient of 1 in 33, it instead had to be a cutting, because in a tunnel the smoke belching from the steam engines on the upward climb would have suffocated train crews and passengers. This cutting was for many years the deepest in Australia.

The contractor Randle & Gibbons established supply camps at the bottom and top ends, a difference in height of almost 46m. Navvies and their families lived near the top supply camp to the north of today's Hill Top and that area was known during construction as the Rocky Waterholes Camp. Excavating through solid basalt using hand tools and explosives, work crews toiled to create the 78ft deep (23.4m) cutting. Work stopped for a time after an explosion killed two workers. Other fatalities also occurred, Frank finding there were deaths due to falling objects such as iron bars from 80 ft, and near deaths from asphyxiation in a highly contaminated atmosphere. On 13 May 1863 the *Sydney Morning Herald* provided detailed coverage of the inquest held at the house of John Berry, publican, in Picton,

before Mr J M Antill, JP, District Coroner, on the two deaths in the explosion.

"John Grissell, foreman, states: The deceased Patrick McHugh was employed on Randle & Gibbon's railway works, at the Rocky Waterholes, some of the men on the works were employed in blasting rock in cutting; they had bored a hole 5 feet 10 inches deep in the solid rock; the hole had been charged with about 13 inches of powder; the fuse was lighted, but missed fire; a man named Henry Dean dressed out the hole again; he got down to the powder, and scraped some out of it; he put the drill in to loosen the powder; deceased was about six feet away; all at once the powder went off; some of the rock struck deceased and knocked him between the waggon wheels and the side of the cutting; we got him out at once; we carried him down to the public-house on a stretcher; he breathed two or three times, but did not speak, and then died; he was a very steady man; I never saw him the worse for drink in my life; the fuse must have been out when the hole was drilled out; it was the best double tape fuse; it was over three-quarters of an hour after the blast missed fire before it went off; I think the drill which is steeled at the point struck fire out of the rock; the rock was hard blue metal, and strikes fire easily. The jury found that deceased was killed by accidental igniting of powder."

"The second man killed, Jeremiah Connor, lingered from the time of the accident in an insensible state; one arm being broken, and the bone of the forehead completely smashed. Medical aid was procured, but his injuries were too serious to admit of the slightest hope of relief. The jury found a verdict in effect the same as in the previous case."

Following this accident, Randle & Gibbons became insolvent in September 1863. Its navvies and sub-contractors at Rocky Waterholes had to endure an abandonment of responsibility and went to court at Picton to endeavour to secure wages and monies owed. All work again stopped at Rocky Waterholes.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 1 October 1863, "Picton: The Court of Petty Sessions sat to settle the cases brought against Mr. W Dixon, agent at the Rocky Waterholes for Randle & Gibbons. It appeared by the evidence of the sergeant of police, that he gave notice to Dixon that summonses were issued against him in the matter, and requested his address, he told him that he should be found in Randle's office, but on enquiring at the office, nothing apparently was known of his whereabouts. The Bench, upon hearing this and other evidence, came to the conclusion that he was endeavouring to elude the summonses, they, therefore, went on with the cases. There were 48

against Dixon, and 17 against Childs. The average claim of the men was for 24 days' work, or thereabout, and for 11 days and a half loss of time. The Court in each case gave a decision in favour of the plaintiff, also allowing compensation for the loss of time. In the case of Childs, decisions were given for plaintiffs, but with 3 days' compensation only for loss of time, and the Bench, at the same time, expressed their pity for the predicament in which Childs stood."

"Childs is a sub-contractor under Randle & Gibbons. He has employed a number of men, and partly found them in rations, &c. He has also had to keep and feed horses to do the work he was engaged in, and in a month the wages of a number of men and the feed of horses amount to a considerable sum, and when the head contractor fails to pay the sub-contractor, it is nothing less than ruin to the sub-contractor. All he had, if he had anything, is seized, and if nothing, he must go to prison. The men are also great sufferers; most of them have large families to support; the tradesmen give them a short credit while they are at work, knowing that they are paid only once a month, and that they are a from hand to mouth people. Well, these men have worked a month, got nothing for it, and have been idle a fortnight waiting and seeking for overdue wages. What must be the condition of these men's families? Ought not the Government pay the men their wages and seize the plant to indemnify them for the money paid to the men?"

ROCKY WATER HOLES, SOUTHERN LINE,  
 GREAT SALE OF  
**RAILWAY PLANT,**  
 LOTS OF TOOLS, &c., &c., &c.  
 In the estate of Randle and Gibbons, by order of the  
 Official Assignee and Mortgagees.  
**J. F. STAFF** will sell by auction,  
 On WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> March,  
 About 66 wheelbarrows, 24 waggons, deal and hard-  
 wood planking, about 400 blacksmith's, carpen-  
 ter's, and other tools, 23 dobbin carts, large  
 assortment of ropes, 3 portable forges, bellows,  
 anvils, drills, &c., 5 stone trolleys, bar iron,  
 chains and crab winches, pile engine, corruga-  
 ted iron, lamps, 8000 hardwood shingles, 6  
 casks grease, weighing machine, shovels, picks,  
 spades, and a great variety of other equally  
 useful and valuable articles.  
 Sale to commence on the Station, No. 3 Contract, at  
 11 o'clock.  
 Terms, cash.

**Sale of insolvent Contractor's plant, Empire 5-03-1864**

A letter from a Mittagong publican published almost a year later is enlightening as to the poor conditions at the camp and lack of action from the Government.

'Payment of Railway Labourers on Great Southern Railway' in *Freeman's Journal*, 7 September 1864 to the Hon Arthur Todd Holroyd [Secretary for Public Works at the time] per favor of *Freeman's Journal*:

"Sir, It is now eleven months since Randle & Gibbons failed in their contract on this line, and seven months since the Legislative Assembly voted the sum of £1514 to the workmen, on account of the 10% retention money withheld by Government from the contractors. At the time the Assembly voted this money, the burthen of complaint against you was, that you did not anticipate the justice of the men's claims by paying this money, and afterwards trusting to the justice of Parliament for its sanction."

"Yet strange as it may appear, seven months elapsed before you condescended to pay a farthing of this money whilst you and your subordinates in office receive your salaries at stated periods . . . you lost sight of the important fact that whilst the men were waiting for this money they were in a state of semi-starvation, and that they gave orders upon you to the storekeepers of this place for the amount of wages due them. These written orders, Sir, you have positively refused to recognize upon what principle of equity it remains for you to explain. Hence you have deprived the poor tradesmen of this place of the money that was lawfully theirs. You, Sir, stand precisely in an analogous position between the tradesmen of this place and the public servants under your control – but you can take my word as a man who has some knowledge of the political world that this (if I mistake not) will be the last time you will have the opportunity of dealing in so despotic a manner – I am Sir Yours, William McCurtayne, Rocky Waterholes, 31 August, 1864."

So, after seven months of near desperation, the navvies and sub-contractors finally received their money. Larkin & Wakeford was appointed as the new contractor to complete the rail section and the line opened to Nattai (Mittagong) in early 1867.

With the Great Southern Railway as their lifeblood, the villages of Balmoral and Hill Top flourished. As rail traffic increased, however, the steep grades of the single line became problematic. Despite several deviations built between Hill Top and Braemar, it was eventually decided to re-route the entire section of line from Picton via Bargo with several tunnels to Mittagong. This deviation opened in 1919 and the original line was retained as a local service, known as the Picton-Mittagong Loop Line, remaining in service until 1975 and much appreciated by local people.

*Compiled by Philip Morton*

**Frank Mitchell** has created a Collaborative List of relevant early newspaper articles in chronological order on Trove, titled **Randall & Gibbon Contract @ Rocky Waterholes** – which may be viewed at <https://trove.nla.gov.au/list/173971>

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