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AUSTRALIA

# SYDNEY GARDEN PARTY



**ANCIENT IRELAND**  
LAND OF SAINTS SCHOLARS  
AND SINNERS

Sunday 20 October 2019



Dear Friends of Ireland,

We are thrilled to be back at Fairwater. It is such an honour that the new owners, Mike and Annie Cannon-Brookes have agreed to host us this year and we are grateful for the very warm welcome they have given us. Last year's Garden Party at Randwick was terrific in no small way because of the wonderful partnership with Coolmore and we welcome Coolmore here today as a continuing major sponsor.

We warmly welcome any new friends of the Fund joining us for the first time. We hope you enjoy the day and take away an understanding of the important work of the Fund and a keen interest in helping us to achieve more. Welcome back to those who have supported us previously, especially our governors, sponsors and major donors, we are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment.

Some of the highlights of last year included having the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC join us at our Ireland Funds Coolmore Garden Party at Randwick, forming a partnership with the Lansdowne Club, the Premier Irish Business Network, to support our MBA Scholarship programme at Trinity College, spending a day at the Embassy of Ireland in Canberra working on our long-term strategic plans and hosting a Young Leader Breakfast with video links to Dublin so our supporters here could hear from and engage in dialogue with Soar founder Tony Griffin.

Our very successful events in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney enabled us to have a grant round of over \$400,000, in June this year supporting 18 projects, details of some of the projects can be found on the following pages. We are very proud of the fact that the last five years has seen us allocate over 80% of tax-deductible donations to our charities.

This year we were introduced to some new projects, Community Action Network and Inner City Enterprise in Dublin who are assisting people create better employment opportunities for themselves, Learning Hub Limerick and Science Gallery Melbourne who are providing ways to bring young people to Science. We continued to support integrated education and community development in Northern Ireland, which we feel is vital, given the recent return to unrest in Belfast and the uncertainty Brexit is bringing. I was privileged to attend this year's AWB Vincent Literary Award which was posthumously awarded to Lyra McKee.

I am extremely proud of the work that the Young Leaders have done in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane; they are without doubt some of the most active young leaders globally. They have just lead another very successful Global 5K 'The Irish Run the World' and chosen projects to support around mental health, community development and science and innovation including Irish Men's Sheds, an Australian initiative, to bring men shoulder to shoulder in their local communities to improve their health and well-being.

I am delighted that this year's Garden Party is the first Ireland Funds event globally on the journey to being carbon neutral. We are working with Mossy Earth to rejuvenate a Native Irish Wasteland with non-invasive native, mostly pioneer species such as Willow, Ash, Birch and sessile Oaks, and in Australia we are working with the Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund to reduce carbon emissions and help regenerate select native species that support natural ecosystems and wildlife to achieve this result.

I would like to finish with my heartfelt thanks my Board including newcomers Ray Wilson and Sonia O'Sullivan, and a very special Happy Birthday to long-standing Board Member, Ted Johnson. To Mike and Annie Cannon-Brookes and all our guests, thank you for joining us here today and for your support and donations throughout the year. Having personally seen a number of the projects we support in action, and their impacts, I can assure you that with your help the support we provide changes lives, many of them young lives. To provide opportunity where previously there was only hopelessness is a powerful gift to be able to give and I thank you for enabling us to give it on your behalf.

Yvonne Le Bas  
Chairman  
Ireland Funds Australia  
20 October 2019





### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987. Since our inception we have supported 122 projects, many more than once, across the island of Ireland and in Australia. These figures provide an overview of the combined activities of the Australian Ireland Fund and our Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund (established in 2015 to support projects in Australia) in 2018–2019.

#### PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2018–2019

##### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN IRELAND

- Community Action Network
- Inner City Enterprise
- Integrated Education
- Jigsaw
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Men's Sheds
- Soar
- Suas
- Trinity College Dublin

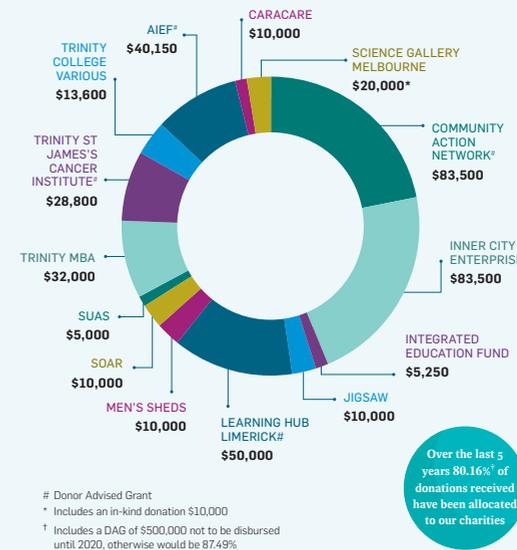
##### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

- AIEF
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- CaraCare

##### DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

- Inner City Enterprise
- Community Action Network
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Trinity St James's Cancer Institute
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- AIEF

#### TOTAL DONATIONS 2018–2019 \$401,800



Our grant round in June 2019 totalled \$401,800 supporting 18 projects. Here is a snapshot of 8 of those projects\*.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Community Action Network (CAN) supports communities facing a range of socio-economic challenges in the south inner-city neighborhoods of Dublin. The support of The Ireland Funds Australia will provide core funding to strengthen and develop 8 of CAN's initiatives in the challenging areas of:

- Threats to community safety from the drug-economy
- Having to support a large number of community members who are distant from the labor market
- Poor housing conditions



#### INNER CITY ENTERPRISE

Inner City Enterprise (ICE) was established to advise and assist unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to set up their own businesses or create their own self-employment. Over the last 7 years, ICE has helped 2000 people establish over 1000 for-profit and social enterprises in Ireland. The support of The Ireland Funds Australia in 2019 will enable ICE to:

- Hold 28 training and networking workshops and events
- Establish a formal mentoring program
- Organise a Corporate Social Enterprise Adoption Program involving the adoption of seven social enterprise programs by private sector companies

#### LEARNING HUB LIMERICK

In County Limerick, Learning Hub Limerick (LHL) is a place where art, science, music, health, stories and digital learning for children all come together.

In disadvantaged areas of Limerick

only 6% of young people progress to a university education, so instilling a love of learning is key.

- With our help LHL can achieve their 2019 goals of:
- Creating an active learning environment that extends beyond the traditional
  - Creatively embed technology and the core skills of literacy and numeracy into active learning
  - Prevent early school leaving and raise the educational aspirations of families, schools and the wider community



#### AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2014 – JUNE 2019



\* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of the Australian Ireland Fund and the Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund  
† Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.



#### IRISH MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

Shoulder to shoulder, the Irish Men's Sheds Association is improving the health and well-being of men across Ireland. Originally an Australian initiative, Men's Sheds creates a community space for men of all ages to gather in a safe, friendly environment where they can work on interesting projects.

There are currently **422 Men's Sheds** in Ireland

an estimated **10,000** men use Men's Sheds each week across the country.

This wonderful initiative is supported by the Australian Young Leaders.

\*Some projects not shown include Trinity St James's Cancer Institute, CaraCare, Suas, Trinity MBA & IEF



## SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar is a collective movement which believes that there is greatness within all young people. The foundation delivers early intervention-preventative, wellness workshops for young people aged 12 – 18 years from all backgrounds. With programs that aim to help young people fulfil their true potential

Since 2012  
Soar has worked  
with more than  
**30,000**  
young people in Ireland.

Since 2015  
The Ireland Funds Australia  
has contributed more than  
**\$195,000**  
in grants to Soar.



## AIEF

Australia Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers at Australian schools, universities and companies.

The partnership between AIEF and The Ireland Funds Australia means **80 scholarship places by 2020.**

In 2018 the AIEF scholarship students achieved:

**92%**

A 92% retention  
and Year 12  
completion rate

**97%**

97% tertiary  
retention and  
completion rate

**95%**

95% of AIEF Alumni were productively  
engaged in career pathways such as  
tertiary study and full-time employment



## SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE

Pioneered by Trinity College Dublin and part of a global network, Science Gallery Melbourne aims to engage young adults through the collision of arts and science, with

**75%**  
OF FUTURE JOBS REQUIRING  
**S T E M**  
QUALIFICATIONS

The Ireland Funds Australia are proud to be in the 3rd year of partnership with SGM, including funding which assisted:

- Launch of the first exhibition **BLOOD**
- Indigenous Cadetship
- Regional Schools Outreach



## JIGSAW

Jigsaw's vision is an Ireland where every young person's mental health is valued and supported.



Their mission is to advance the mental health of young people in Ireland (aged 12-25) by influencing change, strengthening communities, and delivering services through evidence informed and early intervention approach and since 2006, they have grown to support the mental health of over

**14,000** young people across Ireland

and is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders' fundraising efforts.



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## Programme

- Acknowledgement of Country  
*AIEF Students*  

- Master of Ceremonies  
*Richard Wilkins AM*  

- Address by *Yvonne Le Bas*  
Chairman, The Ireland Funds Australia  

- Entertainment by  
*Paul Martell*  

- Address by *HE Breandán Ó Caollaí*  
Irish Ambassador to Australia  

- Silent Auction throughout Luncheon  

- Entertainment by  
Former INXS singer and Grammy-nominated songwriter, *Ciaran Gribbin*  

- Pledge throughout the Luncheon  

- Live Auction  
*Guest Auctioneer Mr. Chris McKearney*  

- Ancient Ireland Raffle  

- Adjourn to the waters edge for Guinness, Kilkenny, and Irish Coffees  

- Entertainment by  
*DJ Brett Martin*



## Menu

- Signature Cocktail**  
**Gin Cocktail (Name TBC)**  

- Canapés**  
**Seared Kingfish Carpaccio Croutons**  
**Finger Sandwich of Roast Chicken, Fresh Herbs & Mayonnaise**  

- Entrée**  
*To be served alternately*  
**Pressed Crispy Free Range Chicken**  
with puy lentil, herb and chorizo salad, roasted heirloom carrots, chicken stock emulsion  
**Zucchini, Fennel and Lemon Thyme Tart**  
with ricotta, baby chard and cherry truss tomato relish  

- Main Course**  
*To be served alternately*  
**NZ King Salmon**  
with celeriac mash, wilted garden greens with dragoncello, crisp salmon skin wafer  
**Grass-fed Beef Fillet**  
with garlic sweet potato mash, wilted garden greens and beef Madeira jus and Hollandaise  
*On the Table to share*  
Bowls of roast vegetables and chats potatoes with fresh herbs to share  

- Travelling Desserts**  
**Black Forest Cupcake | Baby Lamington | Little Ice Cream Cone | Mini Christmas Cake**  

- Coffee**  
Espresso and Cappuccino from the coffee cart  
Irish Coffees





## Live Auction

### Lot 1 Private Dining Experience for 10 people

Be Spoilt - Enjoy the luxury of a fine restaurant in the privacy and comfort of your own home. A private Chef and Waiter will serve a gourmet 5 course dinner for 10 guests including 12 quality bottles of carefully selected matching wines. One course will feature an (optional) Plating demonstration by your Chef. You will get tips and learn the techniques Chefs at the world's top restaurants use to construct and present their dishes. Our private Chef experience includes a special recipe card, signed by your Chef (for one of the dishes). You will be able to wow your friends and family with your skills, whilst gaining a memento of the night to hold on to and treasure for years to come. All meals include your personal Chef, attentive Waiter, all crockery, cutlery, linen napkins, tea and coffee. All you need to do is choose your guests.

*Sydney Metro only, other T&C's apply. Subject to availability*

Price Range \$5,200 - \$5,900



### Lot 2 Coolmore Stud weekend away in the Hunter Valley for 4

COOLMORE

The world-renowned Coolmore Stud is located in the picturesque Hunter Valley, NSW. Situated on 8,500 acres of lush countryside, alongside the famous Hunter River, Coolmore is the premier source of elite Thoroughbreds in the Southern Hemisphere. Its line-up of stallions includes Champion Sire Fastnet Rock, as well as recent stars like So You Think, Pierro and American Pharoah!

New this year is American superstar Justify!

The ultimate experience for any horse enthusiast, enjoy this remarkable farm with the following package for up to four people:

- An private tour of the farm and its world-renowned facilities
- Dinner
- A two night stay in our Guest House *(Dates subject to availability).*

Value Priceless



## Live Auction

### Lot 3 10 Day Stay at the Curran Farm

Experience Australian farming life at its finest with a 10 day stay at The Curran Farm, located at Pimlico, via Ballina NSW, just 2 hour's drive south from Brisbane. Founded in 1868 by John Curran and at 1,000 acres is one of the biggest sugar cane plantations in Australia. The classic colonial homestead comprises a master bedroom with ensuite and three guest bedrooms. There are extensive living areas housing four juke boxes, a grand piano and the home has all the usual mod-cons. Verandas surround the home on all sides and it is in a delightful parkland setting. The adjacent Curran Halla (hall) provides an indoor tennis/badminton court, small gymnasium area, table tennis, billiard/snooker table, darts board, horse riding tack, and bicycles for adults and children. The property has 1.5ks. of water frontage to the Richmond River and Emigrant Creek. Fishing gear is on site including crab pots. Horse riding and pony riding can be arranged - as well as buggy and sulky excursions. There is an artist's studio separate to the home containing study, easel, paints and brushes and an upright piano. Local Ballina beaches are a 15-minute drive and the iconic Byron Bay is 20 minutes away.

*Accommodation to be arranged in the next 6 months. Subject to availability. Blackout dates: 23.12.19 - 27.01.20*

Value Priceless





## Live Auction

### Lot 4 Private Suite at Villiers Stakes Day Saturday 14 December 2019

Enjoy a day at the races in style along with your friends hosted by Coolmore in their private Corporate Suite No. 1 at Royal Randwick. Located in the Royal Randwick Grandstand on the Finish Line, you will enjoy:

- 20 Members Enclosure Tickets (incl entrance to the race-course)
- Champagne reception on arrival
- Three course lunch for 20 people (all drinks included)
- Race-book for each person
- Afternoon tea
- Unrivalled views of the track
- Exclusive outdoor seating

*\*Date is non-transferable.*

Value Priceless



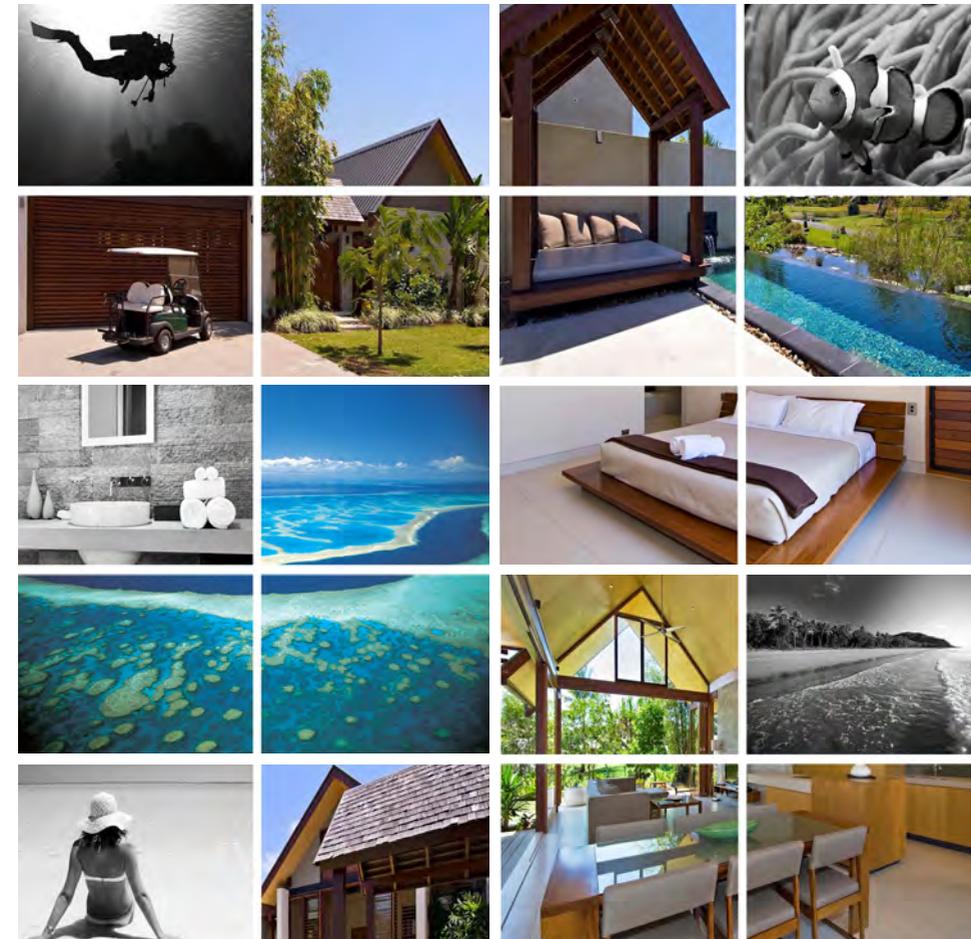
## Live Auction

### Lot 5 Great Barrier Reef Adventure, Port Douglas

7 nights for 6 guests in better than 5-star luxury in the incomparable Far North Queensland! Featuring 3 full bedroom suites, your own private plunge pool, and a private golf buggy provided for your entire stay plus a fully equipped kitchen, wide screen TV, internet, BBQ facilities, sauna, private concierge, and access to the resort pool. Enjoy the wonders of Australia's Great Barrier Reef and (World Heritage) Daintree Rainforest on your doorstep!

*Subject to Availability with a 12 month travel validity. You have 2 months to make contact and secure your travel dates. Other Terms/Conditions apply.*

Price Range \$7,900 - \$8,600





## Live Auction

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### Lot 6 Boxing Day 2019 Sailing on Sydney Harbour

### Lot 8 Trip of a Lifetime with Etihad

Spend Boxing Day, Dec. 26, 2019 sailing on Sydney Harbour for 8 guests – all the action is centred around the start of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, which you will view from an incredible Private Yacht (new generation Beneteau 38 foot)! Catering incl. fine Canapes, Champagne, Beer, Wine and soft drinks is included! Departing from inner Harbour location, be fascinated by the incredible Yachts on Sydney Harbour, centred around the Harbour Bridge, Opera House, and towards the Heads. Departs late morning, and arrive back in the afternoon, after Yachts have departed the Heads.

*(Accommodation and Travel expense not included).*

Price Range **\$8,800 - \$9,900**



### Lot 3 Australian Radio Network Airtime Package



Value in excess of **\$30,000**

**Etihad Conditions:** All travel should be completed by 20 October 2020. Tickets must be booked before 14 December 2019.

Award travel will not entitle recipients to complimentary services or access to facilities offered to non-award travel guests, Etihad chauffeur and Etihad Guest Miles. Award winner and companion need to travel together on the same dates/itinerary. Award Certificates are non-transferable and have no cash, credit or refund value and if sold, bartered or altered would automatically be void. Frequent Flyer points cannot be accrued as part of this prize and prize winner tickets cannot be upgraded using frequent flyer points, or by payment. Travel during peak periods and embargo periods may be restricted. This includes, but is not limited to July, August, September, school holidays and the Christmas/New Year period. Seats applicable for award travel are subject to availability in the correct class of service.

Driveaway Holidays provides car hire in Ireland up to the value of \$600. Valid for travel between 21 Oct '19 - 21 Oct '20. This voucher does not include local fees, surcharges & taxes imposed at the time of collection i.e. one way fees and/or GPS etc. Vehicles are subject to availability and blackout dates may apply. Some blackout dates apply to The Merrion & Sheen Falls and bookings are subject to availability.

The Australian Radio Network is pleased to provide a National airtime package to the total value of \$80,000 (including GST) to support The Ireland Funds Australia 2019 Sydney Garden Party.

This airtime package is to be used for advertising on the following Australian Radio Network stations, either shared across a number of stations or 100% on a single station.

Brisbane's 97.3, 4KQ

Sydney's KIIS 1065, WSFM

Melbourne's KIIS 101.1, Gold 104.3

Adelaide's Mix102.3, Cruise

Perth's 96FM

*\*Terms and Conditions apply.*



Value **\$80,000**





## Ancient Ireland Raffle

**Just \$100 for your chance to win!**

Combined prize pool in excess of \$9,000

**WINNER TAKES ALL**

### Sail Sydney Harbour

Celebrate a very special family occasion or charm business guests with the Ultimate Afternoon or Twilight sail. Relax aboard the stunning 60ft Yacht "Sydney" cruising around Sydney Harbour for 12 people with your own private Captain. Entertain close friends or business guests on Charles Curran AC's personal yacht whilst enjoying a lunch with a selection of fine Australian wines on spectacular Sydney Harbour. "Sydney" is built for speed and comfort so relax and enjoy four breath taking hours on the yacht previously raced in the Sydney to Hobart.

### Dinner for twelve people at BLACK Bar & Grill to the value of \$3,000

BLACK Bar & Grill perfectly marries a contemporary Australian grill with a stylish wine bar and million-dollar views of Sydney Harbour and the city. The restaurant is the absolute perfect setting for you and eleven friends or you may wish to host guests in the stunning semi-private or private and intimate dining room. Whether it's a private corporate function or exclusive dinner, Executive Chef Dany Karam will create a bespoke menu for you and your guests.

THE STAR



BLACK  
-BAR & GRILL-



### How to Play

There is a GOLD envelope on each table containing Ireland Funds \$100 notes and paperclips

#### To play with Cash:

Fill in the Ireland Funds printed \$100 note, ticking the cash box. Attach your cash to the printed \$100 note with a paperclip and then hand your cash and \$100 note to your table captain to place in the envelope.

#### To play with Credit Card:

Fill in the Ireland Funds printed \$100 note, tick the credit card box and provide your credit card details. Once completed, hand your \$100 note to your table captain to place in the envelope.

- You may enter as many times as you like – just make sure your name is on each Ireland Funds \$100 note
- The completed Ireland Funds \$100 notes will then go into the draw!
- The \$100 note drawn out will be the winner of the fabulous prizes above
- You can also purchase Ancient Ireland Raffle tickets directly from the Fabulous Fair Maidens around the marquee
- Envelopes will be collected by our Fabulous Fair Maidens at approximately 2.50pm

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MR THOMAS O'NEILL

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Our suppliers are also on their own journeys to help the environment and have been for some time including:

**gastronomy**  
the art and science of food

- Works directly with OzHarvest to rescue and distribute food including food from our lunch today.
- Generates 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their power via roof solar panels
- Composts 8.5 tonnes of organic waste, 160 kilos of waste a week saved from landfill
- Their waste oils and fats recycled as soaps
- All non animal matter is composted producing approximately 500 kilos pa of rich compost



- Continuously reuse and repurpose props
- Reduce waste by choosing products that have minimal packaging and can be used productively and then recycled
- Make resources available to implement environmental risk management procedures

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Progress  
Through  
Philanthropy  
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