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## Olive Sostheim is Winchelsea's newest Guide

Olive and Leader Bonnie - More page 3



# Election Day

This was the scene at Winchelsea voting booth last Saturday as queues began to form early.

Long queues formed early at the Winchelsea Booth

On the other hand, at Wurdale Hall, just down the road. No queue in sight. Just a tip for next election day.

They had people drive from Moriac where the wait there to vote was up to an hour.

Deans Marsh booth was also slow and steady.

The sausage sizzle there was organised by the Youth Club.



## Draft Graffiti Policy

**Council has drafted a new policy about managing the graffiti within the Surf Coast. We would like feedback from the community about the principles and the process.**

This policy provides a guide and commitment to minimise the negative impacts of illegal graffiti.

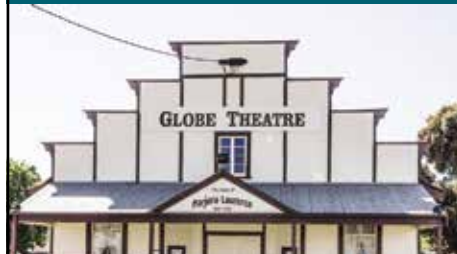
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**Surf COAST SHIRE**  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



**Globe Theatre Community Asset Committee**

The Surf Coast Shire Council seeks Expressions of Interest from members of the community for positions on the Globe Theatre Community Asset Committee.

The Globe Theatre Community Asset Committee is a committee of the Surf Coast Shire Council, delegated by the Chief Executive Officer under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The committee is responsible for the management of the Globe Theatre and for the planning, promotion and coordination of these facilities.

For further information regarding the role of the committee and an Expression of Interest Form, contact Trina Hughes, Community Partnership Officer, on **5261 0600** or email **committees@surfcoast.vic.gov.au**. Applications close COB Tuesday 20 December 2022.

# New Guide for Winchelsea

Olive Sostheim, made her promise as a Guide last Mon night in the presence of family and friends. Then followed icecreams all round- Olive's favourite!!

The girls are preparing to go to Tallawalla Guide Camp for a weekend

and have chosen the Theme 'The Wizard of Oz' and they have also been working on their Open Book badge.

We will be looking for more adult help next year as Leader Bonnie is studying at Uni and continuing working at the Moriac Kinder. All girls 5-15yrs welcome!

Enquires contact Yvonne 0448 672 630



**Above: Winch Unit**

Back row Chloe Arney, Grace Grabham, Sophie Arney, Bonnie Stokes (leader), Eddie Canavan, Arlia Stewart, Poppy Finch, Heidi Wilson, Lexi (1st night) Isla Miller  
 Front Row Elsie Stewart, and Olive Sostheim

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# What's on in Winch

## Singing

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Wednesday 30th November at 5.00pm  
 Wednesday 7th December at 5.00pm  
 Wednesday 14th December at 5.00pm  
 All welcome - gold coin donation.

## Diamond dot last time this year

Saturday 3rd December  
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 See you all there

## Winchelsea Hospital Auxiliary Meeting

Monday 12th December at 3pm  
 Supper Room Globe Theatre  
 An afternoon tea will follow. Auxiliary members to bring a plate to share

## Dancing at the Globe Theatre

Saturday 10th December  
 8pm till 11.30pm  
 \$10.00

Great supper provided,  
 door prize and raffle.

This will be our Christmas dance so dress Christmassy.

Music supplied by Charles Pedder.

Contact: Maureen 0409253188 or  
 Charlie ...0419501032

## Last Market Day for 2022

The last market for 2022 will be on this Sunday December 4th, great opportunity for some Christmas shopping.

Next years markets will be on the first Sunday of the month beginning on January 1st.

## Winch Op Shop

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Due to recent water damage the Op Shop has closed while repair work is completed.

Shop stock was unaffected but has been relocated.

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# Winchelsea Playgroup has sure been busy having lots of fun this month ...

Spoooooky Halloween play on 3rd November had Witches, a Pirate, cute little Pumpkins, a Mover Man, Fairies, Elsa, Bat Girl, a Lion, Spider Girl and even an Ewok and Princess Leia! Book prizes were given out for the best dressed.

Children enjoyed exploring our cobweb-covered play house with hanging pumpkins and ghouls inside, playing ghooooost-bowling, keeping pumpkin-balloons in the air and pass the balloon. We also got our fingers all gooey scooping up plastic spiders and bugs that were hiding in green and orange jelly and then the smooth, silky feeling of playing with Cloud Dough, and lots more.

Everything Tradie and Construction! was last Thursday, 17th November.

Children (and a few mums too) dressed in fluoro work vests, helmets, toolbelts, boots and flannelette shirts - even a couple of our very little ones wore 'Tradie' pants as well as a 'Tough Like Dad' onesie.

We had mini-worksites with sand, stones, pipes, cranes, diggers and dump trucks. We built block towers and had fun in a 6ft tee-pee. Children brought their morning snack in a lunchbox so they could sit down together and experience a Tradie Smoko!

Two of our playgroup boys are super crazy about tradies and construction,

and it happened to have November birthdays too - so we sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed yummy cupcakes that had construction toppers on them. And what better way to celebrate with these too tradie fans ..... than to have a real-life BIG RIDE-ON MOWER and showbags generously donated from Winchelsea's All about Mowers & Chainsaws for the children to climb on and do pretend repairs with their toy tools. Thank you to the lovely staff at All About Mowers & Chainsaws at 5 Lennox Street, Winchelsea.

Checkout what we have planned for 15th December by joining our "Winchelsea Playgroup 2019" Facebook page, call/text Mel on 0456181268 or look out for us in the Winchelsea Star.







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Karen Harding  
Sunrise beach walk

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# Winch House - Financial Reports

## Treasurer's Report, by Treasurer Madeline Pearce

Despite being a not-for-profit organisation Winch House is still required to maintain a steady cash flow with enough funds in reserve to remain viable.

It is the House's business to support and engage with the community. It achieves this by delivering programs such as Occasional Child Care, Adult courses, room hire, public computer and internet access and a toy library, it also offers support and mentoring to smaller community groups. Without sufficient funds in reserve the House wouldn't be in a position to continue to support these programs, meet its ongoing financial commitments or pay employees during periods of fluctuating attendance or funding.

As with most service-based businesses, Covid has had a large impact on Winch House, with attendance numbers down across all its programs and this year without the previous year's Covid funding we closed the year with a budget anticipated loss of -\$19,829.36.

We hope that moving forward 2023 will be a better year for everyone and Winch House.

Memberships fees at \$0.20 have not ever been increased. A motion has been passed at the AGM to increase membership fees to \$2 for the 2022/2023 year which will be payable at the 2023 AGM onwards.

## Bookkeeper's Report, by Bookkeeper Gill Davies

As the bookkeeper at Winchelsea Community House I look after the financial aspects of the House and also process the wages for the employees who work there. The procedures and systems we have in place work very well and allow for a smooth and efficient workplace.

This last financial year has seen many changes for me at Winchelsea Community House. For most of the first half I was still working from home due to the Covid pandemic. The second half, after almost two years, I was back in the office permanently. During the summer holidays my office became the Maternal Health Area and my office was relocated to where the previous computer room had been. I wasn't quite sure I would enjoy the change, but it has been very pleasant in the new office.

Also after the summer holidays the Shire Hall became part of Winchelsea Community House. This has added an additional employee to be paid (welcome to Jill Evans) and a little more added to my bookkeeping tasks. It is very nice to see the hall being used again for local groups and residents.

I would like to welcome Madeline Pearce back as our new treasurer. She has an extensive knowledge of the finances, as she was the previous bookkeeper. It is very nice to finally have a treasurer again to oversee everything.

The audit for the financial year was a smooth process, with only a few items needing more information to be supplied.

Once again I would like to thank Wendy for all her help, patience and understanding during this last year. Hopefully interest and involvement in the activities on offer now and in the future will grow at Winchelsea Community House and it will continue to be an asset to the local community.

# Council extends Road Management Plan suspension to support weather response

Surf Coast Shire Council has extended suspension of its Road Management Plan to continue prioritising responses and repairs following repeated damaging weather events.

Frequent extreme rainfall and high winds have led to widespread damage to roads, drains, bridges and trees, and extraordinary demand for repairs across the shire.

Council has received 590 weather-related customer requests since 13 October.

"We have a significant backlog of work and inspections to complete, and tasks are being dealt with as urgently as

possible," Council General Manager Community Life Gail Gatt said.

"Our crews are prioritising work with community safety the primary focus.

"In some cases recently-repaired infrastructure has been damaged again in the repeat weather events. Unsealed roads are deteriorating with the sustained wet and it is challenging to find suitably dry conditions for grading, and potholes can't be repaired while road sub-surface is still wet, so repeat flooding presents difficulties.

Since the start of September Aireys Inlet has recorded 49 rainy days and 325.2mm of rain, and Torquay has recorded 52 rainy days with 282.2mm.

Council's Road Management Plan sets service standards for tending roads and other road-related assets including kerbs, footpaths, signs, drainage, bridges and vegetation.

Further suspension of the plan, until 31 January, recognises extraordinary circumstances and allows for temporary extension of regular response times.

Council encourages people seeking to report weather damage to lodge an online request at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request). The request will be logged and the customer will receive a reference number.

Response times might be longer the usual due to the volume of customer requests.



# Victorian COVID-19 update

There were 22,281 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria this week, an increase of 9.5 per cent on the previous week. The average daily number of new cases this week was 3,183, up from 2,914 last week.

The number of active cases in Victoria on Friday was 19,460, up from 18,150 the same time last week.

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 430, a 22.2 per cent increase when compared to the same time last week. There are currently 483 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals, including 19 COVID patients in intensive care and 0 cleared cases in intensive care. There are 2 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 15.

In the past three months, 3,299 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria. 40.5 per cent of those patients had not received their third vaccine dose. 959 (29 per cent) were unvaccinated, 27 had received one dose, 351 had two doses, 787 had received three doses and 1,175 had received four doses.

Of Victorians aged 50 to 64 years, 79.9 per cent have had their third dose and 30.2 per cent have had their recommended fourth dose. Of those aged over 65, 90.8 per cent have had their third dose and 67.3 per cent have had their fourth dose. 70.2 per cent of people aged 16 and over in Victoria have had three doses of COVID vaccine.

A total of 68 COVID related deaths were reported to the Department in the past week. An average of 10 deaths were reported each day in the past week. There has been a 30.5 per cent decrease in the number of COVID related deaths in the past month when compared to the previous month.

In the past three months, there have been 644 COVID-related deaths in Victoria. Of those deaths, 46.3 per cent had not received their third COVID vaccine dose. 252 (39.1 per cent) were unvaccinated, 3 had received one

dose, 43 had two doses, 116 had received three doses and 230 had received four doses.

The total number of COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 5,993. The number of COVID-related deaths recorded in Victoria so far this year is 4,385.

## COVID-19 epidemiological summary

COVID-19 cases and hospitalisations in Victoria increased again this week. Current growth is being driven by a mixture of new Omicron subvariants, which are more immune evasive and are responding to waning immunity from past infection and past vaccination.

The mix of subvariants include recombinant strains such as the recently identified XBF (a combination of BA.2.75 and BA.5) as well as existing subvariants BQ.1/BQ.1.1, BA 2.75 and the XBB recombinant.

These subvariants became dominant in clinical genomics and wastewater surveillance after overtaking BA.4 and BA.5 in early November.

There is no evidence these subvariants cause more severe disease or are resistant to oral antiviral treatments.

However, increased numbers overall have contributed to increased hospitalisation rates.

Some 87 per cent of Victorians aged over 12 have had no vaccine nor a COVID diagnosis within the past four months and are therefore more vulnerable to infection and hospitalisation.

## Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get COVID, you can't spread COVID.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of COVID this spring:

**Wear a mask:** a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you from the virus

**Get your booster dose:** new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy

**Let fresh air in:** open windows and doors when you can, it reduces the spread of the virus

**Get tested:** if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test

**Stay at home:** if you have COVID, you should stay at home for at least 5 days and until you have no symptoms

**Talk to your doctor:** if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for COVID medicines.



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# Andrew Laidlaw will open the Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee Avenue, 2nd December.

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Andrew Laidlaw is a Global Gardens of Peace director and landscape architect at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria where he is responsible for the design

and implementation of an extensive range of landscape projects. His achievements include the award winning Ian Potter Foundation children's garden (2004) Guilfoyle's Volcano Project (2010) and the rejuvenation of the Fern Gully (2013) His design work has won a number of awards including Best New Tourist Attraction for Victoria and Landscape of the year in 2005.

Andrew has also taught at post-graduate degree and certificate levels in

horticulture and landscape design, and currently lectures at Melbourne University in the post graduate certificate of landscape design. He was a regular gardening commentator on ABC 774 for ten years and has made numerous television presentations. Andrew is passionate about his role as principal landscape designer for Glibal Gardens of Peace. It's philosophy is that "gardens are forever" and it's belief is that gardens are the centre for which to build a community around.



# Upgraded facilities at Globe Theatre

The Committee, the Repertory Society and the SCS are continually working to improve the facilities at the Globe Theatre.

The latest additions are :

The gas cooker has been upgraded to a new model electric cooker, and a combi oven. These upgrades will improve the catering capacity for future functions.

We have also purchased a portable stage extension which will make increasing the size of our stage for plays etc so much easier. This will also give us more flexibility with how the stage is configured.

The Committee are continually looking for ways to improve the facility for community use.

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# Road Safety Strategy Heads for Zero by 2050

Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted a five-year plan to improve road safety, while sharing the state and federal government goal of zero road fatalities and injuries by 2050.

At its November meeting, Council approved the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2027, which aims to address the ongoing and emerging road safety issues over the next five years.

Surf Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor Mike Bodsworth welcomed the strategy, saying it aligned with state and federal plans, as well as the Transport Accident Commission's Safe System approach.

"All of the fatal road accidents within our shire during the past five years have occurred on high-speed regional and rural roads," Cr Bodsworth said.

"Even one death is one too many. Road safety is a shared responsibility and ensuring we have suitable road safety infrastructure in place now and into the future is paramount to helping road users in the shire to get around safely."

The newly adopted strategy reflects the shire's growing, yet ageing population, as well as an increasing number of cyclists and tourist drivers.

It also takes into consideration the shire's ageing road infrastructure, as well as the introduction of newer transport forms such as motorised bicycles, scooters and electric cars.

Throughout the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan development, officers have held a number of engagement activities with the community, internal and external stakeholders and Council partners.

This engagement has steered the direction and outcomes within the strategy, with a focus on five key areas:

- Improving safety on high-risk roads
- Safety at and between intersections
- Vulnerable and unprotected road users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, older road users, children, young drivers and tourists
- Increasing liveability in our towns by making it safer for people to move around
- Supporting and enforcing safer driver behaviour.

"The strategy brings focus to how key and high priority roads can be used safely – not just by drivers but cyclists and pedestrians as well," Cr Bodsworth said.

"We rely on attracting funding from state and federal governments to implement many of the initiatives and this strategy helps us make the case for this support.

"Ultimately, we all want road users to return home safely. This shared goal of zero deaths and injuries by 2050 is ambitious but not impossible and we are doing everything we can as a council to make sure we see this goal become a reality."

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## Wensleydale Rural Community Group (auspice) report

by Christine Trotter

Our FFOTM (first Friday of the month) Group held social dinners for eleven of the twelve months which was a fantastic improvement on last year of only one out of twelve. Community members are enjoying the social opportunity particularly for new residents connecting with neighbours.

Stage 2 Wurdale Hall improvements finally recommenced with the scope focusing on the high priority element of

having an external toilet due to costs versus budget. At the end of July 2022, the toilet is now accessible and a worthwhile facility for community members and visitors to the hall play/exercise area.

Our group supported the local community children's Xmas event by providing sweets for Santa to hand out as the Wurdale Fire Brigade (WFB) truck travelled around the local area. Feedback was amazing with repeat requested. Anticipating the need for a Santa suit rather than having to beg and borrow. Planning to support a similar

event with WFB for Xmas and Easter next year. Planning has also commenced for our Community Xmas Event at the Wurdale Hall.

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## Murray Darling Basin Authority is out of touch

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has expressed outrage towards the comments made by Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) Chief Executive Andrew McConville in his Rural Press Club address, 10 years after the Basin Plan gave the green light to take water from farming communities.

VFF Water Council Chair Andrew Leahy said Mr McConville's commentary

ignored the ongoing impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan on farming communities and sounded like it was designed to appease the Federal Labor government.

Mr Leahy said Mr McConville's commentary also ignored the facts surrounding the Basin Plan and the 450 GL up-water target.

Mr Leahy said the commentary and actions around buybacks placed a huge dent in the confidence and investment certainty farmers need, especially at a time when they are facing great challenges.

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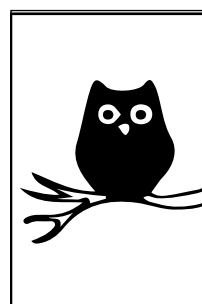
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# Beginning the road to recovery in south-west Victoria

Some of south-west Victoria's most badly flood-damaged roads will undergo major rebuilding and repair works over the coming weeks as Regional Roads Victoria enters the next phase of a massive flood recovery program.

Regional Director (Barwon South West), Michael Tudball said a program of larger-scale repairs will target those roads most affected by the floods, along with some of the region's busiest and most important freight and travel routes.

"Our immediate response has focused on delivering short-term emergency repairs to get roads re-opened as soon as possible – now we're turning our attention towards the first stage of longer-term, larger-scale repairs," Mr Tudball said.

"Anyone who's seen the damage inflicted on our roads knows that we

have a lengthy recovery program ahead of us, and this is just the first step in that process.

The \$19.4 million program of works includes repairs to the Princes Highway West, Darlington Road and Steiglitz Road.

Other works will include landslip stabilisation and repair works at multiple locations along the Great Ocean Road.

"This first package of works is about repairing those roads that have suffered the most damage in the wake of floods and keeping communities connected to vital supplies and services," Mr Tudball said.

Works to be delivered under this first package include major rebuilding and rehabilitation works, asphalt patching, structural repairs, clearing and fixing damaged roadside drains and culverts, stabilising landslips and clearing roadside debris.

Some of these repair works are already underway, while others will begin once warmer, drier weather provides more suitable conditions for rebuilding works.

The works are part of a state-wide program, which will repair and restore roads right across regional Victoria.

Some of the major roads set to undergo repairs across the state include sections of the Hume Highway, Goulburn Valley Freeway, Western Highway, Midland Highway, Great Alpine Road and the South Gippsland Highway.

With more than 525 roads still closed across the state, crews will also continue to carry out daily inspections and deliver emergency repair works.

Since October 13, a team of more than 500 workers deployed across the state have patched more than 79,260 potholes and re-opened more than 860 flood-affected roads.

# New child-focused farm safety podcast series launched

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Making our Farms Safer Project (MOFS) has launched a new podcast series aimed at driving social change to improve the safety of Victorian farming families.

VFF Vice-President and Chair of the VFF Child Safety on Farms Steering Committee, Danyel Cucinotta said the initial two-part series features tips and guidance to reduce accidents involving children on the farm.

"The campaign focuses on better outcomes for children aged 10-15, who are performing work related task on farms. Essentially, we want everyone on the farm to be able to go home safely at the end of the night."

"Influencing change is difficult no matter the subject. Influencing cultural changes is even harder and that's what these podcasts are striving to do," Ms Cucinotta said.

The podcast series also features the Head of Trauma and Burns Unit at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Dr Warwick Teague and his insight when dealing with child injury and trauma.

"Treating injuries is important, but preventing injuries is so much more important."

"Every five days in Victoria, a child is injured on a quad bike. We know that is an underestimate, because not all are serious injuries," Dr Teague said.

Dr Teague added he hopes the podcast series would spark a conversation that

would see a reduction in the number of injuries on farms involving children.

"It goes against the status quo to say no and change what has previously always been done in the past. That's exactly how we end up with injuries on farms or at home. Then we are left managing the injury. We would love to never see it."

"Is there a better thing to do in our day, life or year than to save another?", Dr Teague said.

The podcast series is now available for listening and can be downloaded via your favourite streaming app and searching 'Victorian Farmers Federation'.

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in Barwon Terrace meets at 10.00 am every Sunday morning, followed by morning tea in the hall.

Activities at St Thomas' during the week.

Monday 10.00 am - Mainly Music.

Wednesday 10.00 am - Know Your Bible.

Thursday 10.00 am – Playgroup, meets fortnightly, next time, 17th November.

Friday 10.00 am - Know Your Bible.

Phone Rev Lynne Clarke 0477 672 042  
stthomaswac@gmail.com

## St John's Catholic Church

In Harding Street meets for Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday evenings.

Baptism preparation is on the first Tuesday of the month at St Mary MacKillop Church, Bannockburn.

Please contact Anita, 0409 432 833 or Father Joseph Panackal, 0404 598 558

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Anakie 9am Dec. 25

Bannockburn 11am Dec. 25

### New Years Eve

Winchelsea 6pm Dec. 31

### New Years Day

Meredith 9am

Jan. 1

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Meredith 9am Jan. 1, 15, 26  
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Anakie 9am Jan. 8, 22

Inverleigh 4pm Jan. 19

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### Thought for the Week

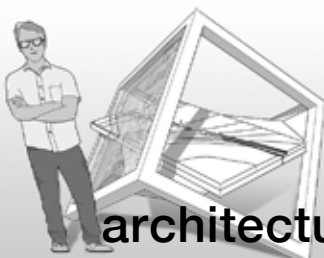
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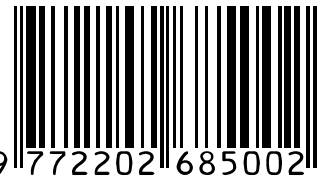
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