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# NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST, 2008**

## **Next Meeting**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Beenleigh Bowls Club, 11 Hanover Street, Beenleigh. See access map further on in this Newsletter.



***Dave Weston with this beautiful Yellowtail Kingfish caught off Moreton Island.***

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## **Guest Speaker:**

*This month's guest speaker will be Fred Preston from the Sundowners Fishing Club. Fred will be talking about crabbing in the local area.*

*Also the AGM is on for the next meeting, so it is time to vote on a new committee Lloyd Willmann and Tom Wallbank will be stepping down this year so we are looking for some new people to fill their shoes.*

**August trips:** *The August trip is to be at Moogerah Dam on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Glen Kennedy is trip captain for this one. We will be chasing Bass this trip. More information at the next meeting.*

## **MORETON BAY SNAPPER**

To say that Ray Bricknell is not yet a convert to soft plastics would be a bit of an understatement. At age 70, having fished with bait all his life, he thinks there is something a bit “fishy” about the whole soft plastics “line”.

Ray's preferred bait is fresh Banana Prawns bought from Woolworth's, with salted frozen Chicken Breast as his regular stand-by bait. He always has a supply of both in his freezer. He pays about 50 cents each for his Banana Prawns – and the tackle shops now have plastic Banana Prawn look-alikes, which sell for about \$2 each or more. What a con!

You can even buy soft plastics with little packets of smelly stuff in them. The odour is worse than from a stale jock strap. After you rub the soft plastic lure in it, your hand smells like it's been in places it really ought not to have been. So, even the “no smell in the boat” argument has gone out of the soft Plastics story.

Of course, Ray is thoroughly convinced that hard bodied lures catch more Flathead than does bait. Ditto Barramundi. But Bream? No way – nothing can beat little bits of unbaited Chicken Breast floated under a pontoon after it has been well “fertilized” with berley.

So it was with considerable scepticism that Ray rigged up a Resin jig head loaded with a small Gulp Alive! 5cm Shrimp, and cast it into 5 or 6 feet of water at dead low tide off Potts Point recently. This was one of those lures that is sold in a type of brine, to give them a “realistic” odour. Bob Hartley had kindly offered to take Ray out mid-week, as old retirees are wont to do, and show him a couple of Moreton Bay Snapper spots he had marked on his GPS after much research.

Ray's enthusiasm wasn't helped when, having allowed a few seconds for the light resin head and plastic to sink, he discovered he had hooked the bottom on his first cast. There was almost no run (“No run, no fun”), and he was fishing light,

not expecting to catch anything decent in such shallow water. So he lost that rig, of course.

Yes, you guessed it. Ray's first instinct was to rig for bait, and bugger the plastics. But he was strong, and resisted his natural urge. So he put on another resin head and Gulp Alive! 5cm Shrimp and cast again.

And he even let it sink for a bit before beginning his “lift and drop” retrieve.

What's this? The slack line is being taken out – just like the jetty Bream take it. So he took up the slack and – hey, presto – a serious fish was taking line off his reel against the lightly set drag. He tightened the drag a bit – remembering that the mono he was using was only about 6 pounds breaking strain – and still the fish took line, again and again. “I'd better get the net for this one,” Bob Hartley said.

Turns out it was a 42 cm Squire (Ray has trouble calling a fish that size a Snapper, because it had only the slightest hint of a bump on its head, and Ray originally hails from Sydney, a very long time ago).

Ray was pretty surprised, actually. He had never caught a Bream, silver or red, on a plastic lure before. The fish destroyed the lure, so Ray rigged up another one the same. Flicked it out from the boat, let it rest a bit, watched the line tighten, and what do you know? Another “Snapper” – this time only 25cms. But now Ray had to believe these smelly plastics, which swam like dead whitebait, actually do catch fish.

But that was it for now. No more hits for either Ray or Bob. Bob was having a try with a similar lure on a sinking fly line, but couldn't get a touch.

It wasn't long before Ray lost patience with soft plastics, and rigged for bait. He dropped half a Banana Prawn over the side of the boat – literally – and it no sooner hit the bottom and it was gone. Also literally. Something bit the light line off like it was cotton. It was bitten off, not broken.

*Rigged up again; another half a Banana Prawn; over the side; hit the bottom – Gone! Bitten off again.*

*Was this, perchance, the area where JC caught that big Jack a month or two ago? These fish were either Jack or Cod – probably Jack, because the line was bitten off with almost no pull on the line.*

*OK, thought Ray, out with the heavy gear he had brought for the BIG Snapper Bob “the Guide” had promised him. A bigger, stronger hook, too. And a heavy leader. The next once was NOT going to swim away unscathed.*

*Well, there wasn't a next one. And that's fishing, folks.*

*Back at the Redland Bay boat ramp, Bob and Ray found evidence that someone else, who had probably been on the water earlier than their 6:45am start, had got onto a few bigger Snapper.*



*Ray Bricknell with 42 cm “Snapper” caught on a Plastic.*

*These two skeletons were quite a bit longer than 42 cms, and there were one or two more like them under the water on the boat ramp. “Next time,” said Bob.*

### **2008 CLUB (NON) JEW FISH TRIP**

*By Ray Bricknell*

*I may as well be up front about it – we did not catch a single Jew this year on our annual three-day club trip to the Jumpinpin. This was in spite of the fact that we had more than the usual number of participants.*

*The weather was great – mild, and hardly any wind. OK, it rained on the Tuesday night and forced us to stay on the mother ship and drink red wine, but sometimes you just have to cop it sweet in such situations. Take a look at this sunrise (it was a delightful red on the day):*

*There were six fishers on the Friday night. Lloyd Willman took Ray as his Deckie; Tom Wallbank fished with Mark Veivers in Mark's new boat; and Ron Clark and Nakia Melody fished from Nakia's boat. (Nakia even plans to get his boat licence one of these days!) This group of six slept aboard Tom's 30-foot Cuddles Cruiser and, whilst understandably a little cramped, we were all surprisingly comfortable. We are all very grateful to Tom for his generosity in providing the Mother Ship on a cost recovery basis – and he doesn't really recover his costs. After this trip he had some repairs to do, as is usual with boats (and even luggage trolleys – sorry, Tom).*





**Sunrise at The Pin – Mon 14 July 08**

*Dave Dennis came down on the Saturday evening with Broden Duffey, and stayed for a cuppa on the Cuddles afterwards. They had fished the Brisbane River on the Friday night, and picked up two Jew in the 70 to 80 cm range. But even Dave Dennis couldn't hook a Jew at the Pin that night – or the night after. We think he went back to the Brisbane River on the Monday night. We never saw him again this trip.*

*Lloyd Willman hooked what we believe was the only Jew encountered on the trip on Friday night. It was a big fish – Lloyd thought it was a snag at first, as there are plenty of those along the drop off in front of Swan Bay – but then he started to recover some line. In the end, Lloyd got a bit too impatient to bring it to the boat, and was busted off as a result.*



**Ron, Lloyd and Tom – on Tom's Cuddles**

*The Bream were on for those fishing for them on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but there was no other sign of life. Tom said he had never seen the Pin area so devoid of signs of fish life. Not even any diving birds. We did see a couple of Turtles, though.*

*The only fish biting on the bottom were small Taylor and small Estuary Cod. Tom and Lloyd each caught a Cod or two, and all of us had the tails nipped off several expensive soft plastics by the Taylor. Only a couple were hooked.*

*As usual, Ray soon lost patience with the various soft plastics and produced his secret cache of frozen (max. 50 cents each) Banana Prawns from Woolworth's. Within minutes he had a small Flathead, and very soon after that he caught a 23cm Bream using a large piece of salted, frozen chicken breast on a **huge** jig head, which had previously contained a 5-inch soft plastic. How that little Bream got either the bait or the hook into its mouth was a wonder!*



**Tom Wallbank's 60cm Flathead**

These were not great fish, but they were a **BIG** improvement on the total lack of action his \$2.50 “artificial baits” had produced during the preceding several hours of jigging.

On Monday Tom went for a troll in Cobby Passage and came back with a 48cm Flathead. On the Tuesday he took Ray with him, and this time Tom got a 60cm Flathead, and Ray caught a 28cm Bream – his first ever Bream on a hard bodied lure. That was it for the trip.

## **SEQ SNAPPER CHALLENGE**

**12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> JULY 08**

By Jeff Maddalena

It seems that this month’s newsletter is all about Snapper. The Bribie Island Sports Fishing Club held the second annual Snapper challenge in July. Held over two days, starting at 4.00am on Saturday and finish of fishing at 11.00 am on Sunday, with weigh in and presentation at 1.00 pm.

Three SBSFC members competed in this competition, John Eldred, Chris Eldred & myself. This was my first fishing competition and at \$20, the entry fee was well worth it. John and Chris were competing in the Brisbane river section and I fished in the canoe/ kayak section.

Briefing was held on Friday night at 7.30 pm at Redcliffe Coast Guard headquarters. Phil Alder from [BOZOS LURES](#) was one of the major supporters of this event and Phil gave a very informative talk on using his soft plastics on snapper.

My preparation for this trip started a few weeks before the start of the competition. Being in a canoe, careful planning of weather tides, fishing location and equipment is essential. The weather forecast was looking great, with only Saturday afternoon to be about 12 knots. Tides were good, small tides are always a must. So all that was left was to organize my gear.

My first choice for Tackle supplies is [LUREWORLD](#) a good range of Snapback soft plastics and TT jigheads would see me through for the weekend. As his daughter Rachel is

constantly out fishing Kevin Ford, it seemed appropriate that she picked the colours of my snapbacks and braid strength.



The spot to fish was the southern end of Macleay Island and the launch point was a gravel boat ramp at Redland Bay. This still was quite a journey for a canoe with an electric motor, so I decided to purchase a small petrol motor. My main concern for the motor was weight, and at 9.5 kg a 2hp Yamaha was just the thing I was after. Yatala Yamaha had tried to talk me in to a 3 hp motor but at 16.5 kg, was just too heavy.

Saturday morning start. I was at the ramp at 5.30 am, lucky I had navigation lights on the canoe because it was still very dark. The only thing I had to look out for was the ferries and barges that were travelling to Macleay and Russel Islands. My new motor pushed the canoe at just the right speed and I was at Macleay at sunrise.

After a few drifts I soon had my first fish on. Snapper love the Snapbacks especially in pumpkinseed. This was not a huge fish at a fork length of 260mm, but I was on the board. It was not long and I had my second fish this one measured 390mm at the fork. This one was coming home. My wife Rach loves fish and I find that if I occasionally bring one home, I am allowed to go fishing a little bit more. It went quiet after that. Hopefully the second day of competition would bring a few more fish.



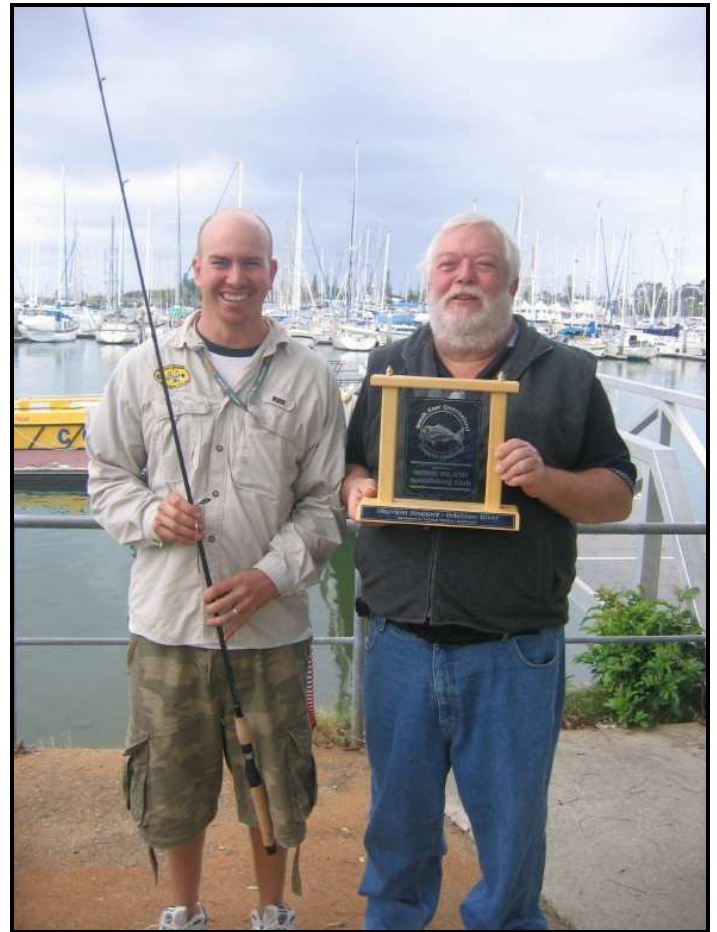


John and Chris Eldred were having a tough morning. Most of their soft plastics were coming back minus their tails due to small Tailor. John did manage a 35cm Snapper that he kept to be weighed in. The father son team only fished on Saturday morning.

Sunday was the same for me; same start time, same secret spot. The only difference was I had to fish next to an old bloke, who was using bait. The Snapper only seemed to be biting on the change of tides. I managed three fish on Sunday all tagged and released. I also had a hook-up that eventually ended with a straightened jig head; In future I will only use heavy-duty jig heads. Cease of fishing was at 11.00am and it was a race against time to be back at Redcliffe by 1.00pm weighing in and presentation.

It seemed that I was stopped at every red light and I still had to pick Rachel and little Katie up on the way. We finally made it in time, but my Snapper was a long way off the 2.7kg fish that won the canoe/kayak section.

The trophy and prizes were worth the effort for our club members. John's Snapper was the heaviest for the Brisbane river section and I won myself a new Gary Howard Snapper rod. Both John and I will be bringing the spoils to the next club meeting, not to show off, but to show what can be gained by this well organized, friendly and affordable competition.



The sponsors below make this event possible, please support them and make this fishing competition one of the best.

[TTlures](#), [BOZOS Lures](#), [Gary Howard Australian Rod Manufacturers](#), Tackle Warehouse Camp Hill, Tackle World Sandgate, The tackle shop Carseldine, [Platypus Fishing Lines](#), Berkley Gulp and the Australian Volunteer Coastguard – Redcliffe.





## Tech Tips-Leaders

Last Month we discussed the various types of Lines on the market today and what makes them different.

This month we can touch on Leaders and Leader material.

Leaders are used to attach the Lure or Jighead to a main line and to provide some stretch and shock absorption. They also protect the main line from being bitten off by toothy species or are also used in Sportfishing rigs to provide a low breaking strain connection in the rig. In these set-ups generally a heavier Leader at the end, followed by a weak link and then the main line, this allows for a low BS section in the rig to satisfy records and a heavier wearing section near the fish.

There are 3 main types of leaders used Mono, Fluorocarbon and Wire. Again all have their specific place and uses.

Wire- There are Knottable Wire leader material and Crimpable Steel Leader.

Knottable Wire Leader like the Graphite Metal Tresse can be used much the same as a Mono leader in that your standard knots can be tied to attach hooks and join it the main line. Graphite Metal Tresse has a woven outer layer over a Dyneema (Braid) Core, which is where the flexibility comes from.

Other Wire Leader material can be Single Strand Wire or Multi Strand Woven Wires, which normally require crimping, but some can be tied or twisted to attach Hooks swivels etc.

Twisted Leaders- Can be Mono or Fluorocarbon and their main features are-

a/ They generally have a clip to attach lures, so changing lures is easy.

b/ They have additional stretch by virtue of the twists.

c/ They don't wear as much when running over snags as the strands tend to roll on each other and they are double strand for the most part.

Mono leaders- This is usually just Mono line used as a leader, Mono has some stretch and tends to float, So Mono leaders can be used when Surface fishing i.e. poppers, as you aren't trying to get lures deep. Mono is economical to use by comparison to other leader types.

Fluorocarbon leaders- Fluoro as it's generally called has a higher Specific gravity than water so it sinks it is also virtually invisible in water because of its reflective index. Fluorocarbon also doesn't absorb water like Mono, This is said to weaken mono lines. These are the main attributes of Fluorocarbon and why it is often used when fishing Soft Plastics and Diving lures. There are various types of Fluoro leaders, high quality Fluoro is 100% Fluorocarbon, some cheaper brands are only fluoro coated. So it pays to check the label for "100%

Fluorocarbon" if your looking for top quality and performance.

There are also Hard Coated Fluorocarbon leaders that are more suitable around Rocks and Pylon and Abrasive surfaces and structure. Others Fluorocarbons are super soft and used as main lines.

Again as a general rule, Use the best you can afford, but bear in mind you may not need to be using an expensive Leader material. There are many variations in Spool sizes between brands so also compare the price to length per spool.

Check out the range of [Leader Materials](#) at Lure World.

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## CLUB LOGOS FOR SHIRTS AND STICKERS FOR BOATS

*Just a reminder - for \$10.00 you can have the SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt. Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt to the meeting with \$10.00 and it will be back at the following meeting. The \$10.00 fee includes a \$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the club for the \$75.00 set up cost.*

*Tom Wallbank has had a number of large and small boat stickers printed, and these are available for sale at every meeting.*

*COST- Small \$1; Large \$5*

## 2007/08 COMMITTEE

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## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

After having their 11th child, an Irish couple decided that that was enough, as they couldn't afford a larger bed. So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told him there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a large firecracker, light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10.

The husband said to the doctor, "B'Jayz man, I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me with my problem."

"Trust me, it will do the job", said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a cracker and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," at which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

This procedure also works in New Zealand and Tasmania.

## **USEFUL NUMBERS & WEB SITES:**

**SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428**

**Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427**

**Fish watch Hotline 1800 017 116**

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<http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml>

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## **LIBRARY STUFF**

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- ET's Bass and Barra Fishing
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- Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing
- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
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Mark builds trailers and repairs them very economically – a good tradesman too.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Prospective Members reading this Newsletter will be made very welcome at any Club meeting – so please come along and check us out at our next meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm.

**NOTE:** - *The Bowls Club has a Bar.* Please remember the gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale. This can be a great club facility if we all use it.

**Single membership - \$58.00 p.a.**

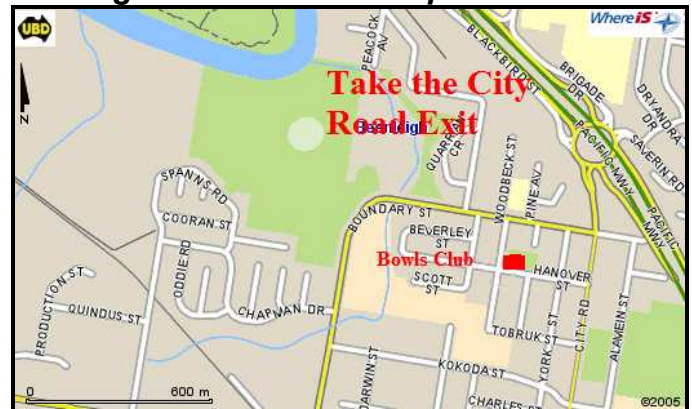
**Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.**

**Student (over 16) - \$20.00 p.a.**

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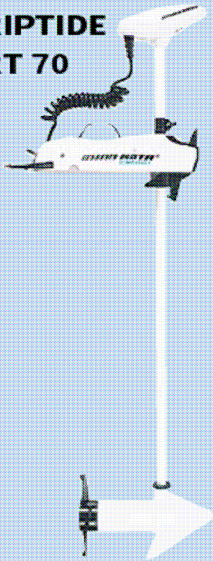
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## Home Trips

| Month     | Venue                             | Date        | Species                        | Nearest Town | Accommodation | Trip Captain    |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| January   | Pimpama River                     | 20th        | Mangrove Jack / Flathead       | Gold Coast   |               | Craig Milne     |
| February  | Southern Moreton Bay Islands      | 24th        | Snapper                        | Redland Bay  |               | Mark Veivers    |
| March     | Mid Nerang                        | 16th        | Bream / Mangrove Jack          | Gold Coast   |               | Kevin Ford      |
| April     | Hinze Dam                         | 20th        | Bass                           | Gold Coast   |               | Jeff Maddalena  |
| May       | Brisbane River / Mud Island       | 18th        | Snapper                        | Brisbane     |               | Dave Dennis     |
| June      | Peel Island                       | 22nd        | Snapper                        | Cleveland    |               | John Cumberland |
| July      | Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special) | 13th - 16th | Jew                            | Cabbage Tree |               | Tom Wallbank    |
| August    | Moogerah Dam                      | 17th        | Bass                           | Boonah       |               | Glen Kennedy    |
| September | Albert River                      | 21th        | Bass                           | Beenleigh    |               |                 |
| October   | Logan River                       | 5th         | Jew                            | Beenleigh    |               | Lloyd Willmann  |
| November  | Pimpama River                     | 9th         | Flathead                       | Gold Coast   |               | Dave Dennis     |
| December  | Jabiru Island                     | 14th        | Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod | Gold Coast   |               |                 |

## Away Trips

| Month     | Venue                                 | Date        | Species         | Nearest Town | Accommodation                     | Trip Captain    |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| January   | N / A                                 |             |                 |              |                                   |                 |
| February  | Borumba Dam                           | 22nd - 24th | Saratoga / Bass | Imbil        | Borumba Deer Park<br>07 5484 5196 | John Eldred     |
| March     | Noosa River                           | 23rd        | Queenfish       | Noosa        |                                   |                 |
| April     | Upper Albert & Logan                  | 12/13th     | Bass / Cod      | Kerry        |                                   | Lloyd Willman   |
| May       | Maroon dam                            | 24/25th     | Bass            | Boonah       |                                   | Jeff Maddalena  |
| June      |                                       |             |                 |              |                                   |                 |
| July      | Pumice stone Passage                  | 12th - 13th | Snapper         | Donnybrook   |                                   | Neil McNeil     |
| August    | Fraser Island                         |             |                 |              |                                   |                 |
| September | Tweed River / Chinderah               | 12th - 14th | Flathead/Bream  | Chinderah    |                                   | John Cumberland |
| October   | Clarrie Hall Dam / Top of Tweed River | 11th - 12th | Bass            | Murwillumbah |                                   | Jeff Maddalena  |
| November  | Monduran                              | 8th - 15th  | Barramundi      | Gin Gin      |                                   | Ross Williamson |
| December  |                                       |             |                 |              |                                   |                 |