Creature comforts a high priority for NT van park

Growing numbers of nomads are on the lookout for pet friendly spots

As caravan parks evolve to better cater to the varying demands of a range of customers, a new breed of ‘super pet friendly’ parks appears to be emerging. With thousands of grey nomads refusing to take the Big Lap without their beloved pooches, there is a growing realisation in some quarters that catering to the needs of these travellers simply makes good business sense.

Whereas a pet-friendly park might once have meant little more than you were actually allowed to stay there with your dog…things are changing.

Enlightened caravan park owners like Mark and Lisa Newman at the Heritage Caravan Park in Alice Springs are making dog friendliness their point of difference…and pet owning grey nomads are voting with their wheels.

“We are just getting busier and busier each year as word spreads and we do more to make pets more welcome,” Mark told the GNT. “We always say we are the most dog friendly park in the Northern Territory and 90% of the grey nomads we get here are dog owners… and they are ecstatic.”

The park already boasts a large off-leash area, a coin-operated self-serve dog wash, a pet-loving ambience, and it has just been awarded a $9,500 grant from the NT’s Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund to build a doggy daycare facility.

“We’ve got two dogs ourselves and we know from our own experiences that it can be incredibly difficult travelling with a pet,” said Mark. “We just wanted to make it easier for people who wanted to visit national parks or other no-dog attractions to have a place where they could know their dog was safe and happy for the day.”

The Newmans – who live at their park with their two young children – are now in the process of building seven dog cages which will have a shared 12 meter-run which each day-guest canine can enjoy in turn.

They will charge about $20 a day for the service. “It seems such a shame that so many grey nomads currently have to miss out on national parks because of their dogs…they don’t want to leave them stuck in a caravan all day,” said Mark. “With this, they will have their own key to their dog’s cage so they can come and collect him or her again whenever they like.”

And, unlike some caravan parks, the Newmans are happy to greet all creatures great and small.

“We will take any breed of dog, we don’t mind,” said Mark, “It is more about the owner than the dog, and we can tell a lot by the way people speak to us and what they say about their dog.”

• Is this the way forward? Have you come across a ‘super pet friendly’ caravan park on your travels?

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Cut red tape for farmers! – GNT readers

It’s unanimous. An unprecedented 100% of respondents to our poll on the issue say it should be made much easier for farms to be able to host grey nomads.

“The arguments were compelling. “We love to help and have skills that could be put to good use by farmers I am sure,” said Julia R.

“An increasing number of farmers are doing it tough because of the drought,” said Kevin C.

“Any extra income would be welcome.”

Rhonda thought it would give travellers a better understanding of farmers’ lives, and John W declared a farm share was a ‘win, win.’

“Why over regulate?” he asked. “Is it anyone’s business whom the farmer shares with?”

Fred is certainly one who would love to stay on farms.

“I have been tempted many times to just pull up and ask a farmer if I could stay a night or two and maybe offer a hand around the farm,” he said. “Being a retired farm worker, it would suit me fine.”
Character of the road

Splitting the difference ... he goes while she stays

Ted enjoys spending time in the Kimberley

What do you travel in?
I've got an old Coaster campervan which suits me perfectly because I travel alone and I can park up just about anywhere without attracting too much attention.

How is solo travel?
I love it. About 10 years ago when I first retired I went on a three week camping trip with my wife, Janice, and it was a disaster. She is the first to admit that she is not a camping kind of girl and she hated pretty much everything about it. It was a bit tricky because it had always been my dream to head off on the Big Lap. Growing up in Scotland, I have so many memories of amazing trips with my family and I wanted to discover Australia in the same way.

A difficult problem?
Well, we thought it was. I kept trying to persuade Janice to have another crack at camping but she flat out refused and eventually said, 'why don't you go on your own?' And so I did. I travel for about four months every year and Janice stays home with the cats and she is happy with that, and so am I.

Where do you travel?
I pick a different route every year but I have to say I love the Kimberley. I love the walks there and I love to catch a barra or two. It's heaven. I also enjoy visiting some of the bigger towns and cities, and I tend to park up in residential streets. I know a lot of people say this 'stealth camping' is wrong but I am doing absolutely no harm to anyone and feel I should be able to sleep in my campervan as long as it is legally parked.

Do you make friends?
Sure, I'm a pretty sociable sort of chap and enjoy chatting to fellow grey nomads, both couples and singles. I also quite enjoy meeting backpackers from all over the world. Because of my vehicle and the way I travel I think I am sort of an honorary member of that group.

Likes and dislikes
I love the genuine warmth of most country people and I am absolutely blown away by the countryside. I have lived in Melbourne for nearly 40 years and, even though I had seen the Outback on television, I had no real concept of its scale and beauty. I dislike people and towns that think that you have to spend a fortune to justify the privilege of visiting their area. You really don't! It is completely up to you where, how and if you spend your money as you travel.

Reluctant partner advice?
Just go on your own. If you end up not travelling to please your partner, you'll be resentful and, if he or she travels just to keep you happy, the reverse will be true. Talk about it, come to some arrangement, and then hit the road. You'll always regret it if you don't.

Nomads in Brief

Caravan tragedy
A woman has died in a fire that engulfed a caravan on the NSW Central Coast. Emergency services were called to the site of Heritage Village, Toukley, where they found the body of a 71-year-old woman. The cause is being investigated.

Park stabbing
A 20-year-old man was taken to hospital in a serious but stable condition following a stabbing at a caravan park on the NSW South Coast. An 18-year-old man has been charged with attempted murder following the incident at Lake Tabourie Holiday Haven Caravan Park, south of Ulladulla.

Croc killed
A male crocodile aged between 30 and 50 years was found beheaded late last month in Kakadu National Park. Forensic evidence suggests a gun was probably used to kill the 4.6 metre crocodile.

Koala ‘comeback’
A record number of koalas has been spotted in Morwell National Park, Victoria. Since an annual count started more than twenty-five years ago, the number of koalas seen in the park has ranged from seven to eleven. This year, twelve koalas were counted.
Dear Editor,
Re: ‘Travel again’ accident couple (GNT: 108). I do feel for this couple, as my wife and myself have had similar close calls but, fortunately, we have come away unscathed. Time is of no issue for us, so now when I am on the road and notice nonsense and stupidity going on, I slow down and back right off and let the idiots have the road. There appears to be a growing culture with drivers that they feel that they must, at all costs, get in front of you regardless of risk. Towing a van is a learning curve like none other.

Taurus B

Dear Editor,
I think this is one very brave couple, prepared to face down their demons in order to live their dream. I only hope we show this much courage when we hit the road next year for the Big Lap.

Liloking

Dear Editor,
Glad to note both Barry and Jennifer were not badly injured. My wife and I came across this very same accident a few minutes after it must have happened! We had been in Denmark for a few days and were travelling home towing our then recently acquired caravan. We noted the smashed caravan and towing vehicle in amongst the trees, plus all the other wrecked vehicles scattered across the road and surrounding area. It certainly was a scary scene! As a number of other vehicles had stopped and people were assisting the victims, we slowly passed by. It certainly made us very wary of the devastation that can happen on our country roads.

Sonatina

Dear Editor,
Good on Barry and Jennie, getting back on the horse. One stupid action should not spoil future plans but to experience what they have is easier said than done. Enjoy your travels, I would imagine you have inspired a lot of new travellers with your courage. Hope to meet you on the road one day.

D & D

Dear Editor,
Good to hear you guys are on the mend, good luck with your new set up – though I wonder if a camper trailer is a good idea with you both having shoulder injuries?

Diane J

Dear Editor,
Good on you both for not letting this horrible incident ruin your love of the great life we nomads enjoy! Hope to see you on the road some day.

Robyn & Greg

Dear Editor,
Re: Geelong article (Great Places: GNT 108). I would have thought that after the comments by Tourism of Greater Geelong and Bellarine head, Roger Grant (2014 Aug 27) and his attitude towards grey nomads and free camping that anything to do with supporting Geelong camping by ‘The Grey Nomads’ magazine would be considered off limits until the attitude changes (which to this date I don’t believe it has). Quotes against free camping such as: “They (grey nomads) expect ratepayers to subsidise their holiday.” “Travellers in vans should not be crying poor nor expect free camping.” are quiet offensive to me (and I know others) who sometimes free camp. On being told that free camping campers have threatened to boycott the Geelong and Bellarine area, his response: “That is fine – go away.” Is your magazine really supporting this type of attitude?

Ian E

Dear Editor,
We were forced to move on from Torquay because of $100 dollar a night caravan park fees over a long weekend. We had not planned to stop or stay in Geelong, but it was one of the highlights of our trip through Victoria. Its retention/ rebidding of old buildings is a model for all Australian cities. Our caravan park on the river was a treat with extensive walking trails.

John M

Dear Editor,
Re: solar-powered vehicles. (Gadgets: GNT 109). The future lies with Lithium for the development of essential power storage for electric vehicles, home power systems, commercial power system, computers, smart phones and the list goes on. Tesla Corporation is producing around 50,000 electric super cars in the US. You won’t believe the enormous power generated by these vehicles! Mitsubishi has signed a non-binding agreement with an Australian Lithium company, BMW has a target for electric vehicles within 10 years, and Bosch has also been involved so, if you have $150,000 to spare (at today’s prices), get on board for the ride to the future.

Jane B

Dear Editor,
Re: Small towns. I have every copy of your newsletter filed and looking back through a few it’s obvious that one of the more popular comments in ‘Letters To The Editor’ is on the value to small towns of providing free or cheaper places to stay for us grey nomads. Have you thought of sending copies of the newsletter to as many of these councils as possible? Just a thought. Keep up the good work. It is appreciated.

Bruce M

(Good idea, Bruce. Definitely worth letting the ‘powers-that-be’ know what is on grey nomads’ minds.)
Dear Editor,
Re: Jaclyn & Heidi (GNT: 108). I have just read the story from Bianca regarding them feeling as though they were losing control of their ‘rig’ when being overtaken by a road train. I suggest they have their rig checked out by a qualified caravan dealer. We have been ‘on the road’ permanently for 13 years and had a similar problem many years ago. The culprit actually turned out to be the type of tyres that we had just had fitted to our tow vehicle! The tyres were the popular All Terrain type with a good tread pattern on them. The problem being that there wasn’t any support between the tread blocks. Changing the tyres to another tread pattern completely solved the problem. (The same rig has now just completed its second trip ‘around the block’ without any troubles!)

Dawn & Alan

Dear Editor,
Bianca and Terry ... is your tow vehicle fitted with a UHF radio and if so, can you confidently use it? We drive a seven-metre motorhome and whenever we’re around ‘the big fellas’ we let them know on UHF CH40 that if they want to overtake us, just give us the word and we’ll back off and they can get going. This gives us time to be prepared for the overtake and the truck driver can safely come around (ie less buffering from the air pressure wave). If you haven’t tried this yet – give it a go and you’ll find co-existing on your travels with the big boys will become a whole lot happier and safer.

Annette F

Dear Editor,
What Bianca and Terry experienced is known as ‘Breaking your slipstream’. It’s a common occurrence when being overtaken by a larger vehicle. You will find also if a large truck is tailgating you, you will find you have to accelerate more as you feel you are being sucked back by the truck breaking your slipstream. One suggestion is to have a UHF fitted and monitor CH 40 and talk to the drivers, you will find they are ‘mostly’ easy to get along with. Also, when you are being overtaken, edge your rig over to the left and hold your line as straight as you can so as they pass you can counter the pull. Please don’t let this put you off the dream as it will get better with time.

Rob & Pam K

Dear Editor,
With over 30 years of caravaning behind us, the caravan being ‘sucked along’ feeling experienced by Bianca and Terry was, in fact, the exact opposite. The caravan was blown away from the truck by its wind. At the same time as their caravan moved left, their own wind barrier disappeared giving them a sensation of increased speed with nothing holding the caravan steady. The effect is called ‘slipstreaming’ and is used by racing vehicles of all types to blow past the competition with a burst of overtaking power. In a tow combination, because of the pivot action through the tow ball, as the van moved away from the truck, they perceived a movement of their tow vehicle’s rear end towards the truck. ie the tail wagged the dog. This effect is quite normal and as long as your rig is set up correctly and you are driving at a sensible speed for the conditions, you should have confidence in the ability of your tow vehicle’s tyres to hold the road and not be too concerned. I hope you regain your confidence soon.

Cliff H

Dear Editor,
We would love to take our van across to Tasmania, but the cost is out of the question for us. If we spent the money on taking the car and van across the Bass Strait, we would not be able to spend any other money on entertainment. Fares might have gone down 8%, but the cost of the van and car booked together is ridiculous. Forget Tassie, it’s cheaper on the mainland.

John & Judith

Dear Editor,
Yes, I’m tempted by Tassie. Going over with the car and van late in January for three weeks.

John J

Dear Editor
Very much tempted. I’m looking at October 2016 for three months.

Kevin C

Dear Editor
Yes, we will be planning a trip to Tassie next year, with the hope that the fares will still be more affordable still. Thank you T-T Line

Phil G
Technology may help to reduce ’roo risks

The thought of a kangaroo bounding out in front of their motorhome or caravan as they cruise down a quiet country highway is enough to make many grey nomads break out in a cold sweat.

While most around-Australia travellers can’t imagine taking the Big Lap without having that nagging fear of an errant animal turning the dream into a nightmare, the designers at Volvo are working to ensure they can do just that.

The Swedish car maker is developing radar and camera technology that should be able to detect kangaroos and automatically apply the brakes if an accident is imminent.

The company’s safety engineers have just been at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, west of Canberra, filming kangaroos’ roadside behaviour and will use that data to develop kangaroo detection and collision avoidance software.

“Whereas Volvo’s Pedestrian Detection technology is geared towards city driving, animal detection is designed to work at highway speeds.” Volvo’s senior safety engineer, Martin Magnusson said. “Kangaroos are unpredictable animals, but we are confident we can refine our animal detection technology to detect them and avoid collisions on the highway.”

The basic technology was originally developed for detecting pedestrians and cyclists, and then adapted for Swedish animals such as reindeer.

With statistics showing some 20,000 kangaroo collisions on Australian roads every year, it seemed only commonsense to develop a similar system for our roads and our wildlife.

The way it works is that a radar sensor scans the road ahead looking for moving objects such as cyclists, pedestrians, cars ... and camels! A light sensitive camera in the windscreen works in conjunction with the radar to help a computer decide which way the object is moving, and whether any accident-preventing action needs to be taken.

As a point of comparison, Volvo says it takes 1.2 seconds for an on-the-ball driver to detect danger and then apply the brakes, with its computer system able to do the same thing in a fraction of that time.

“Yes, 1.2 seconds,” Magnusson said. “Kangaroos are smaller and their behaviour is more erratic ... this is why it’s important that we test and calibrate our technology on real kangaroos.”

Volvo insists that this technology is not designed to remove drivers’ responsibilities, but to provide another safeguard.

Would this technology make you feel safer on the highways, or do you think it might offer a false sense of security?

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Website highlights

All shook up
Recently our website www.thegreynomads.com.au reported that a shortage of water in the Outback has meant that the ‘regular’ grading of unsealed roads in some areas has now become less than regular. While parts of Central Queensland have been having some rain in the past few days, the impact of the dry weather is already being felt by grey nomads travelling on bumpy roads.

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Who can take you to amazing places?

- New Age Caravans

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 improvin g the quality of peoples’ lives
Photographers provided power to win great prizes

The most powerful, prize-laden photo competition in the history of the Grey Nomads website is up and running … and already attracting some stunning entries.

The theme of the competition is: ‘Power’. Perhaps the winning entry will be a shot illustrating the power of the sun, the wind, the rain … or maybe a picture showing how people or animals use power or even an image expressing what powers your trip such as friendship, chocolate or maybe just the desire to follow the sun. As usual, we expect the boundaries of the category to be challenged, so use your imaginations.

While the winning photographer will forever be able to bask in the glory of being named champion grey nomad photographer … he or she will also be picking up a jaw-dropping quality prize.

- The winning photographer will receive a PowerSmart Series™ P3000 generator donated by Briggs & Stratton, including delivery to anywhere in Australia – (RRP $1,799).
- The second prize winner will receive a PowerSmart Series™ P2000 generator donated by Briggs & Stratton, including delivery to anywhere in Australia – (RRP $1,199)
- The third placegetter will receive a package of Grey Nomad website merchandise including two Grey Nomad stubby holders, and two Grey Nomad bumper stickers.

Journalist Steve Jones – will be announced on December 7. These will be posted on our website and voting (via email) will take place December 7 to midnight AEST December 14. The winner (the photograph with the most votes) and the two other placegetters will be announced December 15.

So, what are you waiting for? Good luck everybody!

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QUIZ CORNER

Last week's picture puzzle solution: The winning entry was sent by Steven V.

Win 2 grey nomad bumper stickers!

Email us the solution to this picture puzzle. Winner will be drawn from entries and announced in issue 110.

CLUE: Camping for weeks in the bush? Should be no worries … if you’ve got one of these.

Do You Know

1. I’m travelling direct between the southwestern WA towns of Karrindale and Nannup. Which highway will I take?
2. On Cabana Arbor (anagram) The sky’s the limit in this NSW town, which offers great views in the dark.
3. Shortest road distance between the Tasmanian towns of Strahan and Swansea.
   a) 378km
   b) 462km
   c) 513km
4. Which small NT town sounds like it hasn’t got a partner.
5. Two highways run into the Queensland town of Walgett. One is the Castlereagh Highway. What’s the other one?

(Answers on p. 7)
'They're just too close'

Dear Jaclyn and Heidi,

My wife Elly and I are committed bush campers. We don't like the crowds you get at caravan parks or at some national parks and popular roadside stops. Our favourite thing to do is to take off up some bush track and park up out of the way for a night or two. We don't do anything to attract attention and we've never had a problem in the 10 years we have been doing this full-time. The only issue we have – and it seems to be happening more and more now – is when a fellow traveller unexpectedly turns up and cherily says: "You don't mind a bit of company, do you?" I feel like screaming “Yes, we bloody well do!” .... but I always smile and have a brief chat. Would it be rude if I said: “Actually, I'd prefer it if you found another spot!”

Josh

It can be a bit awkward when other people force you to change the evening you had planned, Josh, but that's the Big Lap ... we don't know who our neighbours are going to be from one night to the next. However, given that you go to so much trouble to find some solitude, it's a shame you sometimes have to share your space with others. It is a big, big country out there .... but some travellers just feel a lot happier camping near other grey nomads. I imagine most nights you still find the 'aloneness' that you and Elly seek, so I should concentrate on enjoying those nights and just make the most of the times you do have a bit of company. You never know, you might even end up glad that some of people did pull up for a night!

Would it be rude if you suggested they found another spot? You'd better believe it, Josh. You had better believe it! Has it crossed your mind that the new arrivals would prefer it if you weren't there, either? Maybe they've been visiting the same spot for years and their little hearts sunk when they saw you. If you are so mad keen on your solitude, why don't you and Elly pack up and head out. Travelling for 10 years doesn't give you any sort of ownership of certain spots or mean that you are entitled to more than others who might be just starting out, Josh. Far from it. It sounds like travelling Australia has been very good to you. How about 'paying it forward' and enriching some other people's Big Lap experiences? You really could make a real positive difference.

Heidi

Nomads in Brief

Lightning kills man

A 48-year-old cattle station worker was killed by lightning in north-west Queensland on Thursday. Police said Daniel Constantine was tending to horses at a property west of Norman- ton when he was hit, shortly after 3:00pm (AEST). Superintendent Russell Miller said he died at the scene.

Centre Opens

The Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey is inviting members of the public and media to attend the Official Opening Ceremony on Thursday November 19 at 1pm, joining the distinguished guests, country music community, locals and tourists to celebrate the life and music of Slim Dusty.

Remote rescue

Three French backpackers who were broken down on a remote four-wheel drive track in WA have been rescued. The two men and a woman had left a note on their car showing the direction they had taken on foot to get help. A passing motorist saw them, provided them with water and alerted authorities. The trio were taken to Ravensthorpe where they are recovering from dehydration.

Step out in style this season with GN gear

Deck yourself out this season with fashionable grey nomad gear. We offer high-quality men's and ladies' polo shirts complete with hand embroidered Grey Nomads logo across the chest. Men's shirts come in 'bone' colour and ladies in 'pink'. The shirts are 65% poly, 35% combed cotton pique fabric. They have proved a huge hit in the caravan parks and campsites of Australia.

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Jaclyn

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2. Coonabarabran
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4. Batchelor
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GLEN INNES, NSW
Board in exchange for work. We have a large, picturesque farm near Glen Innes, NSW and would like some help with fencing and general house/garden maintenance. We offer food and a cottage (or you could park your van anywhere) in exchange for maybe 4 hours work a day, depending. We are a family and would require someone with good family values who likes the peace and beauty of the bush. Click here.

FLEURIEU PENINSULA, SA
Second Valley Caravan Park is a small but popular Park located on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula – the gateway to Kangaroo Island. Due to the demands of the busy Summer holidays, we require the assistance of a two person team able for approximately 6 months, commencing immediately. Click here.

DENMARK, WA
We are the Denmark Heritage Cider Company, a unique organic orchard. We are based in Scaddan, close to the town of Denmark. We welcome short, medium and long term visitors all year round, and have excellent pitches for your mobile home and we have our own static van accommodation and offer shower and laundry facilities to visitors. We expect two hours work per day from our visitors in return for the campsite and use of facilities. In addition, depending on the time of year there may be an opportunity for full time paid work assisting with maintenance and general farm work. The work involved is a couple of hours a day, waking the sheep, feeding the pigs, tomatoes, ... how you do that is up to you! If you like Thai food and Karaoke under the stars, then our farm is a must see on your tour of Australia. Click here.

FOR SALE

BEGA VALLEY, NSW
Farm sitters wanted down far south coast Bega Valley area for a week, lovely valley small animal farm, sheep, dogs and water of garden. Can arrange longer stay if more suitable for you as property has plenty of private sites for stand alone outfaits. The dates are from the 18th - 25th November 2015. Click here.

CENTRAL COAST, NSW
House sit available at Wyee on the Central Coast of NSW, being part of the Macquarie region, 2 BR self contained unit with access to water and park land. All utilities provided and Caravan site is included to park up the van while you do the sit. 2 dogs low maintenance. To commence 1st November to 11 December. Click here.

GUNNEDAH, NSW
Looking for someone with car/tenancy available for the right applicant(s) at rural Farm House about 50km west of Gunnedah NSW. The property is an unfurnished homestead with 11,000 hectare cattle and sheep station, which needs occupation to arrest gradual deterioration. Requirements include: working gardens, gardening, basic maintenance (with provision for a small budget to cover R&M materials) and general upkeep. Click here.

HUMPFY DO, NT
Looking for a sitter who is self contained to look after our 5 acres and Jack Russell dog from mid January 2016 to May. We can offer power, water, shower and toilet. Local tourist inks from 15 mins Swannie, 25 mins from Darwin CBD. Prefer non smoking, mature couple, no children and small socialised pets. Click here.

WINTON, QLD
A position available for Caretaker COUPLE, suit active pensioners, required to start 1st December or before, station is 106 kms south west from Winton Qld to work for large garden with usual jobs mowing, weeding, trimming and watering (trees & garden beds on drip system provided with phone, meat, satellite internet and power(very small charge),furnished contained living house, no mobile coverage. Own 4 wheel drive will be needed due to some gravel road. Can become a permanent position. Click here.

HAY POINT/MACKAY, QLD
We live on 5.5 acres 30 mins south of Mackay. Close to surrounding beaches and parks. 15min drive to shops, restaurants, pub and clubs, banks, doctors, and hospital. We are looking for honest, genuine, friendly carers for our 'fur kids' when we take holidays. If you are genuinely interested in house sitting, duties expected would include: feeding and caring for our animals which include 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 chooks, keeping the house clean and tidy, collecting mail, putting bins out and taking out our few plants. Dates are 19/12/15-22/01/16. Click here.

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