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Festival of Small Halls Comes Back to Cassowary Coast this July

After much success during its Summer Tour last November, the Festival of Small Halls presented by Woodfordia Inc. is coming back to the Cassowary Coast on Sunday 7 July for its Winter Tour.

The folk music tour features Canadian band Quote the Raven and Aussie Singer, Hailey Calvert who will play alongside our very own local talent Ash Binello.

Set to captivate the audience, Jordan Coaker and Kirsten Rodden-Clarke who make up the award-winning band Quote The Raven seamlessly merge American-Folk Music with East Coast storytelling, sharing tales about a small town band experiencing the world.

“We are so excited to be returning to Australia so quickly after our debut in your beautiful country this past summer at the Port Fairy Folk Festival. We thought it would be at least another year before we had the chance to come back. We've performed at Small Halls here in Canada several times, so we can't wait to do it in Australia!”

Tickets are only \$25.00 and will sell out fast.



Sunday, 7 July 2024



Doors Open 6:30pm for 7pm start



The Con Theatre, 5 River Avenue Innisfail

This event is jointly funded by the Regional Arts Development Fund and Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Kerstin Pilz Launches Special Series of Author Talks at Cassowary Coast Libraries

Cassowary Coast resident and author of *'Loving My Lying, Dying, Cheating Husband'* Kerstin Pilz attracted an intimate audience today at the Innisfail Library launching a special series of Author Talks.

In the first event of eight across Cassowary Coast Libraries featuring authors Annie Seaton and Barbara Hannay, Kerstin delighted the audience with the

story behind her memoir about a whirlwind romance gone wrong.

“I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to share my story through a national audience, however, to do so in my home region of the Cassowary Coast is extra special,” Kerstin said.

“Telling this story within a small community such as Mission Beach has been warmly received throughout the publishing experience and promotional tour, and I’m excited to now share it with people who live here.

“We’re lucky to have such great support from Cassowary Coast Libraries and I thank them for inviting me to present at this Author Talk series.”

Cassowary Coast Library and Museum Services’ Author Talks series will also present Annie Seaton, author of fictional historical saga ‘*The Daughters of the Darling*’ who’ll talk about the first book of the series ‘*From Across the Sea*’.

Culminating the series will be Barbara Hannay whose soon-to-be-released novel ‘*The Wife’s Secret*’ is set in a location inspired by the Cassowary Coast. Barbara will share her inspiration for this tropical far-north Queensland setting at Mission Beach and Innisfail libraries.

Spaces are filling up fast for this event! Bookings are essential call 1300 366 616.

[Book Online Now](#)

The Adventure begins at Warrina Lakes with Construction of Nature Play

The adventure begins at Warrina Lakes Community Parklands with the construction of a \$780,000 Nature Play area featuring an enchanted palm forest, slides, and fort nestled amongst a native flora garden designed especially for children. area

Cassowary Coast Councillor for Infrastructure Services Nicholas Pervan said this initiative aims to immerse children of all ages in the wonders of the outdoors while fostering environmental awareness and overall wellbeing.

“During extensive community consultation earlier this year there was a high level of enthusiasm for a nature-inspired play space, Cr. Pervan said.

“The proposed design collected widespread approval, with residents expressing their preferences for various elements and themes.

“Council has incorporated these insights to ensure the final design authentically captures the essence of our local environment and aligns with community needs.”

The nature play area will feature a diverse array of elements, including slides, timber steppers, balance beams, an enchanted palm forest, a climbing net, and a fort equipped with a talking tube.

Construction will be undertaken by playground specialists 'Miles of Landscaping' with commencement on Monday 20 May 2024 with completion targeted for 30 June 2024.

Nature Play Area - Stage 3 of the Warrina Lakes Master Plan

June is Dog Registration Month

June is registration month and renewal notices have been posted! Have your Animal ID number handy and renew your dog's registration over the phone by calling Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 763 903, or in person by visiting Council's Customer Service Centres.

If you are renewing your dog's registrations remember to keep your dog's life-time tag. Tags will not be re-issued each year. If your life-time tag is lost please contact Customer Service on the above number or email enquiries@ccrc.qld.gov.au.

Renew Online Now

Safety Upgrade for Flynn Road, Mourilyan

Flynn Road, Mourilyan has been given the green light to receive safety upgrades in June 2024.

Division Six Councillor Renee McLeod said Flynn Road has a history of flooding and safety concerns from the residents and our community.

"This upgrade will improve flood immunity and safety with the widening of both the open drain, and road pavement.

"The upgrades will ensure residents, primary producers, buses, and children will be able to travel safely along Flynn Road into the future," said Cr McLeod.

"I would like to acknowledge the residents and community who have been strong advocates for this project, and for their patience.

"I'm pleased Council is delivering this outcome for the safety of the road users and the community".

The \$350,000 Flynn Road upgrade is fully funded by Cassowary Coast

Regional Council's Capital Program.

Works are expected to take approximately six to seven weeks, weather and resources permitting. Changed traffic conditions will be in place whilst works are being undertaken.

Council asks residents to plan their journey accordingly and apologises for any inconvenience experienced whilst works are undertaken.

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Be Croc-wise in Croc-Country and reduce your risk

When you're in Croc Country it's important to understand how to Be Crocwise around the water.

Crocodiles can be found in any waterway including rivers, creeks, beaches, oceans and waterholes.

Crocs are apex predators that use ambush tactics, such as lying and waiting at the water's edge, to capture their prey. Just because you can't see a croc, doesn't mean there isn't one close by.

So, if you enjoy fishing, boating, camping or swimming in the great outdoors, knowing how to Be Crocwise can reduce your risk of a croc attack.

Be Crocwise. Reduce your risk.

- **Stay at least 5m from the water's edge.**

Crocodiles often hunt their prey at the water's edge. If you have to move closer, keep a sturdy object like an esky or large rock between you and the water.

- **Avoid waterways especially between dusk and dawn.**

This is when crocodiles are most active and they prefer to hunt in low light.

- **Dispose of your food and fish scraps in a bin or take them home.**

Crocodiles are attracted by an easy meal, so make sure you take your food, fish scraps and bait away from the water, camp site and boat ramp.

- **Keep your pets on a lead and away from the water's edge.**

Animals, and dogs in particular, are attractive prey to crocodiles.

- **Avoid using small watercraft such as kayaks and paddleboards.**

The smaller the vessel, the greater the risk.

- **Swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.**

Visit the [Beachsafe website](#) to locate patrolled beaches in your area.

[Learn More](#)

Fly Release to Weed Out Biosecurity Threats on the Cassowary Coast

The Cassowary Coast is flying in to weed out a noxious plant species thanks to hungry fly larvae with a taste for Siam weed (*Chromolaena odorata*).

Council's Natural Environment and Sustainability team culminated a four-year project of mass-rearing and releasing of a biological control fly called the Siam gall fly (*Cecidochara connexa*) at infested sites including Fishers Creek Road, Stoters Hill and Mena Creek Road.

Cassowary Coast Councillor for Development, Planning and Environment Jeff Baines explained how the flies are bred by Biosecurity Queensland (BQ) for their insatiable appetite for Siam weed.

The collective effort between Council and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Environment, Science and Innovation and HQ Plantations as well as landholders, has seen over 14,500 flies and 2,540 galled-stems released at 67 sites within Cassowary Coast Regional Council over the last four years.

With the flies having established and spread, in the years to come it's intended that they'll spread further to help control and manage this serious weed in northern Queensland.

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PCYC Innisfail and CCRC working together to support youth initiatives

Council has endorsed a new partnership with the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Innisfail through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Local Government meeting held last Thursday, 23 May.

The MOU between Council and PCYC underscores Council's commitment to facilitating youth programs and recreational activities and working with community partners.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Teresa Millwood said the purpose of an MOU is to provide a framework for a collaborative partnership between Council and PCYC as well as other stakeholders including Youth Justice and Queensland Police Service.

"Investing in our youth is investing in the heart of our community's future,"

Mayor Millwood said.

"This partnership will foster engagement and help support activities and initiatives, paving the way for a more vibrant and inclusive Cassowary Coast where every young person can thrive."

Youth Club Manager, Sergeant Mick Maguire shared his enthusiasm the endorsement of the MOU with Council - "We value our relationship with Council and are pleased to see this agreement formalise our collaboration to encourage youth engagement in the Cassowary Coast,"

"Further to the MOU, we're thrilled to recently also receive news that our community grant application to fund our 'After Dark Drop In' program was approved by Council and we were very pleased to host Councillors and staff on Monday evening to see our programs in action."

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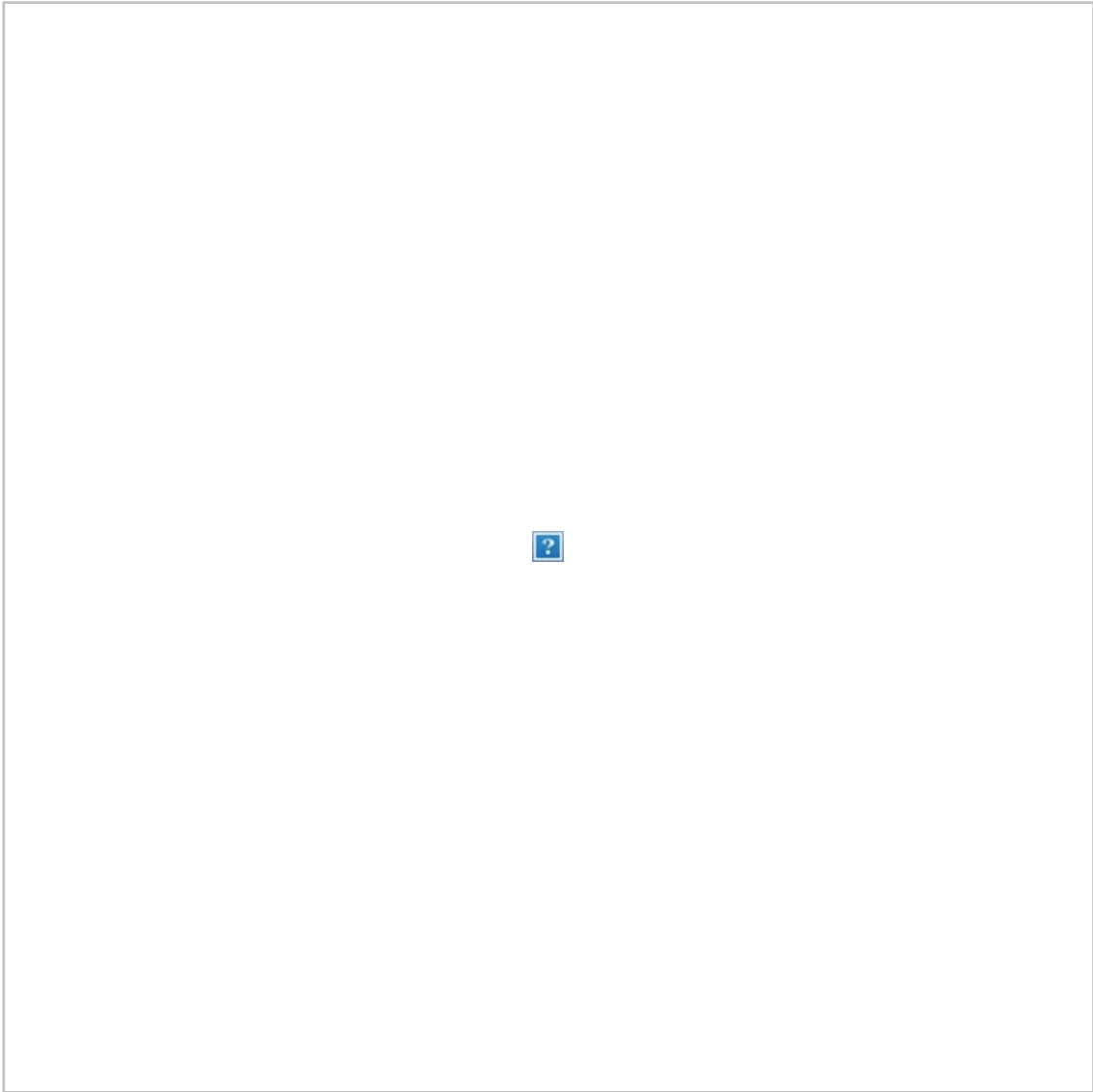
Project Announcement - UPDATE - Enhancement to Banyan Creek Bridge

UPDATE - Cassowary Coast Regional Council wishes to advise that there has been a change in dates for the upcoming Banyan Creek Bridge Works. The revised dates for the bridge closure are from Thursday 13 June 2024 to Saturday 15 June 2024 hours between 6 pm and 6 am.

During the temporary closure of the bridge, we kindly ask for your cooperation in using the designated detour route via Dean Road and Bryant Street, as outlined in the accompanying sketch.

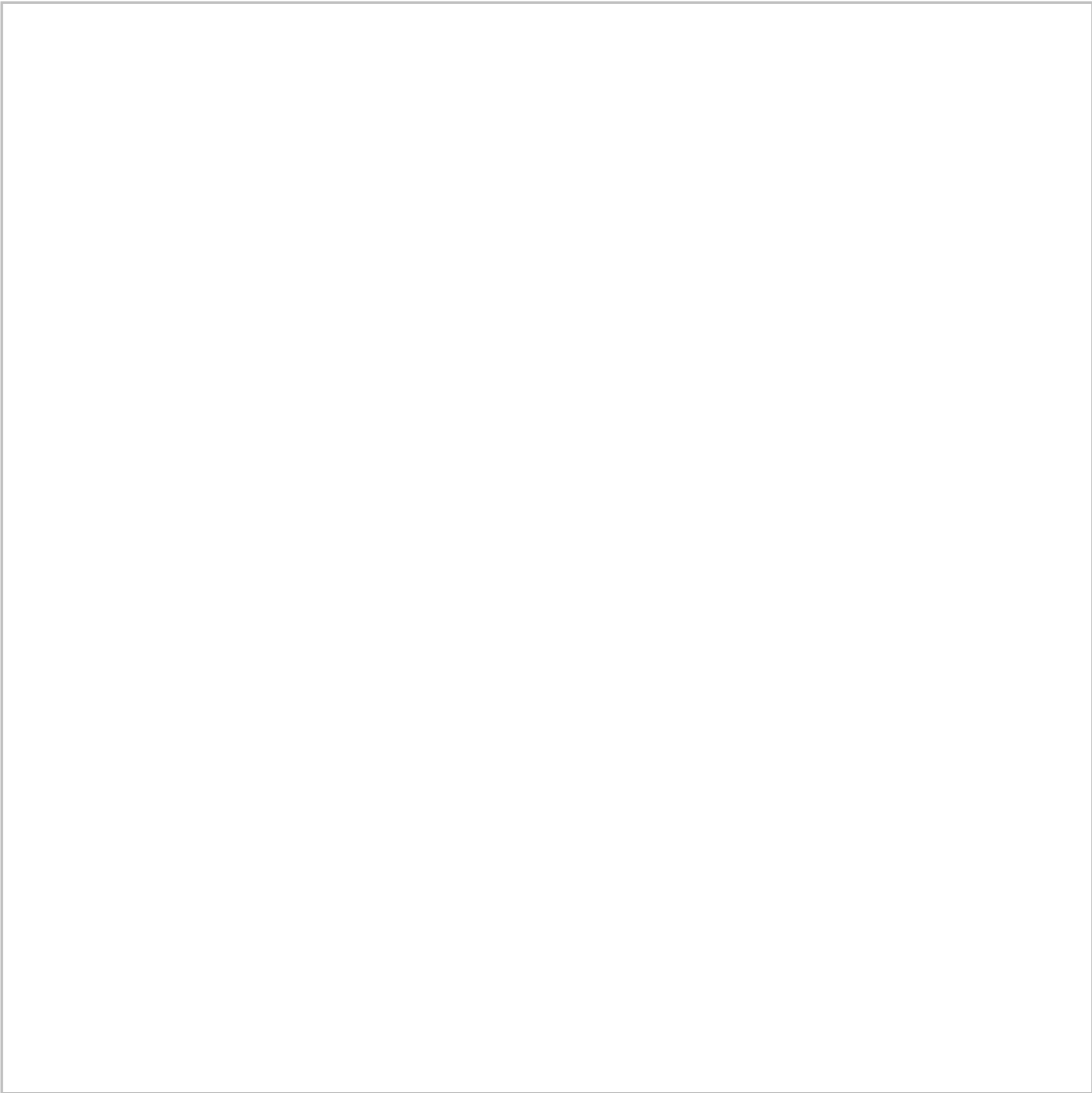
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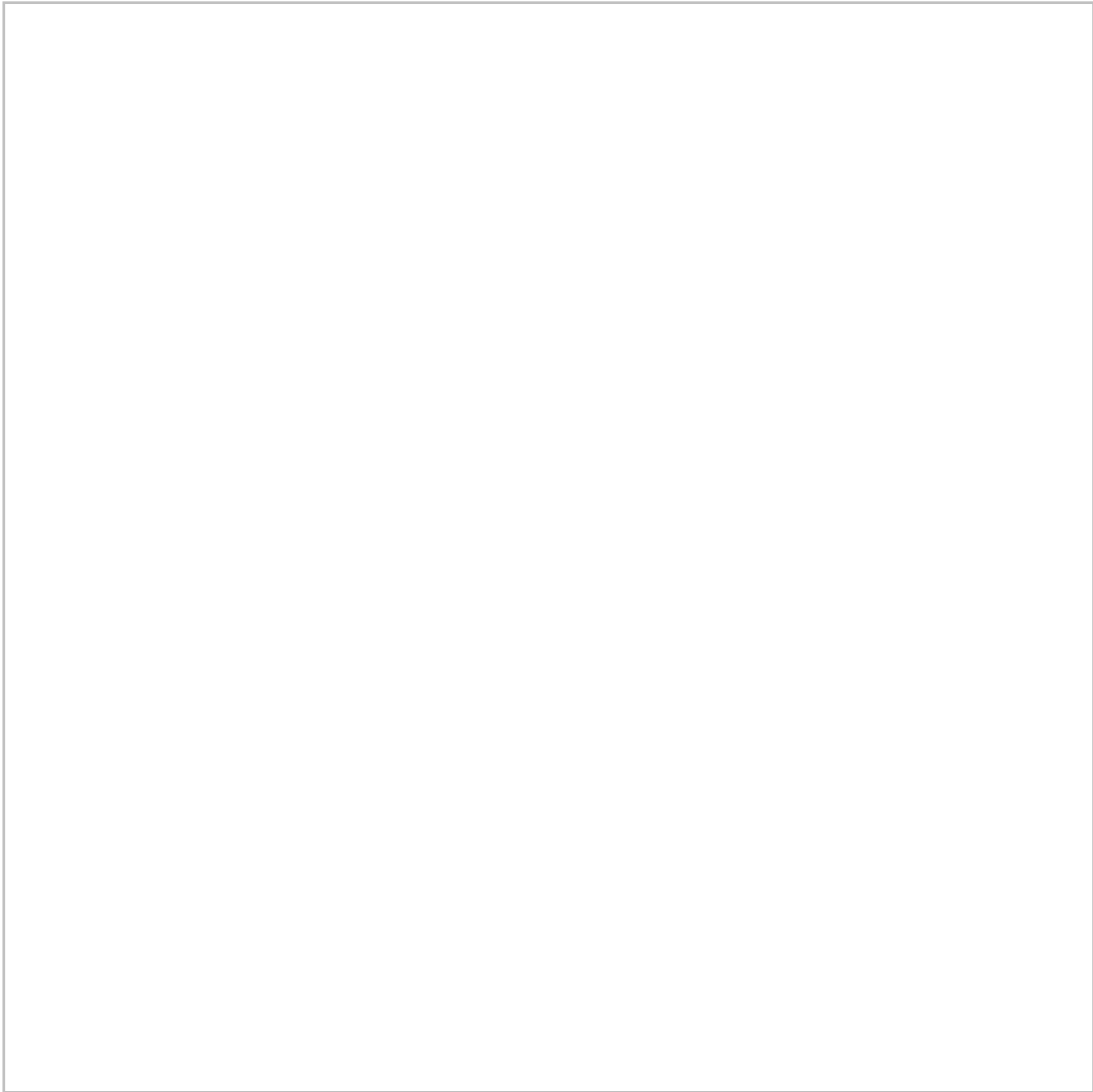
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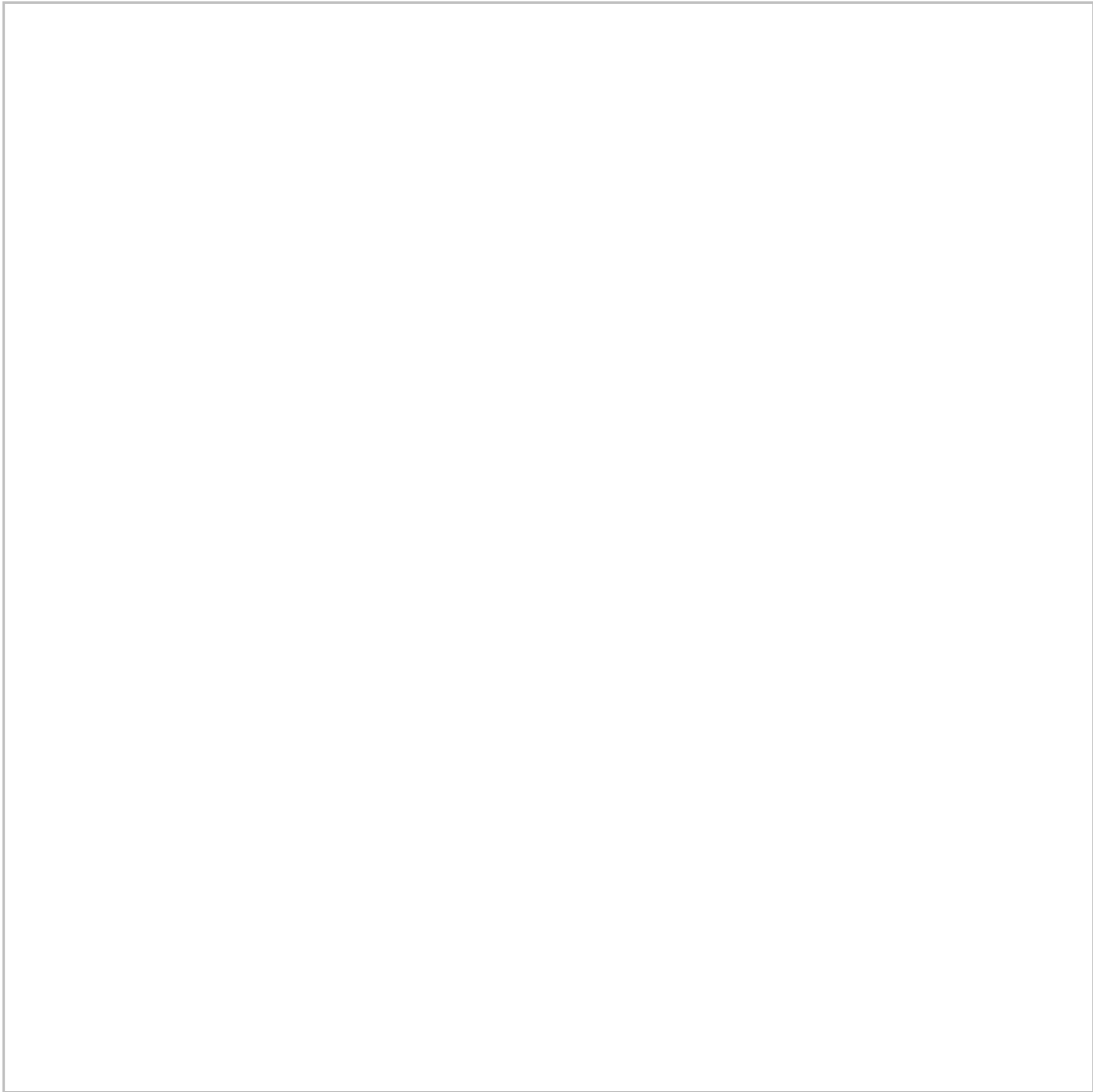
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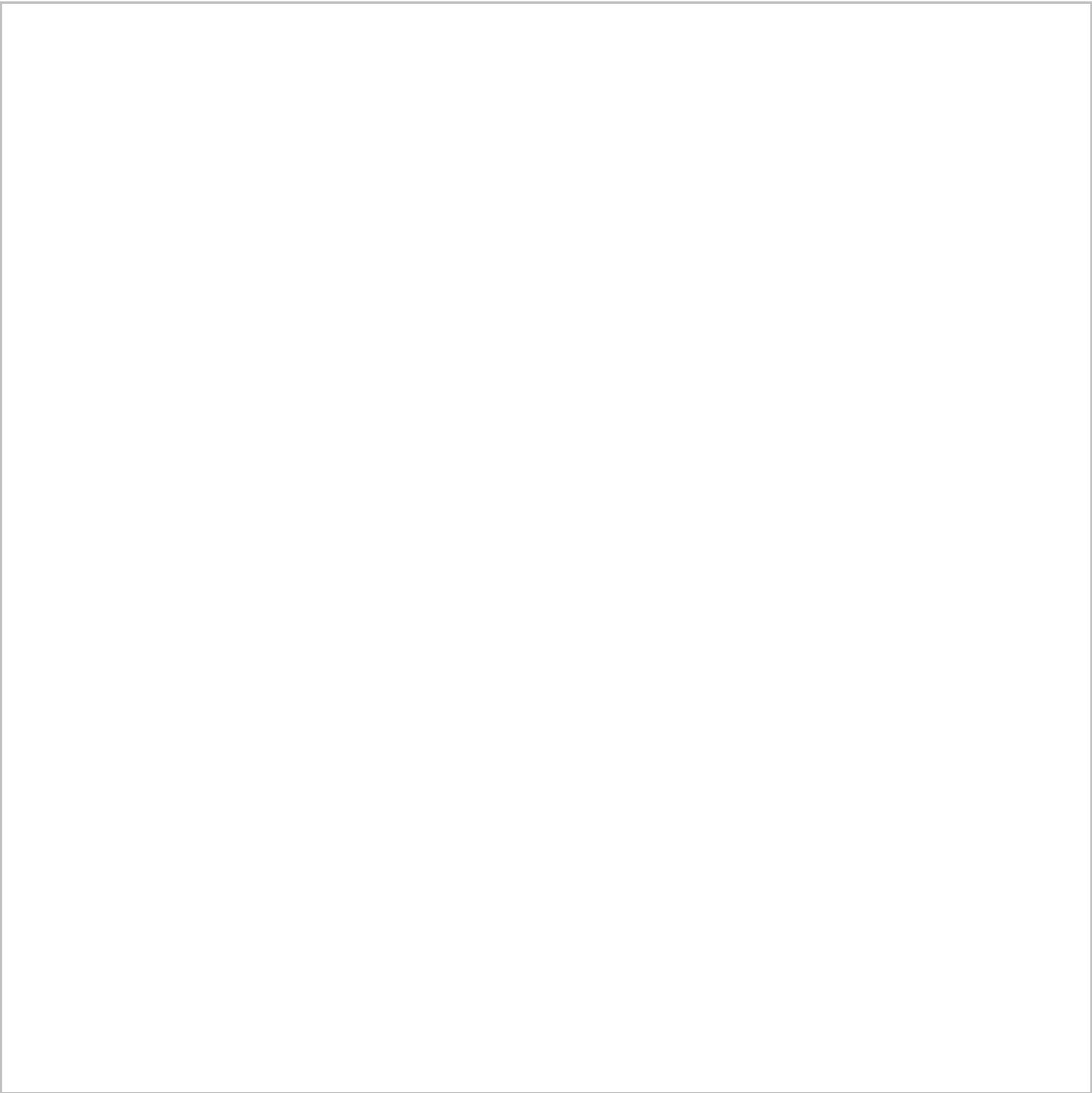
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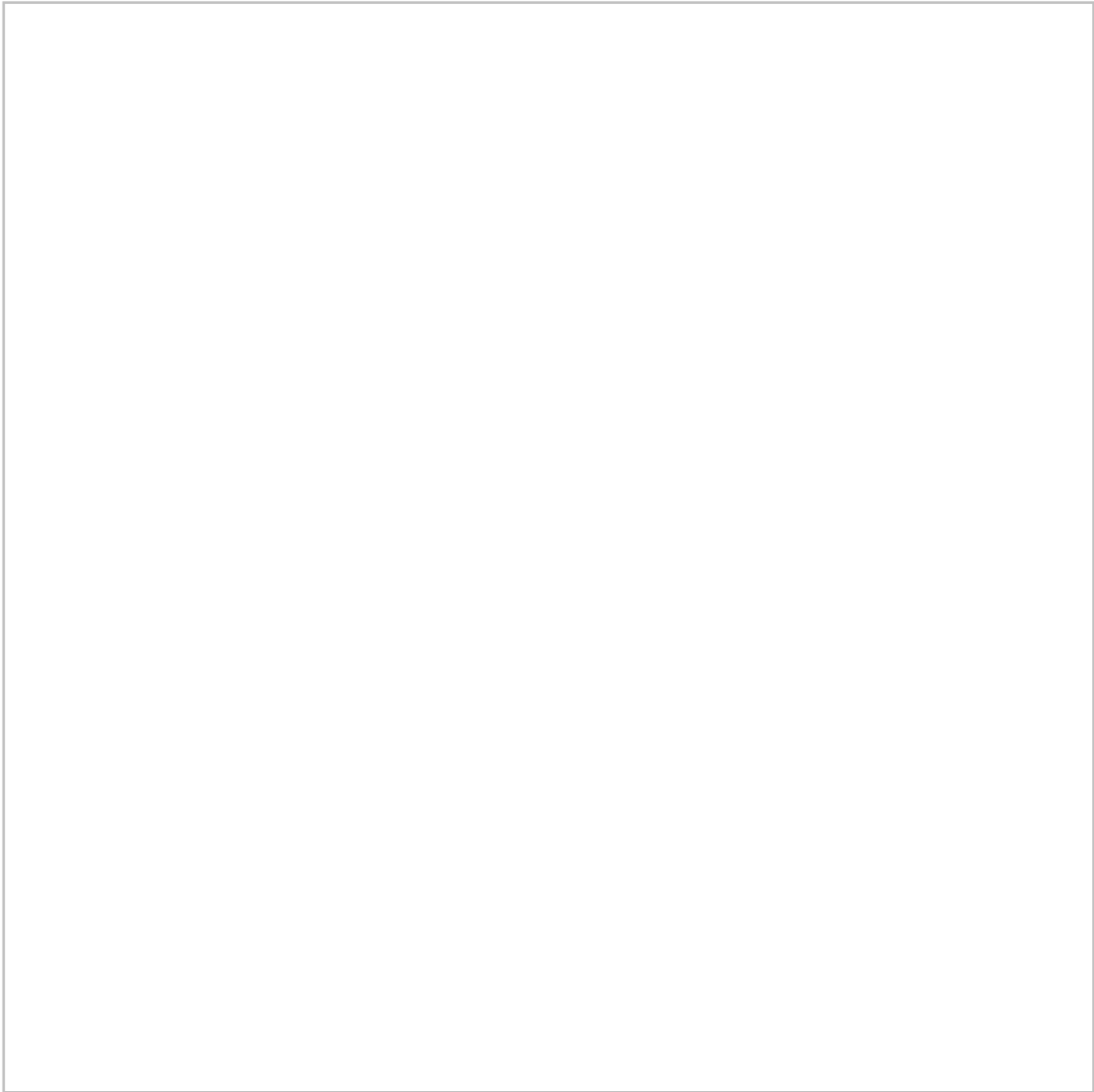
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