Coffs Splutter

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Members cars sparkle in the glorious late spring sunshine on the Thursday Coffee Run to Sandy Beach. *Photo H. Murray*.

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2025-2026

Life Members — Geoff Maunder, John Lansley, Des Drury, Bob Dixon & Keith Winkler (dec.)

The President's Corner



This year our car club returns to Alma Doepel Reserve, Mylestom for our registration day 16th November starting at 8:30am. As there won't be a BBQ, please bring your own morning tea.

- Please ensure you are a financial member of our club as this a requirement by the TFNSW for the Historic Vehicle Scheme.
- Check your car blinkers, wipers etc before you come as this will speed up your registration inspection.
- Complete your 'Application for Conditional Registration' form, prior to seeing Kevin (Registration Officer), as this will speed up your application and make it easier for all concerned.
- Complete your 'Historic Vehicle Declaration' form. This is the form to declare your vehicle's eligibility and suitability for historic registration. You will fill out the lefthand side, and one of our club registration inspectors will sign and complete the right-hand side after they have inspected your vehicle and completed their portion.



<u>Club Meetings:</u> General Meetings are held at the Boambee East Community Centre (30 Bruce King Drive, Boambee East) at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

<u>Club Fees:</u> A joining fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual fees are \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1St January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

<u>Club Newsletter</u>: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

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Report re Great Eastland Hub Rally Armidale 17-20 October 2025

Despite the weather forecast of heavy rain and hail with thunderstorms and bringing plenty of wet weather and cold weather gear we had warm weather and sunshine and I stayed in coastal shorts for the whole time!

Firstly, I have to say what a great disappointment it was for Mary and I to end up being the sole representatives of the whole of the CHVVCCC! Gavin and Pauline were late withdrawals due to a meltdown of the electric fan motor on the Chevrolet that stopped them from going further up the hill than Dorrigo. They made it home slowly down hill without any further problems. There were 10 cars from Port Macquarie and 12 from Taree!

Armidale was a great attraction to us because we had lived there for nearly 30 years. So, we caught up with many people in the community and from the car club in Armidale. On the Friday night there happened to be a very large festival with poetry slams, many bands and all sort of entertainments in the main street. On Saturday we assembled at the Racecourse and had our cars on display. We then went for a run up to Guyra for lunch at the Bowling and Social club. The kitchen was very efficient to put 100 meals out in short order. We then took a short stroll to the Guyra Historical Museum where there was huge display of local artifacts. We then walked further to the Burgess Garage Car Museum, a privately owned museum with a variety of cars and a workshop where the owner quietly beavers away restoring cars.

On Sunday there was another display of our cars and then a tour of Armidale city and then lunch in the shade of mature trees in Central Park. There was a meal on Sunday night but Mary and I have a Monday morning commitment and came home.

My outstanding cars were a 1936 Packard which was gleaming in dark purple (that looked black from certain angles) and a beautiful 1951 Bristol (a car that was ahead of its time with a very low drag coefficient as Bristol had a wind tunnel and mechanicals purloined from BMW as war reparations).

The next Hub Rally will be in Camden Haven in late October. Look out for it and go and enjoy yourselves!

Report & photos by Gerry



Gerry & Mary enjoying the sights of Armidale



Hey Geoff – another Taxi!

Vauxhall Velox





A sweet little Amilcar

1951 Bristol



Packard Prizewinner

Burgess Car Museum....

FX Holden 1950

Sold by Burgess Garage in 1950 by Boyd Burgess when the building was still a Holden dealership. The car was then purchased back off the original owner, around 1975, and has been here ever since. It has 39,000 original miles.

Owner: Greg Burgess











Line up of Rally attendee vehicles:









Afternoon Tea Saturday 4th October 2025

What a great turnout to our October Saturday afternoon tea! Despite the leader taking a wrong turn on the way, all starters made it to Col's place in Moonee. What an excellent event! Col introduced us to his set up which was 9 years in the making. His friend John is the engineer. In his house he had great examples of his art and a large model of the Endeavour which he constructed himself from scratch. This is a very finely designed and constructed piece as the picture will attest. We then went out to his large shed which is almost fully taken up by tracks and varied scenes created to demonstrate village, city, factory, mine and harbour scenes. All members were enthralled. Col gave us a list of items to find in the sets such as a dog on a lead or a man sitting on a dunny. There were many trains going around the tracks making a variety of noises. The set had multiple scenes: with snow covered mountains and a polar bear, Mines with appropriate equipment, chemical factories, a replica of Coffs Jetty with a large boat at dock, rural scenes with cows and bee hives and many more. I think we spent at least 40 minutes fully entertained. Afternoon tea was on his veranda. Col entertained us with many tales and we had a vigorous general chat. Gerry thanked Col and he said we were welcome any time. If those that missed out would like to go, we may arrange another visit. Thank you, Col, for a great day.

Report & photos – Gerry

Attendance: Judy - Modern (at airport), Graham - Passenger, Barry - Wolseley, Lorraine and John - Torana, Hans and Bo – International, Russell- Honda S800, Des and Alfie Rover V8, Heinz-Borgward, Carol- Lotus Elan, Leigh and Carol-Mazda MX5, Ian – Modern, Geoff and Leonie -London Cab, Gerry - Crown





Above and below left - Club cars lined up at Heritage Park





Endeavour model





Members admiring the amazing model train layout





Barry checking out the fine details

Leigh & Carol enjoying the afternoon



Not just trains but ships too!

Sunday Run to Woolgoolga Lake and Diggers RSL 19th October 2025

Since Gerry was away on the Armidale Great Eastland Hub Rally, Jim was the person leading this run. Some club folk from Coffs and southern area's met at the starting point, and watched as an Ambulance or Fire Helicopter from the airport area was noisily starting up and preparing to fly. We then left just as Kevin and Moira were arriving.

Our group followed the new highway at a consistent 90kms per hour (No, we were not speeding in the 60), turning off at the Woolgoolga off ramp. We following some roads, passing through Woolgoolga as we made our way to meet up with the others at the lake.

At the lake we all settled down to some musing away amongst one another, with interesting conversations I found as follows:

- -Heinz stated the difference between Nine Pin Bowling, also known as Kegel, and Ten Pin Bowling. Heinz also has a dedicated shed for this sport.
- -Leonie Spoke of how when the kids were younger Geoff and her owned a Border Collie dog.
- -Graeme and Geoff giving advice on how to find beret style Flat Caps. They both recommended Jack Simmons, with Graeme adding that if you want his type with the specific material, you will need to go to Ireland to find it. Heinz also noted he also has one with a special feature's button to pull or lift up.
- -Leigh reminiscing on when Carol and he were in Orlando, Florida were watching the 2011 space shuttle blast off. They had to wait for six hours in blistering heat while waiting for takeoff. Leigh keeps a cap showing a space shuttle on it as a memento.
- -Max Eggins talking about his move from his banana farm to a house on the outskirts of Grafton. Hope you enjoy your new house Max.
- -Graeme and Geoff speaking about language differences in other countries, and how Irish and Scottish sound very similar.

As we chatted away there, a classic green Suzuki Jimny from the 80s also was parked nearby in the cool shade, with owner and dog enjoying the water and scenery (I did not get a shot of this).

At a quarter to twelve most of the members of our group headed off for lunch at the Diggers RSL. Unfortunately, Des and Maureen and Zeno headed off after morning tea.

Inside, we found a reserved table for us to sit at and grabbed some menu's to read. After this we headed over to order our lunch, with meals coming within a very reasonable time.

At Diggers, everyone present was pleased with the meals they received, even though they were of a quite large nature, with some folk grabbing leftovers containers so they could save the food. We stayed for some time chatting afterwards, leaving at a time past 1.

Overall, It was a very nice spring day out and well worth a repeat in future. Thank you to Jim for taking the lead on this run and letting me write this article.

Article and Photo's by Alfie A. Hambling.

Meeting at starting point: Des and Maureen - Rover V8, Jim - Mercedes 450 SL, Glenn and Jenny - BMW 318, Zeno - Ford Escort, Kevin and Moira - Mercedes 250, Alfie Hambling - Hitchhiker in a Mercedes.

Woolgoolga lake and further on: Graeme and Echah - MG TF, Hans and Bo - Ford International, Geoff and Leonie - Wolseley, Leigh and Carol - Mazda Miata, Heinz and Dorothy - Borgward Isabella, Max and Noelene Eggins - Modern.





Members at Woolgoolga Lake





Left: Ford and Wolseley Right: Mercedes, MG and Borgward





Left: Leigh & Carol's Mazda Miata Right: English Rover and German BMW



Members Dining at the Diggers RSL

Coffee Run to Sandy Beach – 16th October 2025

A glorious warm and sunny spring day greeted our members for this run.

The following attended this run. L and C Stephens MGB, G and L Maunder Wolseley, G Wright MG TF, P an N Bodium-Brown, J and L Lansley Holden Torana, H and B Henrichson International truck, B Milne Wolseley, H and M Murray FJ Holden

Sandy Beach is a beautiful, quiet spot with lots of parkland and walks for those who like to walk. Coffee and food at the Beachouse was very good and enjoyed by our members.

Report and photos and Hal 'Sandy' Murray





It's a tough life!

VETERAN VINTAGE CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Minutes - Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club

Thursday 6th November 2025

Meeting opened: 7 pm. Attendance: As per Attendance Book= 29

Apologies: Pauline and Gavin Woodward, Judy Riddell

Visitor: Mick Kyle

<u>Minutes of last meeting:</u> The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the October 2025 meeting.

Moved: Barry Milne Seconded: Heinz Gress Carried

Guest Speaker: Nil

Business arising from October 2025 Minutes/AGM: - Dealt with in General Business

Correspondence In:

- 12 Magazines
- Invites: Free Entry to Birdwood National Motor Museum if you were born in 1965
- Membership enquiries x 2
- Invoice for Boambee Community Centre for Dec
- CHMC affiliation and paperwork
- Insurance paperwork
- First aide demo
- Members emails x 3
- · Confirmation of permanent hall booking
- New member enquiry x 2
- Reply re our involvement in highway opening

Correspondence Out:

- Reminder to members: Re event arrangement
- CHMC affiliation and paperwork completed
- Insurance paperwork completed and paid
- Email enquiries response
- 2 Enquiries for help from non- members reply

Business arising from correspondence-

Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers report was read to meeting by Secretary Marg Murray.

Motion: It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, and all accounts/expenses be paid.

Moved: Hal Murray Seconded: Graeme Kane Carried

Events Reports

Past Events

OCTOBER

- Sat 4th Col South Model Railway-fascinating display and very hospitable hosts.
- Thursday 16th Sandy Beach House Hal-Nice day with 12 members attending
- Sunday 19th- Diggers Club Woolgoolga, everyone enjoyed themselves.

NOVEMBER

• Sat 1st Andrew Winters Shed Gerry-Cancelled due to weather

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 6th-Club Meeting
- Sunday <u>16th</u>-Rego Day Mylestom (North Beach), Alma Doepel Reserve 8.30 start, BYO Morning Tea.
- Thursday 20th-Idle Inn for Coffee-Hal

DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th- Club Meeting
- Saturday 6th-Moonee Foreshore-Glen
- Thursday 18th-Butter Factory Coffee-Leigh
- Sunday 21st -Christmas Lunch Sawtell RSL-Gerry

JANUARY

• Thursday 15th Coffee North Beach Cafe Mylestom-Graeme

GENERAL BUSINESS

 After much discussion and airing of concerns, regarding the purchase and operation of a defibrillator at the club events, the following motion was put to the meeting.

Motion: The club does not purchase a defibrillator.

Moved : Graham Davey Seconded: Graeme Kane Carried

The management committee will be meeting to discuss some of the issues raised during the above discussion.

- The meeting further decided we would not plan any First aide Training for members at this stage.
- **<u>REGO Day</u>** Sunday 16th November starts at 8.30 am. June and Eric will run a Sausage sizzle available for \$2. Ian Blow to take shelter and Gavin Woodward to take jack. Members will be sent an email with details by Marg.
- Thanks to Andrew Winter for filling in as secretary in September and October.
- Alfie advised that Woolworths are selling dicast model cars(classic and vintage) for \$25.
- There was a general discussion re the Beach Hop held at Jetty Foreshores. At this point the club is not participating formally but members can enter themselves.
- Any members in interested in decorating the tables for the Christmas luncheon please contact Graham Davey.

Vehicle Movements: Nil

<u>Fines:</u> Gavin Woodward, Hal Murray, those not attending Hub Rally, Geoff Maunder and Gerry DeGabriele

Raffle Winners: 1.Gerry DeGabriele 2.Gavin Blows 3. Des Drury

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th December Guest Speaker: to be advised

Supper for December: Sharon and Gerry

Meeting Closed at: 7.55pm

Secretary: Marg Murray Chairperson: Graham Davey

Worth Knowing 1:

Following the defibrillator discussion at recent meetings, Graeme W has supplied this list of defib units available to the public in the Northern beaches area

Where to find a Defibrillator on the Northern Beaches

RED ROCK C.ex Woolgoolga 16 Boundary St, Woolgoolga. Storage Room behind Main Bar access when club open Red Rock Surf Club Inside Surf Club. Available when Surf Club open Reflections Red Rock Holiday Park Diggers RSL 17 Beach St, Woolgoolga vson St, Red Rock. Outside Reception 24/7 access. Staff Room behind Main Bar access when club open Red Rock Bowling Club Rudder St, Red Rock Adjacent to the bar, above sign in table. Available club hours Art Gallery
Turon Pde, Woolgoolga. Lobby off main gallery near Ambulant Red Rock Multi Use Centre Toilet access when Gallery op 10 Red Rock Road, Red Rock. 24/7 access - on front verandah **Beach St Family Practice** 51 Beach St, Woolgoolga. Upstairs in Treatment Room access during surgery hours CORINDI BEACH Corindi Primary School Coral St, Corindi Beach. Office access during school hours Lake Rd, Woolgoolga, Outside Reception on wall access 24/7 Corindi Beach Hall Woolgoolga Beach Caravan Park Located at the old racecourse - on the Hall verandah 12 Wharf St, Woolgoolga. Outside Reception on wall access Reflections Caravan Park Corindi Beach 93 Pacific St, Corindi Beach. Outside Reception 24/7 access Woolgoolga Surf Club
I Ocean St, Woolgoolga, On the wall to the left of Sandy Corindi Beach Hotel 7 Tasman St, Corindi Beach To the right of front door in smoking area 24/7 access Spoons' Café access 24/7 Uniting Church ARRAWARRA Trafalgar St. Woolgoolga. Back corner of Community Hall **Darlington Beach Holiday Park** access when open 134 Eggins Cl. Arrawarra 1 x Outside Reception 24/7, 1 x pool and 1 x Starters Hut on Golf Course 24/7 access Cnr Nightingale St, and Scarborough St, Woolgoolga. Access when Natball is being played Lorikeet - Over 50s Lifestyle Community Private Residence 210 Eggins Cl, Arrawarra, 24/7 119 Bark Hut Rd Woolgoolga ARRAWARRA HEADLAND Mitre 10 Private Residence 3 Featherstone Dr. Woolgoolga, Inside Store during opening 6 Second Ave, Arrawarra Headland hours Next to the mailbox or in wet weather on the verandah 24/7 Woolgoolga Pool Beach St, Woolgoolga. Inside premises during opening hours Private Residence 12 Second Ave, Arrawarra Headland. Under the front deck 24/7 Woolgoolga Masonic Centre 1853 Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga - when centre is open. Mullaway Primary School 15 Whitton Pt, Mullaway, In Office access during school hours (The centre is open when the Kind Coffee Van is operating, and whenever cars are parked Mullaway General Store SANDY BEACH 80 Mullaway Dr, Mullaway, Outside store, right side of front Sandy Beachouse Café Outside premises 24/7 access SAFETY BEACH EMERALD BEACH Safety Beach Golf Club Safety Beach Dr, Safety Beach. On the right side of main bar. Emerald Beach General Store 109 Fiddaman Rd, Emerald Beach, Inside store during opening Access when club is open hours. WOOLGOOLGA **Emerald Beach Discovery Park** Woolgoolga Swim School 73 Fishermans Dr. Emerald Beach Located at Reception access during opening hours 207-209 Newmans Rd, Woolgoolga. Inside access during opening hours Rattle Restaurant and Bar Woolgoolga Fire Station 104 Fiddaman Rd, Emerald Beach Cnr Solitary Islands Way and Dalgety St, Woolgoolga Inside station access when station is manned Eastern outside wall - enter through small gate 24/7 MOONEE Woolworths Pullen St. Woolgoolga Moonee Market Entrance door closest to BWS (first door on the left) Moonee Beach Rd, Moonee. Beside ATM in Food Court access Access when store staffed (3am - 12 midnight) Coles Supermarket Moonee Market, Moonee Beach Road Moonee Seniors Centre 6 Boundary St, Woolgoolga In centre's office access Monday -Friday until 12 noon Access during opening hours

Worth Knowing 2:

Do you have dull or yellow plastic headlight lens?. Maybe your mechanic doing the rego check says 'your headlight won't pass inspection. You need a new headlight, or I can try and rejuvenate it for \$120.'

Buy a bottle of MEGUIARS PLASTX from Repco. They may have order it in. About \$30.00 and has other uses. Rub it on and wipe off. Works like magic.

Worked well on my Triton.

Submitted by Geoff M



to

THE DINKUM OIL #35



A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going.

KEY POINTS FROM CHMC MEETINGS, Cowra, 25 October 2025.

AGM

- ➤ FINANCIAL REPORT CHMC is in a healthy financial position.
 - CHMC Treasurer to be our Public Officer for ATO procedures.
- > 2026 MEETINGS
 - **Delegates 21 March 2026** at Club Macquarie, Boolaroo. Plus, Lake Macquarie dinner cruise option, bookings essential to: rjives1@bigpond.com (NDVCCC hosting).
 - Delegates and AGM 24 October 2026 at Armidale Bowling Club (CSCCA hosting).
- ➤ **REGISTRARS REPORT** 94 clubs; 8,000 members; and 9,000 registered historic and classic vehicles.
- ➤ **ELECTIONS** as per Constitution, 3 positions this year. Confirmed: Vice President Ray Ives; Secretary Christine Hilbrick-Boyd; TFNSW Liaison Officer Peter Wright.

DELEGATES MEETING Presentations and discussions on:

- CHMC RALLY SURVEY & PROPOSAL Survey results and Position Paper with recommendations for updating the Annual Rally into a simpler, less onerous event for host clubs, while fulfilling members Annual Rally expectations. Moved that CHMC Annual Rally be held the 3rd weekend in May, that is National Motoring Heritage Day. Carried.
- ➤ **DIRECT ACCESS FOR CLUBS TO CVS APPLICATIONS** CHMC proposal to TFNSW that Approved Clubs be able to directly approve vehicles for either HVS or CVS.
- LOG BOOKS RECOMMENDATION the NSW peak bodies, CMC, HMA and CHMC agreed to recommend that, "All clubs advise their members to record all vehicle use in the HVS/CVS vehicle's log book", thus avoiding administrative work for clubs involved in complying with Condition G094 Club Runs. Moved: CHMC support that all vehicle use is recorded in the vehicle's HVS/CVS log book. Carried.
- JOTFORM RENEWAL Clubs can submit vehicle census statistics post membership renewals by later sending a Jotform in with the vehicle numbers. Historic military vehicles added to the CHMC Census to provide data for Council's advocacy efforts with TFNSW on behalf of military vehicles.
- ➤ 2025 YOUTH AWARDEE, Lachlan Holgate from Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club, displayed his 1952 Willys jeep restoration project and talked about the work he's done on it, and how he used the CHMC Grant. Lachlan was formally awarded his 2026 Youth Award Certificate. Delegates much appreciated the opportunity to meet Lachlan and see his vehicle.
- ➤ "WHY WOULD THEY JOIN A CLUB, WHY WOULD THEY STAY?" research-based talk on what people look for in clubs; evolving club cultures; critical generational insights; encouraging younger people, what works; reaching and staying in touch social media; challenges for historic vehicle clubs; and clubs that attract new members.

All clubs will be sent copies of the AGM Minutes and Reports, the Delegates Meeting Minutes and the supporting documents covering:

- Direct Access for Clubs to CVS -CHMC Position Paper
- Log Books Recommendation
- AEDs/Defibrillators

Annual Rally: See Dinkum Oil 34 Nov. 1, 2025. Youth Awards: Information sent on Sept. 1, 2025

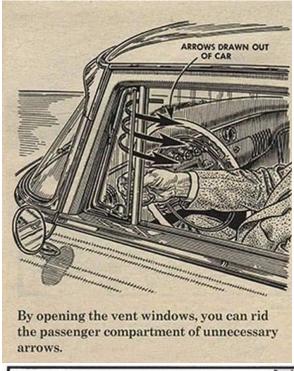
More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website: www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au



This month we see another vehicle snapped by Gerry on his visit to the Motorlife Museum in Illawarra, earlier this year. This is an exquisite 1929 Auburn...just beautiful!.



DRIVING YOU AROUD THE BEND...



Whats wrong with this picture??





COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour (100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- > 1st Saturday outings depart 1.30pm. Please take afternoon tea.
- > 3rd Sunday outings depart 9.30am. Please take morning tea and lunch.
 - > 3rd Thursday coffee runs depart 9.30am.
- ➤ Please check individual run details for any variations. If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser, just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.
- > Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
- Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
- ➤ When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- ➤ H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all and a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.

UPCOMING APPROVED CLUB EVENTS (no Log Book entry Required):

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NOV 25		
Sunday 16 th	Rego Day – Mylestom commencing at 8:30 am	
Thursday 20th	Coffee Run – Idle Inn at Nana Glen	Hal Murray
DEC 25		
Thursday 4 th	Club Meeting	Graham Davey
Saturday 6 th	Sat afternoon run to Moonee Foreshore	Glenn Campbell
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Run – Butter Factory at Bellingen	Leigh Stephens
Sunday 21st	Christmas Lunch at Sawtell RSL	Gerry 0402 469 160
JAN 26		
	Note - No Club meeting in January	

The NSW Ambulance has a webpage with a map showing publically available Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units.

https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/goodsam/locate-an-aed



Save this webpage as a 'favourite' in your phone's internet browser (if you don't know what this means – ask a grandkid!!)



Upcoming events

Holden Show & Shine

Sunday 19th October

Humpy Day

Saturday 22nd November

Holden Show & Shine

Sunday 4th January 2026

All American Day

Saturday 28th February 2026

HSV Day

Sunday 29th March 2026

Holden Ute Show & Shine

Sunday 19th April 2026









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