

# On Target

December 2025

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*One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.*

## DATES FOR UPCOMING SHOOTS

**6 December**, Saturday  
10.00 am to 2.00 pm  
**9 December**, Tuesday  
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm  
**14 December**, Sunday  
10.00 am to 5.00 pm  
(12 noon detail reserved for rimfire)

**Range Officers (RO) needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the fewer times ROs need to attend, simple.**

Have you some time to spare? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more the merrier and the lighter the load. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an RO.

*Disclaimer: Please note that the items and views expressed are not necessarily those of PFA Inc.*

## Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

### A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS.

The following rules must be followed when you attend the range:-

- \* No firearms are to be left unattended in the Registration area. If you need to walk away from your firearms ensure you ask someone to mind your firearms for you.
- \* All firearms must be cased or bagged
- \* There is to be no handling of uncased or unbagged firearms in the Registration Area or the car park.
- \* There is no handling of loose ammunition in the Registration Area.

These rules are in place for your safety and the safety of everyone attending the range. Thank you for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day. **The Committee of Management**



The time has come to wish all PFA members and readers of **On Target** a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a safe and prosperous **NEW YEAR**.

It has arrived at warp-speed, the speed of the Concorde (very fast), 2025 almost gone and 2026 now knocking eagerly on the door. It has been a busy and eventful year, some, mostly good things at PFA but unfortunately some not so good things happening around the world, lets hope and pray for a better, peaceful life for those less fortunate in the coming years. Thank you all for reading our humble little journal and thank you to those that were able to contribute and those that passed on their positive comments, it is appreciated. Wishing you, your family and friends a wonderful and fun filled Christmas and looking forward to a great shooting year, see you in 2026. **Derek BT ED.**



**APPLAUSE**, not necessary, BUT a big, no a HUGE THANK YOU must go to our group of willing volunteers who are there, up front and in the background of the club's operation, committing their time to ensure our club is maintained and runs as well as it does. Many members may be unaware that these volunteers are just that, **volunteers**, we do not survive without them, we need them to enjoy our range as we do. Without them you'd be home cutting the grass or watching telly. Volunteers have been the backbone of our club since it's very beginning and if we are to continue, they will be the most important part of our club into the future. We all need to contribute and be part of that volunteer army, commit some time, help out, once a year or more, but be part of the club's structure and success. Become an RO and give some time to assist in the running of the range, ALL members can contribute, we are all capable of doing something to assist, once or twice a year at work-bees. I must add my personal thanks and compliments to all the staff on range shoot days, all volunteers as we know but what a professional job they do, giving up their time so we can enjoy ours, **thank you one and all**. We could introduce a code of behaviour, we could all thank the volunteers for their contribution. **1**, when we arrive, **2**, when we finish shooting, **3**, when we leave the range, OK you may think that's a bit much but think what it would be like without them? I'd rather not, Thank You, one and all, job well done. **DerekBT ED.**



## PFA. AGM 18th Oct 2025.

### Report from the sidelines.

Another beautiful day outside with the sun warming up and the breeze just keeping things comfy. Saturday morning 10am the meeting was officially opened a quorum achieved with 10+ apologies and 3 proxies in hand. With close to 350 members, it is surprising how few members turn up for the AGM, still more than last year, so not too bad I suppose.

First up **the Chairman's report** was read out by Tony G and some interesting items came out, one in particular was that, of the 1,000's of new plantings on the mound and around the range, due to the snacking of the native fauna and the bad weather, we had a (so far) failure rate of 40%, I suppose that means we had a survival rate of 60% (glass half empty, glass half full I guess). We'll be looking into having the planting scheme revisited again with the hope of

more of the plants that survived being used, fingers crossed.

Volunteers run the club, unfortunately too small a group of committed members are doing most of the heavy lifting Tony G called for more involvement from other members and asked them to contact the club, Tony or Tere directly and get involved, plenty to do, no specialties required, jobs there for everyone, be part of the team that gets it done. (if we all did one day a year, = JOB DONE) Target refurb coming up, this is a big job but many hands make light work of it and no special skills are needed, lunch is supplied, you also get a free shoot card and the satisfaction of being part of the team.

**The Secretary's report** was read out by Tere A and contained considerable detail and points of interest, one particular teaser referred to our extra shoot days/times and to "watch this space" Wow, what's next?? (Tere did mention "unfinished business" I wonder?)

Interesting comment was made regarding our extra days and how much and how many members wanted them and now that we have them, apparently only 10% of members have taken up the opportunity to utilise them, causing some to actually be cancelled due to low Numbers, not warranting range staff to give up their day and time to run the day.

**The Treasurer** Neil L, read from his report, summarising it rather than providing us with a word for word account, much appreciated by those of us less finance savvy mortals. The long and short of it was that the club is strong, fighting fit and in a stable position financially and in the position to pay all and any of our debts and bills.

A question was asked from the floor regarding our insurance which the Treasurer responded to. We are now, once again, insured externally as the cost has come back down considerably and to a much more realistic and affordable level than before, when we had decided to carry our own as self-insurer, good news.



**Cont.** Election of the office bearers took place next, all existing 2024 Committee standing down. **Derek BT** was called on to carry out the duties of Returning Officer (Robert B, MIA again) declaring all positions vacant, then moved to declare all nominees unopposed, reading their names, declaring them elected.

Chairman	Mr. Tony Garland
Vice Chairman	Mr. Ray Thompson
Treasurer	Mr Neil Langridge
Secretary	Ms Tere Alexeeff
Committee	Ms Olivia Bariatti
Committee	Mr. Chris Schultz
Committee	Mr. Michael Syme
Committee	Mr. Graeme Turner
Committee	Mr Shane Nicol
Committee	Mr Steve Gifford

Then thanked the outgoing for their work over the past year and welcomed the incoming committee, wishing them well for the coming year. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.35am. All in attendance were invited to stay back and partake of some morning tea/coffee/wine and very tasty sandwiches (thanks to Tere) and join in a sociable gathering with everyone, great opportunity to share the time together. Looking forward to next year.

**Derek BT ED.**

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**FACEBOOK?** yes, why not, PFA Inc now has its own Facebook page. Members (and guests) are invited to check in and check us out. You can now log on, and find out a little about our club, check out what's there, leave a comment or question, let us know your thoughts and suggestions. Tell us about your experience at the range, how was your visit, let us know what you thought about your time at the club. To ensure everyone's enjoyment and comfort on our Facebook page you are required to comply with some very simple rules and commonsense behaviour requirements.,

- 1) **NO BAD LANGUAGE.** Bad, nasty and offensive language is prohibited.
- 2) **NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.** No content, of any type, images, written articles will be allowed/accepted of any type or sort without the written consent of the original author, photographer or artist.
- 3) **BULLYING/RACISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** No bullying, hateful and derogatory behaviour towards anyone will be tolerated. If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. (*old proverb from the bygone era of MUM. ED*). In your Face Book home page, go to the top left (search Facebook) and type Peninsular Firearm Academy Inc We look forward to your interesting and informative comments. Enjoy.

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I asked my wife what women really want. She said "a tent of lovers" or perhaps it was "attentive lovers", I wasn't really listening.



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## Summary of the Chairman's report from the PFA AGM held on the 18th October 2025

(summarised by Derek BT ED)

The Chairman (Tony G) opened with thanks to all attending and noted that it is disappointing that so few of our members are interested in attending the AGM.

He then spoke of the amount of hard work and energy that's put into the running of our club by literally a hand full of members, amazing, considering nobody gets paid to do anything. He pointed out that the last 12 months have been very interesting, with PFA finally, after three years of dealing with our Council, receiving permission to operate on additional days. Apart from our traditional last Sunday of the month, we can now operate on Tue, Thur and Sat, and as a special dispensation Anzac Day. He went on to say "But we are not finished yet, stay tuned". Tony said after regularly being questioned by our members at Sunday shoots, "when are we going to get more days?" less than 10% of our membership (of over 350) have taken advantage of these extra days over these past 5 months, some days have been cancelled due to a lack of interest. He said range staff can't be expected to sit around all day to cater for one or two shooters, if you don't book a shoot, chances are the range won't be open.

Around 9,000 native plants and shrubs were planted on site since last year by Greening Australia, as well as our own plantings, unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions, Kangaroos, Wallabies and our poor soil, the attrition rate has been around 40%. Greening Australia indicated this is an acceptable loss. (meaning a 60% success rate, must be happy with that. ED)

Weed control is an ongoing problem especially Scotch Thistles, Farmers Friends and Pampas Grass. We had a couple of Hazard reduction burns around us recently which has dramatically reduced the possibility of bushfires, the burns being well controlled by the RFS, the native flora is recovering well, but, so are the weeds. Volunteers are in short supply and spraying is usually done by Chris S and Tony G, any help in this area would be greatly appreciated, please leave your name with Tere or myself (Tony G). Chris and I have been erecting Wallaby/Kangaroo proof fencing around garden areas, and this is proving to be the best deterrent, and we have had a beautiful display of native flowers over the last few weeks.

(some images in the Sept issue of On Target. ED)

Both our dams are holding good water levels and are worth a visit as they are attracting a variety of abundant wild life. The view from the top of the mound is fabulous, don't just come and shoot, have a walk around and enjoy the 13-acre site.



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Targets get ongoing maintenance, usually every three months at 100m, 50m, and 25m or more often if necessary. To help out and find out how the target system works, put your hand up and come along and help, contact PFA, Tony or Tere.

Tony mentioned the never-ending list of items requiring regular maintenance, plumbing, mowing, gardening, weed spraying, generator and lawn mower service, whipper snipping, painting and carpentry to mention a few. If you have expertise (or, are a willing worker) and you can help, let us know.

Two new faces have been added to committee since the last AGM, Shane Nicol, who is one of our Range officers, now our Senior Range Officer, also manages the RO duty rosters, and Steve Gifford, who is also taking over the 25m and 50m target maintenance (ably assisted by John Drake) as well as occasionally mowing the 100m range. Rewards for doing these duties is not much, free shoots and a reduced membership fee, which we hope helps to ease the burden.

Range officers are currently in short supply, and we struggle to have enough on the range at each shoot. Become a range officer, training is thorough and doesn't take long, and you can help to reduce the strain on the ones that we currently have. It can be as little as once a month on duty with free shoots and a reduced membership fee. (a win for all ED)

Graeme Turner has taken up the position of Clubhouse Manager, his role is to increase the usage of the upstairs area (clubhouse) by having other activities such as lectures, meetings and functions. We currently have the Beekeeper's seminars and the Star Gazers hold their functions here, if you have any ideas, please speak to Graeme T.

Tony went on to say "I would like to remind all members that for PFA to have achieved, what we have done to get to where we are today, and looking forward to where we are heading has been made possible by the blood sweat and tears of a small number of dedicated members that have sacrificed thousands of hours of their own time and money in some cases. These people deserve your admiration, thanks and support when they are still serving in those roles." Tony closed with a "thank you to the members of the committee that served this year. I believe that we achieved a lot, and I look forward to serving in the coming years".

**Your chairman. Tony Garland. 17th October 2025**



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## COLLECTOR'S FEATURE PIECE.

As you may, or may not be aware PFA inc. is also a collecting club, not stamps, coins or bottle tops, but guns and gun related items. At PFA we have many members, some of whom are "collectors", and to comply with, and meet the legal requirements of their licence, must attend functions, activities and/or meetings associated with the collecting category. A number of these and other like-minded members had expressed an interest in having a meeting held at our own club, where their attendance would go towards their licence compliance and allow them to show, view and discuss their collections at the meeting.

In response to this need, Graeme T, our Clubhouse Mgr. arranged and scheduled the inaugural PFA inc. Collectors' meeting, which was held at the club rooms on **Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**. Whether PFA members had Collecting on their Firearms Licence or not, everyone was invited and welcomed to attend this inaugural meeting. As firearms were to be part of the evening, certain criteria needed to be met by members. Your firearms licence and photo ID to sign in, and a gold coin donation (to cover the cost of tea and coffee) Obviously, there were some rules (not too many) of the meeting, all firearms to be inspected by the PFA range officer on duty, before proceeding into the meeting. All handling of any firearm (or part) must be done by an appropriately licensed person. For our first such meeting we had an impressive number of members that attended, rough count was approx. 15, not bad for the first time and as members become aware of these special evenings this number will no



doubt grow. I even caught up with a couple of members who I met at the previous Saturday's work-bee that we had attended, small world. There was a nice "buzz" about the room prior to the start of the meeting, with everyone milling around talking and getting to know each other. Some items already on display were getting the once over from interested attendees. The official (yet casual) meeting started first up with Bill providing us with a look at his Sharpe Black Powder cartridge rifle (so beautiful) and a delivery on the history of the Sharpe rifle brand, most interesting and informative (how heavy was that barrel). The speakers that followed delivered some interesting information on their respective firearms, even a couple of interesting pistols, Lugers and a very smart Walther PPK (yes, 007). There were smooth-bores, double barrels, shotguns, muzzle loaders and long barrels aplenty, something for everyone, a most enjoyable evening.

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A collection of shotgun reloading equipment/tools, some handmade, but every item included, with a distinct purpose in the job of reloading shotgun shells, fantastic. A couple of items were currently short on background info and details on what and where they came from, but with a hint on the night of further and future investigation I look forward to the coming updates, possibly at our next meeting, watch this space. The official part of the evening finished with a delivery from Tony G on his varied collection of knives and blade-ware, some with "quite extreme" stories attached, truly amazing how these items have survived in excess of 100+ years.

Tea, coffee, cake and biccies were on hand and in plentiful supply throughout the evening, everyone partaking and appreciative.



All in all, a great evening, plenty to see and plenty of information and knowledge around the room, well worth the visit, I can't wait (I'll have to) for the next meeting, looking forward to it. Before we left, the organisers, of the night announced that the next PFA Collectors meeting is to be held at the clubhouse in March 2026 (see Graeme's comment below ED), looking forward to that. If you would like to come along, just RSVP to the emailed invite that we will all receive prior to the meeting. You can do so by responding to the email, or ringing on the club phone. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing as many members (and quests) as possible.

You can contact Graeme Turner, PFA Committee Member and organiser of this function for further details.

**Derek BT ED**

*And the final word must come from Graeme T the clubhouse manager, the one who got this event all underway.*

"Our first collectors meeting was a great success and a very enjoyable night. For those of you that have not been to a collectors meeting it's a bit like going to a military museum, along with other memorabilia, you see, it's not just for collectors, but for all to see with each piece having an amazing and interesting history with a story to tell, which at these meetings is presented by the owner, often these items are from centuries past so you see it's like a show and tell. From collections of head hunter's gear to Lithgow arms history, to the Quigley Down Under Sharps used in the movie and how could you forget James Bonds Walter PPK A big thanks to Tony, Tere, John, Bill and Kel for their expert help in making it all work so well. So, our next dates for this "Collection of History", "Our Night at the Museum" at PFA for **2026** will be::

**March 23rd, July 27th and November 30th.** See you all there."

**Graeme T  
Clubhouse Manager.**  
(and facilitator. ED)



## My Day at the Range Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

What a great day this turned into. A brief, early morning, somewhat painless, visit to the doctor, then off to the range for my first midweek visit since our newly allocated shoot days, not sure what to expect, BUT I was so pleasantly surprised, what a good turnout, not a huge crowd but still busy. I met quite few, new to me, members, everyone appeared to be having a good time and enjoying themselves, it was great meeting and introducing myself to



(Forrest & DBT having a laugh)  
By the end of the afternoon, we were all like old friends, I'm certainly going to do this again, weekday shoots suit me as my weekends can be a bit full and hectic. My brother .243 another friend .270 and myself .22mag were all testing and sighting in "new" rifles, and all achieved fantastic results with very tight groups, all 10+ and 9+, couldn't be happier. There were some very interesting and impressive rifles on the bench, one air rifle in particular was shooting very nicely, it looked way too rich for my wallet and as the owner pointed out, while it was not the most expensive, it was in the \$2k vicinity, WOW but it was so impressive. Another young member was on the bench testing his handloads in a recently fitted new barrel in his already very built-for-purpose looking rifle. I had no idea the value of this special piece of kit but I can guess. He was recording his groups, and shots were overlapping, 3 leaf clovers, so he was doing something right, very right. He said he was preparing for an upcoming competition at Bathurst on the following weekend. I asked if he would like to, and be able to provide us with an article, a few words and maybe some pix when he gets back, so I'm optimistic a new contributor will appear in the next On Target, looking forward to this. Two members, brothers were having a good time enjoying themselves and after seeing the first shot from one of them 10+ I suggested that it was time to pack up and go home (joking) nice competitiveness between them, great fun and good to see.

**Olivier IG** had some initial issues with some handloads he had, but once this was sorted out, he was very happily punching the centre out of his target, good result and makes the effort so worthwhile. Among all the other rifles on the bench we noticed a 303, full wood, rifle in very good condition, what an impressive unit, old, maybe, but oh so desirable. Open sights with no scope to assist, the owner was able to get "on paper" and looking very satisfied at the bench.



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This member was certainly enjoying her opportunity to have a shoot and to be within the area of the target that we know is a winner. I must add my compliments and thanks to all the staff on the day, all volunteers as we know but what a professional job they did, giving up their time so we can enjoy ours, **thank you one and all**, I think we should all take the opportunity to thank the volunteers for their contribution, when we arrive, when we finish shooting or when we leave the range, a show of appreciation and thanks. OK you may think that's a bit much but think what it would be like without them? You'd be at home cutting the grass or watching telly. What a magic day, I don't want to over sell it, just in case it becomes too popular but this was, a terrific day. Midweek for me really works and I'll do my bit and be back, loving it. See ya all soon. **Derek BT.**



**When**, Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025, **Where** PFA Range.

A call to Arms went out, well not quite, more a call to help out and do a bit of light lifting and moving stuff. We had a box (crate) of backing rubber rolls delivered and sitting in the top carpark which required to be stored in the tunnel behind the target, yes there is a tunnel there. The crate first had to be opened, which with a bit of brute force, claw hammer and crow bar, job done, then the many rolls (60+) inside were loaded into the trailer, hooked to the club tractor, which Tony G drove down onto the range to the tunnel entrance, we all took over again and carried them all into the tunnel and neatly stacked them ready for use at the next target refurb day. There were two different size rolls, one much longer than the other, so they had to be stacked separately, nice and neat, job well done. Seven of us plus Tony G made 8, answered the call on the day at the appointed time, all arrived at or about 3pm, unfortunately it was drizzling with rain, not enough to stop us so the job was completed in no time and without any dramas, many hands as the saying goes. Tony G even managed to get in a bit of a demo and explanation on how the targets work, what makes them tick and how they are repaired and maintained. Met some new people and all home in time for afternoon tea and biccies. **Derek BT ED.**  
**A Side-Note from The Secretary.**



A big thank you to those that turned up on Saturday to help move the rubber for the upcoming maintenance of the targets. If not for them, we would not be shooting in the first half of 2026. Dates will be announced soon. So, thank you to: Derek BT, Leigh G, Jaimie W, Kevin H, Phil A, Chris M and Peter B (visiting from Melbourne). Your next shoot is on the club. **Tere A. SEC**

## FLASHBACK FROM 2006 (19yrs ago)

Some of you may remember these days, the days at SIPC when we (PFA) held our monthly shoots on B range. This was a report of our 2005 championship over 20 yrs ago. Maybe now that we are settled in at our own range we could start the championships up again.



### **On Target. Volume 1, Issue 1. April 2006**

#### **PFA 2005 Inaugural Competition Results**

Champion—A. Jones, total score 253.7

Men's Champion—K. Bushell—target score 51.0, total 251.6

Men's Runner-up—A. Jones—target score 50.8, total 253.7

Ladies' Champion—T. Alexeeff

Junior Champion—S. Parker, target score 50.7, total 244.6

Junior Runner-up—K. Andrews, target score 50.7, total 244.0

Junior Third—R. King, target score 50.6.

Thank you to Roger Andrews for running the Inaugural Competition in 2005. The 2006 Competition is now under way. The more targets you enter the better your chance of winning. **END.**

Wonder how many of these members, especially juniors are still shooting and hopefully are still members of PFA.

**Derek BT ED.**



## FROM ROLLS-ROYCE STAFF MAGAZINE

(At times it DOES take a Rocket Scientist! true story) Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea, to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the Windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken shot out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions. (You're going to love this) Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo: **"Defrost the Bloody chicken."**



**Got something to say?** Sure you do. Got something we need to know? Of course you do. Be part of the conversation, contribute your words, stories, activities to our newsletter, **On Target**, to be shared with the rest of the members to enjoy. A recent trip away? share the trip, the weather, the activities, we'd all like to hear it. Just purchased a new rifle or accessories? What were they, what made you decide on that brand and model. We would all like some variety in life and contributions from other members is just what we need in our newsletter, send contributions to the Editor at: [derekb48@gmail.com](mailto:derekb48@gmail.com) or the Secretary at: [secretary@pfainc.org.au](mailto:secretary@pfainc.org.au) Lets hear from you and share your news with all of us, be part of your newsletter and contribute your favourite story or news. **Derek BT ED.**

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**HALF TRUTH.** Harry a lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home. But Harry was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house, when Harry mentioned that he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place. Harry couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie. (We all know lawyers cannot and do not lie!). So, Harry sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids. He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent. Harry loved one of the homes and the price was right, the agent asked, "How many children do you have?" He answered: "Twelve." The agent asked, "Where are the others?" The lawyer, with his best courtroom, sad look answered, "They're in the cemetery with their mother!!" He got the house! **\*MORAL:** It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words.

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### **SHOOTING AT PFA INC.**

All members receive regular emails with the dates and times for our upcoming shoots which also includes the booking link. The dates and times are also on our website ([pfainc.org.au](http://pfainc.org.au)), but the booking link is only available on the member email. The privilege of being a member.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the range, and, please arrive 15-20 minutes before your scheduled detail to ensure smooth processing of shoot details.

#### **Notice**

With the introduction of these new, additional shooting days and times all members are requested to pay attention to regular club emails which include these new shoot days, times, and a **Booking Link**, and should be checked for the days and times that suit you.

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