

# Kingborough



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3 October 2022

# Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



**Mayor**  
**Councillor Paula Wriedt**



**Deputy Mayor**  
**Councillor Jo Westwood**



**Councillor Sue Bastone**



**Councillor Gideon Cordover**



**Councillor Flora Fox**



**Councillor Clare Glade-Wright**



**Councillor David Grace**



**Councillor Amanda Midgley**



**Councillor Christian Street**



**Councillor Steve Wass**

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**MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
**Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston**  
**Monday, 3 October 2022 at 5.30pm**

## **1 AUDIO RECORDING**

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open, welcomed all in attendance and advised that Council meetings are recorded and made publicly available on its website. In accordance with Council's policy the Chairperson received confirmation that the audio recording had commenced.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS**

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The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land, paid respects to elders past and present, and acknowledged today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

## **3 ATTENDEES**

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### **Councillors:**

Mayor Councillor P Wriedt	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor C Glade-Wright	✓
Councillor D Grace	✓
Councillor C Street	✓
Councillor S Wass	✓

### **Staff:**

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Communications & Engagement Support Officer	Ms Bianca Kleine
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

**C387/19-2022**

## **4 APOLOGIES**

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Councillor J Westwood  
 Councillor A Midgley

C388/19-2022

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## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.18 held on 19 September 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED**

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## 6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

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Nil

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## 7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Nil

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## 8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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Nil

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## 9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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Nil

C389/19-2022

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## 10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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### 10.1 Future Planning for Margate

**Ms Jo Landon** submitted the following question on notice:

*The recently released 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan identifies Margate as one of the specific areas expected to experience greater residential growth, with a mix of infill and greenfield development.*

*What plans are there to improve the transport system (road, parking, public and active transport) to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion within Margate?*

*Given the expected future growth, why was the \$100,000 Margate Main Street Master Plan added to the 5 Year Plan for 2025/26 and not earlier?*

**Officer's Response:**

The 30-year-Greater Hobart Plan covers the metropolitan areas of the Greater Hobart Area and does not include outer settlements like Margate or Snug. Notwithstanding, the document includes reference to the future development opportunities at Margate and Snug aligned with the recommendations of the Kingborough Land Use Strategy 2019. More work is required to establish how many additional dwellings can be accommodated in Margate, and consequently the likely effect on the local transport system and on the main feeder, Channel Highway that is managed by the Department of State Growth (DSG). Further work in this area will involve engagement with other stakeholders such as DSG and Metro.

The five-year plan provides an indication as to when projects may be funded, however, movement within the plan is based on competing priorities and annual budget deliberations of Council. As such, although at this stage it is believed the positioning of the Margate Main Street Master Plan is appropriate, this will be reviewed each year and adjusted as required.

*David Reeve, Director Engineering Services*

**C390/19-2022****11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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**Cr Cordover** asked the following questions without notice:

**11.1 Meeting with Minister Ferguson**

*On 21 September the Mayor and General Manager met with Minister Ferguson. I'm interested to know if, at the meeting, there was discussion of free bus transport or a ferry service from Kingston and more broadly, what was the meeting with Minister Ferguson about?*

**General Manager responds:**

The meeting covered a range of matters, as you would appreciate. Certainly discussion regarding the new park and ride facility that is now open at Algona Road, there was brief discussion about the ferry service and the Minister did note that it has been well patronised and, of course, there are expansion plans that are being considered as we speak. They were probably the two main topics. We also pushed the case for State Government funding for an underpass that is required at Summerleas Road.

**Mayor:**

I can add to that also. We did speak briefly about bus services to Kingborough and, of course, I expressed my thanks to the State Government for the additional buses that have been put on the express ones that we now have from Blackmans Bay, the Channel and from the new park and ride at Huntingfield. But I did also alert the Minister to the fact that we would like to have some significant discussions in relation to the availability to Metro buses to extend into the Whitewater and Spring Farm estates because that is obviously an issue for a very large sub-division that is currently not serviced by buses. Ironically enough at the Council depot, the Metro buses park overnight and there are a couple of places within the estates that actually say bus zone but they don't have any buses. I have flagged that we would like to pursue that discussion at some stage because obviously the Department of State Growth are the ones who determine the areas to be serviced and so I'm gathering some data to be able to present the government in relation to the number of anticipated residents in those areas when all the houses are completed.

**Cr Cordover:**

And on the ferry expansion possibilities, am I right to assume that includes Kingborough?

**Mayor:**

Yes, certainly, and in the Federal Government funding of \$20 million that was secured from the last Federal election work on which is now beginning, whilst the expansion of the ferry service was initially flagged for Wilkinsons Point and Sandy Bay, because of some existing infrastructure that could be utilised, it does include a commitment to a feasibility study to look at ferry's coming to Kingborough and that is something that I am personally very committed to.

**11.2 Safety in Van Morey's Road**

*Road widening works in Van Morey's Road two years ago left significant ballast added to the side of the road without actually creating a wider carriage way from a site located between 615 and 670 Van Morey Road. It's become a favourite spot for 4 wheel drive hooning and there is concern from the Margate Hills Community Group that somebody will injure themselves or take out the power pole in the middle of the road. What is the expected time frame for dealing with that issue?*

**Director Engineering Services responds:**

My understanding of that particular situation is there were a couple of one off instances of 4 wheel drives who go up to the top area which I believe is managed by Parks and Wildlife who decided that it would be a fun idea to go down that section on the side of the road, which is certainly not intended for that. The most likely scenario is that we will provide some barriers of some description to stop any future use of that area.

**11.3 Landscape Conservation Zoning**

*Will the landscape conservation zone affect existing properties ability to renovate their houses or build on their land?*

**General Manager responds:**

We will take the question on notice so that our Strategic Planner can provide a detailed response. However, I do know that he has been speaking to a few residents about this and I've personally spoken to him following the recent media at our neighbouring Council in relation to this matter and he did make the point that our planning scheme has not been out for public exhibition yet, which will give everyone in the community the opportunity, during the formal exhibition period, but the detailed response will come to your question.

**Mayor:**

I am encouraging individual property owners to contact our Strategic Planner in relation to their concerns. He is very happy to have a discussion with anybody to allay their concerns, but also to identify what the public consultation period will look like. It's my understanding that they didn't do that very well in the Huon Valley. We have to run a minimum 60 day public consultation and I know from talking to Mr Stander that we have planned things like pop up events, community hall meetings, question and answer sessions, a lot of social media etc so there will be far better engagement with our community and hopefully then an understanding of what the ramifications are of that zoning. We are also wanting to stress to people that they have the right to object to that zoning. There are no decisions made at the moment. We are waiting for the TPC to come back to

us but, individually, if they do want to contact Mr Stander he would be only too happy to talk to them about it and hopefully allay their concerns.

**Cr Cordover:**

Will there be some people in Kingborough who have bought land that originally they could build on and now they are no longer able to build on it?

**Mayor:**

We will make sure that question is answered.

#### **11.4 UTAS Move**

*What involvement has Council and more broadly, Kingborough residents, had in the UTAS move consultation, why wasn't Kingborough part of the elector poll for the UTAS move, what impact do we anticipate the UTAS move will have on Tarooma residents, specifically in regards to traffic management plans put in place to deal with the disruption, not just during the construction phase, but ongoing?*

**Mayor responds:**

Kingborough Council hasn't been privvy to any consultation by the University of Tasmania in relation to the move. Initially when the move was floated it was focussed very much on the ramifications for Hobart. An elector poll occurs when a petition of 10,000 signatures or more presented to a Council, for that Council to then hold a poll in conjunction with local government elections, that's why the one has occurred at the Hobart City Council and we are not part of that poll. The General Manager and I did meet with the Vice Chancellor several weeks ago at his request, and he did provide some really interesting statistics to us about the percentage of people in Kingborough who actually study at UTAS on campus, but also interestingly, the number of staff who work for UTAS and live in Kingborough, it's the second highest out of the local government areas in the State, Hobart being the first. It is disappointing that we haven't had an opportunity to have any formal consultation about the direct move. I do know that for a lot of Kingborough residents, not the ones in Tarooma, I acknowledge that, but for others, it is going to be a much quicker bus trip in because it will mean one bus rather than two. I'm not aware that other neighbouring Councils like Glenorchy were consulted either, I think it has just been very focused on Hobart.

**Cr Cordover:**

Will Kingborough consider updating our integrated transport strategy in response?

**Director Engineering Services:**

We don't have a budgeted item to undertake that. It has come up before in budget deliberations in terms of putting forward a future budget and that would incorporate a lot of different issues, not just the university move.

**Cr Bastone** asked the following questions without notice:

#### **11.5 Welcome to Kettering Sign**

*When will the sign on the Channel Highway, travelling north, that says 'Welcome to Kettering' be replaced?*

**Director Engineering Services responds:**

I will take your question on notice.

**11.6 Hard Waste Collection**

*Could Council look again at a general hard waste collection? If the answer to why it isn't done anymore is a monetary issue, could we be told the approximate cost of the service to do a hard waste collection?*

**Mayor responds:**

For a one off collection of hard waste is close to \$500,000. We are not just looking at a monetary expense, but one of the concerns from the few Councils that still do offer that service is that because of the length of time that it takes the contractors to go around and collect it all, it can be 4 – 6 weeks that the items are staying out in the public arena, flowing over onto footpaths etc, and that does hinder the ability of people to walk safely around. In the past we have had this discussion at the access committee and they would be very concerned about a hard waste service encroaching on footpaths. We have enough things encroaching on footpaths at the moment, such as overhanging vegetation and people parking their cars. There are also, in this day and age, some significant workplace health and safety concerns about people injuring themselves on large items that are left out such as nails producing and so on. Unfortunately it is far more complex than the monetary aspect and I do know from speaking to some of the Mayors at Councils that do still offer it, they wish they didn't.

**11.7 Barrier on Underpass to Wetland**

*When will something more permanently be erected in place of the flimsy barrier on top of the underpass to the wetlands?*

**Director Governance, Recreation and Property Services responds:**

I will need to take that question on notice.

**11.8 Weed Spraying**

*What herbicides are being used this year? How much spraying is undertaken by Council and how much is undertaken by contractors? How are we preventing the runoff into the waterways? Is a register kept of a daily spray sheet and do we audit the sheets?*

**Mayor responds:**

We will take your questions on notice.

**11.9 Barrier at Thomas Road**

*When is the wooden barrier post along Thomas Road going to be installed?*

**Director Engineering Services responds:**

I have spoken to Council officers today and it is waiting on materials.

**Cr Grace** asked the following questions without notice:

**11.10 Meeting with Huon Valley General Manager**

*Was this meeting to discuss amalgamation?*

**General Manager responds:**

I meet regularly with the General Manager of Huon Valley and we did not discuss amalgamation. In fact, I haven't discussed that with Huon Valley Council for quite some years.

**11.11 Meeting with Christian Homes**

*I note that you met with Mr Glen Hardwick, CEO of Christian Homes, expansion plans. Could you give us some detail of what Christian Homes are proposing and where?*

**General Manager responds:**

I can't give detail because the discussion was about a possible expansion. They haven't lodged a DA at this stage and I'm not even sure that the discussion that I had with the CEO will ultimately see us receiving a DA.

**11.12 Closed Session Outcomes**

*I asked this question at the last meeting. When we deal with issues in closed session, then when closed session is closed, we bring out in the Minutes what we dealt with in closed session. I just want clarification, once it comes out of closed session, the items we dealt with that we are alerting the public to, what are we allowed to say?*

**General Manager responds:**

The answer to your question is exactly what is referenced in the Minutes that are made publically to the public. For example, if a tender was awarded, the Minutes will reference that the tender was awarded, who the contractor was and what the amount was.

**11.13 Emergency Services**

*We know that we have been talking about the ambulance situation in Kingborough now for some time. Whoever is elected to the next Council, could they please take this on board, because this government we have now is failing us badly within the health system?*

**Mayor responds:**

I can certainly assure you that I have already been in discussions with the State Government in relation to the provision of ambulance services in the Channel. You may recall that there was a motion that came before us late last year and I did write to the State Government. I have also raised it with State Government Ministers as recently as Saturday at the celebration of the Kingston Fire Brigade 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Whilst I had the ear of quite a few people there, I made the point that I thought that there was an opportunity within Kingborough to have a one stop shop, if you like, which would have fire, ambulance, SES and police because, as a growing population, we need that sort of facility. I certainly take that on board and I'm very committed to trying to lobby both the State and Federal governments to see that that comes to fruition at some stage.

Unfortunately, it affects our community but it is not something that we can build ourselves, so we do need them to appreciate the severity of it down here, but we know that it is impacting residents. I have recently written to the Premier, after I had a discussion about this with Minister Street and hopefully I will be having a meeting with the Premier in the not too distant future, if I still retain the Mayoral position, and hope that we can give him the picture of the growing population and what our requirements are for health care, policing and fire and emergency.

**Cr Street** asked the following question without notice:

#### **11.14 Use of Bus Stops at Blackmans Bay**

*Are Council staff aware of Metro Tasmania using the bus stops at Wells Parade near the skate park as a location of commencement of routes or for the taking of breaks during shifts? Could we make enquiries with Metro Tasmania as to that practice? I've had reports from residents in the area that routes are seemingly commencing from Wells Parade from very early in the morning which involve buses idling in the area from about 6am in the morning. It seems to be a very recent occurrence. If that is happening, I would put it to Metro that that is not very appropriate in a residential area and probably not appropriate throughout the day outside a playground and skate park either.*

#### **Mayor responds:**

We will take that on notice.

*Cr Grace left the room at 6.02pm*

### **C391/19-2022**

## **12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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### **12.1 Illegal Clearance of Vegetation at Dennes Point**

At the Council meeting on 19 September 2022, **Cr Fox** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Have there been any results from Council's investigation into the possible illegal clearance of vegetation at Dennes Point on Bruny Island?*

#### **Officer's Response:**

Council has finalised its investigation and a professional assessment of the evidence has occurred. Council has commenced action pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and is awaiting representations from the landowners.

*Scott Basham, Compliance Coordinator*

### **12.2 Location of Purchased Sculptures**

At the Council meeting on 19 September 2022, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Have all the sculptures purchased annually by the Council from the Art Farm exhibition been removed from Birch's Bay and placed in appropriate locations around Kingborough? If so, where are they located and if not, why not?*

**Officer's Response:**

Prior to 2015, the acquired sculptures were installed at the Wetlands. However, due to damage and wear and tear, it was decided to relocate sculptures and install new ones throughout the municipality. There is an ongoing project to develop a sculpture trail that spans from Tarooma to Gordon.

The most recent sculptures have been, or will be, installed in the following locations:

- Weather Girl (2018) – outside Kingborough Gymnastics Centre
- Tin Tuna (2019) – currently in storage and to be installed at Silverwater Park when the upgrade takes place
- Squall (2020) – currently at Art Farm Birchs Bay and to be installed as part of Transform Kingston
- Biotic Forms (2021) currently stored at the Community Hub to be installed in the Whitewater Room before the end of the 2022/23 financial year

*Carol Swords, Coordinator Community Services and Hub*

### **12.3 Mumara Patrula - Wood for the Fire Walking Tour**

**Cr Bastone** submitted the following question on notice:

1. *Whose idea was the indigenous walk at Trial Bay?*
2. *Who applied for the grant to run it? Who granted the grant?*
3. *Does Council employ the guide & if so was it an open tender process?*
4. *If it is a joint project, how are the funds divided?*
5. *Who carries the insurance for the walk?*
6. *What are the Council's responsibilities and do they run the booking system?*

**Officer's Response:**

1. Building on the success of takara niplauna, Council officers initiated the concept. Council's Arts and Events Officer approached Nunami Sculthorpe-Green, from Blak Led Tours, to collaborate on the project.
2. Council's Arts and Events Officer developed the grant application to RANT Arts and were successful in securing \$20k from the Federal Regional Arts Fund to commission the new tour and marketing campaign.
3. No, Nunami Sculthorpe-Green is the author of the tours and is contracted to deliver the first ten tours. There is an Expression of Interest process to secure future guides. This is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons.

4. The project to establish the tour is a joint project with equal funding. Council manages the deliverables through ticket sales. Council will retain the Intellectual Property following the establishment phase and will retain future revenue, with arrangements made to contract guides.
5. Council carries the insurance, as for any of our natural areas walks. Council provides a support person on the tours who is qualified first aider.
6. Council's Arts and Culture team run the booking system via Eventbrite, as for our other community services events. Council assists with logistics and marketing, with these aspects covered by the grant from RANT Arts.

*Dr Samantha Fox, Director Environment, Development & Community Services*

### **13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED**

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Nil

### **14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD**

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Nil.

### **15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

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#### **C392/19-2022**

#### **15.1 RENEWAL OF A SUB-LEASE TO THE KINGSTON BEACH SAILING CLUB**

Moved: Cr Christian Street  
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council, by an absolute majority, approve the granting of a Sub-Lease to the Kingston Beach Sailing Club of the land known as PID 5771699 for a term of ten (10) years at a peppercorn rental.

*Cr Grace returned at 6.04pm*

**CARRIED**

#### **C393/19-2022**

#### **15.2 BRUNY ISLAND CRICKET CLUB LEASE**

Moved: Cr David Grace  
 Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That Council, by absolute majority, grant a lease to The Bruny Island Cricket Club Inc. for a period of five (5) years at a nominal (peppercorn) rental.

**CARRIED**

*Cr Grace left the meeting at 6.08pm*

*The Mayor vacated the chair and left the meeting at 6.10pm*

## **ELECTION OF A CHAIR**

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In the absence of the Mayor, Cr Street is elected as Chair of the meeting.

### **C394/19-2022**

#### **16 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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##### **16.1 Free Bus Transport**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Kingborough Council supports the principle of free bus transport for both public and private providers across the municipality and will convey this position to the Minister.

In Favour: Crs Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright and Christian Street

Against: Cr Steve Wass

**CARRIED 5/1**

### **C395/19-2022**

#### **17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* Council, by absolute majority, move into closed session to consider the following items:

##### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Regulation 34(6) *In confirming the minutes of a meeting, debate is allowed only in respect of the accuracy of the minutes.*

##### **Applications for Leave of Absence**

Regulation 15(2)(h) *applications by councillors for a leave of absence*

##### **RFQ2203 Supply of one 24,000KG GVM Tip Truck**

Regulation 15(2)(d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

### **RFQ2203 Supply of 2 8,700KG GVM Tip Truck with Crane**

Regulation 15(2)(d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

### **Meath Avenue Budget Variation**

Regulation 15(2)(b), and (2)(d) *information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business, and contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

### **Trail Access Update**

Regulation 15(2)(f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

In accordance with the Kingborough Council *Meetings Audio Recording Guidelines Policy*, recording of the open session of the meeting ceased.

Open Session of Council adjourned at 6.27pm

**OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES**

Open Session of Council resumed at 6.42pm

**C396/19-2022**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

The Closed Session of Council having met and dealt with its business resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Item	Decision
Confirmation of Minutes	Confirmed
Applications for Leave of Absence	Nil
RFQ2203 Supply of one 24,000KG GVM Tip Truck	Tender awarded to Webster Trucks for \$254,143 excl GST
RFQ2203 Supply of 2 8,700KG GVM Tip Truck with Crane	Tender awarded to Webster Trucks for \$280,344 excl GST
Meath Avenue Budget Variation	Reallocation of funds approved
Trail Access Update	Noted

**CARRIED**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.43pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)