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### A Taste for the Tatong Tavern

In 1976 my husband, John Nichols and I made a decision that would change our lives. We decided to purchase a farm. John had previously leased small holdings and bred horses but this would have to support our sons, Jason 9yrs and Mark 6yrs, as well as my parents Elsie and Bob McGrath.

For several months we travelled all over, settling on a farm at Upper Lurg. The house was not much to look at and needed repair but there was also an old shack and a beautiful, spring-fed dam.

It was decided that I would move up with the two boys and the family would remain working in Melbourne until I found a job in Benalla. The boys were enrolled at Greta South Primary School where Helen Muller was a teacher aide. Helen and I always got on well. I did odd jobs on the farm, and introduced myself to the local neighbours. I remember taking the boys to school and stopping by at Wippell's dairy for a flagon of fresh milk.

Every Friday, the boys and I would make our way to the Tatong Tavern to meet up with the rest of the family for dinner. The Tavern had a wonderful atmosphere. The owners at the time were Bill and Maureen, and they were so good to us. If the family were running late from Kilsyth, Maureen would keep their food hot. Colin McCauley was the barman, and Normie and Dobby propped up the bar. The Tatong crew became part of our family.

By Christmas 1977 I had found a job with Carters Hardware which meant that the family could join us for good. What a relief to be a complete family again. We still enjoyed the Tavern, even when Maureen and Bill moved on. It was still our favourite place for a night out. Mary and John Pedlar and later, Dennis Scott got to know us quite well.

I used to organise nights out for the Carter's staff. They always liked going to the Tavern as most of the regulars were good customers. There was a magic about the place, even down to the wallpaper in the men's toilet.

When Jason married Trudi Ballintine, our family circle grew. Her sister Stacey married Terry Evans who had shorn our sheep at Lurg on occasion.

My father Bob passed away in 1999 and after much discussion we sold the farm and moved to Geelong where Trudi and Jason were based. Mum was suffering with ill health, so it was necessary to be closer to medical services. She eventually died of Pancreatic Cancer in 2009.

Jason and Trudi moved back to the area in 2013 and bought some acres on the Tatong-Moorngag Rd. John and I decided to move back to Benalla to be close to them. This would also bring us closer to our good friends, Graeme and Kerry Hayes. We found a beautiful little home in Benalla, and settled into a very happy routine, intermittently visiting Mark and his family in Sunbury.

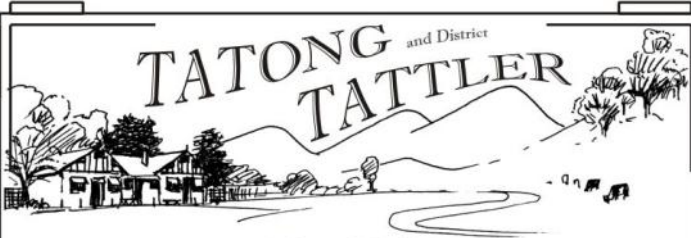
The year 2022 was a big year for me as I turned 80. My sons insisted on giving me a party. Where would I like to go? they asked. The Tatong Tavern was my first choice. It had just changed hands and had been re-decorated. What a wonderful day celebrating with over thirty family and friends. The food was scrumptious and the company terrific. A day I shall never forget.

Life went on as normal until John became unwell in late August 2023. By December it was very clear that he wouldn't survive. He didn't want to stay in hospital, and Jason and Trudi insisted we stay with them at Moorngag. John could look out across the road to the paddocks beyond and enjoyed watching the cattle as they grazed. Ironically, the paddocks belong to Colin McCauley, one of the first people we originally met in the Tatong Tavern.

Sadly, John passed away on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, just a few weeks shy of our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. My family have been a great support to me during my stay. It is great to see that they continue to be an active part of the Tatong community. Who would have thought when we first started our new life up here in 1976, that the ties would prove to be so strong?

Thank you to all of those people who have been, and continue to be, a part of the very supportive Tatong community.

Jan Nichols.



TATONG and District  
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The 2024  
Annual General Meeting  
of the  
Tatong Tattler Committee  
will be held on  
September Thursday 19th,  
@ the Tatong Tavern.

Meeting at 11:00  
AGM at 12:00  
Lunch at 12:30



All Tattler associates very welcome to join us  
for the AGM & lunch! Distributors, Writers,  
Advertisers, and of course Readers.  
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Nominations for committee very welcome.

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The 2024  
Annual General  
Meeting  
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September 23rd

3:30pm at the

Tatong  
Hall

All  
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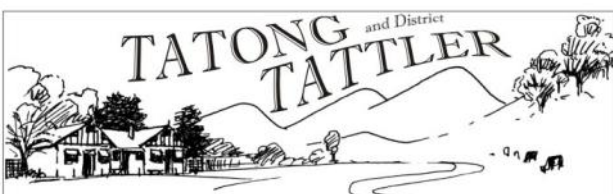
# WANTED!

## A Treasurer

The Tatong Tattler Committee will need a new Treasurer, as of the September AGM. Duties not onerous. 6 meetings a year.

Your Tattler requires a modicum of management. As of September we will need a new Treasurer. The Distribution Co-ordinator and the Printer-manager will continue for the moment, but would both prefer to hand on their jobs to someone else.

Currently the President, Secretary & Editor are all happy to continue. In a few years time, each will need to be replaced, to keep the Tatong Tattler rolling.  
Can you play a part?



## Executive Needed

The Tatong Heritage Group is an active group, meeting 6 times a year. We have many members, who pitch in and contribute to our various activities.

However, current members are not keen on taking an executive position. At the September AGM the President will step down, after 13 years. So far, no one has volunteered to take the job on. The Treasurer & Secretary would really love to step back also. Anyone interested in joining a local group, especially if happy to take on light committee duties, please consider sharing your skills with the THG.

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## Polite deer



On our recent trip to Japan, we visited the Todaiji Temple in Nara. Nara was the capital of Japan from 710 to 794.

The Todaiji Temple is one of the Seven Great Temples of Japan. Also, it is the home of the

world's largest bronze statue, Daibutsu (giant Buddha). The Buddha is depicted with his right arm outstretched and palm out - a gesture that says "don't be afraid". His left hand is palm up to grant a wish...



It is certainly an awesome sight.



Outside the temple is parkland (Nara Park) in which there are wild Sika deer. Rice crackers are available to buy to feed to the deer. These are specially formulated so are a healthy food for them. The deer will bow when you feed them.

The jury's out on why they bow. One opinion is that it's an aggressive gesture. The other is that it's a learnt behaviour because they know it often leads to food. I'm giving them the benefit of the doubt because I think if it was aggression we would hear of people being hurt and see warnings around the park...

John Knapper



## Tatong Community Centre & Recreation Reserve

### Notice of Tri-annual Meeting

**Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7:30pm**

**@ Tatong Community Centre & Recreation Reserve**

Election of office bearers and committee members for the next 3 years.

Annual report on the Tatong Community Plantation Fund.

New members encouraged and most welcome.

## TATONG TOPICS – SEPTEMBER 1924

**Benalla Standard 2<sup>ND</sup> September 1924:**

CONGRATULATIONS. — At the meeting of the Benalla Agricultural Society on Friday last Cr. A. Harrison was freely congratulated on his success in the last municipal election for the Tatong riding. In returning thanks, Cr. Harrison said he was satisfied that there was a keen interest evinced in council matters throughout the riding, as the figures showed.

**Benalla Standard 5<sup>th</sup> September 1924:**

BENALLA-TATONG RAILWAY TRUST.  
REPURCHASE OF DEBENTURES.

Mr, Knox, secretary of the Benalla-Tatong Railway Trust, has received a reply from the Chief Engineer for Railway Construction, forwarding the Crown

Solicitor's opinion, on the repurchase of debentures in connection with the trust's loan of £8000. The Crown Solicitor advises that in his opinion the course suggested cannot be adopted under the provisions of the Lands Acquisition Act 1915, and points out that Section 64 of that Act provides only for moneys utilised for the repurchase of debentures being invested in the formation of a sinking fund. The provisions of Section 63 cannot be taken advantage of until such time as there is a sum of money in the sinking fund to ensure the

balance, after deducting portion for the repurchase of debentures, being sufficient to secure the holders of debentures other than those repurchased. The letter concludes — "In view of this it is clear that the trust's request cannot be acceded to, and that the suggested method of finalising the affairs of the trust cannot be adopted."

**Benalla Standard 9<sup>th</sup> September 1924:**

HUME-HOVELL CENTENARY.

DEPUTATION TO THE COUNCIL. (*abridged*)

A deputation from the local schools, consisting of Messrs. E. Leach, M. A. P. Durack, Williams, and Sunderman, waited on the Benalla council yesterday, and laid before them the views of the various school committees and the suggestions of the Centenary Committee regarding the erection of some tablet or other memorial on the route taken by the explorers. Mr. Leach said that already communities were working at various places, and many bodies in the metropolis were also assisting. The committee intend to follow the route taken by the explorers 100 years ago. Cr. Heaney asked whereabouts in Tatong would the cairn be erected. Mr. Leach said that it would be about three miles south-east of the Tolmie road. Cr. Cowan thought the town should "put their shoulder to the wheel" and put up something a credit to the place. Mr. Leach favoured the Tatong site owing to the tourist traffic and facilities for train travel. A bronze plate would cost £15 to £20, granite slab, to £10; marble slab, £7 to £8. Cairns would cost from £1. A motion was passed to erect a memorial not exceeding £20.

**Benalla Standard 12<sup>th</sup> September 1924:**

Goorambat School .v. Tatong School.

The Goorambat school children journeyed to Tatong on Saturday last to play the return football match. The match was played on the Recreation Reserve; Mr. George Sullivan being the central umpire. During the first quarter the Tatong boys got the ball close to the goal and Allan Beard secured a lucky "sixer," which gave them great encouragement. Goorambat only scored a behind in the second quarter. Allan McCauley scored three goals for Tatong the half-time results being Tatong, 4,2; to Goorambat, 1,1, Tatong scored two more goals in the third quarter, whilst their opponents added 1 goal 3 behinds. The last quarter became very exciting, as Tatong could not score, and Goorambat added two goals. The back line for Tatong were playing a hard game. Laurie Spencer played well as full back. The final scores were, Tatong, 5.2- (32 points); Goorambat, 4.4 (28

points), being a victory for the home team by four points. For the victors the three Beards, Allan McCauley (4 goals), Charlie Waters, Colin Coghill,

and J. Newton were the best players; whilst for Goorambat, M. Brady, (3 goals), W. Saunders, Leo. Brady, R. Hall, Ron. Saunders, Roy Saunders,

(1 goal), Jim Brady and J Cleary were the best.

In a short speech after afternoon tea had been served by the ladies. Mr. Smith (head teacher of the Goorambat School) thanked the residents for

the kind manner in which they had been treated.

He congratulated the boys on their victory, the last match having been won by his boys. He also thought it was a good thing for the boys to have such a trip to see fresh country and it was also necessary to develop the boys physically, as well as mentally, and football was a good game for that. Mr, Mason responded on behalf of his hoys.

**Benalla Standard 30<sup>th</sup> September 1924:**

CONCERT AT TATONG. (*abridged*)

Although unfortunate in having inclement weather conditions, residents of Tatong were present in good numbers at the local hall on Friday evening on the occasion of the visit of the Benalla Bohemians concert party, who gave a performance in aid of the funds of the V.R. Institute. Owing to

the bad state of the roads the party experienced some difficulty in getting through, and it was after 9 p.m. before a start was made. A varied programme was submitted, and encore after encore denoted the popularity of the artists. A dance followed the concert, and about 25 couples took part in novelty dances, to the general satisfaction of those present. The committee had arranged a very tasty supper, and they are indebted to the efforts of Mrs. Gardiner, whose work contributed largely to the success of the evening. The performance was such a success that at the request of the audience a return visit will be made in a month's time.

Compiled by Barry O'Connor, Tatong Heritage Group.

## Swanpool News

As Tatong locals know, our local table tennis club rotates around both communities, with great fun had by all. As the table tennis season winds down, our Bowls Club is preparing for the new season, with social night held on 9 August. New members are always welcome, from novices to veterans, and fun and comradeship is guaranteed!

The Cinema starts a new season on 7 September, with a family friendly Double Bill, "The Mountain" and "Robot Dreams". Over the month, we have two fabulous matinees, with "Fly Me To The Moon", starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum on Friday 20 September, and a school holiday special "A Bug's Life" on Wednesday 25 September. Matinees screen from 10.30 am, and evening sessions start at 6.00 pm on Saturdays and 5.00 pm on Sundays during September. No need to pre book, but get there in time to enjoy the atmosphere, and secure your preferred seat.

All details of upcoming films can be found on the website, [www.swanpoolcinema.com.au](http://www.swanpoolcinema.com.au), or on copies of the programme available at the Tavern, as well as various outlets in Swanpool, Benalla and Mansfield.

Swanpool Cinema is run by volunteers, and as a thank you, we hold a special volunteers dinner and film night at the start of each season. If you'd like to support your local Cinema, and have time to volunteer in a range of roles, from making choctops, programme planning and distribution, to working in the ticket box or candy bar on screening days, please contact us on [swanpoolflix@gmail.com](mailto:swanpoolflix@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming our patrons and volunteers back!  
Deb



**CFA Brigade News**  
Tatong CFA welcomes a new member, Claire O'Gorman. Claire completed her General Firefighter training last month and is now a fully fledged firefighter. Congratulations Claire and welcome to the brigade.

In other news the brigade applied for a grant to assist with

the replacement of our ultralight tanker which is 14 years old. Unfortunately, we were not successful in obtaining a grant. Within the Benalla group we are actually one of the lucky brigades as we have a medium tanker that is nine years old and is a crew cab allowing for all the crew to travel within the vehicle. Some of our other brigades are not so lucky. There are still nine tankers that are single cabs and most of those are over 25 years old. Several tankers are in the region of 35 years old! I do wonder where all that Fire Levy money is going because it is not going to the CFA.

Anyway, enough politics. On a brighter note the brigade will be having a general meeting on Sunday 22 September at 11am at the fire station. All members are asked to please attend this meeting. It will be followed by a BBQ lunch and a bit of a social get-together so I hope you can come.

All the best, Jason Nichols

Captain Tatong CFA

## White Gate



## News

The next **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** will be **Wednesday Sept 4th**. By then the sun will be rising at 6:30am & setting at 6pm and may even be generating some warmth. - *Andi Stevenson*

This month on the De Fazio Dairy farm Spring has sprung. The wattle is looking spectacular, the willows have their new leaves and some soaking rain has worked a miracle on feed growth. Maybe we will be able to cut silage after all. We have some new lambs which have found a novel shelter in their paddock.-

*Linda De Fazio*



Caryn De Fazio's Whitegate News: You know how it always rains when you hang the washing out? Ditto for when the grader appears on Smith Road to smooth the road. Must be rain on the way!  
#gratefultocounciltho

## White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Bill Sykes	25 Aug	Leigh Humphries	22 Sep
Matthew De Fazio	1 Sep	Noel Hutchens	29 Sep
Ross Runnalls	8 Sep	Bill Ferguson	6 Oct
David Elford	15 Sep	Norton Grimwade	13 Oct

### SPORTING NEWS

I have found the Paris Olympics to be inspiring, and for my favourite sport of archery, very informative. Facebook is very handy with such events because it tends to flood you with the interest areas that you demonstrate, so I have received plenty of photos and video of the archery in action on my phone.

We have a PVR (personal video recorder) and so at one stage I had about 30 Olympic live recording segments from the channel 9 TV broadcasts from Paris. I love to see the minutest detail of how an athlete performs their sport so I have learned a lot from these recordings, thanks Channel 9. There are many sports that I love to either participate in, like athletics when young, or watch especially during the Olympics which are still bringing almost all nations together.

An example of the incredible ability, especially of the Koreans in archery, was a female (I have her photo but not the name) who scored 694 out of a possible 700, I think! I didn't hear all of the detail properly so I assume she only missed the centre gold, (for a score of 10), 6 times and hit the outer gold for a score of 9 instead! This Olympic record feat was performed while shooting at a target 70 meters away!

Ultimately it is one's love of the particular sport that really matters so we should remain content with our own skill and improvements. In the original Errol Flynn movie of Robin Hood there wasn't a great deal of archery shown but it was enough to inspire what must be millions of young people of my ancient era to get involved either by making bows or in any other ways available to them. One member of our Tatong archery club has embedded an arrow into the back of another arrow on two occasions just as Robin Hood did during the movie's archery contest.

We lived outside of Yallourn when I was young and I could cut bow making sticks from the swamp nearby, arrows were made from the sword grass stalks and scavenged 303 bullet heads were collected from the rifle range a few gullies away. My youth was not long after World War two so there must have been plenty of ex-army 303 rifles around. We collected the bullets out of the rifle range's sandbank then melted the lead out of the casing with a small fire. The shells were then used for arrow heads. We were confident that nobody would mistakenly shoot us, but of course, never told mum exactly where we were.

And lastly, the new Yamaha bow that I purchased via eBay while in beautiful condition has a draw weight of 36lb which I thought might be beyond my strength. My old Hoyt bow which is now around 40 years old is a bit below 30lb draw. Because the Yamaha is also a vintage version it seemed that it would be too difficult to get lower weighted limbs that would fit this model so I am stuck with having to develop some muscle. As it happens I have already done that sufficiently so that I can fully draw the bow and this is due to persistent and frequent usage. I still have some way to go to be able to both achieve full draw and hold long enough to enable accurate shooting.

The message here is don't act the way you think you should for an "old" person act the way you want to act until you actually can't anymore.

Mike Larkin

## Gawn to Town

A recent edition of the "Country News" told of Loch Garry, on the Goulburn River, where strife occurred in the 2022 floods. The article refers to the construction of Loch Garry in the 1920s. At that I raised a brow, for I knew Loch Garry had existed by 1900. If it had not, three people might have lived longer lives.

I met Loch Garry while pursuing the history of my mother's grandmother, Mary. Actually both her grandmothers were named Mary, as was one of my father's grandmothers... there were a lot of Marys knocking about back then. Mary Tamblyn was born on the Talbot goldfields, married at Talbot, and eventually was buried there, at the age of 46.

Great-grandmother Mary had three sisters. Sarah bore several children in Benalla, but she's not in this story.

Thirza married John Mills, who became a legend in the family as "Uncle John from Tallygaroopna". They ended up at Wunghnu, North of Shepparton, where Thirza bore seven children, dying aged 32, and buried 150 miles from her little sister in Talbot.

Meanwhile Catherine married William Twitt, and lived in the same region as had her sister Thirza. Perhaps she met William when staying with Thirza; perhaps she was at the little Wunghnu cemetery to farewell her sister in 1886.

By the year 1900 the grass would be growing on Thirza's grave. That January, presumably a nice day for it, five blokes went fishing n' shooting on Loch Garry. They were John Mills, widower of Thirza (Uncle John from Tallygaroopna); Edward Mills, John & Thirza's son, aged 20; John's brother-in-law, being Catherine's husband, William Twitt, aged 33; along with a William Howard and a William McCarron. There were a lot of Williams knocking about back then as well.

From the account in the Argus, it seems that William Twitt

### FATAL BOATING ACCIDENT.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

SHEPPARTON, Wednesday.  
Three men named Edward Mills, aged 20

stood up in the boat and tipped it over. Maybe trying for a shot at a duck? McCarron swam to shore and had John Mills rescued, he having hung on to the boat. Of the other three, the Argus reported: "The bodies were recovered in water which was between 5ft and 6ft deep ... Considerable difficulty was experienced in dragging for the bodies owing to the number of weeds at the bottom of the lake, and it is surmised that this caused the drowning of the unfortunate men, for they did not reappear after their disappearance under the water."

So for great-grandmother's sister Catherine, another funeral at the Wunghnu cemetery, nearby her sister Thirza's grave, to bury her own husband, and her nephew, Thirza's son. A fine headstone was put up for William Twitt, lichen-covered now, but no marker was afforded for young Edward Mills.

"Loch Garry Station" is mentioned in 1854. Whoever eyeballed the lovely wetland and named it for the Scottish Loch Garry ('Loch Garraidh' in Gaelic), either had a wicked sense of humour, or was distraught with homesickness. Or was named Garry.

Mention of trips to Loch Garry appear by the 1880s; a lovely spot, but sometimes the ducks won. Be careful how you stand up in small boats; and if possible, do learn to swim. - Andi Stevenson

Daze Past - from 2018 . As Kathy is unwell we are publishing some of her past articles. Ed



## Garden Daze

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago - the next best time is now



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**Blueberries** are an ideal fruiting plant for the home garden. Easy to prune into a tidy size, they look good, are small enough to fit into any garden, will grow in pots or garden beds, have attractive flowers and produce delicious fruit.



### Soil requirements:

\* Blueberries are relatively easy plants to grow, so long as the soil is right. Coming from the forests of North America, they like a humus-rich soil, so add lots of compost to the soil and mix it through.

\* Another soil requirement of blueberries is a low (acidic) pH - around 4 to 5.5. An easy way to achieve this is to grow them in containers by using acid potting soil, (i.e. as for Azalia).

\* If planting in the ground, the pH can be lowered by using spent coffee grounds, sulphur (a handful to a square metre) or sphagnum moss.

\* **Mulchs that will lower the pH** are oak leaves, pine, casuarina, or cypress needles. The advantage of using leaves is that they mimic the plant's natural environment. Pine bark and straw will also be beneficial.

\* Blueberries require good drainage, however, it is important to keep the water up to them - even watering twice a day in the heat of summer to produce flowers and fruit.

\* If you are planting them in the ground mound up their bed and dig the hole about twice the size of the pot. Plant in full sun with protection from strong winds. It is best to plant larger varieties with 1.2 m between plants (and 3 m between rows if you are being enthusiastic).

\* When planting , tease out the roots over a handful of sphagnum moss placed in the planting position and plant at the same depth as it was potted and apply 30 gms (max) per plant of a slow release fertilizer.

### Maintenance:

Remove flowers in the first year to encourage bush growth. (Yes I know - this is hard!) Keep the water up to them in summer. Applications of fish and seaweed fertiliser will assist with root health and will encourage strong growth during spring and after harvest.

Prune out weak wood, ensuring the centre of the plant is kept open.

Highbush varieties are best for our area. They get to about a metre and a half to two metres tall. By planting three different varieties - they will crop at different times, and the harvest period will be extended.

### Pollination:

While some blueberry varieties have both the male and female organs on the same plant, not all are self-pollinating.

**Daleys Fruit Tree Nursery** - have an extended list of varieties on their web site [daleyfruit.com.au](http://daleyfruit.com.au)

### Tips for growing container blueberries:

- Choose compact varieties.
- Growing more than one variety will give a larger crop.
- Plant initially in acid loving soil (the kind bagged for azaleas and hydrangeas)
- Grow in Full Sun. (They can grow in less sun, but you get the most fruit in full sun.)
- Choose a large container – tho you can always start smaller and pot up as the plants grow.
- Mulch the pot in the summer months with acid producing mulch (oak leaves. pine/casuarina/cypress needles).
- The first year, feed every few months.
- The second year and all subsequent years, feed lightly but monthly.



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Kathy Z

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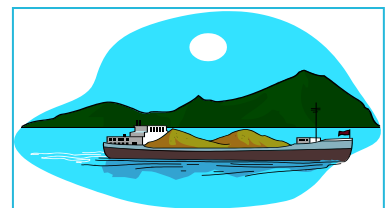


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2016	69.7	11.9	36.9	38.5	117.2	110.5	142.8	108.4	172.1	91.4	50.1	101.3	1050.
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2018	34.3	6.4	24.9	13.7	49.8	67.2	52.8	81.2	25.1	22.3	75	73.1	525.8
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