

Booborowie Cemetery

1925 - 2006

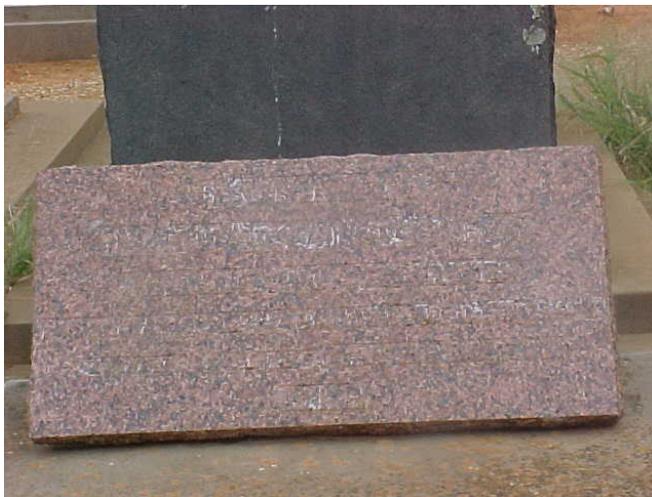
Booborowie is a small rural community.

The school has 24 students and our 5-7 class has 11 students.

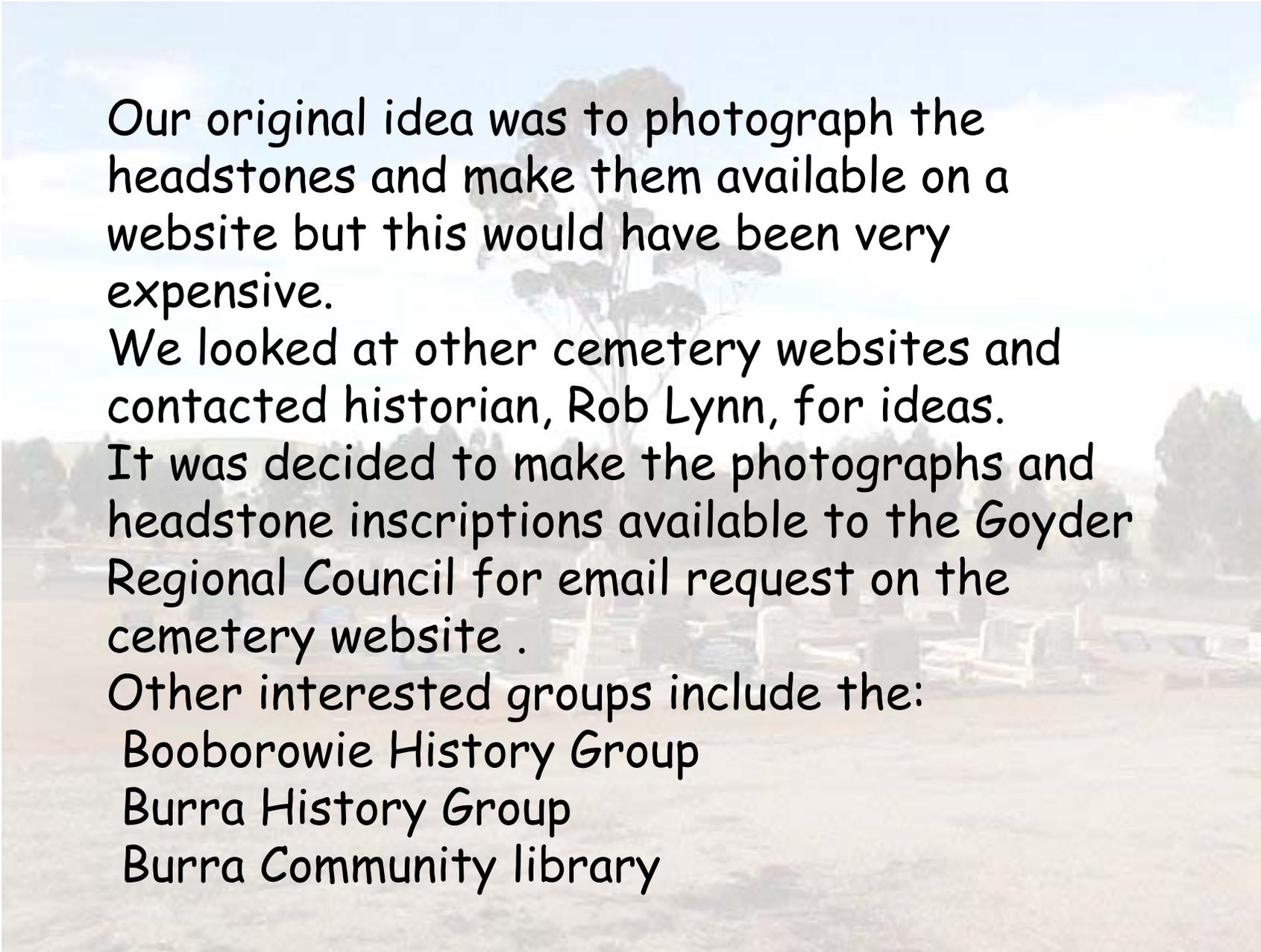


The idea for our Cemetery Project began when Mrs Broad was asked to photograph headstones to be emailed to family members.

The first one was difficult to find as the inscription had completely faded and needed copying to accompany the photo.



The headstone has now been cleaned and repainted by Mrs Madigan



Our original idea was to photograph the headstones and make them available on a website but this would have been very expensive.

We looked at other cemetery websites and contacted historian, Rob Lynn, for ideas.

It was decided to make the photographs and headstone inscriptions available to the Goyder Regional Council for email request on the cemetery website .

Other interested groups include the:

Booborowie History Group

Burra History Group

Burra Community library

Society and Environment.

We began our project by looking at photographs of the Japanese and Chinese cemeteries at Broome.

We studied the special history of these cemeteries.

We discussed other cemeteries we were familiar with and their importance.



These cemeteries are well cared for and are a good historical resource



The students and Mrs Madigan on our 1st visit to the Cemetery.



We looked around the cemetery using maps and Mrs Madigan showed us some special headstones.

We chose a section and worked in groups to photograph the headstones and copy inscriptions that could not be read.

The class discussion following our visit included ideas of what we could do :

- Remove weeds
- Clean the headstones
- Tidy around the trees
- Plant another wind break
- Remove ants
- Plant a garden



The SRC decided to have a Clean Up Day to coincide with KESAB activities.

A report of what our project was about and a note asking for community help was put into the community newsletter.

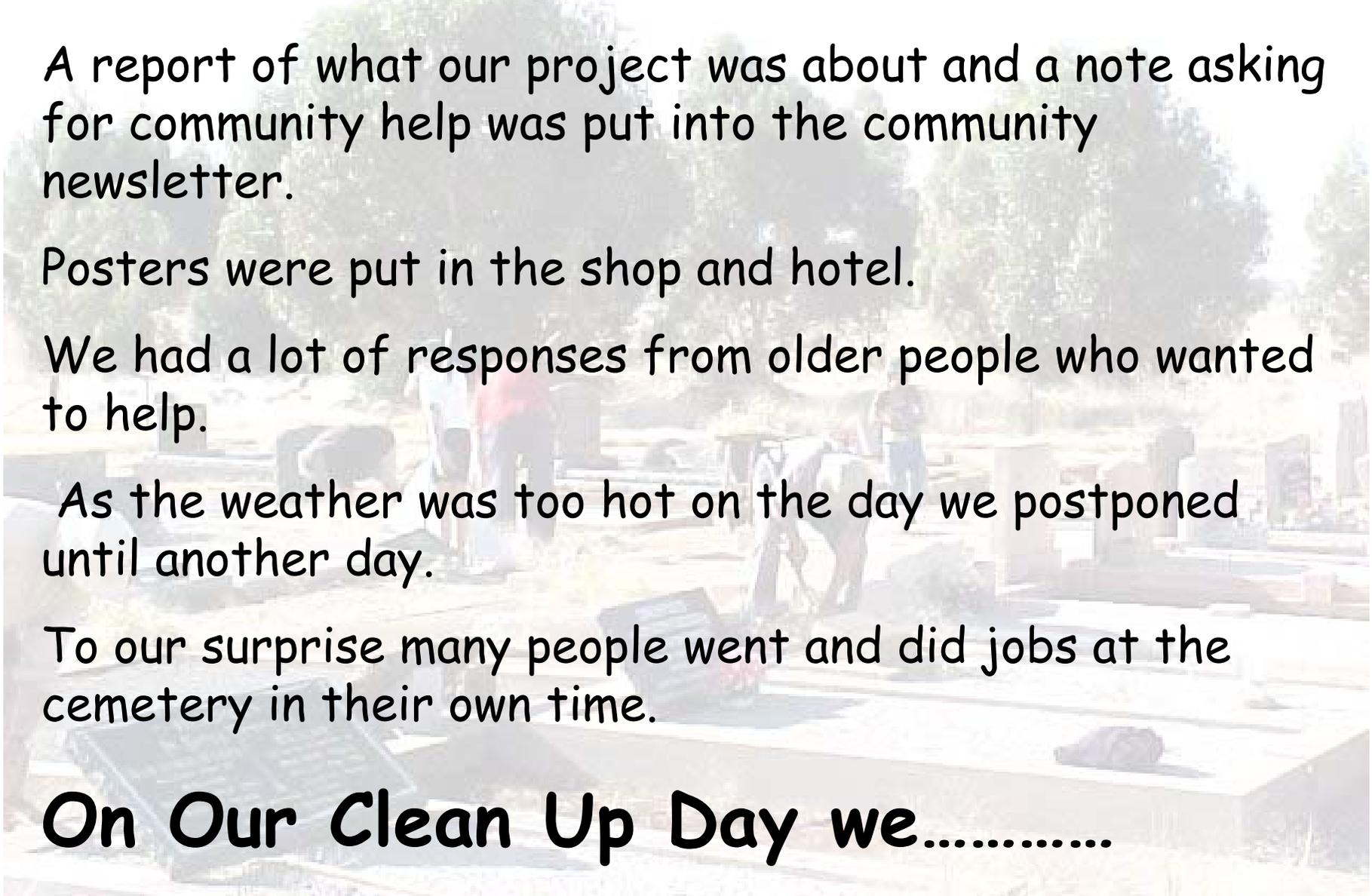
Posters were put in the shop and hotel.

We had a lot of responses from older people who wanted to help.

As the weather was too hot on the day we postponed until another day.

To our surprise many people went and did jobs at the cemetery in their own time.

On Our Clean Up Day we.....





Swept and washed





Cleaned and polished





Weeded a ute load of grasses from around the graves and paths.



....and asked questions
and listened to stories
about the people who
are buried at this
cemetery



Photographs and inscriptions

The photographs were named and files created according to location of the headstone.

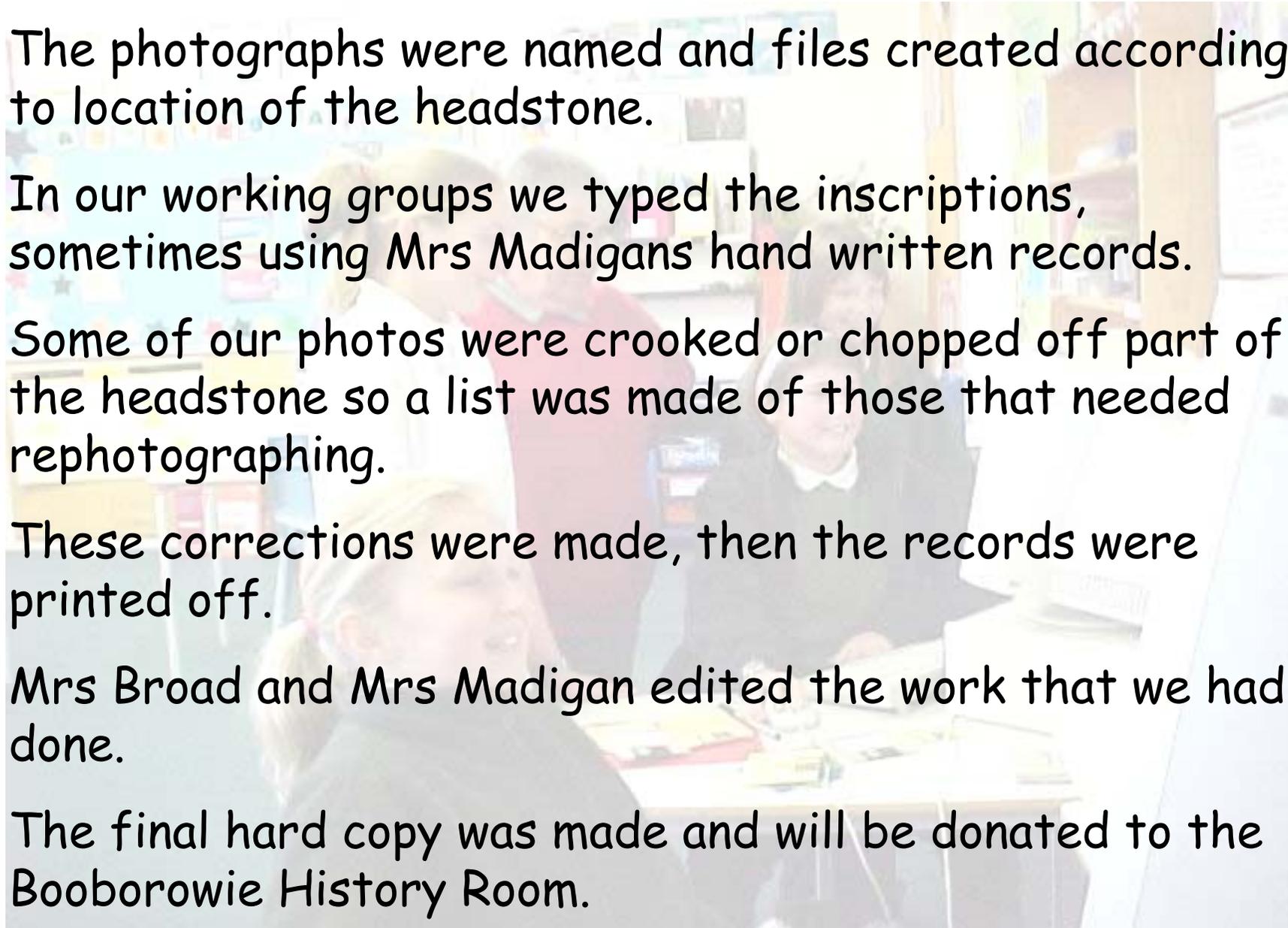
In our working groups we typed the inscriptions, sometimes using Mrs Madigans hand written records.

Some of our photos were crooked or chopped off part of the headstone so a list was made of those that needed rephotographing.

These corrections were made, then the records were printed off.

Mrs Broad and Mrs Madigan edited the work that we had done.

The final hard copy was made and will be donated to the Booborowie History Room.



The Booborowie Ladies Group were really pleased with the work that we had done.

We were asked to write to the Goyder Council requesting ongoing maintenance such as weed spraying, having some gravel spread on the paths, the ants sprayed etc.

In English we planned and wrote an exposition text in the form of a letter and received a positive response from the works manager.

Recently the Booborowie Recreation Ground Committee purchased and erected a shelter and display board at the cemetery.

A garden seat was donated by the Burra Uniting Church Opportunity shop.



There have been several changes made at the cemetery since we started this project.

The Goyder Council have:

- erected a cemetery sign

- built the niche wall

Community members have:

- burnt weeds and branches

- removed moss from headstones with vinegar

- repainted family headstones

- placed maps and an alphabetical list of plots in the glass display cabinet under the shelter.





In the future we hope to:

- propagate trees and plant a windbreak

- create mathematical graphs and tables from the information we have available

- print off copies of our work for the interested history groups

The Booborowie Recreational Ground Committee will have small plaques made for the unmarked graves.

A group of approximately 15 people, including students and adults, are sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. They are dressed in casual attire, with some wearing school uniforms. The background shows trees and a building. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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