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Buderim Meeting Friday 13.2.2026

Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

100 Buderim Pines Drive, Goodlife Centre Buderim

Admission - \$4

Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

Three Laptop computers set up to answer questions: Windows / Linux / Mac-book Air

1. Q&A
2. Windows 11 File Manager
3. Windows 11 Settings.

Replacement for BOM Radar - [Rain Rate](#)

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Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.
Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

Sat. 14.2.2026

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

The Windows 11 February patch is a big one

They usually focus on bug fixes and security updates, with the occasional new feature sprinkled in.

The February 2026 update, however, looks significant, introducing several new features that will change how users interact with the operating system.

While the update won't officially roll out until February 10, Microsoft has already released [Preview Update KB5074105](#) to Windows Insiders.

This early patch includes the same features and fixes that'll arrive next Tuesday.

Below is a breakdown of the major new features and fixes coming with the update, available for Windows 11 versions 25H2 and 24H2.

[Cross Device Resume](#) was first introduced back in May 2025, allowing users to start a task on an Android phone,

and seamlessly pick it up on their PC -- similar to Apple's Handoff tool. With this update, Microsoft is expanding the feature.

Cross Device Resume now works with Spotify playback, Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations,

and browsing sessions from the Vivo Browser app. Additionally, users with Honor, Oppo, Samsung, Vivo, or Xiaomi phones can work on online files opened via the Copilot app.

The February patch also updates the Windows MIDI service with enhanced support for both MIDI 1.0 and MIDI 2.0.

New capabilities include shared MIDI ports across apps, custom port names, performance improvements, and multiple bug fixes.

It's worth noting that the App SDK and Tools packages that enable access to these MIDI changes are part of a separate download.

You can find them on Microsoft's [Windows MIDI Services landing page](#).

Narrator is getting more granular customization options. Users can now adjust how on-screen controls are announced,

choose which details are spoken, and set the order in which information is read aloud.

Microsoft has made a small but welcome quality-of-life change by moving the Device information card from the bottom of the System page

to the Home tab in the Settings menu. This makes it much easier to quickly check key system details, like the processor.

Smart App Control (SAC) is a security feature that blocks untrusted or malicious apps before they run.

While effective, the tool can be overly aggressive and flag safe software. With the February update, users will finally be able to

deactivate Smart App Control at any time. No need to reinstall Windows 11; thereby making SAC management far more convenient than before.

Voice Access lets users control their PC and navigate Windows 11 using speech. The tool now includes a redesigned setup wizard that

walks users through downloading a speech model for their chosen language, connecting a microphone, and explaining how the feature works.

In the same vein, **Voice Typing** is getting some improvements. For example, it's gaining a new "Wait Time Before Acting" setting.

This option lets users adjust the delay before a spoken command is executed, helping improve accuracy and better support people with different speech patterns.

Windows Hello Enhanced Sign-in Security (ESS) to support peripheral fingerprint sensors. Previously, ESS only worked with built-in fingerprint sensors.

To set it up, Microsoft says users simply need to connect a supported biometric device, then head to Settings > Accounts > Sign-in options and follow the on-screen instructions.

Finally, Microsoft is **expanding language** support for the AI-powered agent in the Windows 11 Settings menu.

This on-device assistant helps users find and change system settings via natural language. It now supports German,

Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, Hindi, Italian, and Simplified Chinese.

Alongside the new features, the February patch delivers separate bug fixes across a variety of apps.

File Explorer received tweaks to its navigation responsiveness, Microsoft addressed a Lock Screen issue that caused it to become unresponsive,

and lastly, a bug has been fixed where desktop icons would unexpectedly move around when opening or renaming certain files.

Smartphone apps that save you money

As the cost of living in Australia continues to rise, Aussies are looking for new ways to cut back and make the most of their cash.

Many are turning to smartphone apps to help prioritise financial health and save money. Here are some popular apps on the App Store that can help Aussies achieve their financial goals:

1. [Buddy: Budget & Save Money](#) – This lets users set up a budget and keep track of expenses in one place.

2. By tracking expenses, users can optimise their spending habits and identify areas where they can cut back.
1. **Chronicle – Bill Organiser** – This app helps users set reminders to pay their bills on time. By avoiding late payment fees, users can save money in the long run.
1. [Frugl Grocery Price Comparison](#) – A great way to find the best deals on groceries every week.
2. By comparing prices between major Aussie supermarket retailers and grocery specialists, users can save money on their weekly grocery shop.
1. [My 7-Eleven](#) – A great way to find the best fuel prices in their area and lock them in for seven days.
- [Petrol Spy](#) – This app provides real-time pricing information for fuel stations in Australia. By comparing prices submitted by other users, users can find the cheapest fuel prices in their area.

The **Telecommunications** (Mobile Number Pre-Porting Additional Identity Verification) Industry Standard 2020 sets out rules requiring telcos to

verify the identity of people wanting to transfer their numbers to a new provider before a transfer is completed.

Businesses have paid more than \$4.8 million for breaches of this standard in the last 12 months.

Consumers should contact their telco and financial institution immediately if they think they have been a victim of a phone scam.

It also helps other Australians by [reporting scams to Scamwatch](#).

IDCARE can help people whose identity has been compromised or stolen on 1800 595 160 or at <https://www.idcare.org/>.

Support is also available from [Lifeline](#) (13 11 14) or [Beyond Blue](#) (1300 224 636).

1. Pause, don't tap

If it's unexpected or urgent, slow down... no quick-pay links, open your bank or service app directly instead.

2. Ring a caller back on a verified number

If money or data is involved, do not provide this on an incoming call, ring the company on the number on their website or your card, not the one in the message.

3. Assume anyone can be fooled

Treat every email as suspicious. Use strong logins like passkeys, and keep less personal info public (private Facebook profiles) so scammers have less to mimic.

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

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