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Buderim Meeting Friday 20.2.2026

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. How to edit a PDF in LibreOffice
3. Has my Computer Been Hacked?
4. Why does my 2TB Hard Drive only show 1.8TB?

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

Get e Prepared

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

Sat. 21.2.2026

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

Microsoft PC Manager

This free, helpful tool optimizes your system and improves security

The free PC Manager app for Windows can optimize your system by clearing your drive, managing startup apps, and more. It also gives you access to a Protection tab to access virus and threat protection, check Windows Update, change default browser settings, block pop-ups in apps, and optimize your network. Having this in my toolbox helps keep my system running healthy and secure. It's not a perfect app yet, but it continues to receive regular updates.

Computer security is always an uphill battle, and using the best security practices is crucial.

For instance, don't open unknown email attachments, report spam and phishing attempts,

enable 2FA or passkeys on every site that offers the technology, don't reuse passwords,

keep your OS updated, keep your browser updated, etc.

If you master safety and other essential computer skills,

you shouldn't have to worry about third-party antivirus tools being installed on your computer.

Microsoft Publisher , is officially retiring in October 2026. If you're still using it for your layouts, you're on a collision course with a "file not found" error. Here's why this once-popular legacy app is disappearing, how to rescue your files, and the modern tools you can use instead. If you own a perpetual license (like Office 2021 or the standalone Publisher 2019), the app will still open, but it will officially enter its end of life. You won't receive security patches, bug fixes, or technical support, meaning a Windows update could break the rendering engine, or a security vulnerability could make opening an old PUB file a massive risk.

You have two main paths for manually saving your files before the deadline:

- For archiving: If you just need to preserve the design exactly as it looks today, export the file as a PDF.
- This freezes the layout, font, and images, and although it won't be easy to edit later, it will be viewable on any device forever.
- For future editing: If you need to keep working on a project, your best bet is to save the file as a PDF,
- then open that PDF in Microsoft Word, which will try to reconstruct the document into editable text.
- It won't be pixel-perfect, but it beats starting from scratch.

Microsoft also provides an official sample PowerShell script for bulk conversion.

This is the fastest way to rescue entire folders of PUB archives at once without opening them all individually.

The high-quality open-source replacement

For the power users who want total control over their tools without a subscription or a cloud account, check out these open-source options.

<u>Scribus</u>	Pro typesetting	The "InDesign" of free software; a steeper learning curve but pro-level print control.	Free	Windows macOS Linux
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LibreOffice **Draw**
(part of
the **LibreOffice**
suite)

Bypass cache

Sometimes, a website does not behave as expected or is stuck showing outdated information.

To fix this, you can force your browser to completely reload its local copy of the page (cache) using a simple keyboard shortcut. Here's how.

What Is a Browser Cache?

To speed up browsing, web browsers save copies of website data to your computer as a set of files called a cache.

When you load a website, you are often viewing a local copy of elements from the site (such as images) pulled from your cache.

Normally, if the browser loads a website and detects a change, it will fetch a new version of the site from the remote web server and replace the cache.

But the process is not perfect, and sometimes your browser may end up with a local copy of the website data in your browser cache that doesn't match the latest version on the server.

As a result, a web page may look incorrect or not function properly.

To fix this, you need to force the web browser to discard what it already has in the cache and to download the latest version of the site. Many people call this a "hard refresh."

Perform a Hard Refresh in Your Browser

In most browsers on Windows and Mac, you can perform a simple action to force a hard refresh.

Hold down the Shift key on your keyboard and click the reload icon on your browser's toolbar.

After you perform the hard refresh, you should see the web page go blank, and the reloading process will take longer than usual.

That's because the browser is re downloading all the data and images on the site.

If forcing a refresh didn't fix the issue, the fault may lie with the website itself—you could contact the site to report it. Alternatively, you may need to update your web browser.

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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