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Buderim Friday 23.10.2026

Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

100 Buderim Pines Drive, Goodlife Centre Buderim

Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

1. Q&A

BOM Radar - Rain Rate

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

Saturday. 24.10.2026

8.30 to 11.30 am
M C C Meridan Plains
70 Springs Dr. QLD 4551

here

Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

ChatGPT or Google Gemini can be an ideal travel companion when you're overseas because it can

help with almost every part of your trip —from the moment you start planning until the day you come home.

Before you leave, you can describe the sort of holiday you want and ask it to help plan the whole

journey, including where to go, how long to stay in each place, how to travel between destinations, and what is worth seeing.

Rather than simply following a standard tourist itinerary, you can explain what interests you, how much walking you want to do, whether you prefer a relaxed pace or busy days,

and even who you are travelling with, and it can build a plan around those preferences.

It is particularly useful when you are travelling around a region rather than

staying in one place. For example, if you have ten days in Greece, you can ask,

"How should we divide our time between Paris, Rome?"

You can then experiment with different options — perhaps two nights in one place, three nights somewhere else, and an overnight stay in another —

and have the AI explain what you gain or miss with each choice.

If you only have a few days in a particular area, you can ask it to work out the best way to use that short stay without spending most of your time

ravelling from one attraction to another.

Once you arrive in a city, it can become your personal sightseeing planner.

Instead of trying to work out everything from a guidebook, you can say, "We have today and tomorrow in Paris — what should we see, and what order should we do it in?"

It can help group attractions that are close together, suggest a sensible route, allow for lunch and rest breaks, and take into account opening hours and the amount of walking involved.

If you wake up and decide you don't want such a busy day, simply ask it to make the itinerary easier.

If it starts raining, you can ask it to replace the outdoor activities with museums and other indoor attractions.

It can also be incredibly useful for the little problems that inevitably happen while travelling. You can photograph a menu or road sign and ask what it says,

ask how to use the local public transport, translate something into the local language, understand a ferry ticket, convert prices into Australian dollars, or ask what a particular local custom means.

You don't need to know the right words or terminology — you can simply describe what you are looking at or what you are trying to do.

Perhaps the biggest advantage is that your AI travel companion is always with

you and you can keep asking questions.

You might ask in the morning what to do, at lunchtime where to go next, and in the evening what you should change for tomorrow.

It remembers the conversation, so you don't have to explain the entire holiday again every time.

For travellers who aren't particularly confident with complicated travel websites, maps, or transport systems,

being able to simply ask a question in plain English can make travelling overseas considerably easier and less stressful.

It doesn't replace common sense, official travel information, or local staff

particularly for flights, ferries, medical matters, border requirements, and last- minute cancellations — but it can sit alongside those sources as a friendly, knowledgeable travel assistant in your pocket.

Rather than simply telling you what to do, you can have a conversation with it about your trip, change your plans as you go, and explore a destination at your own pace.

Shivering in summer? Sweating in winter? Your building is living a lie

It’s still winter (just), so if you’re in the southern states you should be wearing a few layers. But my guess is neither you nor your colleagues are appropriately attired.

In fact, if statistics are to be believed you’re most likely wearing single layers in winter and jumpers in summer.

It’s an odd phenomenon, even a little comical, but it has serious ramifications on your work and on our environment.

A combination of regulations and popular (but incorrect) misconceptions about building engineering has contributed to this problem.

There is a widespread belief that the “optimal temperature” for human productivity is 21.5degC.

But if you look at the science of indoor environmental quality, there’s no basis for this belief .

This figure has been picked up and repeated so many times many businesses accept it as the truth, never questioning why so low or so specific.

In fact, research demonstrates Australian air-conditioned offices perform better at 24-25 degrees in summer.

While the difference might sound minor, the implications are significant. Indoor climate control (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning)

accounts for at least half of the energy used in commercial buildings.

Artificial lighting makes up a substantial slice of the remainder.

We now spend an average of 90% of our time indoors. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change identified the global buildings sector as most promising for climate change mitigation,

double the second most promising sector – agriculture.

In summer, the cooler you make your office the more energy it takes.

For all the things we hate about Windows, we have to give credit to Microsoft for making it secure out of the box.

The built-in Windows Security app is now capable enough for keeping your system secure without any extra help.

So as long as you keep your PC updated to the latest build (and don’t do anything silly), a third-party antivirus tool just isn’t necessary.

If anything, they can cause more harm than good by constantly running background scans and blocking legitimate apps from connecting to the internet.

The only reason some Windows laptops still ship with an antivirus program preinstalled in 2026 is a business partnership.

It’s not there because your PC needs it.

Please keep the mobile apps, desktop software, operating systems and browsers updated.

Regularly restart your smartphone

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

1. 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.

2. Assume anyone can be fooled Treat every email as suspicious.

Use strong logins like passkeys, and keep less personal info public (private Facebook profiles)

From Peter Benefits of Books reading About Scams

To Recycle old PC's Old computers

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

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