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Buderim Meeting Friday 28.11.2025

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. Passwords: How to find passwords saved by your browser and
your WIFI Passwords saved by your Laptop.

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

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

Sat. 29.11.2025

8.30 to 11.30 am Legends Room

Meridan Plains

70 Springs Dr. QLD 4551

[here](#)

Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

Christmas / New year break information 2025 / 2026

Last meeting Buderim 12 December 2025

First meeting Buderim 16 January 2026 at Goodlife Centre

Last meeting [Meridan Community Centre](#) 13 December 2025

First meeting 17 January 2026 at [Meridan Community Centre](#)

New power bank airline rules

The incoming rules vary slightly between Qantas and Virgin. One point of consistency between them is that power banks exceeding 160 watt-hours (Wh) in capacity are banned from flights altogether.

Many popular brands use milliampere-hours (mAh) as a unit of measurement, with the conversion to Wh dependent on a power bank's voltage.

Watt-hours are distinct from Watts, with the latter referring to the speed at which a battery charges other devices.

Full specifications for power banks should be clearly labelled on the device and its packaging.

Virgin's updated power bank rules begin on 1 December 2025, when passengers can only bring two on board.

Both power banks can be up to 100Wh; airline approval is required for any models up to 160Wh.

Any portable batteries brought on Virgin flights must be within reach; either in the seat pocket, under the seat, or with the passenger. Overhead locker storage is not permitted. Qantas' rules, which start on 15 December 2025, permit overhead locker storage, as long as it's nearby.

Two power banks are allowed, but passengers don't need approval for devices up to 160Wh.

Regardless of airline, passengers will no longer be able to charge power banks mid-flight or charge other devices using a power bank.

Most of the concern is related to damaged or defective lithium batteries.

[Multiple power bank models were recalled](#) earlier in the year due to overheating and fire risks, including [several Anker models](#).

The ACCC labelled fake online content as one of the most common tricks used by scammers.

Tactics like fake apps, websites, and advertisements on social media were found to be responsible for 47 per cent of overall scam losses.

The ACCC urged Australians to hesitate before handing over any personal or financial information.

If you suspect a scam, [report it to Scamwatch](#) and follow the organisation's advice.

Chromebook Keyboard Shortcut

While most new Chromebooks include a screenshot key on the function row, there are other ways to

take a screenshot (that are actually faster). The screenshot key (or using Ctrl+Shift+Show Windows) will take a partial screenshot.

This is where you select a portion of the screen to capture.

However, to take a whole screen screenshot with a single key press, simply use Ctrl+Show Windows.

This will capture the entire screen immediately, save it to a file, and copy it to the clipboard all at the same time.

Capturing a screenshot like this is extremely efficient if you don't need to crop it.

It's inevitable that you'll eventually have a website or app hang on your Chromebook—it happens to all of us.

Thankfully, there's a quick and easy remedy for that: opening up the ChromeOS task manager.

This is done by simply clicking the Search+Esc keys at the same time.

If you're not sure what the Search key is, it's typically where a caps lock key would be.

Within the ChromeOS task manager, you'll see every task that's running on your system.

Shown is the memory footprint (how much RAM that task is using), the percentage of CPU that's being used by that task, and what network traffic it's taking up. There's also the process ID there if you need it.

To kill a process, just click on the specific task you're after and click "End process" at the bottom right of the window.

No matter if an app is native to ChromeOS, running in Linux, or a Play Store app, it'll be visible here.

ChromeOS has window snapping similar to Windows does, and it's actually available with a few quick keystrokes.

Alt+[(left bracket) will snap the currently active window to the left, and Alt+] (right bracket) will snap the active window to the right.

This is great to have memorized, as you'll be able to quickly put two windows side-by-side without having to click or drag anything.

The biggest use of snapping windows is moving files or folders.

However, dragging a file into Slack, Google Drive, or anywhere else would also be great for something like this.

While Chromebooks can be set to auto lock after a specific amount of time, but sometimes you need to immediately lock the computer before walking away.

That's where the Search+L keyboard shortcut comes in.

With this quick key combo, you'll immediately lock your Chromebook, requiring a PIN or password to enter it again.

If we go back to yesteryear, F5 was the default way to refresh a web page.

These days, however, Ctrl+R is the go-to method for getting new content in your browser.

This is actually a universal keyboard shortcut across almost all operating systems. Windows, Linux, and ChromeOS share the Ctrl+R shortcut, while macOS uses Cmd+R to refresh a page.

Add in Shift (as in Ctrl+Shift+R or Cmd+Shift+R) and you refresh the page while flushing cache (and keeping cookies intact). Both of these keyboard shortcuts should become a permanent addition to your computer usage.

One of the best parts of ChromeOS is that it's simply a more powerful version of the Chrome browser.

This means that everything is centered around the internet whenever you have an active wireless connection.

As such, you can use the Search key to open your Chromebook's launcher and begin typing to search both locally and the web. Typing in something like "Bluetooth" will bring up your Chromebook's settings, and "Chromebook keyboard shortcuts" might result in a Google search showing you this article.

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Besides refreshing a page, reopening the last closed tab is my most used keyboard shortcut on any operating system.

While Ctrl+T opens a new tab, Ctrl+Shift+T will reopen any tab that you recently closed.

With ChromeOS, this actually extends to PWAs as well.

Using the Ctrl+Shift+T shortcut re-opened Photoshop for Web's PWA.

So, no matter what app or website you had opened last, use Ctrl+Shift+T to open it again if you accidentally close it.

ChromeOS natively supports [installing Linux applications](#) now, and I've found the [nine best Linux apps for your Chromebook](#).

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.

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