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Buderim Meeting Friday 5.9.2025 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

1. Q&A
2. Microsoft OneDrive - How to set up folders that onedrive can not access.
3. Windows Security (Defender) - The different ways to run a scan

Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.

Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

Sat. 6.9.2025

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Legends Room

[here](#)

Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

From Peter

Here's an important and urgent warning for those SCCC members who use Gmail.

Google has issued a stark warning to Gmail users after uncovering a fresh wave of cyberattacks linked to one of the internet's most notorious hacking groups.

The threat emerged following a breach of Salesforce's cloud platform, which left individuals and organisations vulnerable.

While the company stresses that its own systems remain secure, the incident has opened the door for hackers to exploit stolen data in new and deceptive ways.

With Gmail and Google Cloud serving an estimated 2.5 billion people worldwide, the company is urging users to remain vigilant, monitor accounts closely,

and strengthen their security measures to reduce the risk of compromise. Here's what you need to know and why it matters for your own inbox.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/>

- **Browser choice** is now dominated by Chrome & Chromium.

When Google Chrome was released, it was with much fanfare and excitement. I was an early user, and while things were great for a while, it didn't take long until I was back to Firefox. And I've stuck with it.

Browser Choice Used To Mean Something
Chrome was exciting because it was resource-efficient and, for developers, predictable: for years, we'd been struggling with browser compatibility, as every browser did things a bit differently, whether your website displayed correctly for all your users was based as much on

hope as it was as programming prowess. Chrome promised to end this with a standards-compliant browser on a modern rendering engine, backed by one of the biggest internet companies in the world.

This sounded great, but there was a caveat: now, almost everything is Chrome, or effectively Chrome under the hood.

Chrome accounts for almost 70% of all web browsers, while the majority of the rest are all based on Chromium, the same rendering engine used by Chrome, and effectively controlled by Google. When Google wants to make a change, the rest pretty much has to follow.

Not so for the mighty 2% of users that use Firefox, however.

Browser choice these days is as much about who you're handing your usage data to than any specific feature set.

While some browsers have built-in ad-blocking and VPNs, in the end they're still for-profit. I don't always know how, but I'm pretty sure I'm being tracked for marketing purposes.

Firefox is 100% open-source and auditable. So long as you don't connect it to online services, it isn't tracking you.

This isn't to say you *can't* be tracked while using Firefox. Websites will still do whatever they can to get as much info as they can about you so they can show you ads for the latest must-have widget—but at least it's one less party peeping on my internet usage.

Firefox is open-source, and while there are commercial elements, they're all optional and Firefox has managed to (mostly) remain free of interference.

Supporting this is important for the future of the internet, as any single entity being in control of the

very tool you use to access it (your web browser), isn't a good thing.

As almost every other web browser is using the Chromium renderer, one of the main ways they differentiate

themselves is with added functionality: built-in mail, social media, shopping, VPNs, etc., etc. all add to the bloat and eat up your computer's resources.

Chrome, too, has received complaints about degraded performance, though it still focuses on being a web browser, so much of this may be down to how it's used.

Firefox is just a browser, and it stays pretty svelte. It feels like a portal to the internet, not an over-encumbered,

gaudy picture frame crowded with ornate buttons for features I'll never use, and that are probably inferior to their standalone counterparts.

A browser should just be a browser, a consistent experience that I don't have to 'learn' to use whenever the latest fad feature is added.

Whichever web browser you use, you should check out privacy and security tools that will

enhance your security posture, update your browser settings for better privacy protection and

follow best practices to make sure you're protected against online threats, whichever app you use to get online.

Interactive iPhone Widgets

- [WaterMinder for Health](#)
- [TickTick for Task Management](#)
- [Fantastical for Productivity](#)
- [Zenitizer for Self-Care](#)
- [Lifitin' for Tracking Workouts](#)
- [MoneyCoach for Budget Tracking](#)
- [Lookup for Vocabulary](#)
- [Chronicling for Tracking Everything](#)
- [Dark Noise for Ambient Sounds](#)
- [Overcast for Radio and Podcasts](#)

Adding widgets to your iPhone's home screen is about more than just aesthetics.

Many Apple and third-party apps offer stunning and functional widgets that can make your life easier and save time without requiring you to open the respective apps.

Interactive widgets were introduced with iOS 17, allowing you to interact with app features rather than just viewing

stats or progress. Here are ten interactive widgets that live on my iPhone home screen, and what they do.

TickTick is a to-do and schedule management app that helps you record personal and work tasks in a neat, color-coded calendar.

You can also set countdowns for important dates, create checklists, use a focus timer, and classify tasks with tags.

TickTick syncs with Apple Calendar and can also be used on iPad and Apple Watch.

Fantastical is an award-winning, free calendar app that offers everything you need to manage your schedule, including task lists, reminders, event templates, time zones, weather forecasts, and sync with conference calling apps (Google Meet, Zoom, Teams).

The sleek interface and calendar view options make this a good alternative to your iPhone's Calendar app.

Zenitizer is a meditation app that helps you time your sessions and provides relaxation with meditation sounds.

The app helps you steadily build a meditation routine through streaks, mindful minutes counting, and meditation history tracking.

It is compatible with Siri and Apple Watch.

MoneyCoach for Budget Tracking

For a [comprehensive budget tracker](#) that you can quickly access through widgets, try [MoneyCoach](#).

This personal finance app offers features like a budget planner, financial planner, credit card manager, accounts and expense trackers, and a bill organizer to manage all your transactions and spending in one place.

Lookup for Vocabulary

Lookup is a learning app that can help improve your English vocabulary through Word of the Day cards, learning collections, and premium lessons.

The app has a notable lookup feature that lets you scan, capture, voice, or search words and find their origin, synonyms, antonyms, and more.

Lookup's widget delivers a Word of the Day to your home screen, with widget options that let you like, shuffle, and refresh the word.

There's also a search widget which lets you look up, paste, or scan words and find meanings.

The "Learn" widget lets you start a learning session based on your word collections, and a flashcard widget helps you learn words quickly.

Overcast for Radio and Podcasts

If you're looking for a podcast app with a fun interface, offline listening, high-quality audio, and interactive widgets, Overcast can be a good option.

This award-winning podcast app lets you create custom playlists with smart filters and offers CarPlay and Apple Watch support.

Overcast's interactive widgets, like Spotify's and Apple Music's, let you adjust playback controls from your home screen.

Apple Podcasts also offers interactive widgets that can be used to access playback controls.

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

Aussies are being warned about a [new email scam](#) doing the rounds, which claims to be sent by an online security software company.

If you feel you have fallen for a scam, contact IDCARE, a free government-funded service which will work with you to develop a

specific response plan to your situation, and support you through the process.

<https://www.idcare.org/>

1. Phishing Emails: In a phishing scam, the attacker will send their target a message claiming to be an official, trusted party.

This kind of urgent communication works well in pressuring the recipient to comply with the senders request.

2. Remote Desktop Protocol. Simple: **Don't allow Remote Connections.**

3. Flash Drives. **Don't allow strange Flash Drives to be used on your PC..**

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