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Windows 10 has been officially released, however if you have registered to receive it, you may have to be patient for a little longer.

**ARE YOU ON A LIMITED DATA PLAN?**

Windows 10 is roughly a 3GB download.

This is important, especially if its near the end of your account period. You could be looking at a very slow download or an extra cost.

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## FACEBOOK

Still confused about Facebook? Do you have some unanswered questions?

Southern Districts Computer Users Club August meeting will visit the topic. Look at why people are scared to use it, and maybe convince those attending, it could be worth a try.



### Did you know

Approximately half the world's online population access Facebook on a monthly basis.

By the end of the second quarter 2015, 1.49 billion accessed Facebook at least once a month.

**Wednesday 19th August 2015**

**7.30pm Cost \$3.**

Includes Tea/Coffee/Biscuits.

**Hall rear of St Marys Church Cnr**

**Main South & Bains Roads**

**Morphett Vale**

**Future topics**

**3D Demo via FABLAB**

**Windows 8.1 or 10**

**Cloud Storage**

## WINDOWS 10 BUG FOUND

While the bug may be fixed before it becomes a problem, its worth being aware of it. If you have more than 512 apps in the start menu, you will have missing entries.

A fix is being worked on.

### **Disclaimer:**

The information contained in this eNewsletter is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before proceeding on information you don't understand.

## Editor

The release of Windows 10 is in full swing and a lot of people now have to decide whether to install it straight away, or leave it for a few months, as some experts are suggesting.

I was in JB HiFi on the 2nd August and had a few words with the tech guy. He was busy installing Windows 10 on their demo display models using a USB. He was very positive on what Microsoft are doing, and was happy to demonstrate how Cortana works on his Windows phone. Cortana is Microsoft's speaking assistant. Similar to Apple's Siri. There will no longer be any reason to forget anything again.

Facebook is constantly in the news for one reason or another. I've been involved with deleting a facebook account, (not as difficult as I first thought), creating a new facebook account, and explaining that you can't delete a post, because it is on their friends homepage. (After thought— You can unfriend the friend.)

Don't forget if you have any websites or programs/apps you would like to share, let me know.

# Happy Computing

**NO COMPUTER CATCHUP OR  
TABLET SESSIONS ON TUESDAY  
25th August 2015**

## Tablets iPads & Samsung (Androids)

### APPS YOU MAY LIKE

The variety of available apps is what makes your smart phone or tablet interesting. They can make your life easier. The following apps were mentioned in either, Techlife or PC & Tech Authority magazines.

#### Klan Academy

**Android—iOS**

Online learning centre—Library of 6000 educational videos, topics maths, economics, basics of music.

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#### Shazam

**Android-Windows**

An app for identifying a song in seconds.

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#### Tunein Radio

**Android—iOS**

Has 60,000 radio stations. You won't have to listen to the same radio station again.

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#### Astro File manager

**Android**

Manage all your files on the cloud, internal & external storage. Unzip, zip, share and launch files.

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#### Opera Max

**Android**

Reduces your data consumption when online by compressing audio, video and image files before downloading them.

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#### Clean Master speed booster

**Android**

Cleans junk files, unwanted cache and long forgotten downloads. Features help for device to run cooler, boosts available ram squeezing more power out of your device.

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#### Amazon

**Android**

Buy something from amazon including apps.

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#### Google Handwriting Input

**Android**

Hand write on your phone/tablet. Printed or cursive with or without a stylus. 82 languages recognised.

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#### Foldersync

**Android**

There's a lite version which is free but has adverts, and a paid version \$3.25. You can sync or backup the data on your phone/tablet to cloud storage. 20 different services are supported. As expected OneDrive, Google Drive and dropbox are included.

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Dmail app — Coming to iOS in August and later to android See article on page 3. A paid version for business and power users will include other features.

#### Soundhound app

**iPad**

This app will help you identify a song. Similar to Shazam above.

### WINDOWS 10

Microsoft has reported that 24 hours after the Windows 10 release, there were over 14 million devices running the new operating system. Reviews and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Target for the first month is 100 million devices.

## WHAT'S TRENDING

### APPLE APP STORE

There are now over 1.5 million apps available in the app store.

### LAW ADVISOR

<https://www.lawadvisor.com/>

If you can't get legal aid and can not afford a lawyer, this web-site may be of assistance.

### VIVALDI—up and coming web browser.

ITProPortal reported on a big update for this web browser.

They have added chrome web extensions and apps for desktop users. With a sleek new design, it has some features from opera 12, is rich in functionality, highly flexible and runs on blink layout engine. File size 36.3MB. Available for Windows/Mac/Linux. An alternative to Chrome if you are unhappy with the amount of RAM and processing power Chrome uses.

### GOOGLE DRIVE—keep your documents protected

You probably already know you can share your files on Google Drive, as you can with OneDrive and Dropbox. The ability to collaborate on projects is also an important feature of Google drive. Google has now added permissions to protect documents you share, particularly sensitive information, by preventing the copying, downloading and printing of files. By clicking on the advanced link of share dialog you can disable options to download, print and copy.

NOTE: This feature can only be accessed with the web version of Google Drive. Unknown when this is coming to mobileapps.

### FACEBOOK—personalise your video audience

New tools have been released that will allow you to limit who will be able to see your videos, based on age and gender. You can already restrict on location and language. An expiration date can be set and you can allow or prohibit embeds on third party sites.

### System GoBack 1.0 - Freeware

Has been released aimed at Windows 10 users. This program is claimed to be easier to use than Window's own built in system image tools. The object is to take a system image before you install Windows 10. It has two buttons "Backup system" and "Go backup" Size is 80MB. If you don't like Windows 10 after using it for a while, you can go back to your previous system. Several limitations have been noted. No option to pick your backup drive. The user must burn to disc or create a boot USB manually.

### GOOGLE IS TESTING CUSTOMISED EMAIL ADDRESSES

For \$2 per user per month, private users will be able to have a customised email address like,  
Lindsay@adelaideburger.com  
This is subject to the internet rules on domain names. names.

### TIP

When you buy a product that you need to keep the receipt for warranty purposes. Use your tablet to take a copy of the receipt. Some receipts will fade due to the type of paper used.

## LINUX

Jim Greenfield of Southern Districts Computer Users Club gave a presentation on Linux in July. Linux is a free shareware operating system that mimics Windows.

What's so good about Linux?

Jim's demonstration of Linux highlighted a number of advantages. Firstly, if you have a computer with an operating system no longer supported, ie Windows XP, you can replace it with Linux. Chances are your printer will continue working along with your other devices. Sometimes a problem when you upgrade to a new Windows operating system. Another important consideration, it comes with an office suite, a web browser and an email program and easily connects with your network. There are over 600 versions of Linux and one worth thinking about is *mint*. Other interesting comments were that the Android operating system uses Linux. Linux is used in ATMs, Google and on 1.52% of desktops. Libre, the office suite used, reads old publisher files and all your programs are updated, which is not the case with Windows.

## WINDOWS 10—Another reason not to rush

Assuming you have checked the specification requirements for Windows 10, and that it will work on your computer. Consider what other devices you use with your computer—a camera, printer. You may find that a driver is not immediately available from the manufacturer for the device to work.

What programs do you use? Windows 10 will remove software not compatible. You will receive a warning. But if you have an usual program that works with Windows 7, it may not work with Windows 10.

Other features that will disappear—I mentioned the media centre previously, but also Windows 7 desktop gadgets, solitaire, minesweeper and heart games, also DVD playback.

## MACRIUM REFLECT—FREE

<https://more.askleo.com/creating-an-image-with-macrium-reflect-free-quickly/>

This is another program to create a system image of your computer. [Ask Leo](#) provides a video (click on link above) to see how it works. I urge you to watch the video because it shows you how easy it is to do. Note the back up in the video only backs up the system files and not your data files.

## CHROME EXTENSION—Dmail or Delicious Mail—FREE

Last month I commented on the Gmail undo send feature. This month there is an extension that lets you self destruct an email at any point. Even after it has been read. The recipient doesn't even have to have Dmail installed. (A real James Bond feature). The article at *Tech Crunch* makes interesting reading, and comments that your email is encrypted. In addition to email, document control is being developed. As an example, you have a pdf you only want to be opened once.

<http://techcrunch.com/2015/07/23/dmail-makes-your-gmail-messages-self-destruct/>



## WINDOWS 10

### USB

This is believed to be a first. Windows 10 will be available on a USB.

### PRIVACY CONCERN

PC&TECH Authority weekly newsletter highlights that Microsoft has two documents which became effective 1st August 2015. A new Privacy Policy and Service agreement. It shouldn't be any surprise that you give Microsoft the ok to nearly everything you do on the computer. For example, web browser history, favorites, websites you have open, Wifi network names and passwords.

**Windows 10 users can deactivate “sync your settings” by finding this function in settings in the Accounts tab.**

Read the full article “The 5 Windows 10 privacy issues you should be aware of” at

<http://www.pcauthority.com.au/>

Grab a coffee before you start reading. You'll need it.

## DISK DRILL—Data Recovery Program

<http://pc.cleverfiles.com/>

Size 15.4MB

No crapware or unwanted programs.

Scans bad camera cards.

Recover data on internal, external hard drives.

USB flash drives.

iPods and more.

Available for—Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10.

All file systems—FAT, exFAT or NTFS file system, HFS=Mac drive or Linux EXT2/3/4.

This program has been available for Macs for sometime and is now available for Windows pcs. You can also pause and resume scanning.

Experience—I've tried a few data recovery programs and I was impressed with this one. It's easy to use.

*Reference Gizmos - best freeware*

## CHECK THAT LINK

Know which websites to trust.

<https://www.mywot.com/>

This is an add-on for Firefox, safari, internet explorer, chrome and opera browsers.

Uses colour codes - Green for good, Red for bad and Yellow for warning.

When you consider the number of emails being received with links, this is worth considering.

Note: If you don't know where the email has come from or you have a gut feeling about a link—**DELETE IT.**

## iOS 9—More changes

The public beta version released indicates there will be various changes to the mail app. It's been mentioned that there has been some tweaks, including the way you add attachments to emails. The changes are expected to make managing your email less of a problem. While that may be true, not everyone likes changes. You will need an iPad Air, iPad Air2, iPad mini 2 and iPad mini 3 to take advantage of the multitasking tools.

# Helpful websites

The aim of this page is to provide some useful websites and programs. Websites covered in the Newsletter. This page is a work in progress. Suggestions are welcome, especially if you have had a great experience using the program(s).

**ASK LEO**—<https://askleo.com/> - Subscribe and get some great tips from one of the experts.

**ASK BOB Rankin**—<http://askbobrankin.com/cloud/> - As with Ask Leo you can subscribe to his regular newsletter for tips.

**DIGITAL UNITE**— Simply click on the Guides and Support tab and you will be provided with a range of learning material. Categories include Computer basics, Creating documents, Email & Skype, Using the Internet, Smartphones & tables, Music & audio. [www.digitalunite.com](http://www.digitalunite.com)

**GCF Learning**—Tutorials on Microsoft products, computer basics, iPad basics, etc. <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

**LinkedIn Pulse** <[news@linkedin.com](mailto:news@linkedin.com)> - Not a common place for picking up computer tips but you do get tips from time to time.

**GON—Get Organised Now**—Maria Gracia manages a website which has quite a following. If you want to organise your life or just a project this is the website. You can subscribe to a free newsletter. <http://www.getorganizednow.com>

**OPENOFFICE**—An office suite—Includes a word processor, spreadsheet, database, draw for diagrams. Reads Microsoft formats. <http://www.openoffice.org/>

**VLC MEDIA PLAYER**—Plays numerous formats— Available for Windows at the following link and also available in the iOS & Android app stores. <http://download.cnet.com/>

**LASTPASS**—A password manager—Keep all your passwords in a secure place. You only need to remember one master password. <https://lastpass.com/>

**GIZMOS freeware**— <http://www.techsupportalert.com/> - Free software across all platforms—Windows, Android, Linux, iOS.

**Macworld iOS Tips and Trends** [macworld@lm.macworld.com](mailto:macworld@lm.macworld.com) - Helpful website for Apple tips.

**MAKEUSEOF**— Over the years I have downloaded a considerable amount of useful resources from this site. If you need a password is [makeuseof](http://www.makeuseof.com/tags/longform-guide/) <http://www.makeuseof.com/tags/longform-guide/>

**TECHMEME**—Keep up with news of what is happening in the world of technology. <http://techmeme.com/river>

**MALWAREBYTES**— An anti malware program. Mentioned and recommended by many experts. Detects and eliminates malware your antivirus will miss. Removes rootkits and repairs the files they damage. Free but a paid version is available. <https://www.malwarebytes.org/mwb-download/confirm/>

**DISK DRILL—Data Recovery Program**—Recover those files you accidently delete. <http://pc.cleverfiles.com/>