

# Sands

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## What's in the update?

App folders in Start menu

Resizable pinned area in Start menu

Drag and Drop on the Taskbar

Focus Assist integration with Notification Centre

New Spotlight wallpaper feature

New Voice Access accessibility feature

New live Captions accessibility feature

New gestures and animations for touch users

New snap layouts bar when moving app windows

New Task manager app

Better OneDrive integration with File Explorer

Numerous UI improvements and consistency updates

This list is not complete and there are a range of fixes to the operating system.

- Microsoft has announced annual updates to Windows 11 in the second half of the year.
- Updates will be available via Windows Update.
- Updates are rolled out in waves so you may not receive it straight away.
- Installation time of the monthly cumulative updates has been improved.

## Microsoft warning 22H2

If Microsoft discovers your device has an issue either with hardware or software incompatibility, they will put a safeguard hold in place and will not offer the update until the issue is resolved.

Windows 11 Home and Pro users will need to be connected to the internet and have a Microsoft account to install the update.



## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB Inc

Wednesday 19th October 2022 7.30pm

### **Mobility Matters**

Presenter: Kate Bench from the RAA will speak on mobility at our next meeting. While you may not need assistance with your mobility now, it's useful to know what's available, where to access it and an idea of the cost. It only takes an unfortunate fall.

**St Mary's Catholic Church hall, Cnr South and Bains Roads,  
Morphett Vale**

**Entry is \$3 (includes tea, coffee & supper)**

**<https://sdcuci.com/>**

## **Disclaimer:**

The information contained in this newsletter is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before acting on the information provided.

## Editor

Since the last newsletter the Windows 11 2022 Update has started rolling out to users and Microsoft has advised that during October 22 a Windows 10 update and more features for Windows 11 will be rolled out.

I'm now using Windows 11 after a notification advised it was available for download and install. (There's nothing like a challenge).

The inclusion of air quality data in Google maps is interesting and shows how technology can be used to assist users with an allergy. Page 2.

Avoid identity theft—The recent Optus data breach while beyond the control of customers, highlights the importance of using good security techniques to prevent identity fraud.

Organising your data—I'm currently researching this topic for a presentation. If you have any tips on how you organise your documents, photos, music, etc please let me know.

*Happy Computing*

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## Google "Results about you" tool

Reference: *Techthelead*

Personal identifiable information can now be removed easier. This feature is rolling out to users and if you find information about yourself online this tool will allow you to open a case.

In the Google Search result

Click on the three dot menu at the top right

Open "about this result" then select

"Remove result option" you will then need to give the reason for removing the information.

Note: While Google will evaluate the request there is no guarantee the information will be removed. You should also contact the hosting website.

## USB 4 version 2.0 doubles speeds for new and old C cables

Reference *ITPro*

The USB Promoter Group comprising, Apple, HP, Intel, Microsoft, Renesas Electronics, STMicroelectronics and Texas instruments has announced increased data performance to 80 Gbps over USB Type-C cables and connectors. The current USB-C cables perform at a maximum 40 Gbps and this yet to be released new standard will be a welcome improvement. Type-C is common on new laptops and other devices.



## Google Maps—Includes Air Quality

Reference: *Gizmodo*

Maps app available in the Google Play & Apple store Data on air quality from Australian state and territory governments will be displayed on Google Maps. This should be a big plus for Asthmatics who will be able to see good, fair, poor, very poor and extremely poor. There's also guidance on whether you should change your plans if you are outdoors.

## Google—Photos—Memories redesigned

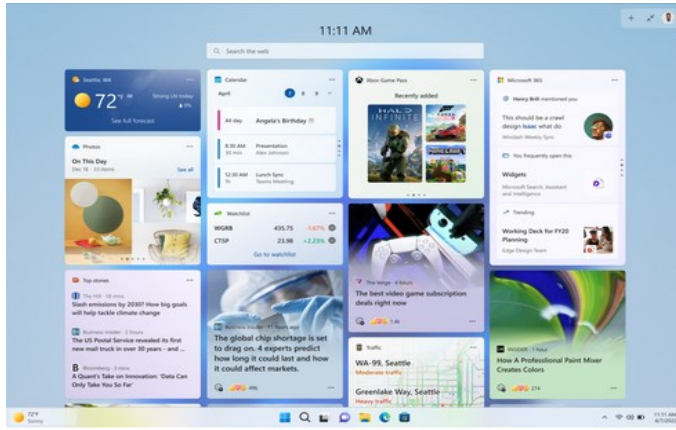
<https://blog.google/products/photos/new-look-for-memories-plus-collage-editor/>

Reference: *JR Raphael—Android Intelligence*

Memories and collage editor has been redesigned Collections will now include videos, moment, scrap-book like backgrounds and in October will include instrumental music. Your photos can have a cinematic look—vibrant. moving, 3D representations in memories. While memories in Google photos are only visible to you, the ability to share them is also being rolled out.

## Windows 11 - Widgets are coming

Changes are being tested that will allow you to expand the size of your widgets board. See example below.



## What is Smishing?

Reference: Ask Leo

Smishing is phishing using SMS text messages. Its on the rise and is text messaging spam. Most users know about spam but not everyone is aware of a smishing message. These messages are aimed at your kindness, are misleading and compromise your security. They may seem as if they have come to you by mistake. **IGNORE TEST MESSAGES FROM PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.**

## Microsoft Edge—Security

Reference ZDNet - Lance Whitney—How to tighten security in Microsoft Edge

Protecting yourself from malicious and other online hazards when using Microsoft Edge check these settings. **Open Edge browser.** Left click on 3 dots top right hand corner > Left click *Settings* > Left click *Privacy, search, and services* > Scroll down to *Security*

**SmartScreen option**—Protects from malicious websites and files. Settings—Type Microsoft Defender Screen in search and turn to on.

**Block Potentially unwanted Apps**—Automatically stops downloads of potentially unwanted applications—In same setting as above.

**Typosquatting Checker**—warns if you have mistyped a URL and are redirected to a potentially malicious website. Turn on **site safety services**—Provides more information on the site you visit. Gives you the number of cookies, number of trackers blocked, security of connection.

Use **secure DNS**—To avoid DNS hijacking. You can choose to select a different DNS provider like Google.

Turn on **enhance your security on the web**—Balanced enables security protection for sites not frequently visited and should work with most websites.

## Routers—the best place to put them

Reference: Cnet—Ry Crist and Taylor Martin



Routers send their signals out in all directions. So what is considered a good location? To optimise the signal the router should be in a central location and placed as high as possible so the strongest signals are spread downwards. Electronic devices, particularly microwaves, walls and large

metal objects, bulky furniture, aquariums, all may interfere with the signal.



NetSpot is a program/app to analyse and troubleshoot network issues. A free version is available with versions of Windows, MacOS, Android and iOS.

## Photo Background removal

There may be a time when you want to remove the background of a photo or photos.

You can do it free with

**Picsart**

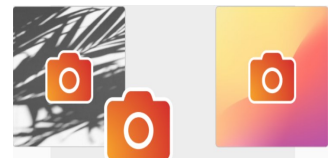
Picsart

Apps are available in the Apple App store, Google Play store and for Windows.

**Remove.bg**

<https://bgremoval.ai/> Online—upload your photo. Free but if you have a lot of photos to do there is a cost.

Images in transparent, white/solid or customised background.



**Adobe**—Online—Free

Simply upload your photo <https://www.adobe.com/express/feature/image/remove-background/white>

Adobe

**iOS16** also has a background removal feature

## 3D printing with drones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDKNEO0gDuE&t=16s>

Researchers in Switzerland and the UK have developed flying 3D printing robots that can build structures on the wing as bees and wasps do.

The above link is to a YouTube video. Its 3 minutes in length and worth viewing.



# BeConnected

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

## Be Connected - Researching your trip online

If you are thinking of travel this course may be of assistance. The modules cover—How the internet can help—Getting inspired—Choosing a destination—Finding important information—Keeping a virtual scrapbook. 24 minutes watch.

## Windows 11 Updates coming in October 2022

Reference: MSPoweruser

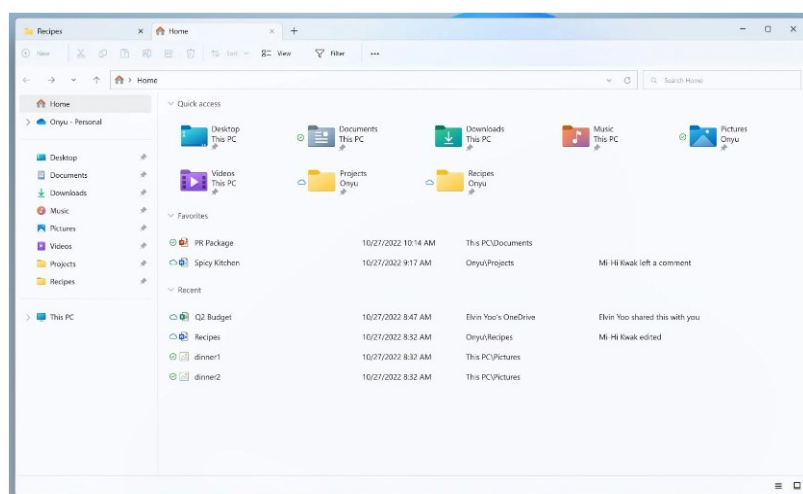
- ⇒ File Explorer—Tabs support
- ⇒ Photo App update
- ⇒ Improvements in the nearby share function
- ⇒ Suggested Actions on Copy
- ⇒ Taskbar Overflow

## File Explorer enhancements

Completely redesigned. New homepage. Quick access to your favorites and recent files.

Addition of a multiple-tab interface.

This will allow folders to be open in separate tabs to easily cut, copy and paste between locations without multiple windows. File Explorer will work like Chrome or Edge browsers.



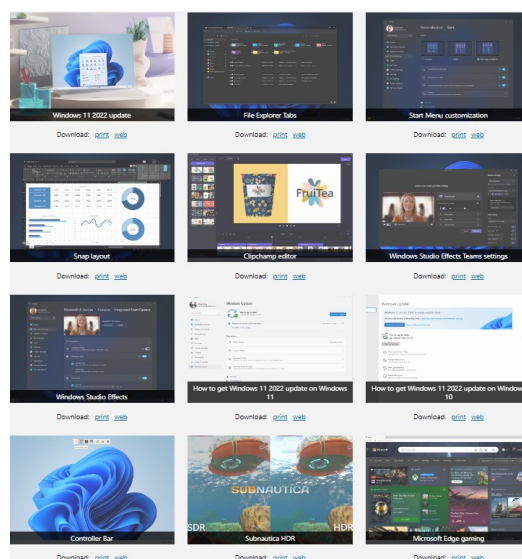
New File Explorer with tabs support

## Want to know more about Windows 11 and the update

Visit Microsoft's website

<https://news.microsoft.com/>

The website is an image gallery of one page PDFs on the various Windows 11 features. See below.



New photo managing experience — simplified browsing, finding, management and consumption of your collection of photos

Makes it easier to discover and to share to more devices via the OneDrive integration

## Suggested Copy actions

When you copy data from the clipboard Windows will ask. If it's a phone number ask if you wish to call.

If it's a date do you want to add an event to your calendar

It will be possible to launch more apps via an overflow menu displaying overflowed apps in one space while keeping your taskbar clean.

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