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### Meeting Timetable

### Mitchelton Library Helios Parade Mitchelton

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|---|---|---|
| 9:30am | Q&A | Keith |
| 11am | Fred is to run through the back up with Rescuezilla. | Fred |
| !2 noon | Lunch -- GM - Report to the Club | Keith |
| 1:00pm | Continue with Back up demo and questions. | Keith |
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18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026

17 January 2027

21 February 2027

21 March 2027

18 April 2027

16 May 2027

20 June 2027

## Magazine


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# From the President's CPU

Keith Catts — President

Hi All,

Welcome to our AGM was help on 20 September 2026.

An election was held for the committee, with the following members elected for the next year, and filling of the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Keith Catts President; Gary Woodforth Secretary; Eric Mar0nese Treasurer.

I mentioned at the meeting that John Tacey is well but not able to drive under doctors' orders. He hope that may change at the end of the month. It was good to catch up and find John well. Hope the Doctor clears him to be with us this meeting.

The minutes for the AGM are included in the magazine for your information.

We have applied to continue the use of the Mitchelton Library room for our meetings.

Membership renewals (due 1 January 2027) will continue at $10.00 for the year.

All for now.

*Cheers*

Keith

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Remember to enter your name and membership number in the comment field

# Reports

## Presentation and Education

9:30am: Q&A

11am. Fred is to run through the back up with Rescuezilla with live demo.

Lunch and Club Report.

1pm: Continue with back up.

## Membership Report - Gary Woodforth

We had 8 members attended for AGM and 3 Proxy nominations were received by email.

# Treasurer's Report

## September 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| **Opening Balance at 1/9/26** | **1925.65** |
| **Income** | |
| New Member | 0.0 |
| **Total Income** | **0.0** |
| **Expenses** | |
| Replenishment Canteen Supplies | 15.00 |
| Minute Book | 28.00 |
| **Total Expenses** | **43.00** |
| **Month's loss** | **-43.00** |
| **Balance at 30/9/26** | **1882.65** |

*Eric Maronese*

*Treasurer*

# John's Jots

By John Tacey

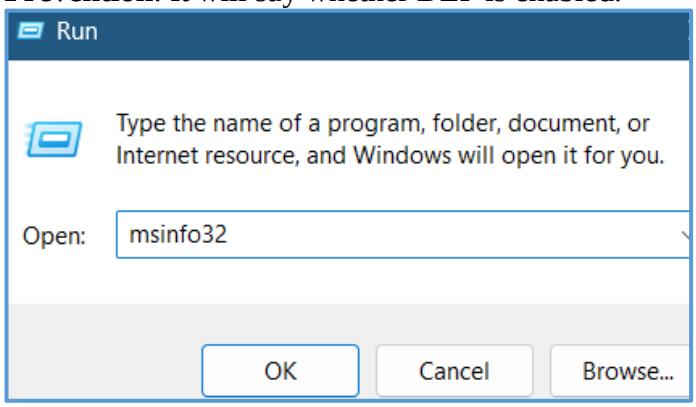
## Q&A – August Meeting

John has not been able to travel yet as you still have my poor effort in moving through the Q&A.

John's you are missed.

### Data Execution Prevention.

Press Windows + R, type `msinfo32`, and press Enter.
In the System Summary, look for **Data Execution Prevention**. It will say whether DEP is enabled.




### Defender as the virus and spam prevention.

Defended is a reasonable protection especially if you don't want to pay for one. It is updated by MS and covers the full array of attacks.

I have not found external tests that rate it or compares it to paid versions.

Be aware that if you have a free antivirus installed MS will turn off that particular protection.

As more windows 10 computer end updates from MS Defender in those computers will not be updated. At the most you want to have a full protection installed.

### Libre Office help.

Bob gave us a link for help with learning to use the apps.

Training Libra Office – Forum Mint.

https://forums.linuxmint.com/viewtopic.php?t=447666

https://forums.linuxmint.com/search.php?keywords=libra+office&fid%5B0%5D=47

There are many lists and you need to use search, but you may need to join the forum to ask and get answers.

Libre Office has a full user "manual" that you can download from the Libra Office down load page.

### AI Privacy

I am a small user of AI generally using it to help with finding stuff and getting a search list type of thing.

What I found recently using ChatGPT (free) is that it keeps your question and stuff.

I found this when asking a question only to find in the response, along with the output to the query but a reflection that I had previously done ??? asked some something and I might like to try this.

**This opened my eyes to the fact that AI is a full reservoir of data and my use of AI just adds to the data store.**

Not Rocket science but I had not considered my use as of any consequence.

It does show that any use you make of AI. ***be careful of what you ask for and what date personal and private you pass alone*.**

### Macrium Reflect

I have continued with Macrium in the belief that the installed free version will still create the image file and then restore it.

I was a bit deflated at meeting to hear that the previous made images will not restore.

Obviously can't test on my computer.

I am looking at using an older not important computer to make an image and then do a restore to hopefully see it work.

Let you know results when I do it.

## APCUG ARTICLES

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### Windows & Android Tips




**SEPTEMBER 2026**

**I TURNED OFF 3 THINGS IN WINDOWS 11 AND THE START MENU FINALLY FELT USEFUL,** by Rob LeFebvre, writer/editor, MakeUseOf. Most of us use the Start menu to launch apps. We hit the Windows key, type a couple letters, and expect our PC to find what we need. When Windows can find a local match, it usually does. The problem shows up the moment it can't: type a partial word, a misspelling, or anything that doesn't match an installed app exactly, and instead of reporting no results, Windows sends the query to Bing and fills the results with web links instead. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/43ma989u

**I BUILT A DYNAMIC EXCEL TIMELINE IN 10 MINUTES**, by Tony Phllips, Microsoft Office Writer for How-To Geek. Sometimes the best Excel projects start with something the program can't do out of the box. Surprisingly, Excel doesn't have a built-in timeline chart. So, I experimented with a regular line chart, and 10 minutes later, I had a series of events mapped out in a dynamic timeline. Here's what I did. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/3ds9psyd

**NEW WINDOWS 11 BUILDS POLISH FILE EXPLORER SEARCH AND EXPAND CONTEXT MENU CONTROLS,** 9to5 Windows. Microsoft has rolled out two new Windows 11 Insider Preview builds this week, targeting users on the Experimental Preview channel. The first set of changes focuses on search inside File Explorer, one area where Windows 11 has faced criticism since launch. While these aren't headline-grabbing changes, they touch two of the most-used parts of the shell: the file-finding tools and the right-click menu that sits beneath them. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/5xnvakyw

**WORD CRASHED? HOW TO RECOVER AN UNSAVED WORD DOCUMENT,** by Hemant Sexana, Techlicious Contributing Writer. Have you ever lost a Word document due to an unexpected PC crash? Just this week, I experienced this firsthand. Hours of work vanished when my document disappeared. I didn't panic, though, because my years of using Word taught me that Word would have a copy – even though I hadn't saved it. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/vszb5wxj

**WINDOWS 11'S END TASK BUTTON KILLS FROZEN APPS IN TWO CLICKS (HERE'S HOW TO TURN IT ON),** 9to5 Windows. When an app freezes, most Windows users reach for Task Manager by habit: press Ctrl+Shift+Esc, find the unresponsive program, and click End task. But Windows 11's End Task button offers a faster route that many people simply haven't switched on yet. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/4ur5tsf5

**ANDROID'S PRIVATE DNS FEATURE SOLVES A PROBLEM MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE,** by Bertel King, Tech Journalist, How-To Geek. If you care about protecting your privacy online, you've probably seen an ad for VPNs. You likely also know to seek out private messaging apps like Signal and Proton Mail. But you need to make another change to protect your phone's web traffic from prying eyes, and it's a relatively simple fix. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/3xt9xre2

**CHROME KEPT USING MY PC AFTER I CLOSED IT, AND THIS ONE SWITCH FINALLY STOPPED IT,** by Brandon Miniman, Staff Writer, MakeUseOf. Chrome is notorious for using a lot of RAM, though it's gotten better over the years. At a time when computers are coming with less memory because of shortages from the AI data center buildout, conserving RAM is more important than ever. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/43nb64kd

**I FILLED MY ANDROID PHONE TO 100% CAPACITY TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN,** by Joe Fedewa, Writer, How-To Geek. More than ever, people are trying to get the most out of their phone's storage. If you want more storage, it will cost you — literally. But what actually happens on your Android phone if you hit the storage limit, or even just get close? I ventured to find out. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/rz5bfsky

**HOW TO TURN OFF GOOGLE CALENDAR'S RSVP EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS,** by Suzanne Kantra, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Techlicious. Google Calendar just gave meeting organizers a way to stop the pileup of RSVP emails every time a guest accepts, declines, or marks themselves tentative on a calendar invite. Google's newly launched meeting setting turns those notifications off without hiding anyone's response in the event itself. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/2xfbj7tr

**I FOUND THE APP SAMSUNG DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW IS ALREADY ON YOUR GALAXY PHONE,** by Cory Gunther is a senior author and Newsletter Editor at Valnet. Our Samsung Galaxy phones get better with each update, but sometimes the best features are completely hidden or don't get talked about enough. A prime example is the powerful "Finder" app feature that apparently Samsung doesn't want you to know about. Better yet, you can now put it right on your home screen. Read more at How-To Geek https://tinyurl.com/ymkew98h

**YOUR ANDROID PHONE REMEMBERS EVERY WI-FI NETWORK YOU'VE USED— HERE'S WHY THAT'S A PROBLEM,** by Arol Wright, tech writer, How-To Geek. Android keeps a running list of every Wi-Fi network you've ever joined, and it never expires on its own. Most people are carrying dozens of entries they've long forgotten. That list is more revealing — and more useful to strangers — than it first appears. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/sz44snxv

**Penguin Platform**



*"Free John" Kennedy, Advisor, Regions 3 and 6*

**SEPTEMBER 26 —**

**FIREFOX IS GETTING ITS BEST REDESIGN YET, AND YOU CAN ENABLE IT EARLY – HERE'S HOW,** Jack Wallen, Contributing Writer, ZDNET. In March, Firefox developers began working on a redesign of the browser UI. The new design, called Nova, features more rounded elements, floating toolbars, web content framed so it is no longer edge-to-edge within the browser window, and pastel gradient options. I've been testing Nova in Firefox Nightly, and I have to say that it's pretty stunning. Now, you don't have to use Nightly to achieve the Nova look, as you can enable it in the stable release (more on that in a bit). Read more: https://tinyurl.com/2dcr7ahc

**I DITCHED UBUNTU FOR A LINUX DISTRO THAT FITS IN 200MB, AND I'M NOT GOING BACK,** by Nick Lewis, Editor, How-To Geek. Linux is famously smaller and lighter than

Windows, but that understates just how small Linux distros can really be. Some complete, general-purpose operating systems take up only 200MB of storage—truly tiny by 2026 standards. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/u9uaw8za

**I TESTED 5 DAILY PC TASKS TO SEE IF LINUX IS ACTUALLY HARDER THAN WINDOWS,** by Rich Hein, veteran technology journalist, How-To Geek. I've been in the Windows camp for decades, and for years I thought Linux was simply harder to use. That was a pretty common view among Windows and Mac users, and for a long time, it was fair. That's not really the case anymore. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/3cyc8bcf

**SWITZERLAND TAKES A SWISS ARMY KNIFE TO MICROSOFT 365,** by Steven Vaughan-Nichols, ZDNET Senior Contributing Editor. Switzerland's federal government is moving to create an open-source, digitally sovereign workplace for thousands of employees, while the Swiss Armed Forces' Cyber Command is moving much faster to replace Microsoft 365, especially for sensitive work. They're joining numerous other European government agencies, such as those in Austria, France, Germany, and Ireland, that are also cutting out Microsoft 365 and Windows in favor of open-source office suites and Linux. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/mppb3srk

**CALIFORNIA'S AGE ATTESTATION BILL TO EXCLUDE LINUX AND ALL OPEN SOURCE OSES,** by Marcus Nestor, 9to5 Linux journalist. California has passed Assembly Bill 1856, amending the state's **Digital Age Assurance Act** to exempt open-source operating systems and applications from its age attestation requirements. This follows months of uncertainty across the open-source world, but the bill cleared the Senate this week with unanimous support and now heads to Governor Gavin Newsom, who signed the original act into law last October. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/33rfex48

**LINUX MINT DEVS INTRODUCE NEW EPUB READER AND CALENDAR APPS,** by Marcus Nestor, 9to5 Linux journalist. Meet Xepub, Linux Mint's new EPUB reader application that gives users an e-book reading experience similar to a Kindle or Kobo device. Xepub lets you navigate between chapters, search the book's contents, add bookmarks, and quickly jump between them. The Linux Mint devs also introduced Clockenstein, a new calendar application that supports multiple calendars, including local calendars, Google calendars, and CalDAV services like Nextcloud. Clockenstein lets you create and edit events and choose which calendar they belong to. Read more: https://tinyurl.com/whacuxsj

# Brisbug PC User Group Inc

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**held at**

## Mitchelton Library, 37 Heliopolis Parade, Mitchelton QLD 4053

**20 September 2026**

### 1. President's Opening Remarks

The President, Keith Catts opened the meeting at 11:50 pm, and welcomed all those present.

### 2. Attendance

Attendance was as per the attendance register, 8 members attending.

A Quorum was present.

**Apologies:-** Fred Stratford, Helen Carberry, Brien Devlin, John Tacey, Harold Mitcham, Craig Smith.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous meetings:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025; advised that those minutes have been published in the October 2025 and September 2026 edition of the Club's magazine.

It Moved by Gary Woodforth and Seconded by Ian Arney: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 September 2025, as published in the Club's magazine in October 2024 & September 2025, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Carried.

### 4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### 5. Correspondence

**Correspondence Inwards:**

Office of Fair Trading Annual Return form for 2026 received.

**Correspondence Outwards:**

Application to the Mitchelton Library for use of the room for 2027 emailed to the library.

### 6. President's Report

Keith Catts advised that his report was published in the magazine and he confirmed another successful year at the library. Keith thanked members for their support during the year.

The report is repeated here.

President report for 2025 - 2026 We have had a good year with average of 10 member in attendance; we also gained 2 new members joining the Club through the year. Through the year, along with a range of Q&A question assisting members with their specific issues. I feel we achieved an 80% success along with advice on options that to be tried to fix the issue. We have sorely missed John Tracey as he has been away on sick leave, and his guidance and the following John's Jots for the magazine. We look forward to his return. We have continued with the learning of Linux and the ways it can replace Windows especially on older machines that Windows 11 no longer will support. Good machines that are still very usable. We are fortunate having Fred Stratford with us

leading us through the processes to make the change. We will continue with Windows 11 of course, as members will still be using it. My thanks to Gary and Eric for being our Secretary and Treasurer for the year, and their support in keeping the Club running. My thanks to Chris Haydock for keeping the magazine ticking along and finding some items of interest. I have enjoyed being in the club and continue learning about Windows and Linux, along with the other IT Device issues that arise from members questions. I thank all members for your contributions to a friendly and helpful club.

I trust you have all found the answers to your needs and questions, and have enjoyed the friendship of the Club. Now to the next year. Regards Keith.

**7. Treasurer's Report (Report Attached)**

Eric Maronese presented the Treasurer's report for the year of 2025/2026.

The Financial Statement setting out the financial activities for the previous year and will form part of the Annual Return of Association to Office of Fair Trading.

The Club's finances remains healthy with little expenditure.

The income for the year was $200.00 consisting of membership fees. Expenditure was $322.21 with the usual costs for canteen, Office of Fair Trading fee, some small equipment purchases and internet expenses. We have funds in the bank of $1923.65.

The Club holds one account with Westpac Bank.

Eric Maronese moved that the Financial Report be accepted and passed as a true record of the Club's financial transactions for the year. Seconded by Beverly Bailey:- Passed and carried.

Copy of the report next page.

# *Financial Statement for Brisbug PC User Group Inc.*

# *Financial year 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026*

## *Profit and Loss statement*

| ***INCOME*** | **2026** | **2025** | **2024** |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Member's renewal subs* | 140.00 | 150.00 | 140.00 |
| *New member's subscriptions* | 60.00 | 40.00 | 30.00 |
| *Canteen* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Interest* | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.11 |
| *Equipment* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ***Total Income*** | **200.00** | **190.07** | **170.11** |
| ***EXPENSES*** | | | |
| *Bank fees and charges* | 0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Canteen / Xmas* | 102.30 | $84.65 | 77.75 |
| *Subscriptions (APCUG)* | 0.00 | $84.00 | 76.92 |
| *Equipment* | 0.00 | $39.00 | 328.42 |
| *Dept of Fair Trading* | 62.10 | $62.10 | 60.05 |
| *Hire of hall* | $0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Internet expenses* | $157.81 | $17.95 | 15.95 |
| *Insurance* | $0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Membership expenses* | $0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Printing and stationary* | $0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Other* | $0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| ***TOTAL EXPENSES*** | **322.21** | **287.70** | **559.09** |
| ***NET PROFIT/LOSS*** | **-122.21** | **-97.63** | **-388.98** |
| ***AVAILABLE FUNDS*** | | | |
| *Opening balance* | 2047.86 | 2145.48 | 2534.46 |
| *Net profit/loss* | -122.21 | -97.63 | -388.98 |
| ***Total cash funds*** | **1925.65** | **2047.85** | **2145.48** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| ***CASH ASSETS*** | | | |
| *Westpac Solutions One account* | 1925.65 | 2047.86 | 436.72 |
| *Westpac Solutions Cash Reserve Account* | 0.00 | $0.00 | 1827.29 |
| | **1925.65** | **$2,047.86** | **2264.01** |
| ***NON CASH ASSETS*** | | | |
| *Hardware* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| *Software* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ***Total*** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** |

NOTE: All Assets are written off. with no value.

## NOTES:

Brisbug is a SMALL Association having income and Assets less than $300,000.

The Office of Fair Trading Queensland does not require an audit for this level of association. The financial statement for the year is to be verified by the President and Treasurer.

Brisbug derives its total income from membership subscriptions and interest on it bank accounts

Brisbug's assets have been written off as of no value.

There are no liabilities.

Remuneration Disclosure: No remuneration has been made to any member.

**Verification of Financial Statement.**

The above statement of accounts has been prepared from the records kept by the association and it is declared that the association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities. Purchases during the year are consumable items and written off in the year.

Keith declared all positions vacant and adjourned the meeting for the election of Office Bearers for the next year. Tim Lummis assumed control of the meeting.

**8. Election of Office Bearers**

Tim advised that there were no formal nominations received.

3 members, Fred Stratford; Helen Carberry; Harold Mitcham provided email Proxy for Keith Catts to vote as he saw fit. They were exercised in favour of the following nominations.

Tim then called for the Nominations

**President**: Keith Catts was Nominated by Bev bailey, Seconded by Klaus Querengasser; Keith accepted the nomination.

No further nominations, Tim Declared Keith Catts elected as President.

**Secretary**: Gary Woodforth was nominated by Ian Arney. Seconded by Bob Adamson; Gary accepted the nomination.

No further nominations, John Declared Gary Woodforth elected as Secretary.

**Treasurer**: Eric Maronese was nominated by Tim Lummis, Seconded by Ian Arney, Eric accepted the nomination.

No further nominations, John Declared Eric Maronese elected as Treasurer.

Tim Lummis thanked the Committee for their work throughout the year. He returned the meeting the incoming President, Keith Catts.

Keith thanked Tim for officiating for the elections.

**9. Further Business**.

There will be no change to the fee structure for next year being $10.00 for renewal and $30 for a new member.

The Clubs Bank account is with Westpac. The Treasure Secretary and president are authorised as signatories for the account. Two to sign any payments. The Treasure will determine if attendance on the bank will be required for the New Year to renew the signatories.

Keith thanked Gary and Eric for taking up the committee positions. He thanked all members for their participation if the club and hope they continue to enjoy the club.

Being no further business Keith declared the meeting closed. **Meeting Closed at 12.10**