



"Hello! Probus Victoria Members, This is the 4th issue of Tech Talk. I do hope that you are enjoying these and most of all are getting something from them. I am trying to give equal space to Windows and Apple. This month Windows 11 has taken up a bit of space. This was a big update when most of the tech people thought there would be at this time Windows 12, looks like Microsoft have put out under Windows 11 what they had in the pot. We are all the winners for it. I hope you don't mind that I put my story in about getting Travel Insurance I am hoping it helps some of our Probus Members..
Happy Computing Ernie B

WINDOWS 11 LATEST UPDATE.

If you are running windows 11 on your computer in the coming weeks you will get a major update to your Windows 11 system. I thought it a good opportunity to tell about some improvements and how to get them after your system has been updated.

A Taskbar You Can Finally Move. To move the taskbar in the Windows 11 update, right-click the taskbar and select Taskbar settings. Click Taskbar behaviours to expand the menu, and then select your preferred position (Top, Left, Right, or Bottom) from the Taskbar position dropdown.

A Button To Reinstall Windows From The Internet. Cloud rebuild is coming to Windows 11's recovery environment. This new recovery option lets you restore a Windows 11 PC to its factory default state without a USB drive. The recovery environment will download a new Windows operating system image and hardware drivers from Microsoft and install everything. Unlike the Reset this PC tool, Microsoft says this cloud-based recovery option will work even if Windows 11 is unbootable and the operating system's files are corrupt.

A Single Monthly Reboot For Windows Update. Microsoft is promising to coordinate driver, firmware, and other updates to arrive with the monthly operating system update on Patch Tuesday, the second Tuesday of each month. The company says average Windows 11 PCs will only have to reboot once for updates each month going forward. Insider builds still update more frequently: Microsoft says Insiders should see a single reboot for updates once per week, and that tracks with my experience.

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A Speech And Vision Accessibility Improvements. Insider Builds of Windows 11 offer new accessibility features, including a **Screen Tint** option that overlays your screen with a customizable colours to reduce eye strain. Different people might prefer different colours. The OS also gains a voice isolation feature for **Voice Access**, which is one of our favourite speech-to-text tools. This will help Voice Access hear your voice in environments with a lot of background noise.

Generative Eraser Remove elements from a photo like they were never there with Generative erase.

The "Generative erase" (or Magic Eraser) tool is a free, built-in feature included in the **Microsoft Photos** and **MS Paint** apps. It requires no extra downloads.

Connect Your PC And Your Phone.

Get seamless interactions between your mobile device and your Windows 11 PC with Phone Link.³ Connect your Android™ or iPhone@⁴⁵⁶ devices to view and manage notifications, send and receive messages, or make or take calls right from your PC. In Windows 11, you can connect your phone via the **Phone Link** app. It usually comes pre-installed. Just click **Start**, search for **Phone Link**, and open it. From there, select your phone type (Android or iPhone) and follow the on-screen pairing instructions

Time Saving Tools. Bring out your best ideas with Snap layouts. With Snap you can quickly organise what's on your screen and customise layouts so you can easily find what you need and improve your productivity.

Time-saving tools in Windows 11 are largely built directly into the operating system and require no downloads. You can access them by searching via the Start menu, through the Settings app (**Windows Key + I**), or by using pre-programmed keyboard shortcuts like **Windows Key + V** (Clipboard History) and **Windows Key + H** **Record What's On Your Screen**

If it's on your screen, you can capture or record it with Snipping Tool and Screen Recorder. Just click, drag to frame your shot, and you've got it. Windows 11 has two main built-in tools for recording your screen: the **Snipping Tool** (best for general recording) and the **Xbox Game Bar** (best for gaming or whole-window recording).



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Just a reminder that PAV is running an Afternoon Tea Dance.

On Wednesday 23rd September. \$30 per person. Live music and prizes to be won. Full information is being sent to your club



Does your car have a satnav that needs to connect to your mobile

phone to get its Google Maps . If its like our car which is a Toyota Yarris Cross Hybrid and the connection kept dropping out. We gave up for 6 months. I just love technology, their always is an answer to a tech problem you just have to look for it. I found this little plug in to your usb port its called a 2-in-1 Wireless CarPlay & Android Auto Adapter, you can get them for around \$20 from Amazon. I have purchased some 6 of them for friends and family and they are excellent. They are able to work in Android and Apple



upscale

How often do you submit photos to The Probarian or Active Retirees and you get a message back, they would love to use them but they need them to be High Resolution. Now for most people it is not easy to do this.. Help is at hand. There is a 100% free programme called Upscaly. It is easy to use. Just drop your photo in to where it tells you to do so. Then just use the preset stings. Press the go button. Upscaly will do its thing, it will then save a copy of your photo to where your original photo came from with a tag that it had been Upscaly which make it easy to find. You will then be able to send High Resolution photos to the papers. You can get the program at www.upscale.org Upscaly is available for Windows and Apple. I use it a lot.

MY BINGO CALLER

My Bingo Caller is perfect for your clubs bingo night! My Bingo Caller provides a bingo number generator, colourful themes and full application customisation to make it a special night. Features: A very simplistic menu to navigate, easy to get started and ready. * Multiple Game Modes - Choose from the UK Bingo (90), US Bingo (75) or any number from 1 to 90. * Automation and Manual Bingo Caller - Set a time interval for when Bingo balls should be called or press a button when you're ready for another one. * Voice Caller - Get a voice to call the Bingo balls for you. * Full Customization - * Paper Bingo - Share or save bingo papers directly from the application making all nights worth playing either digital or paper! "My Bingo Caller is free and can be downloaded from the Microsoft store. We use this on our recent trip to Bright and it was great, lots of fun

Snap 2 Windows Side-by-side In Windows

Smart Window, also called Snap, is a feature of Microsoft Windows that lets you automatically position two windows side-by-side without manually resizing them. Smart Window is also useful if you don't want to use [Alt+Tab](#) to switch between 2 windows.

For Apple Keyboard Shortcuts: Apple features keyboard shortcuts to tile windows. Press **Control + Option + Command + Left/Right Arrow** to quickly snap to either side of the screen. **Rectangle** is completely free to download and use for Apple Computers. It can snap 2 windows together. Download it from www.rectangleapp.com/

This is a story about booking Travel Insurance. The reason I put it in this Tech Talk it was all done on line. Sandy (my wife) and I have booked through a travel agent a river cruise in France for early next year., that was the easy part. We asked the agent for travel insurance and they were very efficient and quick to get back to us with a quote. They had contacted Cover More for the quote , it came back at \$4729. We were surprised at such a high price. Time to put Mr Google to work. I spent most of the day looking at lots of websites that offered Travel Insurance, prices were not as high but close too it. I was about to give up and just pay it. I justified this by telling myself that it was to be our last trip overseas, let go out with a bang. "We tell our kids if we die with money we have not done our job correctly". I sat there thinking and a good friend had just passed away and I know he would have said to me " Now Ern (he always called me that") you know that I don't like to waste money so get that brain working and see what you can do.". Out of the blue came something to the back of my mind, we have our Health fund with HCF. To cut this story short, I remembered they have travel insurance. I went on line and was happy to see not only did they have travel insurance the were offering their members save 25% off. We successfully answered all their questions and what a surprise when the price came through at \$3253 = app \$1500 cheaper. Not everybody has health Insurance with HCF. However I would suspect that the other Health Funds would match it. As my friend John would say "Try, Try and B#!^ Try again" Thanks for letting me tell my story. Its nice to tell somebody when you have had a win. Ernie B

MacBook Pro TIPS AND TRICKS FOR APPLE MAC

Move Files Instantly (Cut & Paste): Bypass the default copy-only behaviour. Copy a file using Command + C, then press Command + Option + V at the destination folder to move it entirely .

Declutter Background Apps: Stop unnecessary programs from launching when you boot up your machine. Head to **System Settings > General > Login Items and Extensions** to disable apps running in the background .

Customize Your Control Centre: Open the Control Centre, hold the Command key, and drag to rearrange icons, add a battery percentage display, or pin quick-access shortcuts for **Screen Recording** and **Notes**
Check System Resources: If your Mac is running hot or slowing down, press Command + Space, type Activity Monitor, and check the **CPU** tab. Close any programs consuming over 60% of your power

Seamless Copy/Paste Across Apple Devices: With **Universal Clipboard**, simply copy text or an image on your iPhone and seamlessly paste it directly onto your Mac.

Spotlight Search is a handy tool built into macOS for quickly searching documents, applications, downloads, and more. Press Command + Space bar and start typing the name or description of whatever you need. For a task like pulling up the calculator, Spotlight allows you to do so quickly without your hands leaving the keyboard. Type "calc," hit enter, and type your equation

Quick Look for instant file previews. Press the spacebar while any file is selected in Finder to instantly preview it without opening an application. Quick Look works with documents, images, videos, audio files, and PDFs. Navigate through multiple selected files using arrow keys while in Quick Look mode