

Tech ED Tips

A list of technology related resources and learning materials compiled by Chris

For computer related assistance with this or any other issue, feel free to call or email Chris (PCKG members only)

List of Topics covered as they appear below:

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Ways to protect your privacy online

How to prepare your digital legacy plan.

What is a MYGOV account?

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The ACSC, Australian Cyber Security Centre

Brisbane Libraries and Life Long Learning

Researching Family History

Be Connected Tech Tips

Discover how to safely deactivate or delete your Facebook account

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/articles-and-tips/how-to-deactivate-or-delete-facebook>

Take and edit photos like a pro

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/fun-things-to-do-with-your-photos>

Want to know how to get the best search results online?

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/articles-and-tips/how-to-search-like-a-pro>

The new look Australian Government BeConnected website, DEC 2022

[Be Connected](#) is an Australian government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians.

Be Connected aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world.

HAVE YOU VISITED LATELY? Website: beconnected.esafety.gov.au

Learn new digital skills

Find free online courses and resources on everything from how to use your smartphone or tablet to cyber safety tips.

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[Apps that come with your cloud subscription >](#)

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My Community Directory

My Community Directory is the one place people go to find community services and events so they can understand what's happening in their local community. My Community Directory lists organisations that provide services that are free or subsidised to the public in thousands of locations across Australia. These services are aligned into various Community Directories. The website to access this directory is <https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/> The Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens is listed under two categories: General Community Clubs and Seniors Clubs & Social Groups.

How to find an organisation or a service

Everything you need
local is **a click away**

Enter your location eg.
Kenmore
And then click on the Go
button

Discover Your Local
Community Directory

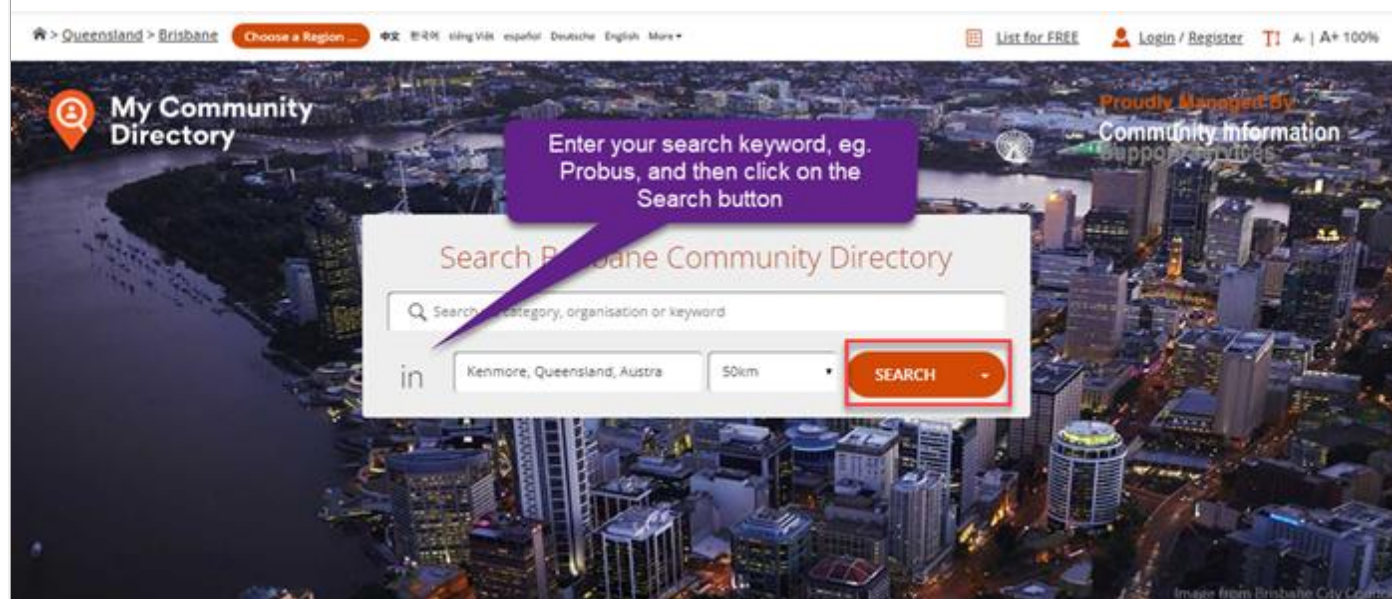
Where are you?



GO

We need your location to provide local information

At the first screen, you need to type in your location, for example, Kenmore, and select the appropriate option from the resulting drop-down list, you can also select a radius from your initial location. The click on the **GO** button.



In the Search box you type in your search keyword, it can be a category, organisation or a keyword, in this case, Probus. Then click on the **SEARCH** button.

🏠 > Queensland > Brisbane > Kenmore

Choose a Region ...

List for FREE

Login / Register

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 My Community Directory

in Kenmore, Queensland, Austr

50km

SEARCH

🏠 > Queensland > Brisbane > Kenmore

35 Results for 'Probus' 50km from Kenmore in the Brisbane Council region

List View

Map View

Seniors Clubs & Social Groups

[Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens](#)

A non-fundraising Club for retired and semi-retired people for Fun, Friendship and Fellowship (and Food). We are located in the North-West Brisbane regional area. Our membership is from the Kenmore and surrounding suburbs; but we also have members from the Centenary suburbs as well as inner western suburbs such as Toowong and Taringa and from as far away as East Brisbane.

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Kenmore

969m from the centre of Kenmore 4069

Seniors Clubs & Social Groups

[Probus Club Of Centenary Suburbs Inc - Brisbane](#)

Probus Club Of Centenary Suburbs Inc

Community Probus Club

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Sinnamon Park

2.47km from the centre of Kenmore 4069

Churches and Places of Worship

[Merthyr Road Uniting Church](#)

A diverse community learning to live the gospel; a safe place of faith, hope, love, healing and purpose. Explore your spirituality through worship, meditation and thought-provoking discussion.

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New Farm

11.93km from the centre of Kenmore 4069

General Community Clubs

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Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens

To enable retired and semi-retired people with fellow like-minded people to share in Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

[Visit Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens website](#)

Locations

Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens provides services from these locations:

> [Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens](#)

Seniors Clubs & Social Groups

Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens

Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens

P.O. Box 1067, KENMORE QLD 4069

[Website](#)

[Email](#)

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About Us

A Community Probus Club, Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens is a non-fundraising Club for retired and semi-retired people for Fun, Friendship and Fellowship (and Food!). We are located in the North-West Brisbane regional area. Our membership is from the Kenmore district and surrounding suburbs; but we also have members from the Centenary suburbs as well as inner western suburbs such as Toowong and Taringa and from as far away as East Brisbane. We are actively looking for new members.

We meet monthly on the first Monday of each month, unless a public holiday, in which case the second Monday, in the Westlake Room at the McLeod Country Golf Club, Mt Ommaney, Brisbane, from 9.30 to midday. You are most welcome to join us at our meeting where we plan activities, listen to fascinating speakers and enjoy the company of fellow Probians as well as share in a morning tea with coffee/tea and a scone, following the meeting members enjoy a Mix'n'Mingle luncheon at the clubhouse. Please notify the Membership Secretary (see the Contact US page on our website) in the first instance about your interest, for catering purposes.

We plan on average one outing a month. Outings include, but are not limited to, day bus/train trips, visits to historic sites, and tours of places of interest. We plan on at least one multi-day excursion each year - in 2022, a 4-day trip to Gympie in July.

Some of our other regular monthly activities include a Dinner and Movie night at a Graceville restaurant and the Regal Cinema, a Book Club that meets at a local Kenmore Cafe, a Picnic in a Park (either breakfast or lunch) at various park locations in the western suburbs area, a Writers Ink Club that meets in the Kenmore Library, a Coffee and Chat morning tea at a local Kenmore Cafe and a Combined Photography Group that meets quarterly in the Kenmore Library.

Quick Facts About The Region

Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens is located in the suburb of [Kenmore](#), the ward of [Pullenvale](#) in the council of [Brisbane](#), the state electorate of [Moggill](#) and the federal electorate of [Bryan](#).

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Support Services



Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens has chosen to only show the suburb their service is based on.

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Extra Information

Wheelchair Access Yes

Disabled access This location has disabled access

Accessible By Members only

Access Fee Contact us for details

Age Ranges Over 60 years of age

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Other Services

The following services are also provided by Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens in Brisbane.

> [General Community Clubs](#)

Share with QR Code



You can also access the Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device, eg. iPhone or iPad. You can also copy this QR Code and share with others.

PODCASTS

What online scammers don't want you to know

Episode 7
May 19 2022 | 36 min listen

The number of online scams in Australia may be increasing but there are ways you can protect yourself. Being aware of scammers' tricks is the first step in the right direction.

This BeConnected podcast is packed full of tips on the most common scams, what to look out for, and what to do if you think you have been scammed.

Join Delia Rickard, Deputy Chair of the ACCC (also home to Scamwatch), and BeConnected host Val Quinn for an in-depth discussion on how you can stay one step ahead of the scammers. [Listen now](#)

Other interesting BeConnected Podcasts include:

Unlock your Family History - [Listen now](#)

Can my smartwatch help me live longer? - [Listen now](#)

Airbnb – accommodation and experiences

How it works

Whether you are searching for a treehouse for the weekend or an entire home for the whole family, or looking for a great experience, Airbnb have a lot of options to offer. It is a global travel community available in 191+ countries. There is 24/7 global support available in 11 different languages. And there is a guest refund policy which covers many travel issues which Airbnb will either re-book or refund if these arise.

How to access Airbnb

You can access this through your web browser – go to www.airbnb.com.au or download the app onto your mobile device

Getting started

1. Create an account (so you can save your favourite places).
2. Search for your accommodation or experience.
3. Use the filters to get exactly what you want – type of place, price, rooms and beds, and More filters – under the More filters note there is a accessibility options link in the first section.
4. Look at the photos and location on the maps provided.
5. Read the guest reviews from past reservations.
6. Read the cancellation policy.
7. Book your stay or experience.
8. Message your host to say Hi and ask any questions. They typically have local tips and advice.
9. Arrive and enjoy your stay!
10. Post a review at the end.

Security

Airbnb follow global security standards to process your payments and keep your information safe. Always pay through Airbnb to be protected by their payment terms of service.

Do you prefer camping?

There is also WikiCamps Australia showing campgrounds throughout Australia – you download this app on your phone -

This is an extract from the Stay In Touch website: <https://www.stayintouch.com.au/>

Ways to protect your privacy online

Have you ever thought about the amount of information you give away online? Sometimes you can't avoid providing your personal details, like when you make a purchase online, for example. However, for those times when it's not necessary, it's important to think about what you are sharing.

Online privacy shouldn't be a cause for alarm. It's simply something to be aware of so that you can practise good online habits. That way you can enjoy the benefits the internet has to offer with confidence.

The security rules we follow in real life should be applied to the online world too. Just like you would lock the door when you leave your home, it's important to protect your personal information online too. Here are some steps you can take to help you do just that.

In this article:

- [Passwords: make them strong and secure](#)
- [Don't share more information than you need to](#)
- [Review your apps' permissions](#)
- [Pay for things securely online](#)
- [Be aware of phishing scams](#)
- [Switch to a private web browser](#)
- [Update your software](#)
- [Use a secure connection](#)
- [What to do when your personal information has been compromised](#)

How to prepare your digital legacy plan – thanks to Australian government's BeConnected website

What happens to all your online accounts when you pass on? It's not something many of us give a lot of thought to, however, planning how you would like your online accounts and digital assets to be managed after you are gone is just as important as working out what will happen to your physical assets.

Everything from your Facebook and online banking accounts to your photos in the cloud, so much of our lives are now spread across the digital space. Leaving a clear digital legacy plan gives you peace of mind and saves your loved ones from having to deal with some tricky tasks at a difficult time.

In this guide we explore why it's important to create a digital legacy plan and the steps you can take to prepare one.

In this article:

- [Why it's important to create a digital legacy plan](#)
- [What is a digital asset?](#)
- [Step 1: Compile a list of your online accounts](#)
- [Step 2: Decide how you want your online accounts handled](#)
- [Step 3: Appoint a digital executor and store your plan somewhere safe](#)
- [Step 4: Update your plan on a regular basis](#)
- [How a password manager can help](#)
- [What some businesses are doing to help you plan for your digital legacy](#)
- [Tips to get organised](#)

For more information please visit <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/quick-reads/how-to-prepare-your-digital-legacy-plan>

What is a "My Gov Account"?

MyGov is a simple and secure way to access your Australian Government online services. This introduction to MyGov is aimed at giving you a feel for the MyGov web site.

Setting up your MyGov account (only if you don't have an account)

Go to www.my.gov.au to set up your account and click on the 'Create an account' button. The system will walk you through steps such as entering email address, mobile phone, creating a strong password, security questions to help you set up your account and make it secure. Think about the password you will use and make sure it is strong. Check the characters allowed when on that section.

Once you have setup a MyGov account or you already have an account simply enter your sign-in details to access the service.

Click on the Website below for an online guide to help create your MyGov account:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/create-mygov-account#mygov>

Linking Accounts Once you have created your account you can then ‘link’ the MyGov services you wish to track or use, such as Medicare, Centrelink, ATO, My Health Record and so on. Be sure to have your Medicare card, tax, bank details etc ready before you start this.

Using MyGov Now that you have created your MyGov account whenever you sign in to MyGov, a code will be sent to you via phone or email. Enter this code to successfully sign in. This is a 2-step verification. Once signed in, select the service you would like to view OR ‘link’ another service.

For my information on MyGov go to

1. My Gov online guides:- <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/create-mygov-account#mygov> AND/OR

BeConnected instructions:- <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/introduction-to-mygov/>

What is “Be Connected”?

Be Connected is an **Australia wide** initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world and targets Seniors in our community. They have online learning resources as well as a Network of community partners - the Be Connected Network - who offer support so you can develop your digital skills and confidence. Find a local place for friendly help and advice, or join the Network to help others. Note: both Brian and Chris are enrolled in their technology mentoring course hosted by Stay in Touch.

The website URL is: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

To get the most out of this website Sign up for a free account (you can access this site without an account; however, an account keeps track of your progress etc) to learn at your own pace with free courses on topics ranging from how to access the internet, make video calls or even set up your device. Something for everyone!

First, sign up... (this is not essential)

1. Open your internet browser
2. Navigate to the site – **www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au**
3. Click on the purple **Join/Sign IN** button at the top right.

Note – if you are on a smaller screen (tablet or phone) it may be 3 lines (menu icon), Click on this then click on Join/Sign IN

4. At the next screen scroll down and tap/click on **Join Now – (note: once you have setup an account then you simply sign in at the screen in step 3)**

5. Tap in the first name text box and type in your first name
6. Tap in the last name text box and type in your last name
7. Tap in the Name of the support centre and type in **Stay In Touch Pty Ltd**
8. Click on **Stay In Touch Pty Ltd** when it appears to lock it in the box
9. Tap in the email text box and type in your email address
10. Tap in the password text box and create a password
11. Click in the little box next to “I consent...” to place a tick there

12. Click in the little box next to “by signing up....” To place a tick in there.

13. Click on the purple text box **Sign up for free**

You are now ready to go!

Then explore (with or without an account) ...

If you click on the **Topic Library** at the top you can:

- Explore all topics through the topic library

OR

- Click in the search box and type some words relating to the topic you would like to learn.

The **Topic Library** includes information and learning experiences (each topic has a number of sub-topics) Some of the topics covered are:

The absolute basics (a good place for beginners to start); Getting to know your device; Getting started online; Safety first; More online skills; Connecting to others; All about data; Wi-Fi and mobile networks; Online hobbies; All about apps; Games Centre; Practice area; All about Apple iPhones/iPads; All about Android phones/tablets; Windows/Apple desktop/laptop: Getting started.

There is information here for all computer skill levels.

Find a topic, then begin your self paced learning. Maybe begin with “The Absolute Basics”. Then try the “Games Centre” and “Practice Area” and then take a look at the mobile phone topic of your choice.

ACSC, Australian Cyber Security Centre

The **ACSC, Australian Cyber Security Centre**, <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc>, website is also loaded with very useful information and learning material such as step-by-step guides and a Learn page which has Practical ways to help yourself online.

How to Use the Internet Securely: A Guide for Seniors – is an excellent document available from this site.

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/guidance/how-use-internet-securely-guide-seniors>

Brisbane Libraries and Life Long Learning

Contributed by Chris, with thanks to Tanya at the Kenmore Library.

A healthy body – [learn, diet, exercise and sleep well for life]

For all things libraries in Brisbane visit - <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/libraries>

How public libraries support the community to grow and learn throughout their lives:

Free workshops are run on most topics mentioned below, simply search for the topic at <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-in-brisbane> by typing in the **What's on in Brisbane** search box, for example, typing in “beekeeping” and then click on the magnifying glass search tool will result in a list of workshops available on beekeeping..

Digital Literacy – includes information on the following topics: Smartphones, TV streaming, Social media, E-books and downloads, Online family history, Computer, internet, email, word processing basics, Tablets, Buying and selling online, Simple photo editing, Coding for adults, Trove basics.

Brisbane City Council libraries offer a comprehensive range of free technology workshops and sessions for people of all ages and skill levels. Visit <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/libraries/library-programs/free-digital-literacy-training>

Gardening and sustainability – Hydroponics; Organic gardening; Vegetable gardening; Subtropical plants; Edible plants; Native plants; Recycling in gardens; Bekeeping. Visit <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/green-home-and-community>.

Cooking – Fermenting; Breadmaking; Seasonal cooking; Cheese making; Preserves; Spices.

Writing – Creative writing; Writing for seniors, Travel and lifestyle writing; Socla media for writers; Self publishing; Podcasting; Self editing, Crime writing, Scriptwriting.

Business – Book keeping for creatives; Online photography; Selling your work; Socla media for business; Marketing via social media.

eLibCat – Brisbane Libraries Online Presence – search for titles; nnline chat function and help centre; Brisbane image archive; and digital membership for 3 months.

To access **eLibCat** visit the link https://library-brisbane.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/eLibCat. From this website you can see: *What's on* – discover what's offered in libraries for the current month; *Ebooks & downloads* - your Brisbane City Council Library membership allows free access to a range of digital books, audiobooks, comics, music, films and magazines (All available to download or stream to your device or PC); *Reading discovery* – search for books; *For kids* – resources for all ages and very useful information for grandparents; *Computers and Wifi* - Brisbane City Council libraries offer free Computer and Internet access for library members, and free Wi-Fi for library members and visitors; *Online resources and databases* - gives you access to a wide variety of information databases; *Community and languages* - A collection of books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines in twenty five different languages are available in selected libraries across the city, as well as access to the Mango Language App, a language learning program teaching practical conversation and cultural awareness for the world's most popular languages, with the free iPhone and Android™ Mango app you can accesses the Mango Languages courses available through your library; *Library hours and locations* – want to visit an actual library building; *Brisbane History* – access the Brisbane images and local history.

Online Resources include – Newspapers; Free languages; Technology classes; Encyclopaedia; Choice magazine; History & genealogy; Medline plus; Science sites (Proquest).

The **BNELibraries App** is now available for use on smartphones. To download the App on the iPhone open the App Store and search for “bnelibraries” and GET the application. Login with your library membership number and PIN and use the App to borrow, look up titles and manage your account; link all your other family member details; it's easy to see what you have borrowed and renew items, easy to search and place holds.

Researching Family History

Are you keen to start or are you already “researching family history”?

A good first start is through accessing the Be Connected website: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/online-hobbies/researching-family-history>

This site provides an online, easy to understand short course. In this course, you'll learn how the internet can be used to help you research your family history. You'll explore the kinds of tools and services that are available, and some of the costs you might encounter. It also provides the opportunity to download a free eBook “**Meet your Ancestors**”, a 36-page book full of invaluable information on researching family history. (Note: you must be a registered Be Connected user and must login to access this free eBook – see the Tech Ed Tip titled “What is Be Connected?” to see how to register.)