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The Busselton Constitution is available on the Busnet website at busnet.org.au. This is a very useful and interesting site with lots of up to date information about our Club.

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"He gets mad at me when I get into his wires.
All I'm trying to do is organize them for him."



To all our members from your committee. We wish you a safe and great year ahead and look forward to seeing you in the club room and/or at a coffee morning.

If your Windows 10 PC can't be upgraded, you have 5 options before time runs out

By Ed Bott, 17/12/2024, <https://www.zdnet.com/article/if-your-windows-10-pc-cant-be-upgraded-you-have-5-options-before-time-runs-out/>

Microsoft will officially end support for its most popular operating system in less than a year. Here's what you should do with your Windows 10 PCs that fail Microsoft's Windows 11 compatibility tests before that day arrives.

Have you decided what to do with your Windows 10 PCs when they reach their [official end-of-support date](#) less than a year from now?

I know some people who are convinced that Microsoft will back down at the last minute and extend that deadline. Take this prediction to the bank: That's not gonna happen.

The end date is right there on the Microsoft Support document that lists ["products retiring or reaching the end of support in 2025."](#)

The schedule is defined by Microsoft's [Modern Lifecycle Policy](#), which is documented on the [Microsoft Lifecycle](#) page: "Windows 10 will reach end of support on October 14, 2025. The current version, 22H2, will be the final version of Windows 10, and all editions will remain in support with monthly security update releases through that date." In a separate support article, Microsoft reiterates that as of October 14, 2025, it will no longer provide technical support or security and reliability fixes for PCs running Windows 10.

When a Windows version [reaches its end-of-support date](#), the software keeps working, but the update channel grinds to a halt:

[There] will be no new security updates, non-security updates, or assisted support. Customers are encouraged to migrate to the latest version of the product or service. Paid programs may be available for applicable products.

That part in the middle sounds encouraging, doesn't it? "Customers are encouraged to migrate to the latest version of the product or service." Unfortunately, that's not a supported option for customers running Windows 10 on hardware that doesn't meet the [stringent hardware compatibility requirements of Windows 11](#). If you try to upgrade one of those PCs to Windows 11, you'll encounter an error message.

Some of the same folks who were praying for an extension to the end-of-support date have been hoping for a last-minute reprieve from those hardware standards. For a few days, it even looked like they might be right, as a flurry of tech-focused news sites spread stories that Microsoft had unexpectedly changed its mind on those requirements. Alas, all of those stories were grounded in a comical misreading of an old support article: [No, Microsoft had not reversed course on Windows 11 hardware requirements](#). And if someone offers to bet you that they will, you should take the other side of that bet.

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