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Editorial:

Welcome to the September 2026 edition of your Browser.

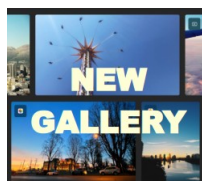
Don't you just love it (not) when you are forced into
upgrades and they introduce new things that someone in
their wisdom believes will be helpful but often cause some
confusion. Welcome to Windows 11 Gallery.

For Android users unfortunately Google Assist has reached
it's use by date. Also in this addition we have also included
a couple of mobile phone tips that we managed to stumbled
across recently, one for Apple and one for Android users.



Alex (a.k.a. Grumps)
Editor

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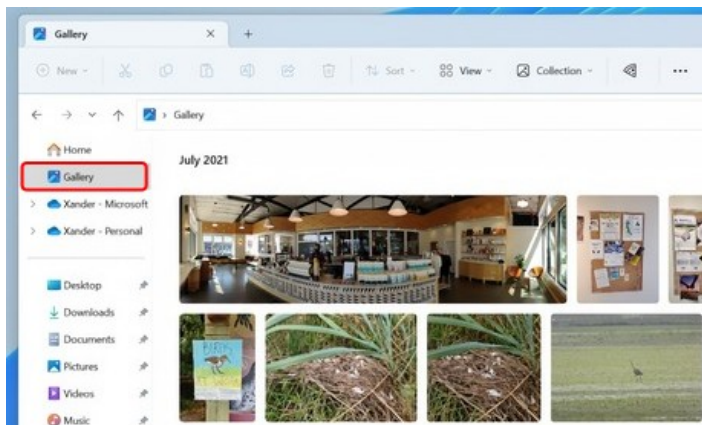
[September Trivia:](#) What happened in history during the month of August.

What is Windows 11 Gallery?

Windows 11 has introduced a new way to view your photos with Gallery. The File Explorer Gallery is a **virtual view** that shows your photos in one place.

Being a virtual view means it is not the same as the physical folders you may create to organise your photos, but instead it lists pictures from your local Pictures folder and photos synced/stored on OneDrive by date.

You can find it on the left side of File Explorer just below Home.



Think of the Windows 11 Gallery as a digital photo album built right into your computer. The Gallery automatically collects all the photos stored on your computer, phone, or cloud storage and arranges them neatly on your screen.

Try not to get confused as it IS NOT another duplicate copy of your photos, it is just an alternative way to view them.

What Is It For?



- **One Central Spot:** Instead of searching through complicated computer folders, the

Gallery brings all your memories into a single, clean view.

- **Timeline Sorting:** It automatically sorts pictures by date (Year and Month) so you can scroll back through time just like turning the pages of a giant scrapbook.
- **Easy Viewing & Slideshows:** You can click any picture to make it fill the screen, or let your computer play them automatically like a digital picture frame.
- **Quick Photo Fixes:** It has built-in tools to fix dark photos, crop out unwanted background, or turn sideways pictures right-side up.

How to Open It

1. Look at the bar at the very bottom of your screen (the Taskbar).
2. Click the Start button (the blue Windows icon shaped like four squares).
3. Type the word Photos or Gallery on your keyboard.
4. Click the Photos app icon that appears in the search results.

Or simply just go to File Explorer and click Gallery under the file tree structure.

How to Use It (Step-by-Step)

A. Browse Your Photos

- **Scroll down** using your mouse wheel to move backward in time.
- **Double-click** on any small photo preview to make it big.
- Use the **Left and Right Arrow keys** on your keyboard to step through your pictures one by one.

B. Start a Full-Screen Slideshow

- Double-click any picture so it opens on your screen.
- Look at the top bar and click the **three dots (...)** button.

- Select **Slideshow** from the menu (or press **F5** on your keyboard).
- Sit back and enjoy! Press the **Esc** key in the top-left corner of your keyboard whenever you want to stop it.

C. Simple Photo Edits



- Double-click the photo you want to change.
- Click the **Edit Image** icon at the top of the screen (looks like a pencil over a picture).
- **To crop:** Drag the white corners inward to trim away the edges.
- **To rotate:** Click the circular arrow icon if the picture is sideways.
- Click **Save** when you are happy with how it looks.

D. Delete Photos You Don't Need

1. Click once on the photo you want to remove.
2. Click the **Trash Can icon** at the top right (or press the **Delete** key on your keyboard).
3. **Don't worry about mistakes:** Anything you delete goes to your computer's **Recycle Bin** first, so you can easily get it back if you change your mind!

Important – Moving photos around:

If you move photos from Gallery to your local Pictures folder or a sub-folder under the Pictures folder, you are not removing them from the Gallery.

They will still show in Gallery next time you look, giving the impression they haven't been moved or magically just reappeared. This is because Gallery is just a virtual view of photos in your Pictures folder and OneDrive.

Also you will notice there are no folders present when you view gallery as it just shows the pictures within all the folders under your Picture folder and OneDrive.

Decided you really don't like Gallery.

You have a couple of choices, you could just ignore Gallery in File Explorer, my recommended option.

Or if it really annoys you there are options to hide Gallery.

Hiding the Gallery however requires a modification to the Windows Registry and is not recommended for novice users to attempt.

Making a mistake with a registry entry could create unintended consequences.

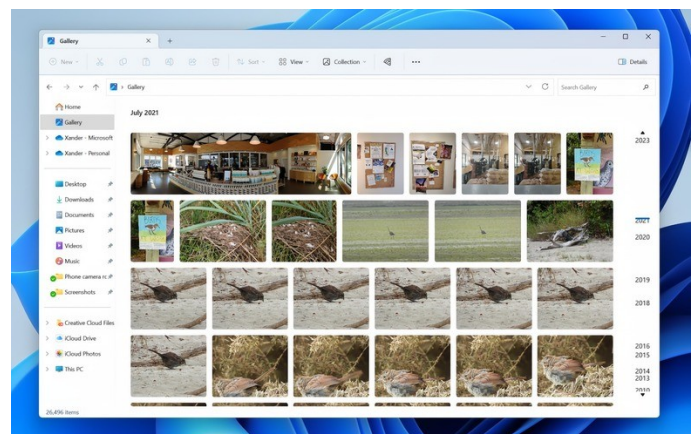
It is also possible that future updates to windows may revert registry changes and make the Gallery visible once again.

In Summary.

Pictures is one of the default library folders in Windows where pictures are saved by default.

It is also where you can create your own set of albums/folders and store your desired files.

On the other hand, Gallery is designed only to display all of your photo collection including the ones saved on OneDrive.



Personally, I don't view my photos in Gallery since it does not have any details and just shows you all of the images in your device and on OneDrive, so I just choose to ignore the Gallery.

Gemini Replacing Google Assistant on Android

Source of article: [Techradar 5-Aug-2026](#)



Google Assistant had a good run, it made its debut in May 2016, but Gemini is very much the future when it comes to Google-made AI helpers, and now we finally know when Google Assistant will stop working on Android phones and Wear OS wearables.

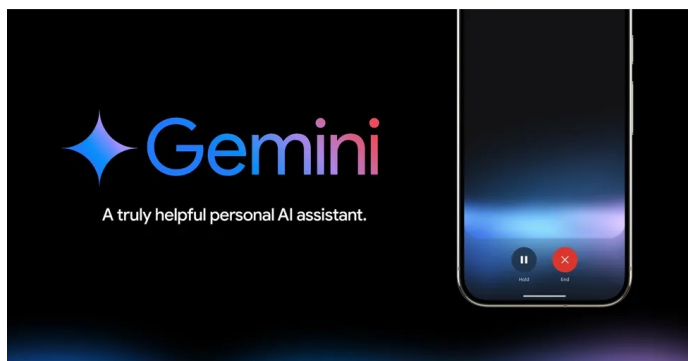
As per emails sent out to some Google Assistant users (via 9to5Google), the Android and Wear OS shutdown will **begin on Friday, September 4**. From that point, it may take a few weeks to reach every user and every device.

It means you won't be able to use Google Assistant at all on Android phones, tablets, and paired wearables.

This will apply to Android Auto too, though vehicles with Google built-in, Google Assistant will carry on functioning for a little longer.

The cut-off point was originally scheduled for sometime last year, before being extended, but it now looks as though this is final.

Google has been busy making Gemini the default choice on a multitude of gadgets in recent months, including smart home devices and Google TV streamers.



What to do next

If you're still using Google Assistant on Android or Wear OS, you need to move over to Gemini at your earliest opportunity.

If it didn't already come preinstalled on your device, you can get it from the **Google Play Store**. A whole new world of AI awaits, covering everything from basic phone commands to image creation.

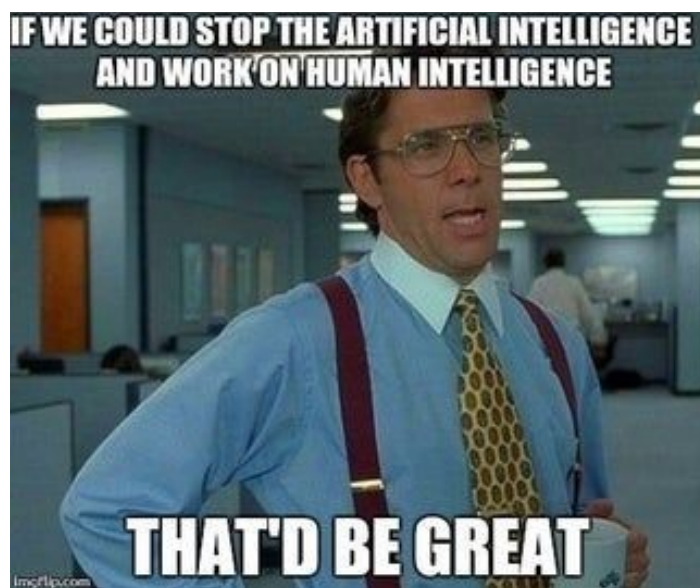


When you're setting up Gemini, it will guide you through the process of replacing Google Assistant as the default on-board AI.

As you're using the same Google account for both apps, the switch should be pretty seamless.

Google Assistant doesn't really keep a chat archive, so there's nothing to sync over in terms of conversations.

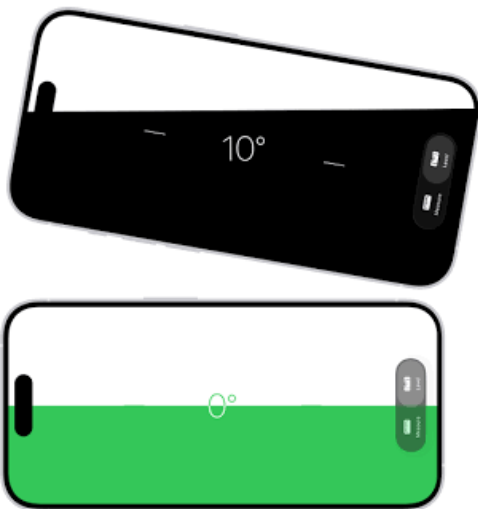
If you want to see your old Google Assistant interactions, they'll still be available via the [Web & App Activity](#) page in your Google account.



Mobile Phone Tips.

Level Up with your iPhone

Did you know that your iPhone has a built-in digital level tool inside the native Measure app, no third-party downloads required.



The level turns green at 0°. Source: Apple Support

(1) Open the Measure app:

Go to the Measure app (in the Utilities folder) on your iPhone.

(2) Switch to Level mode:

Tap the Level tab located in the bottom-right corner of the screen.

(3) Position your phone:

- For vertical surfaces (e.g., hanging a picture frame): Rest long edge of your phone against the surface in portrait or landscape orientation.
- For flat horizontal surfaces (e.g., a table or shelf): Place phone completely flat on its back.

(4) Align until the screen turns green:

Tilt your phone until the angle display reaches 0°. The screen background will shift from black to solid green to indicate it is level.

Useful Levelling Tips

- **Protruding Camera Bump:** If your iPhone's camera lenses prevent it from lying completely flat, try using a slim phone case or place the phone down with the top edge slightly off the edge of the object.
- **Match a Custom Angle:** Tap the screen once while holding the phone at a specific angle to set a relative baseline. The area will turn red to show how far off you tilt from that custom baseline angle. Tap again to reset to true zero.

Apple iPhone User Guide – [Use iPhone as level.](#)

Double tap for camera on Android phones.

Ever wanted to take a photo quickly but lost the moment because you had to fumble around to access the camera app?

Well on Android devices there is a way to do this quickly with just 2 taps of a button that many people just don't realise.

To open your camera quickly on most Android phones, **double-press (2 quick presses) the power button.**

This shortcut works even when your screen is locked or while using another app. If it does not work right away, you can turn it on in your settings.



On most Android devices, double-pressing the physical power (or side) button instantly launches the camera. If the feature isn't working on your device, you can enable or customise it in your settings:

Enable Double-Press Power Button

- **Google Pixel / Stock Android:** Open Settings > System > Gestures > Turn on Quickly open camera.
- **Samsung Galaxy:** Open Settings > Advanced features > Side button > Turn on Double press and set it to Camera.
- **Xiaomi / Redmi / POCO:** Open Settings > Additional settings or Gestures shortcuts > Select Launch camera and enable the double power key toggle.
- **Other Android Brands:** Search your Settings app for terms like "Gestures," "Power key," or "Jump to camera" to toggle the shortcut on

Related Handy Shortcuts:

- Once the camera is open, double-pressing the power button again on Samsung phones toggles between the front and rear lenses.
- Pressing either physical volume button will capture a photo.

Stamps on the rise (again)

The first 1 cent stamp was released on February 14, 1966, featuring a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, back then sending letters by post was very common.



Fast forward 60 years and from 1-September-2026 the price of a standard postage stamp will be \$1.85 a rise of 15 cents or 8.8%

There is an exemption though that some people might not be aware of, I wasn't until I stumbled across it.

Exemptions: Concession stamps will remain unchanged at \$3.00 for a booklet of five, and seasonal greeting card stamps will stay at \$0.65 each. So if you still post letters and you qualify consider applying.

Are you a concession card holder?

If you're eligible for a reduced rate on domestic stamps, you can buy up to 75 stamps per year.

With a free Australia Post Concession account, you'll pay just 60c per stamp. You can buy up to 75 stamps per year, in booklets of 5 for \$3.

You'll even get a free booklet of 5 concession stamps to get you started.

Are you eligible?

The following Australian Federal Government concession cards are accepted as proof of eligibility for an Australia Post Concession account.

Have one of these cards?

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card (all types)
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Veterans' Repatriation Health Card

Information about this concession option and the application form can be found here on the Australia Post web site.

<https://auspost.com.au/personal/sending/stamps/concession-stamps>

CLUB News

Busnet AGM

The Busnet AGM will be held on 1-Sep-2026 in the dining room of the Busselton Senior citizens centre, 22 Peel Terrace, Busselton. All members are encouraged to attend.

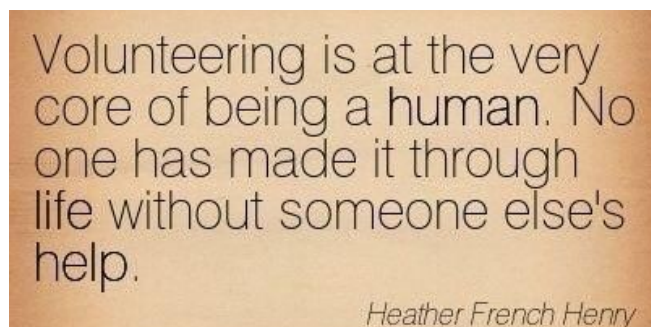


We would like to extend a special thanks to the Committee members who have been instrumental in keeping our club running over the last 12 months, and thank those Committee members who are stepping up to continue carrying the good work forward for the coming 12 months.

Volunteers always welcome



If you are technically minded and don't mind helping others with challenges or can spare time to be the receptionist during our open hours we could use your help as as a volunteer technical support.



Even if it's only a couple of hours a month please reach out to our treasurer Peter Ralph via email treasurer.busnet@gmail.com it is the volunteers that make it possible to provide the support we provide.

Busnet Volunteer Roster

BUSNET COMPUTER CLUB INC								
2026 ROSTER			September	2026				
DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician	DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician	DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician
31/08/26	Monday	Peter Quinby Peter Ralph	2/09/26	Wednesday	Bill Whipp Tony hill Heather Maclean	4/09/26	Friday	Bill Whipp Tony Hill Sheila Higham
7/09/26	Monday	Alex Ashton Peter Quinby	9/09/26	Wednesday	Peter Ralph Bill Whipp Tony Hill	11/09/26	Friday	Trevor Gray Bill Whipp Tony Hill
14/09/26	Monday	Lois Ralph Peter Quinby Alex Ashton	16/09/26	Wednesday	Heather Maclean Bill Whipp Tony hill	18/09/26	Friday	Ursula Hillman Bill Whipp Tony Hill
21/09/26	Monday	Peter Quinby Alex Ashton	23/09/26	Wednesday	Peter Ralph Bill Whipp Tony Hill	25/09/26	Friday	Jane Buckley Bill Whipp Tony Hill
28/09/26	Monday	Lois Ralph Peter Quinby Alex Ashton	30/09/26	Wednesday	Peter Ralph Bill Whipp Tony Hill	2/10/26	Friday	Patricia Lee Bill Whipp Tony Hill
Any changes to the Roster contact Peter on 0429 185 066 OR email treasurer.busnet@gmail.com								
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September Trivia

08 September 1966: The first episode of Star Trek aired. Star Trek, the science fiction television series, was created by Gene Roddenberry. Set in the 23rd century, the original Star Trek follows the adventures of the starship Enterprise and its crew, led by Captain James T. Kirk (played by William Shatner), his First Officer Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy), and his Chief Medical Officer Leonard McCoy (DeForest Kelley).



04 September 1988: Google was created as a research project under the original name BackRub at Stanford University in 1996 and officially incorporated as a company on September 4, 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Larry Page and Sergey Brin met at Stanford University in 1995 while pursuing their PhDs. By 1996, they began collaborating on a search engine project named BackRub, so called because the system analysed website "backlinks" to estimate a page's importance.

September 1939 and 1945 WWII:

September 1, 1939: Germany invaded Poland, which officially started World War II in Europe.

6 years later on September 2, 1945: World War II officially ended with the formal surrender of Japan aboard the USS Missouri.



Coffee Break

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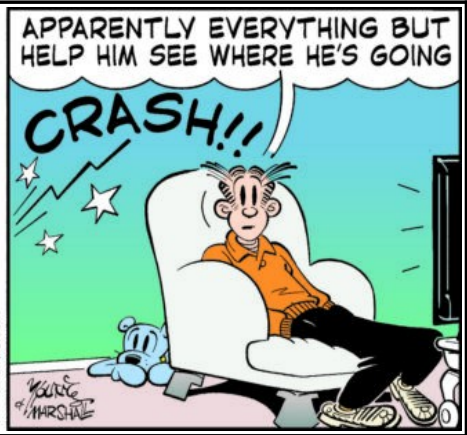
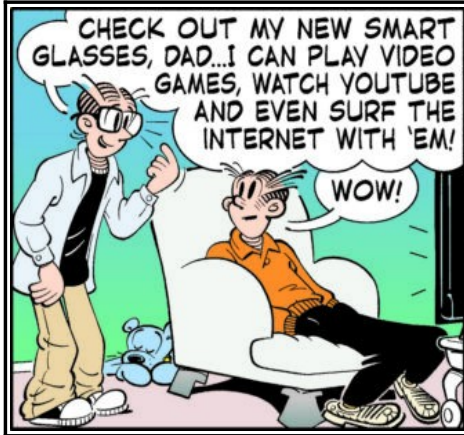
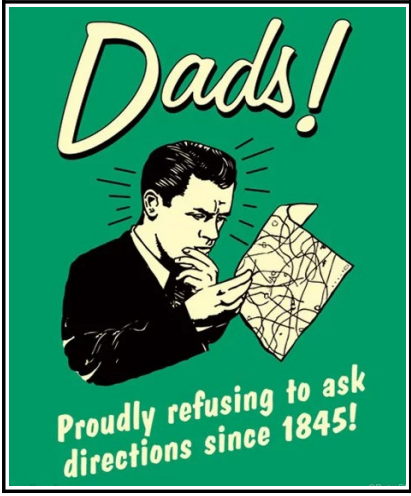
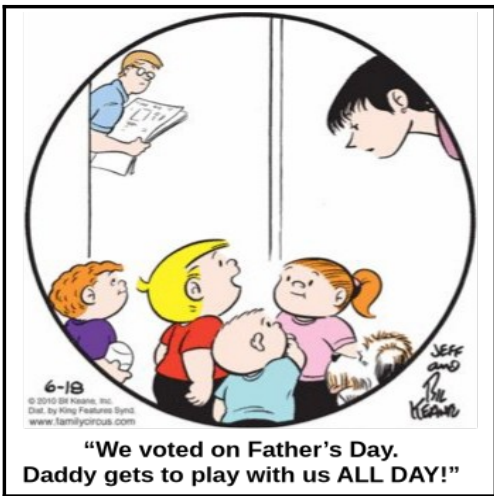
Fill the blank squares with the numbers 1 to 9 so that each row, each column and each smaller 3 x 3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

WORD MAKER

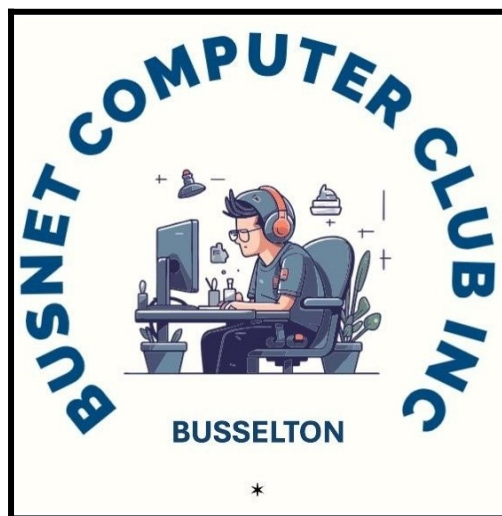
How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters below, with each work containing the letter in the centre? Don't include proper names or plurals.

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A	D	P
W	I	E

August 2026 Answer:
cion, coin, coup, gout, icon, into, mong, muon, omit, otic, pion, pong, pout, tong, topi, unto, upon, coign, count, gipon, ingot, mount, notum, ontic, oping, opium, optic, picot, pinto, piton, point, tigon, tonic, topic, coming, conium, coping, gnostic, gomuti, moping, opting, outing, toping, comping, pouting, gumption, upcoming, COMPUTING



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