

Computer Pals - July 2026

Technology GP

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Part 1 - Please Backup Your Stuff

- Imagine you lost all your devices/data today, ***how much do you care?***
 - Photos & videos – *all those wonderful memories.*
 - SMS messages (not emails) - *historical reference / social recall.*
 - Settings & customization – *your familiar user experience.*
 - Apps & purchased content – *it mattered to you at some point.*
- Ensure backup is enabled and/or backups are turned on on each device you care about.
- It's easy to replace a device, annoying to restore a familiar user experience, but **impossible to recover lost data.**
- Google “*how to backup my Samsung S24*”, plenty of YouTube videos or manufacturer instructions online. **CPST can help you.**

Part 2 - When & How to Upgrade

- When you are ***done tolerating the thing***.
- All devices should last **5 years minimum**.
- Batteries fail first & fast, software upgrades slowly wear us down.
- **Always wipe your devices before disposing, donating or selling!** Google “how to factory reset my Apple iPad”, **CPST can help you.**
- Buy used and/or trade-in (ComputerEXchange).

Part 3 - Sharing Stuff with Next of Kin

What:

- Legal (power of attorney, lawyer portal).
- Government (ServiceNSW, MyGov, MyAgedCare, ATO).
- Finance (banking, investments, insurance).
- Social Media (Facebook, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, Instagram).
- Physical safe, lockbox, vault, passkey, MFA device.

How:

- Hard/soft copy (print, dupe, USB stick) kept in a safe and/or handed to them in person. **Ensure they apply the same security sensibilities!**
- Other viable approaches present separate challenges & risks.
- **NEVER share secrets/keys any other way** (eg, SMS, email, WhatsApp, password apps, “the cloud”, unregistered mail, courier or pidgeon).

Part 4 - Compare all my Login Options

	Example	Pros	Cons	Rate
PIN	"12345"	Limited scope.	Most insecure.	0/5
Password	"Happy2026!"	Most familiar.	Hard to manage effectively.	3/5
Passphrase	"LAWYER!MyWifesCookingMakesMeHappySince1970"	Easy to remember. Easy to manage.	Need a good system to be effective.	2/5
Biometric	Facial recognition, fingerprint, voice.	Most convenient.	Somewhat insecure.	3/5
Passkey	Physical key.	Limited scope. Convenient. Most secure.	Most unfamiliar. Don't lose it!	5/5
Forgot Password		Familiar. Convenient.	Annoying.	4/5

Thank you! Questions or Comments?

- **My Apple Group Class**
Every Wednesday 2pm-3pm
- **Computer Exchange – Used/Trade-ins**
<https://au.webuy.com>
- **Passkeys / Physical Keys**
<https://www.yubico.com/>