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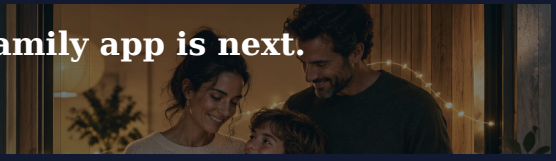


Big ideas. Real life.

Robots learning to share our spaces. AI taking on the admin. And the questions worth asking before we let it in.

INSIDE KYREC / Core in development. The family app is next.

Plus: companion clothing designs and the people shaping AI.



A little curiosity. A better question.

WELCOME TO OCTOBER

Put the kettle on. This month we're following a simple thread: what happens when AI moves from giving us an answer to doing something in the world? A robot has to share a walkway. A business assistant has to know when to stop and ask. A translation app has to fit around the person holding the phone.

That is why this edition looks beyond the launch headline. We ask what was actually announced, who is building it, when it might arrive and what an ordinary household or business owner can take from it. And on pages 3-4, we open our own doors: Core, the family app and a first look at KYREC clothing. It is your monthly window into what we are building, too.

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Industry reporting: 1-30 September 2026. KYREC update: 7 October; Core clarification: 8 October. Company plans are attributed; commentary is editorial.

Core is taking shape. Families come next.

A NOTE FROM MICHAEL & THE KYREC FAMILY / 7 OCTOBER 2026

A big future.
A very personal beginning.

SEE. UNDERSTAND. CONNECT.

KYREC began with a family and an idea worth chasing: technology should fit around real life. Around busy mornings, changing plans and the thousand little things a household juggles.

Now we have progress to share. KYREC Core, the engine at the heart of what we are building, runs in a development preview. For us, it marks the foundation for the next stage: bringing that work closer to the families it is intended to help.

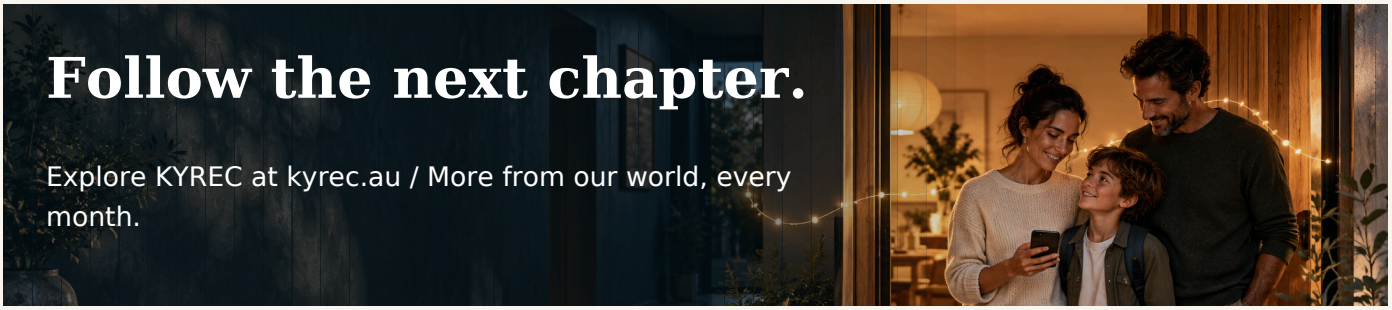
The family app is next. Private testing is planned to begin within weeks, so real households can help us discover what works, what needs improving and what makes a day easier.

What we want to learn
Can a family understand it quickly? Does it fit into the day? Does it make the useful things easier to find? Those are the practical questions that will matter as testing begins.

This is the next stage of development. Neither Core nor the family app has a confirmed public launch in this update. The testing window is our current plan, not a confirmed launch date.

Built around families
We are proud of how far KYREC has come. We are building a brand and a family experience with a very personal purpose: helping technology work around people.

AI editorial illustration; fictional family.



Founder update: 7 October 2026. Core status clarified: 8 October. Plans may change.

A little KYREC for the wardrobe.

ORIGINAL COMPANIONS. PLENTY OF COLOUR. A FIRST LOOK.

Our companions are stepping off the screen and into a small clothing collection, from character tees to little outfits for the youngest members of the family. Here are two of the designs taking shape.



SAVE. SHARE. SHINE.

Bright colour and familiar companions.
Original KYREC clothing design preview.



PULSE / FAMILY RHYTHM

A little personality, front and back.
Original KYREC clothing design preview.

The beginnings of a world you can wear.

We will share more of the collection as it develops. These are design previews; release dates, prices and availability have not been announced in this update. For now, consider this your first peek behind the curtain.

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Thank you for being here while we build. / Michael & the KYREC family

Company promotion / Founder update dated 7 October 2026 / Original KYREC artwork.

First, learn to share the space.

DIGIT 5 / THE ROAD FROM FACTORY FLOOR TO EVERYDAY QUESTIONS

2027

Agility’s expected early access: first half of 2027. General availability: expected by year-end.

Agility Robotics unveiled Digit 5 on 15 September. The company says its new humanoid is designed to operate near people in manufacturing, warehouses and distribution centres. It describes sensors that detect people, movement cues and an independent safety controller that can trigger a response. [1]

Agility also reports a 22.7 kg lifting capacity and a new battery system. These are manufacturer specifications, not KYREC test results. Early access is expected in the first half of 2027, with general availability expected by the end of that year. [1]

This is an industrial announcement, not an Australian home-robot launch. It does, however, raise a question that belongs in every living room: how will a machine tell us what it intends to do?

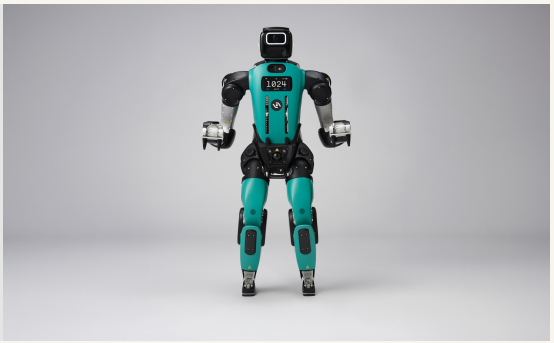
The household lens

Imagine a robot approaching a doorway as a child runs through it. Being helpful means more than completing a task quickly. It means noticing the person, pausing predictably and making its next move easy to understand. That is an editorial example, not a Digit 5 home capability claim.

Product image: Agility Robotics / Digit 5 announcement.

The question to keep

When you watch a robot demonstration, ask: what happens when somebody gets in the way? Look for a clear answer about stopping, supervision and recovery—not just a successful routine.



Sources: [1] Agility Robotics · 15 Sep 2026

The world is bigger than a chat box.

FEI-FEI LI / A CREATOR’S NEXT CHAPTER



“The universe isn’t made up of words; it’s made of real things.”

FEI-FEI LI
Published essay
28 September 2026 [4]

Portrait: Stanford HAI.

In her September essay, Fei-Fei Li traces a path from visual-intelligence research to World Labs, the company she founded in 2024 with Ben Mildenhall and Justin Johnson. Her argument is that AI needs to reason about the physical world as well as language. She links the move towards AMD to the need for closer ties between research and hardware. This is a profile based on her published account, not a KYREC interview. [4]

On 28 September, AMD announced an agreement to acquire World Labs in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately US$8.2 billion. Completion is expected by the end of 2026, subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions. Li would become AMD’s executive vice president and chief scientist after the deal closes. [2]

Why “spatial” matters

AMD describes World Labs models that generate, reconstruct and simulate interactive 3D environments from text, images and video, alongside robotic-learning technology. [2] Picture describing a room versus knowing how to move through it: the second problem brings distance, layout and movement into the picture. That comparison explains the ambition; it does not prove a robot can safely manage your home.

STATUS / Agreement announced; acquisition not reported as completed in these September sources.

Sources: [2] AMD · 28 Sep 2026 / [3] World Labs · 28 Sep 2026 / [4] Fei-Fei Li · 28 Sep 2026

Give the admin a bedtime.

SMALL-BUSINESS AI / MORE WORKFLOWS, SAME NEED FOR JUDGEMENT

Anthropic announced a Claude for Small Business expansion on 15 September: 43 workflows, 27 new integrations and training programmes. The workflows run in Claude Cowork on desktop with paid plans. Its announcement names services including Xero, Shopify and Stripe. [5]

The company says approval mode is the default, with automation enabled a workflow at a time. Some processes, including payroll, stop before final action. Training includes US workshops and online sessions. A programme announcement should not be read as a promise of local Australian workshops. [5]

For a sole trader, the appealing idea is straightforward: spend less of the evening moving information between systems. Whether it delivers depends on your actual workload, the connected services and how much checking remains.

Our take

Choose one dull, repeatable task for a trial. A draft weekly sales summary is easier to inspect than a system making customer promises on your behalf. Count the time spent fixing the result as well as the time saved creating it. A tidy demo is only the beginning.

A small trial you can measure

01 Pick a draft-only task with a clear finish.
02 Use invented or appropriately authorised data.
03 Check each figure against the original record.
04 Compare the total time with doing it yourself.
05 Keep approval before customer-facing action.



AI editorial illustration / Small-business admin.

Sources: [5] Anthropic · 15 Sep 2026

Who—or what—helped decide?

AUSTRALIA / A DISCLOSURE DEADLINE TO WATCH



On 30 September, Australia's privacy regulator published resources about transparency for automated decision-making. The OAIC says new privacy-policy requirements apply from 10 December 2026 to APP entities where the specified conditions are met. [6]

Those conditions concern computer programs using personal information to make, or substantially and directly contribute to, decisions that could significantly affect an individual's rights or interests. Required disclosures include the kinds of personal information and decisions involved. [6]

The change is not a blanket statement that every business using a chatbot has the same new obligation. The regulator provides a fact sheet, flowchart and updated APP 1 guidance to help covered organisations assess the requirements. [6]

The reader's question
If a decision matters to your life, it is reasonable to want a clear account of how it was reached. As an editorial starting point, ask an organisation what role software played and who can explain the outcome. A disclosure is a starting point for understanding, not proof that a decision is correct.

AI editorial illustration / Transparency and human oversight.



Sources: [6] OAIC · 30 Sep 2026

A translator that stays with you.

GOOGLE TRANSLATE / SMALL CHANGES, USEFUL MOMENTS

Google announced two live-translation changes on 4 September. Android users can keep a session running in the background, including while multitasking or locking the screen. Google said iOS background support was still to come. [7]

For iOS users worldwide, translations can now play through the phone’s earpiece: hold it to your ear when headphones are not handy. That option was already available on Android. Google describes live translation across more than 70 languages. [7]

The practical appeal is easy to picture: following a tour or catching an announcement without keeping the same screen open. The feature is a translation aid, not a guarantee that every word, name or number will be right.

Try it together
If someone in the family speaks another language, ask them to choose a short, ordinary sentence. Compare the translation with what they meant. Then try a place name or a joke. Let the speaker be the judge, and enjoy the conversation rather than trying to catch the app out.



A little etiquette goes a long way.

Explain when you are using live translation in a conversation. Let the other person finish, check anything important and ask again when the meaning seems odd. For a high-stakes exchange, use an appropriately qualified human interpreter rather than treating a convenient app as the final word.

AI editorial illustration / Everyday translation.

Sources: [7] Google / Sasha Kapur · 4 Sep 2026

The question test.

Pick one headline from this issue. Ask everyone to finish these three sentences:



AI editorial illustration; fictional family.

There is no winning answer. The aim is to turn a headline into a conversation about your own household. Younger readers can draw their answer; older readers can find the original announcement and compare its promises with the headline.

Read the originals

Primary sources • all checked 7 October 2026 • click each entry

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15 Sep 2026

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