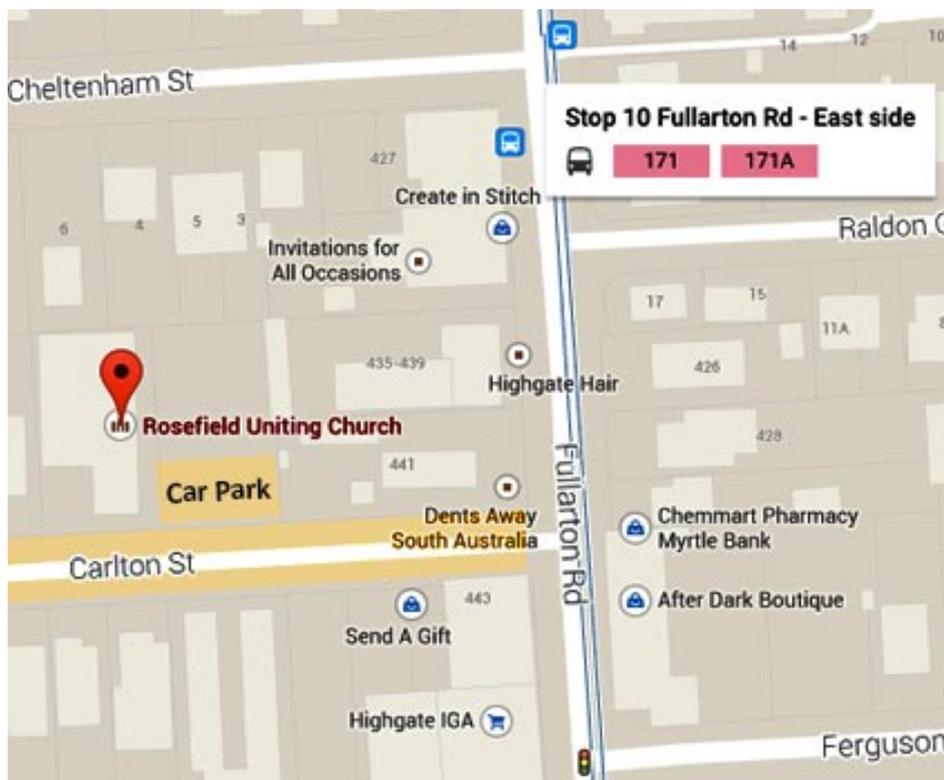




Meeting Friday 5th May at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm)

## SECURITY

Peter Jenkins will be providing some excellent advice on the precautions needed to protect our computers and devices.



Meetings at Rosefield UC 2 Carlton Street Highgate – off Fullarton Rd between Fisher Street & Cross Road

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## Meeting dates for 2017

May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3,  
December 1

### SA School Holidays, Public Holidays and Observances

<http://www.calendar-australia.com/school-calendars/south-australia/2017/1/0/1/1/>

### Advertising on Google Groups email list

This issue was discussed at the April meeting and it was generally agreed that members would be pleased to hear of products and services which members of SAAUC provide and they have been given the green light to 'advertise' on the list. At the same time, it is expected that this is not taken to extreme and we end up with nothing but advertising. We are relying on the good sense of everyone.

## Mike's Musings



### **“It Works Like a Hot Damn!”**

That was the comment from my brother-in-law, Richard, recently after he installed a new combination Wi-Fi router/Internet modem. This replaced separate router and modem “boxes”. His house is built on a slope, with a study downstairs at one end of the house where their router and modem live, and everything else on the upper/ground level, with their main bedroom at the other end. Downstairs, his PC is

connected by Ethernet cable to the modem; upstairs, they have a laptop and two iPads on Wi-Fi.

Wi-Fi coverage upstairs with the old equipment was “OK”, but much improved with the new boxes. His old router was six years old, but only worked on the older 802.11g standard, compared to the 802.11ac standard the new router offered. They now get a “much stronger” signal in their bedroom, and see rather faster speeds on their devices upstairs.

Wi-Fi started with the 802.11b standard, which could only offer rather limited speed and range, on the 2.4 GHz frequency. A few years later came 802.11g, with somewhat faster speed and greater range. Then followed 802.11n, with 802.11ac the current standard. Routers capable of using these last two standards offer much greater range and speed than older models—my brother-in-law’s situation. Wi-Fi “n” and “ac” can work on both the 2.4 GHz and the newer 5 GHz frequencies. Most current routers offer both. 5 GHz offers higher speeds, but perhaps a shorter range than 2.4 GHz. Apple’s current Airport Extreme and Express routers let you set up network on both frequencies; devices capable of using both will automatically choose which one to use for best performance.

So ... if your Wi-Fi router has been around for a number of years—and it isn’t capable of using at least the “n” standard—it may be worth replacing it with a newer model. It could be quite worth doing if you’re now into “streaming” things like Netflix or a lot of YouTube videos. However, if your online activities involve only things like email and basic web-browsing and your present gear is working well, you probably don’t need to change ...

## Apple's *Find My iPhone* Fingers a Phone Finagler

Over 100 attendees of the Coachella music festival in Southern California in mid-April were separated from their mobile devices by a pickpocket working the crowds. Fortunately, Apple's *Find My iPhone* feature saved the day by helping locate the pilfered phones, allegedly nabbed by Reinaldo De Jesus Henao of New York.

According to a [report](#) by the *LA Times*, more than 100 iPhone and Android users at the music festival were victimized by a single pickpocket.

Some of those who'd discovered they'd been robbed began tracking their lost devices using *Find My iPhone*, an iCloud service designed to locate missing iPhones.

“Some people inside the venue noticed that their phones were missing, so they used the app, you know, Find My iPhone, or however they were tracking it,” noted Indio Police Department public information officer Sergeant Dan Marshall.

Astute iPhone users ended up saving the day, not just for their fellow iOS users but also the Android victims at the event.

The report stated that “tech-savvy festival-goers followed the suspect around until he was detained by festival security workers”.

Marshall reported that “enough people pinpointed it to this person, they notified security, they looked around, they saw a person with a backpack, they detained him and then they called us. When we got there, we discovered these hundred-plus cellphones in his backpack.”

Police arrested 36 year old Reinaldo De Jesus Henao of New York, who was charged with possession of stolen property and grand theft.

*As reported on the “AppleInsider” website*

## Rumour Mill “Fail”!

“*New iPads in March*”? That’s what I said in the March issue of *SAAUCery* but, as many know, that wasn’t how it exactly turned out:-). The rumour mills seemed quite sure two new models of iPad Pro would be forthcoming, one with a 7.9-inch screen, the other with a 10.5-inch screen. But they were non-starters ... instead, out popped a “non-Pro” model, about which not a peep had been heard!

It is an “economy” model, just called the “iPad (2107)”, with the traditional iPad 9.7-inch screen, at an “economy model” price. It is much like the iPad Air, but has the better A9 processor used in the current iPhone 6s, and the same camera as on the recent iPad Air 2. At a price of \$469 for the 32 GB model in the Australian Apple Store (\$599 for 128 GB), you’re not getting an iPad Pro—no Apple Pencil or four-speaker sound—but reviews have been generally favourable, that you are getting decent function for its moderate price. It should be a big seller in the educational market.

So ... where are those rumoured Pro models? I’ve not seen any mention of them lately, except for a sentence or two in mid-April suggesting they **might** appear later in the year. As often happens when a new model is introduced, the line is “rationalized”—some existing models disappear. The current iPad line-up is now comprised of the iPad (2017), the 9.7-inch and 12.9-inch iPad Pros and the iPad mini 4.

## Stop Press!

A couple of Apple-related pieces that arose in late April ...

**Apple Makes *iLife*, *iWork* Apps Free To All:**

These Apple apps—*Pages*, *Numbers*, *Keynote*, *iMovie* and *GarageBand*—are now **free** for anyone to download, whether you have them already or not. One thing to

keep in mind: these will always be the **current** version of an app, which may not work on Macs still running older versions of macOS.

New iMacs “Late in 2017”:

Rumours appeared suggesting that new models of iMac will appear “late in 2017”. They suggest that there will be revised versions of the two current models, and a high-powered model they hope will be of interest to “power” users, who might normally buy a **Mac Pro**. (No detailed information on specs was offered.)

Cheers

Mike

*Change is always around the corner and inevitable. It's not always what we want or look for but comes regardless. Life hands us the opportunity and challenge to 'think different' - it is what makes us special in the universe. I will be away for the next two Friday meetings but will be following everything online. I will be in Europe for four weeks and am looking forward to testing the usefulness of the Telstra Air network, Fon, as I move around.*

*Keep Rob in your prayers and thoughts.*

*Regards*

*Marie*



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