

The phrase is “quasi Latin”: “Rob, Superior Editor of SAAUCery”

The bird is a “dinki-di Aussie”, a rainbow Lorikeet who regularly visits my brother’s back deck for handouts. Photographed when I was in Sydney last year, and magically transferred to Rob’s shoulder!

...by Mike Millard

Our next SAAUC meeting is...



**Friday October 6th
from 7:30pm**

See location map on the last page.

A word from our President...

The call I had been expecting, and dreading, all year, came last Tuesday morning from Loraine. Rob Fazakerley, her devoted husband, had died after a battle with cancer which had lasted for more than two years. Rob, our Committee member, former Secretary and Creator and Editor of SAAUCery was gone.



Rob joined SAAUC in 1994 and was member #91. He was a devotee of Apple and had a large collection of Macs which dated back to earliest models. His pride and joy was a recent 27" iMac which he loved to use creating graphics and editing photos. SAAUCery started up in 2012 and we acknowledge and appreciate the time, skill and effort he put into that. He was very knowledgeable but also very generous to share his knowledge and expertise and was always kind and helpful. I told him I thought of him as our Steve Wozniak because

he, vaguely, looked like him, but more because of his technical abilities and especially because of his whacky humour. This is copied from part of an email he once sent me

Tech Support: 'OK. At the bottom left hand side of your screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?'

Customer: 'Wow! How can you see my screen from there?'

He delighted in the simple and funny which could also be quite silly. A week before he died he could still manage a smile and a corny joke with the hospital staff.

Rob was a deeply religious man which helped him through the last two years. I never heard him complain, though a couple of months ago he said he was getting tired of it all. He was devoted to Loraine and their children, Matthew and Megan, to whom we send our deepest condolences. May he rest in peace.

Regards

Marie

PS. There has been no decision made by the family yet re a date for Rob's funeral. His brother is in a remote area of the globe and they are wanting to make contact with him. I will notify the group when I hear something.'

Mike's Musings



"Miscellany"

Spelling Checks/Auto-correcting:

Some weeks ago, member "Val" posted in the Club Google Groups that she was becoming quite frustrated by the way Apple Mail would "correct" her mistyping automatically. What made it worse, she often did not notice a changed word until after the message had been sent.

Various replies to her message suggested that there are two places for a misspelled word can be handled in the Mail app. I had a closer look at these, and found the following ...

- 1) In Mail's Preferences -> Composing, you can choose to have your spelling checked As You Type, or when you click "Send", or Never. The first two options will underline a misspelled word, but **neither** of these options actually "correct" the spelling automatically.
- 2) It is in System Preferences -> Keyboard -> Text that you can click the option to Correct Spelling Automatically (Marie's offering), or not.

I've decided that I'd like my mistypings to be highlighted straightaway (red underline) [Option 1], but **not** corrected automatically [Option 2].

TextEdit and **Pages** are two other apps whose Preferences let you choose to have misspellings corrected automatically or not.

Phones Are Changing... How People Shoot and Watch Video

Think about how you took photos with your camera over the years. Did you take most in “Wide” (landscape) or “High” (portrait) orientation? Certainly most of mine have been landscape-oriented. Now, if you’ve had a smart phone—an iPhone, of course!—I bet a great proportion of photos taken on your phone are portrait-oriented.

A recent article in *Wired* magazine said that studies are showing that up to 94% of shots on smart phones are vertically-oriented. It says that *Snapchat* “has done more than anything to tilt culture upright”. It requires its big-media partners to provide them with “vertical video”. Vertical “captures personality and body language better”. It says that “mobile phones are weirdly similar to oil painting portraiture of pre-1500 Europe”! Despite all this, TV (and YouTube) is still decidedly horizontal.

Go to <<https://www.wired.com/story/thompson-smartphone-video/>> to read the full article.

The Curious, Complicated History of Queen Elizabeth's iPod

Photos taken somewhat recently showed the Queen greeting a foreign dignitary in the Palace. On the whole, the background was just like that in many similar photos. But someone looked a little closer at something tucked away in a corner; on closer inspection, they decided it was definitely an iPod! The Queen with an iPod? Curiouser and curiouser! The scuttlebutt is that in 2005 she had bought an iPod. Then, in 2009, the visiting Obamas gave her one—one “loaded with songs and footage from her 2007 trip to the United States”. (At that time, then P.M. Gordon Brown gave Mr. Obama “a penholder carved from the wood of an anti-slave ship”.)

Excitement gradually died down, but speculation continued as to the model of iPod. It was decided that, given its click-wheel and colouring, it was an iPod Classic. But no-one from the palace was willing to “tell tales”.

So, does Her Majesty use her iPod? No-one seems to know. She is known to really enjoy music, has a good singing voice, and has been known to play the piano. It is felt that perhaps she really doesn’t have time to enjoy the use of her “Pod”. Full story at <<https://www.vogue.com/article/queen-elizabeth-ipod-investigation>>.

High Sierra's new APFS File System Incompatible With HDDs

Apple set up their new APFS file system on iPads and iPhones when you upgraded to iOS 10.3—automatically as part of the upgrade. For most it has worked seamlessly.

The installation of macOS High Sierra will upgrade the file system on a Mac automatically—well, those with SSDs. But Macs with HDDs (legacy “spinning” drives) and Fusion drives (an HDD in conjunction with a small SSD) cannot be updated to APFS.

A later report suggested that Macs with Fusion drives will be upgradable to APFS in an update to High Sierra. Watch this space:-)!

Dropbox Drops Support

Dropbox announced that as of January 16th/2018, the macOS Dropbox app will no longer work under macOS 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8. The app itself will not be available for download after November 03rd/2017. The Dropbox app itself will not run after that date under one of these versions of macOS.

If you are affected by this move, your files will remain and accessible in your Dropbox account. You will be able to access these files via a web-browser logged onto dropbox.com, or from any computer running a more recent version of macOS.

Outcomes from Apple's "Event" of Early September

iPhones, Apple TV and Apple Watch were set free. Some thoughts ...

iPhones: We were shown the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus, and the ... iPhone X! The 8 and 8 Plus are direct linear descendants of the 7 and 7 Plus, but with double the capacity and at a slightly higher prices than expected, and are available now. By the end of September sales of the 8/8 Plus were somewhat less than hoped for, “as everyone is waiting for the iPhone X”. But the model X will not be released until mid-October, likely in restricted numbers. It is rather different from the other models, and requires some special manufacturing processes, which is limiting quantities. And it costs a lot.

Apple TV: A new model of the Apple TV is available now. It handles **4K** and some other video enhancements, but to see them you'll need it connected to

a new “4K” model TV set. With that combination, you can watch 4K video from from Apple and Netflix, but **not** YouTube’s 4K videos. (Something about how YouTube’s 4K videos are encoded, I think.)

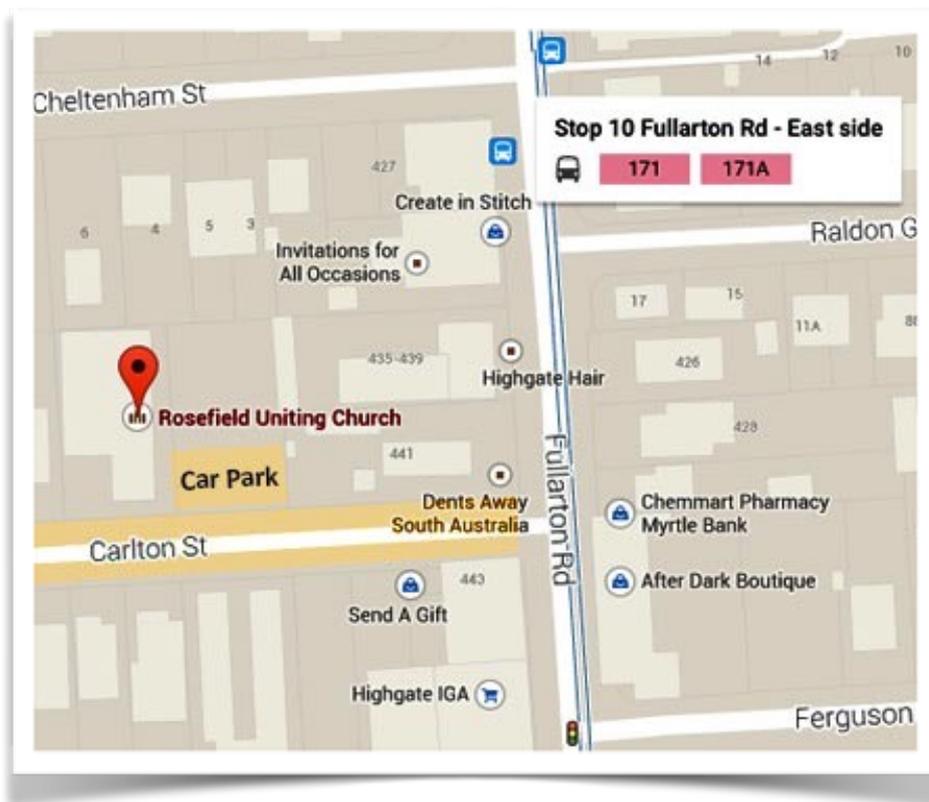
Watch 3: A major enhancement is optional cellular phone capability. With that, you can handle phone calls without being tied to your iPhone. (Being able to use this will likely depend on mobile telcos in your country facilitating this capability.)

iOS 11, tvOS 11, watchOS 4, macOS 11: These were all announced at the Event. iOS 11, tvOS 11 and watchOS 4 were available almost immediately, macOS 11 on September/25th. I have updated my iPad and Apple TV “with no complications” — though I have still to read the full details of what’s new in each! I’ll wait a little while before upgrading my iMac, though.

The Apple **TV** App: I discovered this little beastie on both my iPad and Apple TV after upgrading. The Americans have had it for a little while, while you Australians and we Canadians just got it after The Event. It showed me quite a few TV shows on local networks I could watch via this app, though that for many I think you have to also have on your device the app for the particular network a show comes from. I have an app for our CBC TV network; shows from a Canadian Netflix-like service also showed up on the TV app, but you have to pay to watch their shows. But it is very handy having so many things gathered in the one place!

Cheers,

Mike



**Meetings at Rosefield UC 2 Carlton Street Highgate
(off Fullarton Rd, between Fisher Street & Cross Road)**

Street View <https://goo.gl/maps/3Zj4RFTpSHk>

Meeting dates for 2017

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/>>



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