SAAUCery
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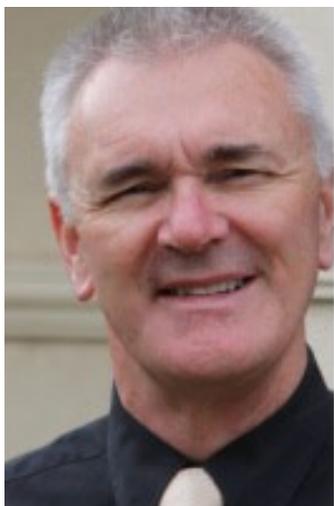What will 2016 bring?

February Meetings

Friday 5th @ 7:30pm (Doors open 7:00pm)

Geoff Perkins: iPad Pro & Apple Pencil

https://about.me/geoffperkins http://www.geoffperkins.com

Come along and see how these new products can be used productively.
Anyone who was at his last presentation will not want to miss out on this one.

Wednesday 10th @ 2:00pm

Our usual friendly meeting with Mac and iOS interactive help.
If you have any serious problems, hardware or software that you would like help with, give us some advance warning so we can contact you and be prepared.
<info@saauc.org.au>

"The only silly question, is the one that was not asked!" **remains the motto of Wednesday meetings.**
Remember, we all know something that others do not – we can all learn from each other.
The people who lead each month need you to share what you know too.

March Meetings
AGM Friday 4th March 2016 at 7:30pm

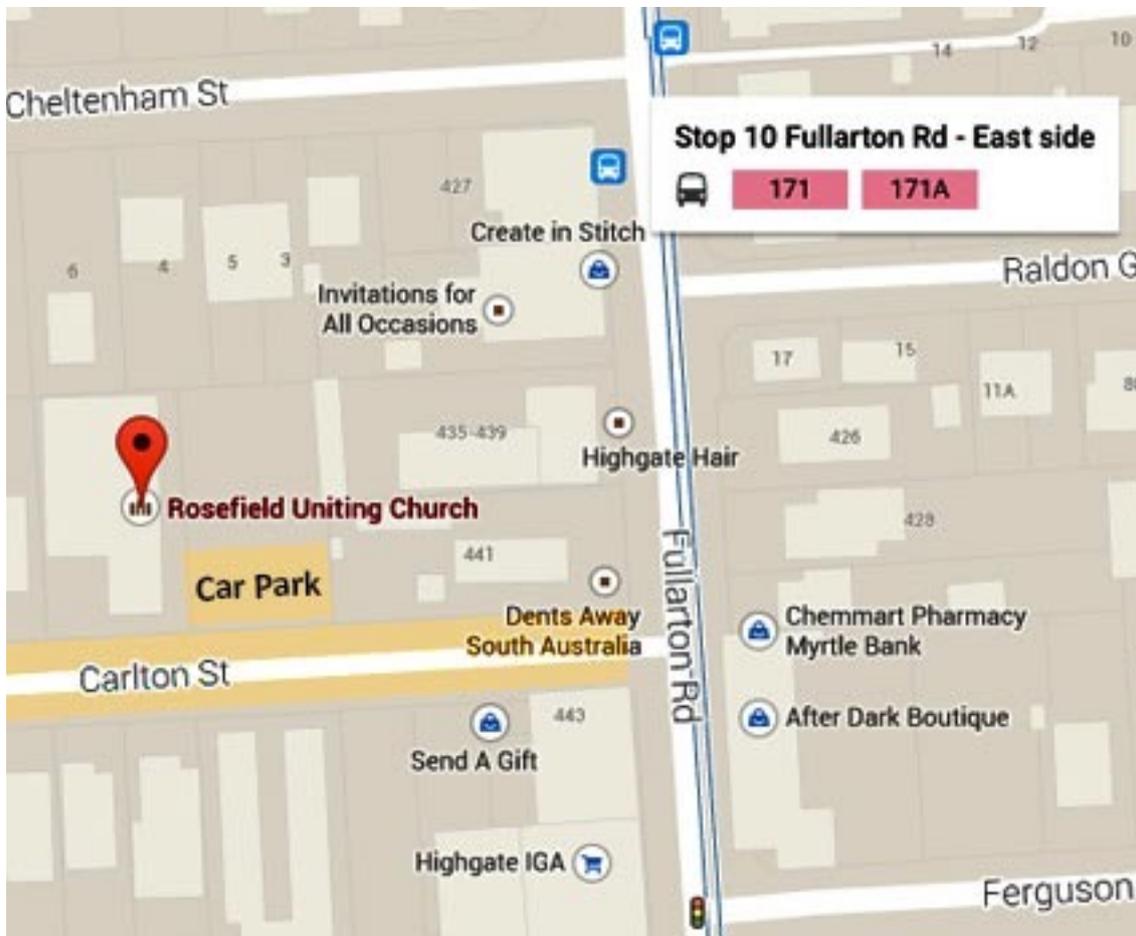*(Doors open 7:00pm – AGM Followed by activity meeting)*

Further meeting, nomination and proxy voting information will sent to all members separately very soon.

Please register your nomination/s and attendance or proxy ASAP.

Wednesday 9th @ 2:00pm – meeting as usual – content to be advertised in next edition.

April Meetings: *Note dates – meetings 1 week later than usual due to Easter and venue availability.*

Friday 8th April & Wednesday 13th

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

Street View: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-34.960106,138.624922,3a,90y,357.08h,90.59t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sbqkyXXNQ39xlB7LKVM0QyQ!2e0!6m1!1e1>

From our President

Our year kicked off with a Committee Meeting in which we met with our webmaster, Ron Rowe, made a few decisions about our website and considered some ideas for increasing the appeal of SAAUC activities. The aim is to link our website more with our Facebook page and vice versa - the website will have structural information, copies of SAAUCery and links to larger articles, such as this one about the iPhone http://www.saauc.org.au/library.html This link will take you to our Library page and you can then also have a look at the rest of the website. We don't expect to rival our Melbourne colleagues in AUSOM (Apple Users Society of Melbourne) but will develop the site over time. The Facebook icon on the website will take you to the SAAUC page where you can become our 'friend'! Take a look at both and give us some feed back. We are indebted to Ron for the website and Rick Sarkanen for the Facebook page.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting for the year next Friday 5th February and the presentation by Geoff Perkins of the new iPad Pro and Apple Pencil.

Regards

Marie

At our Committee Meeting

The essential planning ahead took place with extra input from Frank, Peter J. & Peter W.
As meeting attendees know, numbers have been down recently prompting us to think hard about what can be done to address that.

Question 1: *Why do you come to – or not come to meetings?*

Question 2: *What do you value most about SAAUC membership?*

Question 3: *What would you like to see improved?*

Please reply to <info@saauc.org.au>

We continue to try to find people to present and lead SIG's on topics that members will be interested in and hope to be able to share meeting highlights with those who can not attend.

We really do need more people to share responsibilities by being on Committee, due to my cancer Marie has worn three hats, President, Treasurer and temporary Secretary, roles that of themselves are reasonable commitments but together are really a lot of work.
I still manage to do this newsletter, Rick is looking after Facebook, Judi, the Library and catering, Rudolph, Meet and Greet at meetings and Dave has other input. We need others to help us represent members by sharing their vision for our future and understanding of what members want so that we make good decisions. We also need people willing to share their talents in other ways like presenting, assisting with SIG's, writing short articles, sharing news and advice via the groups email and/or Facebook.

New members are also needed and so revamping the website and embracing Facebook are essential as first impressions are so important.

SAAUCery will soon be available as a PDF download from the website as well as directly via email format.

Ron has been working on the website, we decided to delete the older pages which time has made irrelevant and would require a lot of work to modify, there were many broken and now non-existent links. The web site is a continuous work in progress, SAAUCery as a PDF download should be available this month, conversion is underway.

Take a look – more changes to come.

If you know people who may like to join us, bring them along to our meetings, personal invitation is the best advertising.

Clubs are no longer favoured by the majority of young people but not all, empty nesters and the newly retired may be people we we can attract. The club is for all ages, being welcoming and mixing well at meetings will encourage all attendees to come again.

What will 2016 bring?

New Apple products for sure. For our club, what it brings will depend on member support and involvement.

The AGM is coming up – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU – Please consider joining the committee.

THANK YOU *to all who are contributing to SAAUC.*

Rob

Driving an Apple TV 4

I offered a "Few Thoughts" on the new Apple TV box in the January issue of *SAAUCery*. I can now drive one—a 32 GB unit found its way into my Christmas stocking.

I mentioned in January that Apple has removed the optical audio port from the ATV4, which I had relied on with my old ATV2. By swapping connections between the ATV4 and my DVD player, I was able to get video and audio with just the HDMI cable on the ATV4.

The ATV4 comes with just a few apps—*Settings* and a few Apple ones related to the ATV App Store: Music, Movies, Computers (on the same Wi-Fi network, for "pulling up" music or photos on such a computer when *iTunes/Home Sharing* is active on it), etc. You then stock your new ATV4 with other apps, some free, some at cost. The Canadian App Store has a lot a of games and apps for major North American sports leagues, as well as for several "streaming" services (*Netflix*, of course!), a good many of which "cost". These did not interest me, so I looked for "freebies". *YouTube* was a given:-). *CBC News* gave me CBC news items and other public service shows; the *NFB* app gives me access to hundreds of excellent documentaries made by the *National Film Board of Canada*.

Apps for *The Weather Network* and T*ripAdvisor* are useful, too. (I haven't "Got" any games, so I can't tell you what the new Remote is like as a game-controller.)

Apple makes much of being able to "Search" using *Siri* on the ATV4's new-style Remote. Yes, you can certainly ask Siri to do many things, but … right now most of them are only on Apple things; few (if any?) third-party apps have Siri-compliant searching programmed in. I can "*Run YouTube, Siri*", but She cannot "*Play 'God save The Queen'*" once I'm in YouTube. But She can "*Play a James Bond movie, Siri*" if said movie is in the iTunes Movie catalogue!

Searching using the Remote can be tedious—you scroll across the screen!—but luckily the latest version of the *Remote* app on your iDevice **can** control the ATV4; it allows you to type in search words using the iDevice's keyboard.

For now, the range of offerings in the Canadian App Store is rather sparse, but (I hope) it will get better over time. The Australian App Store may be little better—even barer(*)? As I said in January, if local TV networks create apps that let me play shows that have recently broadcast, I could pull them straight up onto my TV, instead of having to "AirPlay" them via my iPad. This would please me a lot!

So, for now, I'm doing little more than what I did using my old ATV2, but I believe in the potential of the ATV4:-).

(*) From *TidBITS:*

Most Apple TV coverage has been U.S.-centric, but Sarah Hendrica Bickerton offers her perspective on the Apple TV as a New Zealander, and it's not a sunny one. Bickerton reports that Siri and iTunes TV shows are not available, and even iTunes movie releases lag weeks behind the rest of the world. While Netflix is finally available in New Zealand, it doesn't even offer the Netflix original series "House of Cards" due to muddy distribution rights. Despite all of that, Bickerton is bullish on the new Apple TV due to tvOS and its associated App Store. Her article is a welcome reminder of how technology often isn't evenly distributed around the world.

<http://theappfactor.com/apple-tv-2015-review-the-new-zealand-edition/>

Mike Millard

Miscellany

Erasing a DVD-RW with Disk Utility in El Capitan:

I couldn't! That is … erase a Rewritable DVD (DVD-RW) using Disk Utility under El Capitan. I've been able to do it with Disk Utility since the dawn of OS X, but this seems like an "deletion of function", like no longer being able to *Repair Disk Permissions* (another change Apple made to Disk Utility in El Cap). In the end, I was able to erase the DVD-RW … on our other Mac running Snow Leopard!

(I would build up the digital photos I took during the year, Event by Event, on a DVD-RW, then burn them onto a DVD-R at the New Year. The DVD-RW has to be erased each time I burn all the images year-to-date onto it.)

My Current Favourite Phishing Messages:

I've had a slew of phishing messages all through January. They all say I need to verify that "this Account belongs to you", and to sign "in using your Apple ID and password" by "clicking on the link below".

Hovering my cursor over said link showed it to be bogus (each one was different!). What made these messages endearing was their subject "AppeL ID", and their greeting "Dears, ":-).

(Please be assured that all these messages landed in my Junk Mail immediately upon arrival …)

Mike Millard

25 little known iPhone features

Here are some iPhone features you may not know existed

http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/technology/smartphones/here-are-some-iphone-features-you-didnt-know-existed/news-story/6be5249eed6a3e14f1ec795515192ff8?sv=98bd63ca56c823ea5fa478806b750081

Apple News

Apple AC Wall Plug Adapter Exchange Program

http://www.apple.com/au/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/

Apple are replacing power adapters sold between 2003 and 2015 due to a design fault that could make them dangerous.
The problem is with adaptors with mains power plugs that are removable from the cord (so that different plugs can be used), plugs that are moulded onto the cord, like that of the clubs' MacBook Pros are safe.
Be sure to check this out and get a free replacement if yours is of the type in the program. See the link for details.

Software

Apple has been busy already this year releasing iOS and OSX updates, your device will have informed you about these.
Beta versions of future updates are also available for developer testing.

GarageBand 2.1 for iOS

was released late in January. This is in line with the promise to enable more creation with iOS and especially using the iPad Pro.

http://www.apple.com/ios/garageband/

http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/01/20/apple-updates-garageband-for-ios-with-live-loops-inspired-by-dj-hardware-controllers-drum-machines

Financials

Apple have again posted record iPhone sales and profits but are predicting less income in the current quarter due to falling US$ exchange rates and falling global economic conditions.
Tim explained that due to exchange rate changes, for every $100 income in the last reported quarter, there is now only $85 income from the same products sold internationally. This effects all US businesses of course.

The following link tells us more about what Tim Cook has said recently.

http://www.cnet.com/news/apples-tim-cook-speaks-6-things-you-need-to-know/
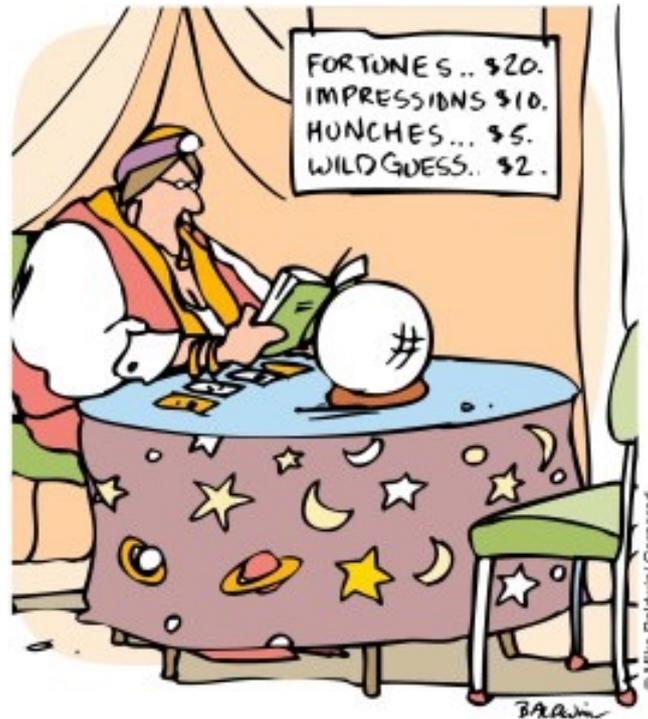
This just arrived – Apple financial strategy questioned
http://www.marketwatch.com/story/apple-ceo-tim-cook-acts-like-hes-insane-analyst-says-2016-01-31

This just arrived – Will Apple buy Netflix?
http://www.forbes.com/sites/jaysomaney/2016/01/31/apple-could-leapfrog-amazon-google-and-alibaba-with-a-netflix-acquisition/#1da9bd9a6736

Crystal Ball Gazing

Obviously, as a consequence, the rumour mill is buzzing, looking for hints from Tim and trying to predict what will be announced at a *yet to be confirmed* Apple' Press event on 4th March.

Cartoon from <http://www.5hdagency.com/2015-digital-marketing-predictions/>

http://9to5mac.com/2015/12/08/apple-watch-2-march-4-inch-iphone-6c/

http://www.redmondpie.com/rumor-apple-planning-march-2016-event-for-apple-watch-2-and-4-inch-iphone-6c/

Some of the next iPhones may have stereo cameras:

http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/01/27/apples-iphone-7-plus-to-sport-dual-lens-camera-built-on-linx-imaging-technology

http://appleinsider.com/articles/15/04/30/future-iphones-may-sport-both-telephoto-and-wide-angle-cameras-patent-application-suggests

New or upgraded 15" MacBook Pro models are expected.

http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/01/24/2016-expected-to-be-a-big-year-for-apples-macbook-lineup-upgrades-to-arrive-in-coming-months

http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/01/27/intel-details-new-skylake-chips-hinting-at-apples-future-15-macbook-pro-specs

As previously shared, the Skylake chips are Intel's newest (6th generation Core/iSeries processors) apart from being more efficient and some with improved graphics processors, these chips support Thunderbolt 3. Apple were first with Thunderbolt and Thunderbolt 2 but have yet to embrace the new version, no doubt due to the chip availability.

I expect new Thunderbolt 3 Mac's before too long. Thunderbolt 3 changes ports again using USB-Type C connectors the same as USB3.1 as used in the MacBook. I do hope that the number of ports is not reduced though. Thunderbolt 3 is backwards compatible with previous versions, display port and USB but adaptors will be required.

Apple R&D Expansion
I have not been able to find updated information about the progress of the Campus2 "Spaceship" building development but did find this below.
It looks like Apple is increasing R&D, perhaps the car?
Hiring car industry experts and engineers has been halted now but according to some there are over 1,000 of them on staff.
Elon Musk of Tesla is convinced about Apples' intentions due to the aggressive poaching of his engineers and the vast number they have employed "It's an open secret" he said. (Apple has the cash to buy a car company if it wanted to.)

http://www.macworld.co.uk/news/apple/will-apple-make-icar-project-titan-rumour-roundup-bmw-tesla-faraday-future-3425394/

http://www.faradayfuture.com/ The company is very ambitious, its revealed backers are a Chinese media company but the speculation about Apple ownership would make sense.
The Media link would also make sense as a content provider for Apple as they have had less success partnering with US providers.

With such R&D employee numbers and facilities, Apple has obviously got big plans for future products and services.

http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/01/27/san-jose-signs-off-on-massive-new-apple-development-companys-plans-still-nebulous

This roundup is only scratching the surface of the wealth of info available on the web. lSearch there if you are wanting more.

Keep in mind the different between fact and rumour, the two are easily confused by enthusiastic Apple followers.

Rob

'Yontoo' adware Trojan

I recently installed El Capitan on my early 2008 iMac with the max 4GB RAM. My Mac has performed like a snail ever since but as it had got steadily slower over the last few months, El Capitan may not be the whole problem.

5,000+ old emails were purged from Mail, freeing up over 2GB HDD space and improving Mail performance but not the very long boot-up without opening previously open Apps/files.

I then thought I would disable the Anti-Virus software supplied by Telstra/Bigpond as that runs at start-up.

In the process of investigation (can't remember my password – still trying) I found Yontoo adware installer had been quarantined by it.

This was not on the new El Captan startup disk but saved in backups.

The following links share more about what this is and how to delete it.

http://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-remove-yontoo-adware-trojan-from-your-os-x-system/

I had not responded to installation requests as described so was not affected but this installer file still found its way onto my Mac, – very sneaky.

Just maybe I should keep the Anti-Virus working but I do need my Mac to start-up and perform as it used to.

Maybe I will have to revert to an older OS X.

A new 27" iMac would also be nice…

PS: My Wacom Bamboo drawing tablet (yet to look for a new driver) and Quark Xpress 10.5.2 (newer 2015 version needed at $385 upgrade price) will not work with El Capitan. It's back to Yosemite for me, fortunately, I have a bootable cloned external HDD.

Rob

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