



Our next SAAUC meeting is...



**Friday March 2nd
from 7:30pm**

AGM & HomePod

See location map on the last page.

A word from our President...

Our AGM will be held this Friday, 2nd March, and I am hoping to see many of you there. It is the best opportunity to review the direction of the club and look to new ideas and improvements which can be made to achieve a better SAAUC experience.



Recent software updates are a reminder how important it is to keep our computers, iPads and iPhones securely protected from an increasing number of attempts to cause cyber chaos. I have a long list of emails which are automatically sent to the junk bin but new ones continue to appear. I was recently shown an iPad which was being affected by an email containing bold arabic lettering in the Subject field - so I had no idea what it was saying. The

usual methods of closing and restarting had been used, to no avail. I suggested that it be turned off and taken to the Apple Store in the City. Don't know the outcome. Recently I have started getting junk messages on my iPhone - what is the world coming to!

A few of us have taken the leap of faith and bought a HomePod. I am surprised at how much enjoyment it has given me and how much more music I am listening to. I will be bringing it to the meeting on Friday to demonstrate what it can do.

Regards

Marie

SAAUC President

...and a word from our Secretary

The Club Committee has decided to relinquish Club equipment that is surplus to requirements and offers three laptops for sale. These machines have been re-imaged prior to sale. Machines as follows.



**Please note, The Club does not have credit facilities, therefore payment is required to be cash.*

MacBook Pro.
El Capitan OS
2.4Gig Intel Core 2 Duo processor.
250 Gb SATA HDD
2Gb 1067 MHz DDR3 Memory
NVIDIA GeForce 9400 320M (256Mb) Graphics Card
Ser No. W80389WWATM
\$150.00. (\$120.00 to Club Members)

13" MacBook Pro. (Mid 2009)
El Capitan OS
2.26GHz Intel Core 2 Duo Processor
160 Gb SATA HDD
4 Gig 1967 MHz DDR3 Memory
NVIDIA GeForce 9400 (256Mb) Graphics Card
Ser No. W8921YZS66D
\$250.00. (\$210.00 to Club Members)

13" MacBook Air (Late 2010) 1.86GHz Intel core 2 Duo Processor
High Sierra OS
121 Gb Mac OS HDD
2 Gig 1067 MHz DDR3 Memory
NVIDIA GeForce 9400 320M 256Mb Graphics Card
Ser No. C02DR2XDDDR1
\$200.00 (\$170.00 to Club Members)

These Laptops have been cleared and re-imaged and come complete with chargers and carry cases.

Please direct enquires about these items to Marie, Rick or Mike.

STOP PRESS: Two out of three MacBook's have already been sold.

Mike's Musings

The Apple HomePod®™©—Post Partum

Well, after months of Great Expectations, Apple's HomePod was "Partumed" on February/8th. (Americans get very jealous at Australians who get to rip



open their boxes first!) Since then, the poor thing has been parsed up and down, in and out and around. Comments have been mixed: "Great sound"; "Looks spiffy"; "Leaves a white ring on my side-table"; "Siri's quite useless compared to Alexa"; "Too expensive".

On the HomePod you can't ask Siri to do many general types of things the way you can ask Alexa on Amazon's

speaker. If you subscribe to Apple Music Siri will play something from there if you ask her. But she cannot "pull" music you have on an iPhone, an iPad or a Mac; you have to go into the iDevice's "Music" or the Mac's "iTunes" and bring up AirPlay to select HomePod—and/or any other AirPlay compatible device you have around (e.g. an Airport Express)—to "push" the music out to them.

Once Apple learns how to make HomePod English/French compatible for us Canucks, I'll try to have a listen to one. From reviews, I gather that even just a single HomePod can set up a pleasant "sound field" for listening. I'm keen to hear a pair of them when Apple give them full stereo capability.

Oh, One More Thing ... HomePods don't have any audio inputs, so you can't plug an iDevice, for example, into it to play music from it.

Trashing Things on a Mac

Traditional, Slow Way:

- 1) Select everything you want to trash.
- 2) Drag them to the Trash.
- 3) Release mouse button(s).

Quick Way:

- 1) Select everything you want to trash.
- 2) Hit Command-Delete.

They're all now in the Trash!

House-keeping iWork Templates

I had a Pages template I had made up a while ago, but needed didn't need any more, so tried to delete it. Selecting it and hitting Delete did nothing, nor did Command-Delete. Clicking on the name to rename it did not work either!

So I brought up Pages Help and typed "How do I rename a Pages template?" into the Search field. I selected "Install and manage pages templates"; at the bottom of the next screen was "Rename or delete a custom template". This page gave the answer.

To rename or delete a template, Control-click or Right-click on the template's icon to bring up a small box with the words "Delete" and "Rename". Click on the action you want to perform.

– Clicking on "Rename" highlights the template name; type in the new name, then click outside or hit Return to confirm it.

– Clicking on "Delete" asks you to confirm the action; click on Delete to remove the template.

[Note: The same procedure works for Numbers and keynote templates.]

An apologia: I guess I've become used to things "just being obvious"; if they're not obvious, I sometimes just give up without "trying everything". "Control-clicking" in this situation was just not obvious to me!

Lesson learned:-)!

A "Smart" House?

So you're going to get all these "smart" appliances you can control from two screenfuls of their associated apps on your iPhone, and turn it into a "Smart House"? Read this article:

<https://gizmodo.com/the-house-that-spied-on-me-1822429852>.

You may decide you've end up with a "Smart Alec" house ...

"Distracted" Apple Employees

It seems that Apple's "fetish" about the ultimate in design has been too much for Apple employees while walking the halls of the new Apple Park building

with heads in their Phones. Apparently the glass panels and doors are so clear that these people just don't see them, and they walk right into the doors. Others have put stick notes on the panels to highlight them, but these are removed very quickly.

<https://www.theverge.com/2018/2/16/17020246/apple-park-headquarters-employees-injury-glass-doors-design> for more ...

The Apple Park building itself recently proved an "attraction", rather than a distraction, for a drone, which crashed onto one of its solar panel "fields":

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/18/02/19/new-video-shows-drone-crashing-onto-roof-at-apple-park>

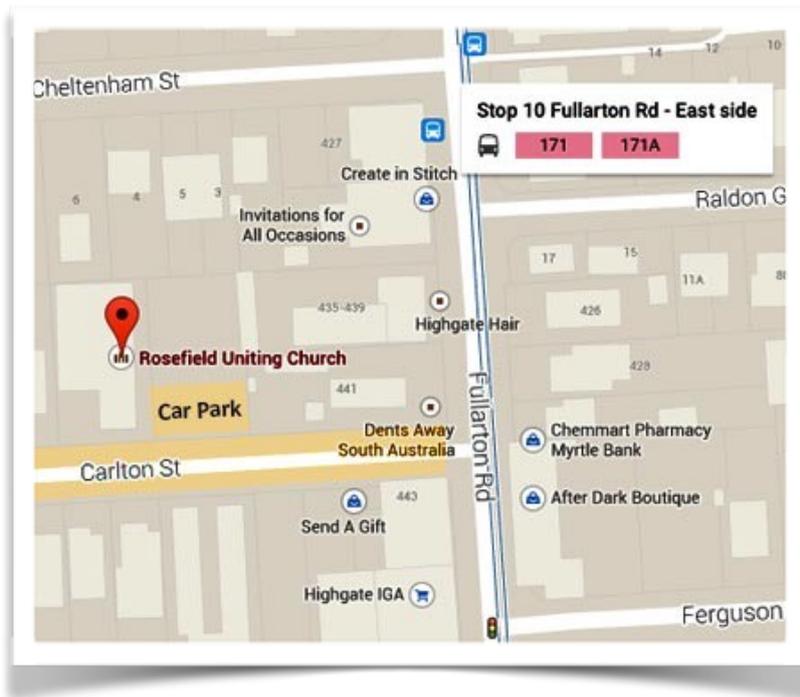
Cheers,

Mike Millard

SAAUC Meetings 2018

Fridays @ 7:30pm

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

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

SA School Holidays, Public Holidays and Observances

<http://www.calendar-australia.com/school-calendars/south-australia/2018/1/0/1/1/>



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