

A word from our President...



It's that time of year when the next WWDC is not far away, June 4th to be precise, which gives us barely five weeks before

we are presented with a new iOS and macOS. I don't think I've got my head around all of last year's offerings. So now is a good time to clean up on some fundamentals of the operating systems and see what we might have overlooked. It's easy to settle into comfortable habits but it is also worthwhile taking a little time to look at something new which might be of benefit but also some of the old which may have been overlooked and lost amidst the myriad of clever ideas tossed at us each year.

Following on from the furore over Facebook these past weeks, this Friday we will be looking at using Facebook with some caution as well as some time to consider some of the basics of macOS. See you there.

Regards

Marie

SAAUC President

...and a word from our Vice President

I must admit, I'm hoping for some brand new Apple products to get released.



Why you ask? Well Apple have thrown in the Trash a number of products that many people have grown to love. This includes the Apple Airport range (Extreme, Express and Time Capsule).

It also seems to be taking forever to get a major upgrade to the Mac mini



range. Apple seem focussed on the AR/VR world, but at this stage, it doesn't seem to rock my boat - but maybe that could change.

There will still be the regular release of iPhones & iPads which are exciting. MacBooks & iMacs keep

getting better, but sadly the Mac Pro and the iMac Pro seems to be a distant dream, due to high financial outlay.

Nevertheless we all wait in anticipation to what Apple will release next.

Little Apples

My young daughter loves playing on iPads and iPhones. She is so keen on checking out which numbers we press, to unlock our Apple devices... but we'd like to keep that secret. My wife has a iPhone X, that unlocks with FaceID. My daughter thinks that feature is pretty cool....so much so that she even thinks her iPad comes with FaceID - though we wont tell her its because she doesn't enter a PIN to access her iPad.

Rick

SAAUC Vice President



Mike's Musings

Apple's AirPort Wireless Routers Reach Their "End-of-Life"

Apple has officially declared the "End of Life" for their AirPort wireless router products—the AirPort Extreme, AirPort Express and Time Capsule. But they will be available through the usual outlets "while supplies last". Apple will continue to provide service and parts for "current generation" AirPort Base Stations "for the next five years.

Apple Stores are now offering the Linksys Velop Whole-Home Mesh Wi-Fi System, in single-, 2-pack and 3-pack versions. (Unfortunately, this system does not "do" AirPlay.) Here are some suggestions for other possible replacements for AirPort routers:

<<https://appleinsider.com/articles/18/04/27/with-airport-routers-discontinued-here-are-the-best-alternatives-for-mac-and-iphone-users>>

Finally, a lament for the passing of the AirPorts:

< <https://appleinsider.com/articles/18/04/26/apples-airport-base-stations-are-gone-and-we-wish-they-werent>>

Stop Press!! Apple has posted a [support document](#)(1) detailing its recommendations for choosing a Wi-Fi router to use with its devices. The company suggests hardware supporting 802.11ac, simultaneous dual-band networking, WPA2 encryption and MIMO or MU-MIMO support. Interestingly, Apple says [mesh networks](#)(2) are a good choice for areas that are large or difficult to cover.

(1) <<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208753>>

(2) <<http://prices.appleinsider.com/whole-home-wi-fi>>

(Note: prices in this last article are USD!!)

Getting the Most from the Preview App

I think Apple's *preview* app has to be one of the most useful in the *Applications* folder. It really is a *Jack-of-All-Trades*(*)! This article with video in it will show you a few "more interesting" tricks you can perform in *Preview*:

<<https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/get-the-most-from-the-macos-preview-app/>>

(*) Still using *Adobe Reader* to read your PDF? **Trash it!!** and use *Preview*. Much more useful!

Handling Attachments in Apple Mail

In April, Club member Marjorie King had trouble handling attachments in Apple mail after upgrading to the latest version of High Sierra. Her posting in the Clubs Google Groups elicited a reply from John Bohmer, who referred her to this Apple webpage: <<https://support.apple.com/en-au/guide/mail/view-save-or-delete-attachments-mlhlp1123/mac>>.

This write-up describes how to View, Save and Delete Attachments in Apple Mail.

Typing Accented Characters in macOS

A recent article on the *AppleInsider* website showed three ways to type *âccèntèd* characters in macOS text.

Option Key combinations:

Holding down the *Option* key and pressing a letter or number key will put an accented character into your text. You can see the full list of symbols in the *Keyboard Viewer*(*).

Long presses:

Holding down a key for a few seconds will display a numbered range of accented versions and related symbols for that character. Pressing a number for the accent you want while holding down the key will place that accented character in

your text at that point. (This method may not work in some contexts.)

(*) Character Viewer:

The *Character Viewer* can show not only accented characters but also a full range of *Emojis*. Pressing *Command-Control-Space* will bring up the emojis, a Search Bar and a small icon at the top right. Clicking that icon will display the list of character categories. Click on *Latin* to display all the available accented characters. Clicking on a desired character you want will place it at the cursor position in your document.

See the full article at: <<https://appleinsider.com/articles/18/03/16/how-to-type-accented-letters-in-macos-three-different-ways>>

A Cultural Note—National Anthems

I have a bit of “thing” for national anthems. I find the music of several of them quite stirring, regardless of country. For me, those of Canada and Australia(*) for sure, but also those of Great Britain, Germany and the United States. I think the most rousing anthem is *la Marseillaise*, of France. On the other hand, perhaps less stirring, more philosophical(?) is the anthem of New Zealand.

Some anthems feature words in two languages. It seems that the Kiwi anthem is sung first in Maori, then in English. Canada, being an officially

bilingual country, has complete lyrics in French and English; however, they are not just a translation of one from the other, as they were written at completely different times.

(*) In both these anthems their respective nation’s “sons” have been made gender neutral (to reflect sensibilities in current times?). Wikipedia reports that “Australians all” were officially asked to rejoice in 1984, and that it was only in 2016 that Canadians were commanded to hold “true patriot love” in the hearts of “all of us”.

YouTube has many renditions of both anthems. I quite like “Advance Australia Fair” as performed at the opening of the Sydney Summer Olympics in 2000 (1). The most stirring rendition of “O Canada” I know of would be that sung by the whole crowd at the gold medal ceremony at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver (2) after Canada beat the United States in the ice hockey final—in extra time! (It was estimated that half the population of Canada was watching this game on television.)

(1) <<https://tune.pk/video/4188539/advance-australia-fair-best-ever-arrangement-rendition>>

(2) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQNPpzzjrWY>>

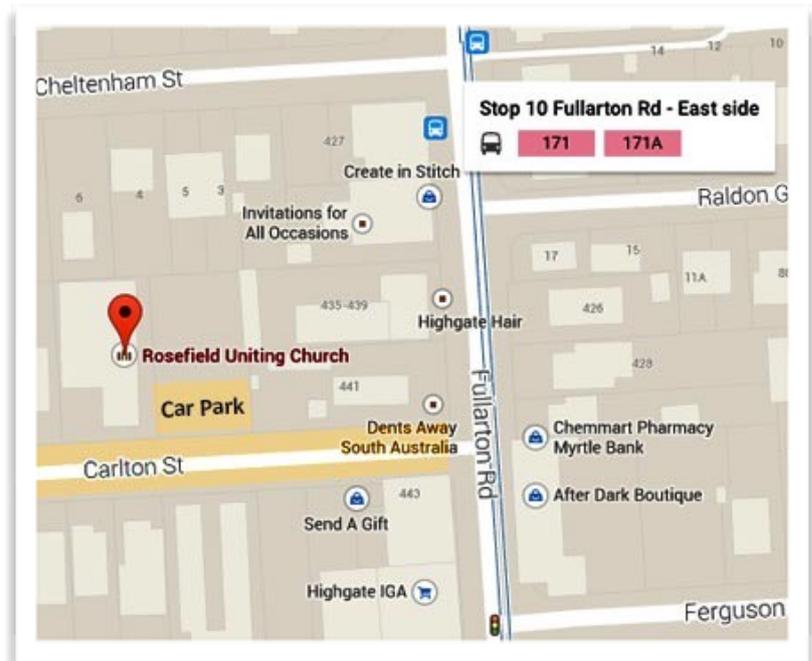
Cheers,

Mike Millard

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Fridays @ 7:30pm

February	2
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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