



Our next SAAUC meeting is...



**Friday October 5th
from 7:30pm
New features of iOS12**
See location map on the last page.

A word from our President...

Apple has released new Operating Systems, macOS 10.14 Mojave for the Mac, iOS 12 for iPhones and iPads and watchOS 5 for the Apple Watch. The explosion of capabilities of computers and devices in the past decade has reached the



stage that most new features are fairly subtle and sophisticated, apart from the face recognition on the iPhone X models which is a huge step up. We get used to using our equipment a certain way and often overlook small new features which can be well worth looking at and embracing. We will be seeking these out at our next Friday meeting, particularly iOS12 and its impact in the Photos App. See you there.

Marie Good

SAAUC President



APPLE WATCH
SERIES 4



iPhone Xs Max

...and a word from our Vice President

We've turned the lights back on. With our last 2 editions of SAAUCery displaying in 'Dark mode', we have reverted back to our white background. Feel free to put your sunglasses on so your eyes can re-adjust.



Discussions at our recent committee meeting highlighted the fact that for the people who print out SAAUCery, ink usage would increase considerably...so it's back to 'Light mode'.

I've recently made a couple of purchases from our favourite trillion dollar company. The new Apple Watch (Series 4), and the latest iPhone Xs Max. The watch certainly looks bigger, brighter and more colourful. I purchased the stainless steel model, which includes cellular, so I can now make phone calls without needing my iPhone nearby. It ports directly to my main mobile number. However it does cost an extra \$5 a month for this privilege at Telstra. <https://www.telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/one-number>

My iPhone Xs Max is great. I have updated from the iPhone 7 Plus, so now have the ability to create animoji's and memojis. (Must admit, my Memoji doesn't really look like me). I do happen to find that Apple Pay seems to work easier with Touch ID rather than Face ID, but I'm trying to get used to it.

Rick Sarkanen

SAAUC Vice President

Mike's Musings

All Hail, Moh Harvey!!



Oops! I meant “Mojave”, of course. (But the Americans pronounce some things in weird ways, don't

they 😊?) Or, if you prefer *macOS 10.14*.

It was released on September/24th. I went looking for it in my usual way—in the *App Store* app, then clicking on *Updates*. But nothing appeared, then or when I tried again twenty-four hours later. A posting in the Club's Google Groups by member *Rod M* provided a clue: in *Updates*, typing *Mojave* in the Search field brought it up; clicking on *Download* brought it to my machine.

Installation went uneventfully on both our iMac and MacBook Pro. I haven't gone through the intro video to learn much about many of the new features in Mojave. I don't think *Dark Mode* is for me, but I have seen very favourable comments on it from people in the graphics field. They say Apple “got it right”, not just darkening things, but shading colours appropriately for a darkened area.

I did enable *Stacks*. This groups like entities under a single icon on Desktop. Clicking on that icon brings out everything under it; clicking again “puts everything back underneath”. Icons can be grouped by different characteristics. To enable *Stacks*, click on *View*, then on *Use Stacks*. Click on *Group Stacks by ...* <whichever grouping you want>.

There is more in Mojave I haven't looked into. Opinions about “Mo” seem to be generally favourable.

“Fonting” on your Mac

It may not be something you ever want to get into, or only occasionally, but now and again you may decide you want to use that neat-looking font you came across in your Mac. Or trash a font you never liked.

Fonts in macOS can be accessible to all users or only to a specific user. Fonts for all users live in the *Fonts* folder within the *System* folder. Fonts in a *Fonts* folder in a user's *Home* group are accessible only to that user.

Apple provides the *Font Book* utility to add or remove fonts. This article is quite comprehensive in describing how to use it to maintain fonts at either level:

<<https://appleinsider.com/articles/18/08/08/how-to-add-or-remove-fonts-on-the-mac-with-font-book>>.

You may only rarely get into this activity. A while ago I found a place where you could create your own fonts; you get a sheet on which you “carefully” write each character, send it away online and not long after get back a font file with your creation in it. You use the *Font Book* utility to add it to a font library.

Anyone Remember Y2K?

Anyone remember *The Agony and the Ecstasy* endured by I.T. professionals and others “way back then”, wondering if the world as going to end when 1999-12-31 changed into 2000-01-01 on the world's computers? Here's a short piece I wrote in 1995 about it ...

Computers and the year 2000:

There was discussion on the radio recently that raised again a topic that has been around for a few years, namely “will your computer work on January 1st/2000?”. The point is significant in two quite different ways, but they both mean potential disaster for businesses or users affected.

The more obvious one is whether a computer system can handle the change in century or not. To test this, set the time on your computer to 11:55 p.m. and the date to December 31st/1999, then shut it down.

Wait ten minutes, then re-boot it. If it knows about the year 2000, the date should show January 1st/2000, at about 12:05 a.m. I believe most Macs do know about this; my Mac LC did. It seems that many older machines were made in a way that will not handle the change. PCs and Apple IIs that do not have a clock/calendar may be affected as well.

The other way that the change in century is significant to computer users is whether the application software they use is designed to handle it, and has nothing at all to do with their computer hardware. This may be particularly relevant to software that has been running for years on corporate mainframe computers. It has been very common to design data records that store dates in yymmdd format (e.g. 991225 for December 25th/1999), that does not account for the century. Following this convention, January 31st/2000 would become 000131. To the computer, "000131" is LESS than "951225", not greater. I'm sure most organisations have this matter well in hand. The surprises will come from obscure applications that have been running unchanged for years, and for

which no-one can remember where the program code can be found to change it.

iMac - Twenty, and Still Going Strong...

How many members are on their second, third, fourth iMac? I bet quite a few of us. Here is an account of its origin and subsequent history. I found it a nice read! <<https://appleinsider.com/articles/18/08/15/apples-revolutionary-imac-is-20-years-old-and-still-going-strong>>

News Flash!

The following piece appeared recently on the local CBC Vancouver news website:

More than a quarter of British Columbians would give up spouse for smartphone

Cheers,

Mike Millard

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
<https://bit.ly/2LCz0Ur>

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