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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...**

**Friday August 5th, 2022  
from 7:30pm**

*(Details will be sent to members via email)*

Location: Connect from wherever you have internet access and the zoom.us app

February	4
March (AGM)	4
April	1
May	6
June	3
July	1
August	5
September	2
October	7
November	4
December	2



Our guest presenters for our August meeting are Melissa Simmons and Kay Harris from LifeTimeLine who will be joining us on Zoom for a presentation which will include a registration and photo upload workshop.

LifeTimeLine is an ad-free, community -centric and permanent online space. It provides a safe and respectful place to create lasting life stories. It's a way to share your story around the world and across generations.



## A word from our President...

*It's the time of the year when Apple start spring cleaning the current operating systems prior to the release of the new ones. Over the last week or so there have been updates to the suite of iOS and macOS. It can take a little while to get everything up to date but it is important to do so as there are always security updates included and most people are increasingly concerned about security. No payment is required to update the operating systems on Apple devices because you have effectively already paid for the service by purchasing a premium product, so make sure to update, and back up first, of course!*

*We celebrated 40 years of SAAUC on 26 July and a few of us were able to celebrate together on the day. Lovely to catch up face to face.*

*This issue of SAAUCery contains a recollection of the earliest days of SAAUC by Ian Bagust, who died some years ago. Interesting reading .*



### *My Recollections of SAAUC 2012*

*Ian Bagust*

*I first heard of the Club from a work mate who had just bought an Apple computer. I had built my own computer some 2 or 3 years earlier and while it was a workable computer with a basic interpreter etc, it used tapes for data and program back-up which was unreliable and very slow.*

*SAAUC had been started in 1979 by Terry Neale who is the proprietor of "The Bookshelf" book shop, which is still operating in Adelaide.*

*At the first meeting I attended, an Apple II was demonstrated and it had only recently been upgraded with a disk drive and Applesoft Basic language instead of tape back-up and Integer Basic. After seeing this machine with its graphics ability, disk drive and Basic language, I decided that I had to have one.*



*There were about 25-30 people at the meeting and as the computers were fairly expensive at this time members were mostly businessmen or school teachers. Computers were only just being used in some schools.*

*Club meetings in those early days were held in turn at the shops of the two dealers, Computerland and Random Access. Computerland had started in Pirie Street on the site that is now Fasta Pasta but later moved several doors down towards King William Street. Random Access was in Hindmarsh Square.*

*After a short time I decided I could afford a computer, so went first to Computerland where I met Lindsay Simpson, who is still a member of SAAUC. He had only just started as a salesman. However as Random Access offered a better deal I bought it there.*

*Shortly after this Computerland closed down and about that time CPM&S opened up, so meetings were held in the Random Access showroom or in a motel room paid for by CPM&S. Later on again another company, also called Computerland, opened up and meetings were in one of three places in turn.*

*Things did not always going well within the committee and at the AGM at Computerland in 1982 the situation arose where no one would volunteer for the position of President. After some discussion and the possibility that the club would close Peter Carter agreed to act as President for one year rather than see the Club fold. So thanks to Peter Carter, now SAAUC's Editor, otherwise the Club may not be here today. Some time after this Computerland closed and we were back to two Apple Dealers.*

*Peter fulfilled his offer for the year and the following year John Schiller became President. It was about this time, or late the previous year, I attended a few Committee meetings as an observer and later in 1983 joined the Committee. Shortly after this our Secretary resigned without notice and I became Secretary.*

*Up to this time our newsletter 'AppleSauce' had been a fairly intermittent publication, but John, as Editor, made it a regular monthly newsletter and it has been published eleven times a year ever since.*

*Committee meetings had been very informal affairs at this time with no agenda and no proper minutes kept. However as the Club was growing I felt it was time things became a bit more formal, so instigated an agenda for each meeting and committee members were given a copy of the previous minutes for information. Committee meetings at this time were held in a member's home (generally the Secretary's), but later as the committee increased in size, we hired a hall for the occasion.*

We were fortunate at this time that Bob Owen, Brenton Smith and Peter McKay joined the Club and later the committee. Peter McKay became our Treasurer and very quickly put our finances on a sound footing. The Club was growing in membership and we felt it was essential to buy equipment to be used at meetings.

John stayed on as President for about two years and then Bob Owen took over and John became the Editor. At this time, due to the increase in membership numbers, the dealers were becoming reluctant to have the meetings in their showrooms, so the Club decided to hire a hall for meetings.



Our first venue was a church hall on South Rd at Everard Park. We used this for about two years and then decided to go to a better venue, the Town Hall at Prospect. This was a large venue and we used the main hall for a number of years. However under pressure from the Council, who wanted to use the main hall for other purposes, we were transferred to a smaller hall. At this time with the advent of the Macintosh we held Sunday afternoon Mac meetings as well. These Sunday meetings were held at a hall in Pulteney Street and at dealers in Kent Town and Unley.

The introduction of the Mac changed the club once again. We invited some of our Mac members on to the committee and even though they were a small group some unfortunately caused problems. At one stage this group endeavoured to split off and start a separate Mac club. However the main committee prevailed and as the proportion of Macs in the club increased the problem disappeared. In time the number of Apple II computers decreased and while we held two meetings on the first and third Friday nights of the month for many years, the Apple II group eventually became so small it closed down.



Peter McKay resigned as Treasurer after many years. Bill Wardrop took on the job and held it for about six years. But after his move to Murray Bridge there were problems with communication and accounts were not being settled on time.

Following Bill's unfortunate death it was found that the financial records were in a mess. Peter Jenkins assisted by Bob Owen agreed to take on the task of sorting out the accounts. Peter at the time had been President for several years

and moved over to the Treasurer position while Frank Wade moved in as President. The amount of work that Peter put into these accounts was considerable. It was necessary to go back for several years and after many, many hours he was able to produce a report for the auditors prior to the next AGM. Thank you once again Peter for this great effort.

Several years before, the Internet had become available to members. This changed the committee system considerably, and meant that minutes and agenda went to the members before meetings and preliminary discussion was often held before meetings. It is now of course a requirement that committee members have access to the Internet.

You all now know the state of the Club and the Internet. Under Frank's presidency we have moved on to the Internet in big way. We have had a web page for some time which advertises the club and its activities, and in October our first Electronic version of AppleSauce was published on the web for the members. In addition, a mailing list has been set up to enable members to e-mail other members and ask questions when in trouble. This will enable funds, that were previously used to print and post AppleSauce, to be used for other purposes.

Well I think that brings an end to my recollections. The Club is now in a very good state financially and otherwise. As a member who had a considerable number of years on the committee, I would like to thank those who were on the committee over these years for the good times as well as some of the stressful ones, I have enjoyed it all. I would also encourage other club members to join the committee as it is essential that we have people who are prepared to work to keep the Club going as a successful entity. I will not thank anybody specifically as I may offend someone by omitting their name, but just say that success of the Club is due to a lot of different people who have worked very hard over quite a few years.



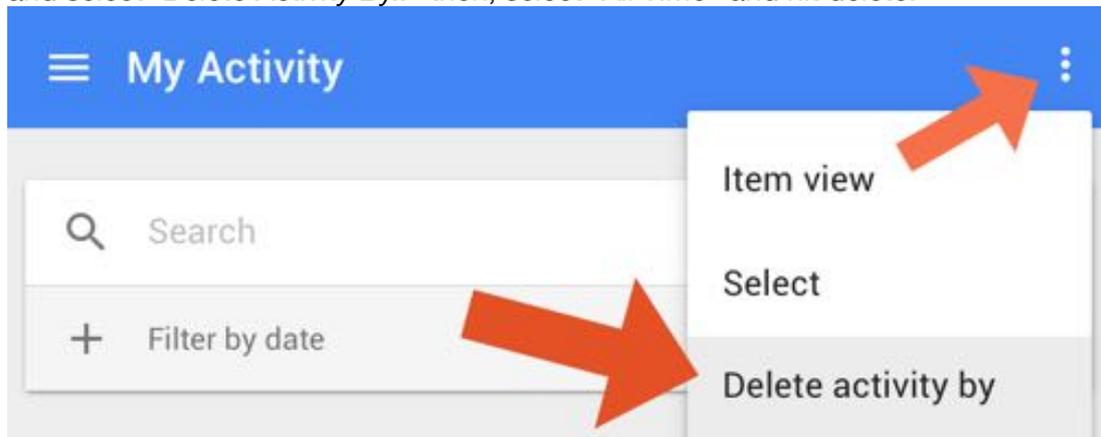


## Privacy on the Internet by Judi Crouch



Unless you use a private search engine (I use DuckDuckGo) then your search engine is likely to have a lot of information about everything you've ever searched. If you use Google as many of us do, go to Google Search History and see what's been recorded about you.

Deleting your Google search history will prevent it from being used by the highest bidder on the millions of sites and apps that use Google's advertising networks. To delete the results you can click on the dots on the top-right hand of the page and select "*Delete Activity By..*" then, select "*All Time*" and hit delete.



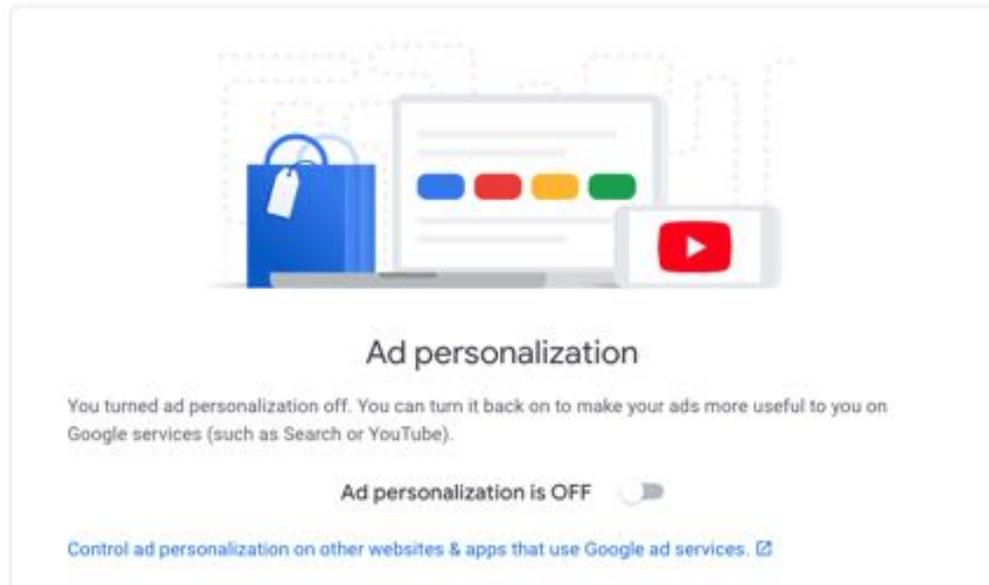
This limits the information that Google has to sell to advertisers. But, they likely still have an advertising profile on you.

As an advertising company Google has trackers on more than 2.2 million websites and 1 million apps. They collect information about you as you surf across the net and use this to compile your "Ad Settings."

This is really just a way for them to sell your profile of interests to advertisers for top dollar.

### How to Disable Google Ad Targeting:

1. Navigate to Google's [Ad Settings page](#).
2. Toggle “Ad personalization” to off.



3. Then click the “Control ad personalisation on other websites & apps that use Google ad services” link to opt out of ads by Google partners on non-Google websites.

This information was taken from DuckDuckGo's blog at [spreadprivacy.com](https://spreadprivacy.com).





## Upon the 10th Anniversary of the iPhone's First Appearance, 2017

[After talking about iPhones with a friend the other day I remembered writing something when the iPhone first came out ten years ago this last June. The following appeared in the Club's Google Groups upon the iPhone's release—Mike.]



*From up here in the Great White North - for those outside North America, that's "Canada"—the hysteresia about the imminent Coming of the Messiah? Armageddon?—er, sorry, the iPhone's going on sale on June/29th at 18:00 in the U.S.—is almost deafening. I know it will be something wondrous—and lovely to have—but is the event deserving of quite the level of anticipation?*

*I mean, you can't make coffee with it. If you try to Text on it while you handle a Snickers bar on a hot, sticky day, you'll just end up with a garbled message and icky chocolate marks all over its shiny glassy face. Sure, if you do finally manage to dial, you'll still have at least one Chocenstein fingermark on the front, and your callee will find you*

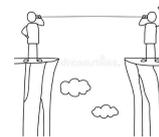
*unintelligible as you try to converse with your mouth full of Snickers bar.*

*For us G.W.Nerners, I am offering the design for the **Oi!Phone**, absolutely free, under a General Public Licence. You can even construct it yourself! To make your Oi!Phone:*

- 1) Obtain the following:
  - Two small tin cans, open at one end.
  - A length of string, up to twenty metres long.
- 2) Using a nail or similar device, make a small hole in the centre of the bottom of each can.
- 3) Thread one end of the string from the outside through this hole to the inside of one can. Tie a knot in it so the string cannot come back out the hole.
- 4) Repeat 3) with the second can and the other end of the string..
- 5) Arrange the two cans where the users will be.

*To use your Oi!Phone:*

- 1) Pick up the can at your end. Stretch the string tight.
- 2) Yell "Oi!" (or "Oi, You!!", if urgent) very loudly.
- 3) When the Oi!ee yells "Oi!" back, begin conversing.
- 4) To end the conversation, just stop talking.



**P.S. 2016 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the release of the first iPod.**

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## “Apple Silicon”



Apple is certainly wasting no time getting their home-grown “Apple Silicon” micro-processors into all new Mac models. Remember that, for some years now, all Apple computers ran on processors from *Intel*. The top model *Mac Pro* is is most powerful Mac still offered with an Intel processor.

From reading tests comparing a Mac with Apple Silicon with an Intel-based PC, where he processors are similar in ratings, it seems to me that the Mac will do the job faster and draw somewhat less power from its battery. I would think that Intel has had enough experience to eventually create chips that re closer in performance to Apple’s—but is certainly not the case right now!

But Apple can still “move in a mysterious way”. They recently released the new *M2 MacBook Air* in two

flavours—the cheaper one with a 256 GB SSD, the dearer one with a 512 GB SSD. You would expect the drive access speed on the cheaper one to be “a bit” slower than that of the dearer one ... but **not a lot** slower! Apparently this is indeed the case! The explanation: *there’s very good reason to avoid the base model entirely.*



*Apple confirmed to me that just like the base model of the 13-inch MacBook Pro M2, the base Air’s 256GB of storage is stored on a single NAND chip instead of two like on the M1 models or new M2 models with 512GB or more storage. That can make the storage perform half as fast as even the older base M1 Air’s and will slow things down whenever you try to copy large files around or multitask enough to max out the 8GB of RAM and force it to use swap memory. It’s a disappointing regression and really means the only models I feel comfortable recommending start at \$1,500.*



## I Owe, I Owe!

Lately I began to think about the ways we can pay someone we owe money to. If they live close by, for ages we would probably just meet and hand over cash. But you can't do that if they live some distance away! So there are other ways ...



When I was a kid, on my birthday my old Granny would occasionally slip a Postal Note in with my birthday card. (For the princely sum of five shillings!) She would buy one of these at a local post office. I would go to my local post office and hand over the postal note; in return, I got my five shillings. This was a very common and easy way to move small amounts of money in Australia. I don't know how much these are still used nowadays, if at all.

When we grew up, we wrote a cheque to pay someone or some outfit we owed money to. Banks issued cheques; you had an account at that bank with enough money to cover the total amount of all the cheques you wrote. The cheque recipient would deposit the cheque amount in their bank account, or get cash for the amount on the cheque. The receiving bank would send the cheque back to your bank which would transfer that cheque amount to the receiving bank. On the whole, a safe way of moving money, but at times a bank may not give you cash straightaway for the cheque amount.

Nowadays even cheques are not used so much for making payments. For paying bills, some form of electronic transfer is commonly used now. I log on to my bank account and tell it who to pay and how much. Usually very convenient for paying bills you must pay regularly. A different form of electronic transfer—particularly for “one off” payments from one individual to another—is becoming quite popular nowadays. (In Canada, we call them e-transfers.) You login to your bank account, giving the name of payee, their banking c-

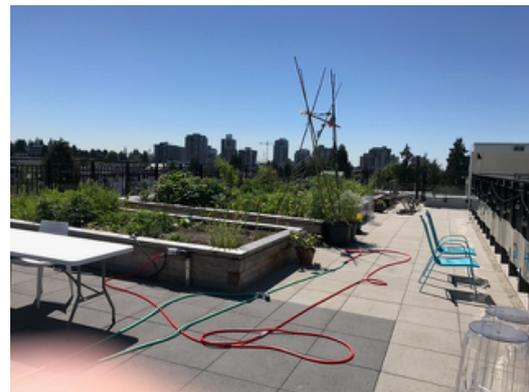
account codes, and (usually) a security question the recipient must answer; this is then emailed to the payee. They must log on to their account to deposit the money. (I have used it occasionally, and find it quite convenient.)

Unfortunately, annoyed at the size of your electricity bill, you can't empty a large sackful of rolls of ten-cent pieces onto their counter to pay the bill. They are not legally required to accept a payment in coin of so large an amount!

P.S. I'm writing this on July/28th. It is the first anniversary of the first of our group to move in and settle in our brand new Driftwood Village Co-housing building. The rest of us moved in gradually over the month of August.

We seem to have settled into a harmonious co-existence. I am certainly appreciating it all. We are growing! Two Mums are each expected to bear their second young 'un in early/mid August!!

And we're harvesting from our Rooftop Garden beds:



Mike Millard

