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

**Friday October 7th, 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

*Topic: iOS 16*

There are so many new features in the new operating systems for iPhones, Apple watch, Apple TV and Home Pods. Come and share your experiences and discover what you never knew was there.

A calendar titled 'SAAUC Meetings 2022 Fridays @ 7:30pm' showing the number of meetings per month.

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## A word from our President...

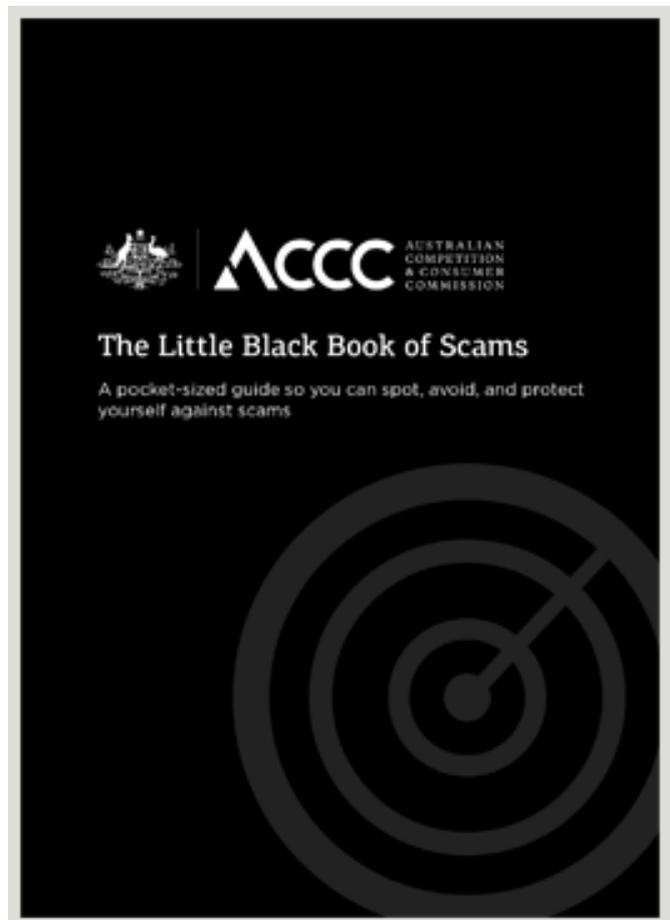
*We are running out of months for 2022 which means Xmas is not far away and we will be planning a get together early in December. Details will be available shortly.*

*Hopefully not many people are affected by the Optus data cyber attack. It has certainly caused us all to be more alert and careful with online and phone security. The government has issued The Little Black Book of Scams which gives very useful advice about how to avoid scams. There have been some very distressing stories about victims who have fallen prey to some very clever predators. We are all receiving unsolicited emails and phone calls on a daily basis and they wouldn't be occurring unless they were having some success. So, we need to take reasonable care without becoming obsessed.*

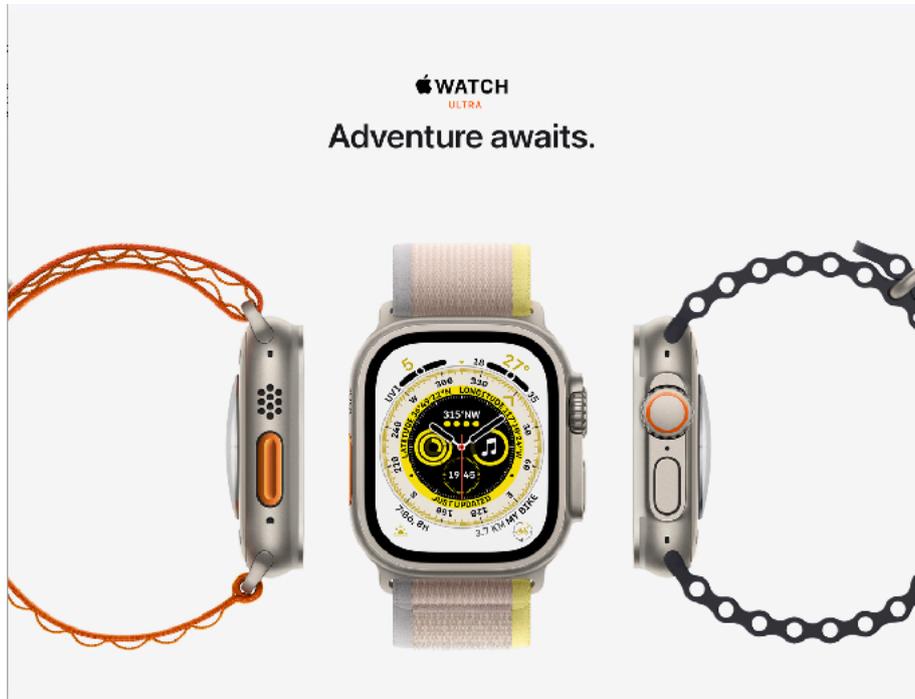
*Australia's national id and cyber security support service is IDCARE 1800 595 160*

*You can download a copy of this little book from*

*<https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams>*



## Something New



*Certainly a very beautiful new watch - Perfect Xmas present for the young adventurer who has everything 😊*

### *Letters to the Editor*

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## How Things Seemed To Go Very Wrong ... Then Came Good, in the End!

The other weekend, two things went very wrong for me, but in the end came good.

The day Apple released **iOS 16** I found that my *iPhone 7S*—which I had bought in March/2018, but which was first released in November/2016, could not “take” *iOS 16*, but was stuck forever on *iOS 15.7*. The outcome: “I’ll upgrade my phone”!

So it was off to my local *Best Buy* (a North America-wide electronics chain with a pretty good reputation). I decided against a new *iPhone 14* (too expensive!), also released that day, and instead chose a basic *iPhone 13* model. The purchase arrangement was the same as for my *7S*—the rep put me with *Koodo*, a service that is part of *Telus*, one of the “Big 3” mobile services in Canada. I’m paying for the *13* over two years—staying with *Koodo*, of course.

The B/B rep was courteous, and did all the work needed to complete the sale. He said he would transfer my SIM to the new phone when it was ready. and copy everything from the *7S* over to the new phone. (This took an hour and a half; I slipped out for some lunch while that took place.) Finally, he put a cover on the *iPhone 13*, and all was ready to take home.

After a “cuppa” at home, I powered up the new phone and started checking it out ... and became puzzled—it was coming up with things I did not understand. I spent the



next while trying various things—with no joy! My final thought was to dial my mobile number on my landline phone. I did so—and my **OLD** phone rang! The Best Buy chap had been so busy getting everything ready, he overlooked the transfer of the SIM! As soon as I heard the *7S* ringing, I understood what had happened, and was able to transfer the SIM quite readily. (The hardest part of the transfer was prising the stiff protective cover off the *7S*!) Once that was done, things worked as they should on the *13*.

The *iPhone 13* is a bit “sleeker-looking” than my old *7S*. To carry out some “moves” on the *13*, the appropriate action is different from what is required on the *7S*. That has taken a bit of getting used to. But, overall, I have quite taken to my *iPhone 13*!

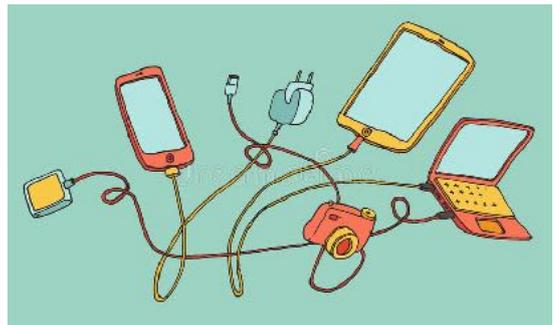
“*And now for something completely different!!*” was a favourite line in an old BBC-TV show (*Monty Python*)??

The other day I bought myself a needed hand-held vacuum-cleaner. So at home, I unpacked and assembled it, plugged it into the only convenient power-point in the house, and left it to charge up its battery.

(A quick “explain” here: the normal power-point fitting installed in North American residences has **two** outlets ... and **no** On-Off switch!) I plugged the unit into one outlet, and left it to charge up for a few hours. When I tried it a few hours later, each time the thing just “whirred” for a few seconds, then stopped. I did this several times, always with the same result.

Scratched head each time. “Just **what** can I try next? Oh, I’ll plug it into the other outlet!” I did so ... **and it worked!** I left it to properly charge up, then used it successfully the next day to do the job it was designed to do! I was relieved.

To quote *Francesco* from *Hamlet*, Act I, scene 1: “*For this relief, much thanks!*”

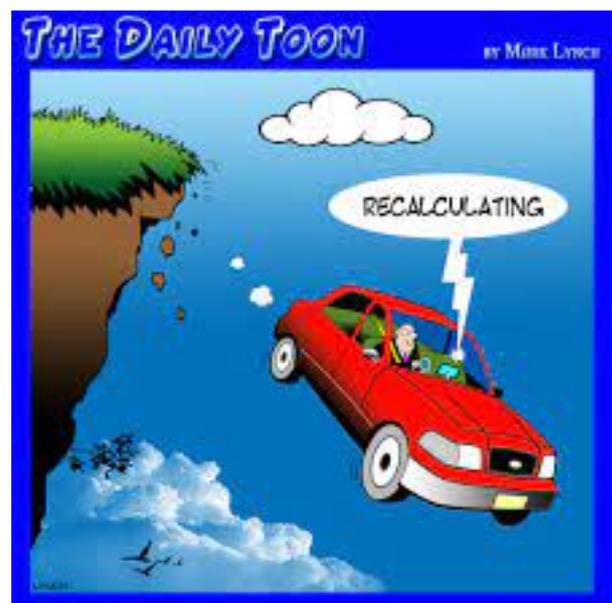


## In Praise of a G.P.S.!

I think most people will have used, or have at least had exposure to, a *Global Positioning System*. The most common use, I think, it to find one’s way from A to B, some distance away. Recently I found it useful for finding one’s way to several places, all quite close to each other, in an area of my suburb.

We were putting up posters for an upcoming municipal election. Having the G.P.S. point to the exact address on its map saved us—once we were roughly in the right area—from having to wander up and down the street, looking for the house number we were after.

Many recent model vehicles come with a facility to recognize a connected mobile phone, whose G.P.S. map is displayed on the car’s dashboard screen. Most cars can handle both *iOS* phones (the *CarPlay* function), or *Android* phones (the *Android Auto* function).



## The “Guest” Network on Your Wi-fi Router

Recently I moved from the commercial Internet service from Telus(\*) to to the “in house” Internet service knowledgeable types set up in our condominium building. It is a lot faster than Telus’s service; far cheaper, too—each household pays just a nominal amount for it on their monthly strata fees. It has been running for about a year now, with no major hiccups (so far!). The only start-up cost to each household was the cost of a wi-fi router.

A router you buy provides one wi-fi network as initially configured, but most can provide a second, independent network you enable in the configuration. This *Guest* network is completely independent of the main network—devices on one network cannot get to anything on the other network. The Guest network gets its own separate password.

If you have visitors you give them the password for the Guest network, tell them they can “go to it” without disturbing anything you are doing on the main network. (They might get a bit upset if you tell them: “Tough luck, but you cannot get to our printer from the Guest network!”)



On most wi-fi routers the main network can be configured optionally into two “sub-networks”; on a network named *X* they will show as *X-2.4G* and *X-5G*. *5G* is the one to which you assign things like your Apple TV, the kids’ gaming computers, perhaps other computers in the house, all that are in reasonable proximity to the router. Typically, assign printers and devices farther away from the router to *2.4G*. (The *5G* signal is faster, the *2.4G* is a bit slower but can a bit farther than the *5G*.) All devices assigned to the *X* network “can talk to each other”. The *2.4G* and *5G* networks use the same password.

A note: The Guest network and Sub-network capability are both things you can configure optionally. Many (most?) domestic wi-fi routers are use them “just as they come”.

(I’ve reconfigured the networks on my router with my own choice of names—*BushTelegraph* and *Visitor*.)

(\*) *Telus* is a major Canadian communications company similar to *Telstra* in AUS.

## Up-to-Date[?] Online Maps

On most Apple devices you get the *Apple Maps* app; you can get *Google Maps* from the *App Store*. On the whole they are quite reliable, but it is just not possible to keep everything up to date **all** the time 😎. A good example is what you'll see if you look for my address: *2137 Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver B.C.*, and choose *Street View* in Google Maps or its equivalent in Apple Maps.

On the Google Map you will see a completed (and occupied!) building—the shot is “as of May/2022”, according to the map. On the Apple Map picture, you will see ... grass growing on an empty piece of land! At the time that shot was taken—about three years ago!—the houses on the three blocks of land had been cleared away completely some time before—time for grass to grow!

**Mike Millard**



## App of the Month

Kanopy is a free entertainment App similar to Netflix and Apple TV+ which allows you to stream thousand of films for free without ads on iOS devices. Sign up with you local library card. The App is available from the App Store. Not available on macOS but can be screen shared to a smart tv or through an Apple TV.

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/>

