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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN APPLE USERS' CLUB

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is…
Friday September 6th, 2024 from 7:30pm

(Details will be sent to members via email)

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

Dates to remember:

Friday 6th September: SAAUC General Meeting Zoom 7.30pm, Apple's Pages

*Monday 9th September 10:00am: Launch of new iPhone and other devices by Apple
(Adelaide time: Tuesday 2:30am)*

SAAUC Meetings 2024 Fridays @ 7:30pm	
February	2
March (AGM)	1
April	5
May	3
June	7
July	5
August	2
September	6
October	4
November	1
December	6

A word from our President...

This is the time of the year when the new iPhones, the best ever!, will be released . This showtime Apple is calling It's Glowtime which hints that there will be quite a bit of bling to what is coming. Particularly seems to be targeting Siri and Apple AI. All the new OS's will be released, even though some enthusiasts, have already updated to the Public Beta versions. The power of AI will be released like a tsunami and the world will have to come to terms with how that can be handled. We have been familiar with how clever computers can be for decades; consider predictive text, yet we seem to have been caught unaware of the sudden surge in Artificial Intelligence. There will be some very interesting releases on 9th September.

Regards

Marie Good

At Unley Library. Marie is a volunteer at Unley Library and will be assisting with Macs and Apple devices once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10 to midday.

Message from Telstra:

3G is closing - act now to stay connected

The 3G network is shutting down from 28 October 2024. Act now to stay connected.

No longer supported Apple® devices

- Apple iPad (1st Gen)
- Apple iPad (2nd Gen)
- Apple iPhone 4.
- Apple iPhone 4s.
- Apple iPhone 5.
- Apple iPhone 5c.
- Apple iPhone 5s.
- Apple Watch 3
- Apple Watch 4
- Apple Watch 5

My Apple Watch Series 4 40mm gps/cellular model will no longer be supported by Apple's updates but, more importantly, will not be able to work independently when Australia's 3G network closes down at the end of October. I will be looking closely at Apple's new Apple Watch offerings for a replacement but it looks like there will be the dilemma for me of there not being a 41mm model, in which case, do I opt for a Series 9 instead of the new Series 10. First world problem !!!😳

At one time, a huge number of SAAUC members were customers of Internode, indeed the founder of the company, Simon Hackett, was a one time member of SAAUC.

Last year Internode made the decision to withdraw from Email services and customers were given the option to 'opt-in' to move their email address to The Messaging Company. 'The opt-in period has now closed, and any email address that was not opted-in has now been deleted and cannot be recovered. It is not possible to create new email addresses that use the "internode.on.net" domain.'

If you opted in you have not had to pay anything but that will change after 15th September 2024.

Annual fees will vary from $30 to $95.40, for 2GB storage to 100GB storage.

If you are wanting to hang on to that Internode address you will need to sign up to one those annual subscriptions. Perhaps keep the cheapest to wean yourself off the email address and move to a free email e.g. iCloud or Gmail. iCloud allows 4 email addresses and Gmail addresses are unlimited. With so much junk mail arriving daily, it is a good idea to have a number of email addresses to filter the messages.

It's Glowtime

iPhone 16

These days the iPhone is the flagship of the company and the focus is on the Pro models, Pro and Max. As sizes increase one can but wonder if they will ever stop growing. There are bound to be a few exciting features to tempt the buyers. There is also a possibility of an updated SE model. The camera features have become a huge attraction for people looking to upgrade.

Apple Watch 10

The big change is likely to be in the sizing from 41mm & 45mm to 46mm and 49mm. Possibly thinner and bound to be new colours and bands.

There has been thinking that the watches will some day be able to read blood pressure but that feature may not be a feature this year. There will be improved battery life

Apple Watch SE

Very popular model likely to receive significant changes to size and screen

AirPods

Possibility that AirPods 4 will have two versions at different price points. The addition of H2 chip will deliver 'exceptional acoustic experience'.
AirPods Max2 may also be released

iPad mini 7

Last updated in 2021 the mini has always had a devoted following and would be well accepted, if there is an update.

Apple Intelligence

Apple are combining forces with ChatGPT to produce Apple Intelligence which no doubt will be showcased on September 9th at 'It's Showtime' event. It will only work on hardware with Apple's silicon chips - M 1,2, and 3 which means only iPhone 15 and later will benefit.It is a pivotal point in Apple's software lineup and will change the way we use our devices.

Apple Intelligence is the name for the set of artificial intelligence features that are in iOS 18, iPadOS 18, and macOS Sequoia, powered by machine learning and large language models. Apple Intelligence is deeply integrated into Apple's latest operating systems, providing new capabilities across a range of apps.

Writing Tools

Writing Tools are meant to help you edit, refine, and improve your writing. It is a collection of features included in Notes, Pages, Mail, and other apps where you write text. It can be used to correct errors, locate missing words, change your tone, and summarize content.

- **Proofread** - Proofread checks your spelling and grammar, looking for spelling issues, incorrect verb forms and punctuation, missing words, and situations where you've used the wrong word like "effect" instead of "affect."

- **Rewrite** - With the Rewrite option, Apple Intelligence can change the tone of your email. If you've written something to be too casual, for example, you can use the "Professional" setting to have AI rewrite it. Your base message and ideas are kept, but wording is cleaned up. So far, options for Rewrite include Friendly, Professional, and Concise.

- **Summary** - As the name suggests, Summary sums up what you've written, offering a quick tl;dr. You can also have the Summary feature list key points from whatever you've written or text that you've selected.

- **Smart Reply** - In the Mail app, the iPhone can detect the content of emails and will suggest relevant smart replies so you can respond quickly.

Image Playground

Image Playground is a new app that lets you generate images based on your ideas. You can generate an image with a prompt, similar to ChatGPT, and Apple also has a list of suggested concepts.

While Image Playground is a standalone app, it is also integrated into apps like Notes and Messages, plus it can be added to third-party apps. When you use Image Playground in Messages, it does pull in context from what you were doing previously. If you were discussing fireworks, for example, it might show suggestions that involve fireworks.

For any generated image, you can look through multiple options and choose your favourite, plus you can iterate as many times as you want because image generation is done on device.

In the Notes app, Image Playground can be used to generate an image that fits into the content of your note, and on iPad, you can draw a rough sketch and have it converted into a better image, a feature that Apple calls the Image Wand.
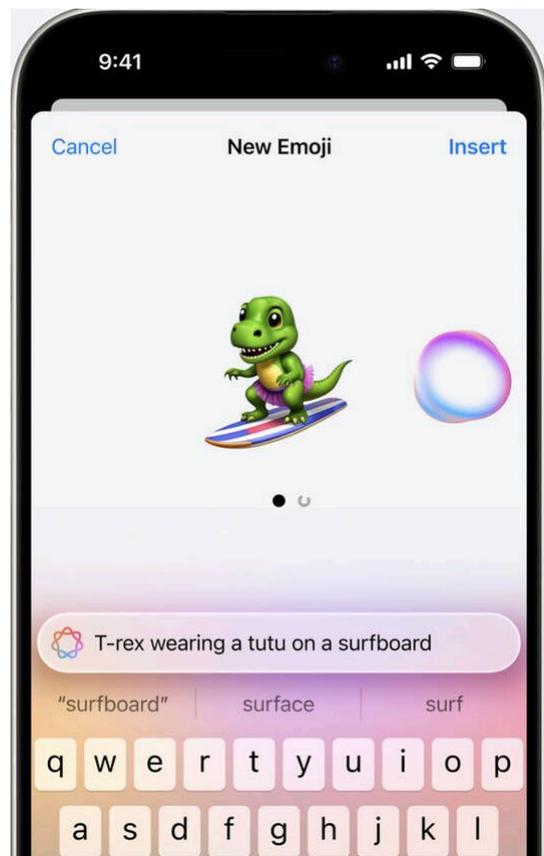
Genmoji

Genmoji are similar to emoji, and are designed to behave like emoji. With Genmoji, you can essentially generate any emoji you want, so you're no longer limited to the standard set.

Genmoji work as emoji on Apple devices, but they are not the same characters encoded by the Unicode Consortium. Instead, Apple designed a special API for

them, and they will display properly anywhere that supports rich text.

Generating a Genmoji can be done by entering a description of what you're looking for, and you can even create Genmoji modeled after people in your Photos library.

Siri and Search

Apple Intelligence revamps Siri and Search, and Siri will be much more intuitive and responsive to requests. Siri has better language understanding and can keep up even if you stumble over your words or change your mind mid-sentence.

With improved contextual awareness and the ability to pull in insights from the apps on your iPhone, Siri knows more about you and can help you more than ever before. Siri can see what's on your screen, so you

can do things like visit a website and say "send this to Eric" and Siri will send the message. Better personal context means Siri can look up a movie that was suggested to you by a friend, find your passport number, or locate an important email. If it's on your device, Siri can find it.

Siri also maintains continuity between requests, so you can make a reference to your prior request. If you make a calendar event for a trip using Siri, for example, you can then follow it up and ask what the weather will be like, and Siri will understand what you mean.

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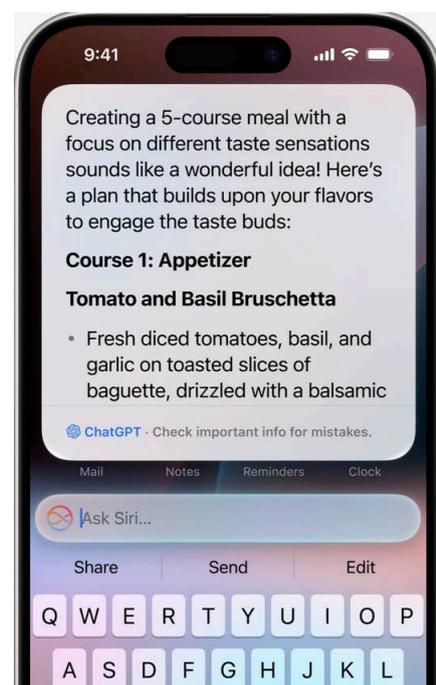
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ChatGPT Integration

Apple is partnering with OpenAI to integrate ChatGPT into the iPhone, iPad, and Mac. Siri can refer complex requests to ChatGPT, such as generating images or writing from scratch. With Writing Tools, ChatGPT can create and illustrate original content from scratch, which is above and beyond what Siri does.

You can open up a long PDF, ask Siri what it says about a particular subject, and Siri can hand it off to ChatGPT to create a full summary. Apple sees Siri as a steward for AI models and tools, using available resources and presenting you with an answer without the need for multiple apps.

ChatGPT integration is opt-in, and Siri asks for permission each time before sending a request to ChatGPT and OpenAI's servers. Neither Apple nor OpenAI keep track of requests, unless you are signed in to a paid ChatGPT account.

Summarization and Prioritization

As mentioned earlier, Apple Intelligence can summarize all kinds of text, including both what you've written and what other people have written. You can select text and get a summary, but Apple has also built this functionality into notifications and Messages.

Long group texts can be summarized so you can catch up quickly, and entire lectures you've recorded can be distilled down into what's important.Your incoming notifications are summarized, and the most important are at the top of the stack so you know what to focus on first. Incoming text messages and email messages are summarized so you can see everything that you need to know at a glance.

With a new Reduce Interruptions Focus mode, your iPhone will filter your notifications and will only alert you if you get a notification that needs immediate attention, such as a text about a ride arriving.

AI App Features

Here's a quick list of the app changes that are powered by Apple Intelligence. You'll only get these options on a supported device.

- **Messages** - Genmoji and Image Playground.

- **Mail** - Writing Tools, Priority messages, summaries, and smart replies.

- **Photos** - Clean Up tool, enhanced natural language search, and memory movies.

- **Notes** - Writing Tools, Image Wand, and recording, transcribing, and summarizing of audio recordings.

- **Phone** - Recording, transcribing, and summarizing phone calls.

- **Notifications** - Priority Notifications and Reduce Interruptions Focus mode.

Privacy

Most Apple Intelligence features are completed on-device to preserve user privacy. Siri gathers data from your iPhone to answer your requests rather than relying on Apple's servers, but there are instances where the compute power of the cloud is required.

Apple says that data is not stored and is used only for requests, and to prove that, Apple allows independent experts to inspect the code that runs on Apple silicon servers. Private Cloud Compute cryptographically ensures that the iPhone, iPad, and Mac do not talk to a server unless its software has been publicly logged for inspection.

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