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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...**  
**Thursday 6th November, 2025 from 7:30pm**  
**Connect from wherever you have internet access**  
**and the zoom.us app**

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

*Dates to remember:*

*6th November, Thursday Zoom :  
Workshop on Apple TV*

*Sunday 7 December 12:30pm  
SAAUC Xmas Lunch  
Kensington Hotel,  
23 Regent St Kensington*

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## *A word from our President*

*The more we know, the more we don't know. How often does the seemingly impossible problem have the simplest solution. When an electrical appliance won't work, is it plugged in, or switched on? I'm not sure exactly why, but it never fails to amaze me that just turning off and unplugging for a few minutes, before turning back on, enables, 'reboots', so many devices back to life.*

*Our Committee meets each month on Zoom. This month I attempted to open the meeting, some 20 minutes before start time. I tried everything I could think of without success. It would appear to open for a second and then crash. Finally, without reason, it worked. Rick Sarkanen was quick to find a report on the web that Amazon's server was responsible for the outage to Zoom and many other platforms at the time of our meeting. I heard this morning that Microsoft's servers have suffered a similar fate. This follows recent problems Optus has had with 000 calls.*

*All these issues serve to demonstrate how much we rely on all the 'tech' we surround ourselves with and perhaps give some thought to how, in an emergency, we might manage without them.*

Regards

*Marie Good*

Apple  
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.

# iOS26 and your Battery

One of the major features of iOS26 is Liquid Glass, giving fancy visual effects to the iPhone. Specifically designed for the iPhone 17 versions, it is likely to have a battery draining effect on older models of iPhone though will run on iPhone 11 and later. For that reason there are a number of settings worth looking at to either turn on or off to stop the battery on your iPhone being drained.

## Liquid Glass

- Open Settings /Accessibility/Display&Text Size. Scroll down to Reduce Transparency and turn it on, making a little less for your iPhone to do in the background and better battery life

## Motion

- Still in Accessibility scroll down to Motion and do NOT turn on Reduce Motion.
- Turn off Auto-Play Video, Auto-Play Video Previews and Auto-Play Message effects.

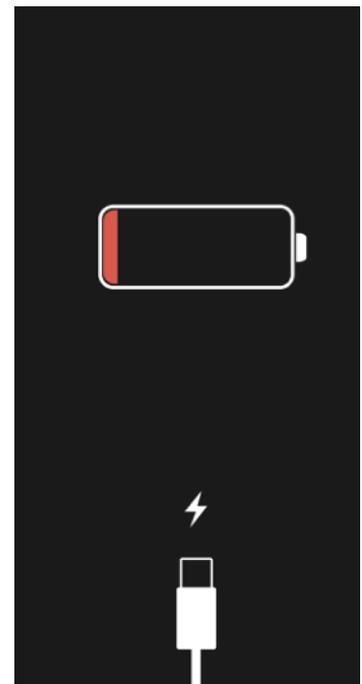
Of course, if you like and want those features, keep them on.

## Battery

- Settings/Battery/Charging. Turn off Optimised Battery charging and set Charge limit to under 100%, possibly 90% to lengthen the life of the battery.
- go back a page to Battery/Power Mode and turn off Adaptive Power - leave it off unless the iPhone is getting very hot.

## Background App Refresh

- Settings/General/Background App Refresh. Turn this to Off. This feature is the biggest one of greatest battery drainers. Lower Power mode also turns off Background App refresh.



## **Communication preferences**

- At the top of Settings go to your Apple Account/Personal Information/ Communication Preferences and turn off Announcements/ Apps, music, TV and more/ Apple News newsletter. Of course, leave them on if you prefer.
- Apple Account/Subscriptions. Turn off any trial subscriptions you don't want.

## **Camera**

- Settings/Camera/Prioritise Faster Shooting. Turn off to have fewer but better quality photos when rapidly pressing shutter.

## **Sounds and Haptics**

- Settings/Sounds & Haptics. Unless you like these noises, turn off Keyboard Feedback, Lock Sound and Haptics - Haptics uses battery life..
- still in the Sounds & Haptics settings is Change with Buttons which enable the volume buttons to be used to adjust Ringtone and Alerts - can also be turned off.

## **Notifications**

- Settings/Notifications. Turn Allow Notifications off.

## **Always On**

- Settings/Display and Brightness . A feature for iPhone 14 and later. You can turn off Show Wallpaper/Blur Wallpaper Photo/ show Notifications which will just show the time and date on the Always On screen.

## **Apple Game Center App**

- This is Apple's version of FaceBook for games. It's integrated throughout the operating system - tracking, tracking, tracking. A new way to show you ads by tracking your behaviour. If you're not into Game Centre, sign out. Settings/ Search/Game/Game Centre - Sign out. Game Centre will allow access to Apple Intelligence & Siri/ Search/ Cellular Data.



Look after the battery health of your iPhone by not letting it go below 10% and ideally keeping it charged between 20 and 90%.

# Apple TV

We will be looking at Apple TV at our November meeting. The first version was released in 2007 and the most recent in 2022. A new model is rumoured for 2025 but time is running out. The Liquid Glass redesign will only be available on the second and third-generation Apple TV 4K models.

## **Apple TV: Your Hub for Entertainment and More**

### **What It Is:**

Apple TV is both a **streaming device** (Apple TV 4K) and a **streaming service** (Apple TV +). Together, they bring movies, shows, and apps to your biggest screen in crisp 4K HDR.

### **Apple TV 4K Highlights:**

-  **4K HDR & Dolby Atmos** – Stunning picture and sound quality.
-  **Powerful A15 Bionic chip** – Smooth navigation, gaming, and multitasking.
-  **Siri Remote** – Use your voice to search, control playback, or open apps.
-  **Smart Home Hub** – Connects and controls HomeKit and Matter-enabled devices.
-  **Seamless Integration** – Works effortlessly with iPhone, iPad, and Mac (AirPlay, Fitness+, Apple Music, and more).

### **Apple TV + Streaming Service:**

- Features **Apple Originals** like *Ted Lasso*, *Severance*, *The Morning Show*, and *Masters of the Air*.
- Ad-free, with new shows and films added every month.
- Available on Apple devices and many smart TVs or streaming sticks.

### **What's New in 2025:**

- A **refreshed tvOS 26.01** interface with smarter recommendations.
- **Multi-user profiles** that tailor content to each viewer.
- Enhanced **Continuity Camera** – join FaceTime calls or record with your iPhone camera on the big screen.
- Expanded **Apple Arcade** titles and improved Fitness+ metrics.

### **Why People Love It:**

Apple TV delivers a smooth, ad-free, privacy-focused entertainment experience that fits beautifully into the Apple ecosystem.

# Passwords App

## Using the Passwords App on Your Mac

### What It Is:

With macOS **Sequoia (macOS 15)**, Apple introduced a **standalone Passwords app** — making it easier than ever to find, manage, and protect your passwords without digging through Settings or Safari.

### Where to Find It:

You'll find **Passwords** in your **Applications** folder or via **Spotlight Search** (Command + Space, then type "Passwords").

### What It Does:

The Passwords app stores all your:

-  Website and app logins
-  Wi-Fi passwords
-  Verification codes (2FA)
-  Passkeys (new, more secure password alternative)
-  Shared passwords (e.g., for streaming or home Wi-Fi)

### How to Use It:

1. **Open the Passwords app.**
2. Sign in with your **Mac login** or **Touch ID**.
3. Use the **search bar** to find any saved account.
4. Click a password to view, copy, or edit it.
5. To add a new one manually, click **+** (Add Password).
6. For shared passwords, click **Share** and choose trusted contacts via **iCloud Keychain**.

### Why It's Great:

- ✓ **Everything in one place** – No need to open Safari Settings.
- ✓ **End-to-end encrypted** – Apple cannot see your passwords.
- ✓ **Syncs automatically** across iPhone, iPad, and Mac.
- ✓ **Security alerts** – Warns you if a password is weak or appears in a data breach.

The Passwords app can **import** passwords saved in 1Password or LastPass for an easy switch.

# In the Apple Pipeline

Apple is expected to launch its next big wave of software updates this coming week.

iOS 26.1 packs a bunch of new features, including the following:

- Liquid Glass offers a new 'Tinted' setting to reduce transparency
- Music lets you swipe on the MiniPlayer to change tracks
- Alarms and timers now use 'slide to stop' instead of a stop button
- AirPods Live Translation gains support for new languages
- Apple Intelligence similarly expands to eight new languages
- Brand new settings to customise your iPhone
- several smaller UI changes, like a fresh Apple TV app logo

iPadOS 26.1 also reintroduces Slide Over as a companion to the existing windowing system. It lets you designate an app to float above all other windows for a new multitasking method that works with iPadOS 26's powerful additions.

Most of Apple's other 26.1 updates are relatively minor, aside from macOS Tahoe offering a similar Liquid Glass 'Tinted' option like iOS.

## **Three or more new hardware products rumoured.**

**A new Apple TV 4K is coming** with an upgraded A17 Pro chip that should enable Apple Intelligence support. Apple's N1 wireless chip will also be included, and there's even a chance of a built-in camera.



**HomePod mini 2** is also **rumored to launch** alongside the Apple TV. It should bring improved audio quality, upgrades to several internal chips, and may come in new colours.

**AirTag 2** has been anticipated for months but still hasn't arrived. When it does, it's **expected to boast** an upgraded Ultra Wideband chip for better Precision Finding, plus improved security features.

# One Last Thing

The year is winding down and we have just two more meetings this year which will both be held on the first Thursday of November and December. We have been somewhat disappointed by attendance numbers at our Thursday meetings this year and are planning to move back to the First Friday of each month in 2026.

Xmas lunch is to be held on Sunday 7th December at the Kensington Hotel, 23 Regent St Kensington, 12.30pm. Great opportunity to catch up face to face with other members. RSVP by 21 November.



The other thing to remember is that everyone uses their computers, iPhones and iPads differently - 'what floats your boat' . Enjoy the process.

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