



SAAUCery

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Thursday 4th December, 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:

*4th December, Thursday Zoom :
Managing iCloud Storage and tips
for iPhone settings.*

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

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A word from our President

As we approach Xmas and the end of the year , we inevitably look back over the past twelve month and ponder on the events and people in our lives. A number of us, including myself, underwent surgery and others battled with Covid or Influenza A. in July our dear colleague, Mike Millard, died in Vancouver, Canada, His friend, Nick Batistic, recently emailed that he will be sending a memento of Mike to me. Recent postage issues with the US and Canada may mean that could take some time.

A few of us have taken to the skies again in search of new experiences and managed to tick some of those items of that bucket list. That list is always dangling and will probably never be completed.

The juggernaut that is Apple faces fierce competition from every quarter but continues to produce quality products. As devices become more sophisticated they inevitably become more expensive and fewer people will be less likely to upgrade as often as they used to or would like to which has to be a concern for Tim Cook and Co.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

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.

Apple Xmas Gifts

If you are feeling flush you might be interested in giving yourself a special gift for Xmas, look no further.

Issey Miyake luxury iPhone pocket

Sorry, the limited edition design, unveiled on November 11th, has sold out. The high-end Japanese brand was available in two sizes and prices, US\$230 long and US\$149 short. Described as a 'versatile accessory which can be worn as a crossbody strap, on your wrist, or in a variety of ways, as demonstrated by customers on social media.'



Available in eight colours

"iPhone Pocket explores the concept of 'the joy of wearing iPhone in your own way,'" Issey Miyake design director Yoshiyuki Miyamae said in a news release earlier this month.



Vision Pro

If you missed out on the first release of Vision Pro, you might jump at the chance to grab the newest release of Apple's Vision Pro. For a mere AU\$5999.00 you too can enjoy the magic of Vision Pro. It is an amazing product.

Apple Vision Pro is a **mixed reality headset** that displays **augmented reality content** overlaid on the world around you, and immersive **entirely virtual content**, but it's worth noting that the headset is not see through.

Everything you see is digital. For augmented reality content that does not make your surroundings disappear, Apple uses cameras that map out what's in front of you, translating that into a digital image augmented by virtual elements.

The first version was criticised for being too heavy and uncomfortable to wear for any length of time and the new version goes some way to answer that. The technology is amazing but... How many can they sell at the price to pay for the development?



HomePod Mini

Apple is expected to announce a new HomePod mini imminently with signs of a tightening inventory of current stock.

Apple's Homepod Mini takes up no space yet delivers

- room-filling sound
- An intelligent assistant
- Control your smart home
- Works seamlessly with iPhone
- Private and secure

Comes in 5 bold colours

84.3mm (3.3 inches) high x 97.9mm (3.9 inches) wide

Weight 345grams (0.76 pound)

Retails from Apple \$149.

Only drawback is that it needs to be plugged in to use. It has no battery and needs to be connected to a 20w power supply in order to function. it is not suitable for outdoor use. The permanently attached power cord has a usb-c connection and a usb-c connection power plug is included in the box.

If you are keen to purchase a HomePod Mini just be aware that a new model could be close to being released



AirTag

Lose your knack for losing things.

Attach an AirTag to your keys or backpack. If you misplace something, just use the Find My app to locate it. An AirTag can be shared with up to five people, so friends and family can keep track of items everyone uses.



I have two AirTags, one I leave in my car and I get a message on my iPhone and my Watch that I have 'left it behind' and where I left it, even if it's in my garage. The second one I use when I travel usually in checked luggage - I can 'see' if it's still sitting on the tarmac, loaded onto the aircraft, and finally making its way to the arrival carousel.

Apart from the obvious items to attach it to, such as keys and handbags, you can attach one to a pet's collar in case it gets lost or put one in a child's school bag or lunch box. In that children often lose jackets and hats, it could be useful to sew an AirTag into such items, though you wouldn't want to put them in the wash. 🤔

They are powered by a simple button battery which usually lasts 12 months.

Currently can be found on sale for around \$40 each.



Backing Up

We are always going on about backing up files. It would be catastrophic to lose some files, certainly photos which are irreplaceable. Backing up to 3 locations is really worth doing and there are a number of ways to achieve this.

The Cloud

Apple's iCloud is the obvious place for Mac and Apple devices but there are other Cloud sources such as Google Drive and Dropbox. Free storage is available on all sources ranging from 2GB for Dropbox, 5GB for Apple iCloud to 15GB for Google Drive. Once you reach those levels a subscription fee will apply.

External Drives

If you are reluctant to commit to the Cloud, the alternatives are external hard drives. These come in different sizes and styles.

On a Mac you can connect an external hard drive and set it up as Time Machine. Leaving it permanently connected ensures that the computer is backed up all the time and older versions of files can be recovered.

If you are wanting to back up your entire computer onto an external hard drive, you will need one which has as great a capacity as your computer i.e. I would need a 2TB external hard drive for my iMac.

Chances are you would want to back up certain important files and a number of smaller hard drives would be more suitable. SSD drives are the most popular and come in various sizes. For iPhone and iPads it is often necessary to have adapters to connect to a hard drive or usb drive to copy information. Not something to put off - loss of important information would be very distressing.



One Last Thing

Thursday 4th December will be our last meeting until February when we will be going back to the first Friday of the month, namely 6th February.

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.



🌟 *Have a wonderful Happy Christmas and spectacular New Year* 🌟



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