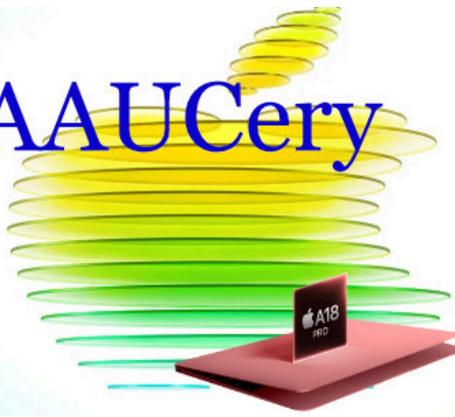




# SAAUCery



March 2026

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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...  
Friday 6th March, 2026 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:*

*Friday 6th March, SAAUC AGM  
Reminders App and other items of interest.*

*Wednesday 4th March: Apple event /  
experience likely to be seen in Australia on  
Thursday 5th March*

SAAUC Meetings 2026	
Fridays @ 7:30pm	
February	6
March (AGM)	6
April	10
May	1
June	5
July	3
August	7
September	4
October	2
November	6
December	4

April meeting changed to after Easter





## *A word from our President*

*Not counting our AGM on Friday 6th March, the most exciting Apple event in March will be held next Wednesday 4th- being called an 'Experience' which will be taking place simultaneously in New York, Shanghai and London. It is expected that announcements of new products will take place on the days leading up to Wednesday with the 'Experience' being able to have hands on use of the new releases. Not the usual Keynote address coming from Apple Park.*

*Apple followers continue to hope that Apple is closer to achieving and releasing their version of AI which we expect to be all that is hoped for.*

*We are back to monthly first Friday meetings. Hope to see you at the AGM.*

*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.

# 'Experience' expectations

By our AGM next Friday 6th March, we should have received the details regarding the latest Apple releases. Thought is by some that Apple is looking at affordable products which will encourage customers into the Apple ecosystem. Here some expected items.

## iPhone 17e

The iPhone 17e will be the entry level replacement of the iPhone 16e which which was released around this time last year. Expected to keep the price tag from the 16e while getting the power of the iPhone 17.



## A18 iPad and M4 iPad Air

Expected to look identical to the current models but gaining more power. The base iPad will upgrade to the A18, the same chip found in the iPhone 16 series. The iPad Air likely to move from the M3 chip to the M4. May be worth looking at if thinking of upgrading from a much older iPad.

## Apple's 'cheap' MacBook

The word is that Apple is about to reveal a low cost MacBook. May use an A-series chip rather than the M-series chips that power all of Apple's Macs. 12.9-inch display with 8GB of RAM SSD. Aimed at users who want a better price and don't mind the lower performance. To win even more customers over, [Apple may introduce new colors for this MacBook line](#), including light yellow, light green, blue, and pink. Apple's MacBooks don't typically come in fun colours, so this could add some novelty to push buyers to pick them up.



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and 256GB

## M5 MacBook Air

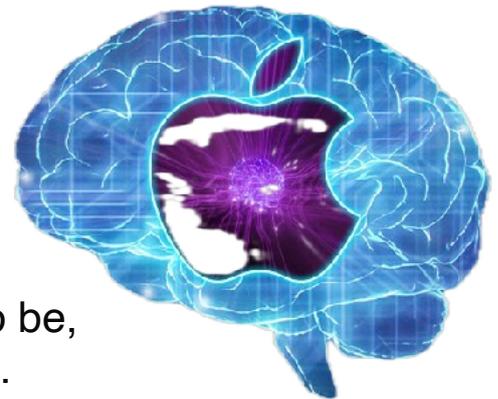
Aside from bump from M4 to the M5 chip the computer should essentially be the same. Available both 13 and 15-inch options. the M5 Air may just be the best overall MacBook package, for anyone looking for the best balance of power and price.

## M5 Pro and M5 Max with new MacBook Pros

But for anyone looking for the most powerful MacBooks, no matter the price, Apple's new M5 Pro and M5 Max MacBooks should do it. These will follow [the M5 MacBook Pro](#), and while we don't know the exact performance gains yet, expect these to be Apple's most powerful chips yet. Like some of Apple's other upgrades this year, the rumors don't suggest any design changes here, so the overall laptops should look and feel about the same—minus the boost in performance.

## Elephant in the room

We have been hanging our for **Apple AI** for a couple of years, at least, and Apple's been copping a lot of flack for not delivering. They have now teamed up with Chat GPT and Google's Gemini as, what is expected/hoped to be, a stop gap measure to mollify Apple customers. Especially not happy with the Google connection. Let's hope there's better news by the end of the year.



*"Honestly, it's like I walk into a room and no one will acknowledge me."*

## iPhone tips

### If your iPhone won't turn on or the screen is black

First off, before you panic too much, consider whether the battery is flat - big NO NO. Plug it into the charger and see if the charging battery icon shows on the screen. After 30 minutes it should show a reasonable charge, and will have started. Don't let the battery go flat - it should never go below 10% and, it is recommended, not to go above 80%. I like to charge mine to 90% as I'm more concerned about not having enough charge to get me through the day.

If you know the phone has sufficient charge but won't start

1. Press and quickly release the volume up button.
2. Press and quickly release the volume down button.
3. Press and hold the side button until you see the Apple logo (this may take longer than 10 seconds).



If your iPhone still won't start, you may need to get a service.

### Customize your iPhone sounds and vibrations

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPhone.
2. Tap Sounds & Haptics.
3. Drag the slider below Ringtone and Alerts to set the volume for all sounds.
4. Tap Haptics, choose the haptics behavior for ringtones and alerts—Always Play, Play in Silent Mode, Don't Play in Silent Mode, or Never Play—then tap .
5. Tap Ringtone, Text Tone, or another option.
6. Choose a tone.
7. Tap Haptics, then choose a vibration pattern or tap Create New Vibration to create your own.

**You can also change the sounds iPhone plays for certain people. Go to Contacts , tap a person's name, tap Edit, then choose a ringtone and text tone. Great to know from the sound who is calling or messaging you.**

# iPad tips

## Perform quick actions on iPad

On the Home Screen, in Control Centre, and in apps, you can see previews, open Quick Actions menus, and more.

- In Photos, touch and hold an image to preview it and see a list of options.
- In Mail, touch and hold a message in a mailbox to preview the message contents and see a list of options.
- On the Home Screen, touch and hold an app icon briefly to open a Quick Actions menu. If the icons start to jiggle, tap Done at the top right or press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button), then try again.
- Open Control Centre, then touch and hold an item like Camera or the brightness control to see options.
- On the Lock Screen, touch and hold a notification briefly to respond to it.
- When typing, touch and hold the Space bar with one finger to turn your onscreen keyboard into a trackpad.

## Show notification previews on the Lock Screen

- Go to Settings  > Notifications.
- Tap Show Previews, then tap Always.

Notification previews include text from Messages, lines from Mail messages, and details about Calendar invitations. See [View and respond to notifications on iPad](#). Show notification previews on the Lock Screen



## Monitor background tasks

On iPad, you can start an extended background task (for example, downloading a file from Safari) and then switch to another task while it finishes. Background tasks can continue to run in the background until they're completed while you're doing something else.

Ongoing background tasks appear as Live Activities on your Home Screen and Lock Screen so you know they're running and can monitor their progress.

# Mac tips

## Update macOS on Mac

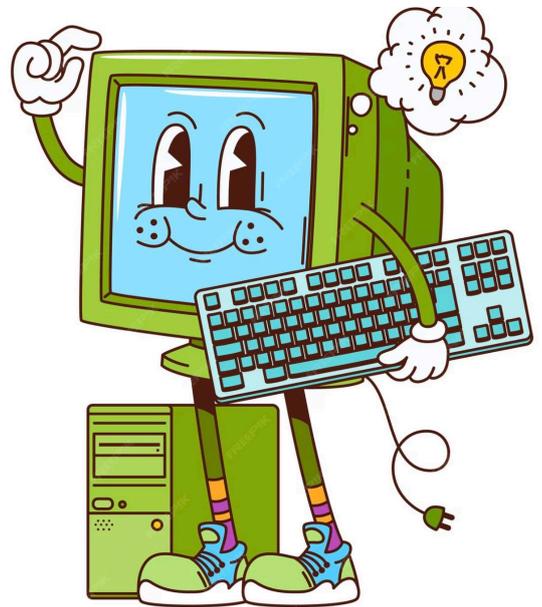
To maintain your computer's security, stability, and compatibility, Apple recommends using the latest macOS that is compatible with your Mac. macOS updates and upgrades also include the latest features and built-in apps such as Safari, Mail, and Apple Music. Use Software Update to keep your Mac up to date.

## Use Software Update to get updates

Software Update finds, downloads, and installs Apple software updates and upgrades that are compatible with your Mac model. Before installing new software, it's a good idea to [back up your Mac](#).

## Open Software Update

- [Use Spotlight](#) in the menu bar to search for "Software Update," then click to open it from the search results.
- Or choose System Settings from the Apple menu  in the corner of your screen. In the window that opens, click General in the sidebar, then click Software Update on the right.
- If your older Mac doesn't have Software Update, [use other ways to download and install macOS](#).
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**When Software Update opens**, it automatically checks for new software. If new software is available for your Mac, click the Update, Upgrade, or Restart Now button to install it.

**If no new software is available for your Mac**, Software Update says that your Mac is up to date. To check again, click Check for Update, press Command-R on your keyboard, or close and reopen Software Update.

# One Last Thing

There's a lot to be watching for in the coming weeks and months. The most pressing is our AGM on Friday 6th March. The club welcomes your participation.

Apple is releasing some very interesting products in the first part of March - well worth watching for if you are needing to upgrade any of your devices.

Apple AI will arrive some day. Don't be cowed by it. AI relies on the wealth of existing knowledge already in circulation, and the human race is capable of a great deal more innovation, inspiration and unknown discoveries. We are all able to 'Think Different'.

In the spirit of Think Different, I wrote last month of an obscure Finnish startup company, Donut Lab, which claims to have cracked the enigma of Solid State Batteries. They are releasing their lab results weekly over March. If all their claims are accurate it will be because they have truly looked outside the square and have dumbfounded everybody.



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