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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday 5th June, 2026 from 7:30pm. Connect
from wherever you have internet access and the
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(Details will be sent to members via email)

Dates to remember:

*Friday 5th June, SAAUC meeting
Spotlight.*

Wednesday 11th June Unley Library -10-12

*Monday 8th June:WWDC (World Wide
Developers' Conference) online from Apple
Park - Tuesday morning Australian time.*

SAAUC Meetings 2026	
Fridays @ 7:30pm	
February	6
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April meeting changed to after Easter	





A word from our President

This June at WWDC everyone will be watching with bated breath to see whether Siri gets the update which has been promised and expected as part of Apple's AI. Apple has taken a different approach to AI not wanting to follow the same paths as ChatGPT and Google with vast high density data processing centres which consume enormous amounts of energy and possibly/probably enormous amount of customers' personal information giving rise to a risk of cyber security. Apple has based their success on the privacy and security of their systems and their aim it to deliver as much AI processing on device before handing outsourcing to another body such as ChatGPT or Google's Gemini.

Whatever the result, there is no getting away from AI and we need to learn to use it to our advantage. It is certainly the most exciting development in computing in years. Like many great developments over the millennia there are those who will find ways to use it for good and bad.

Regards

Marie

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.

OS 26.5

This is the latest update to all of Apple's OS before the World Wide Developers' conference on the 8th June when OS 27 will debut. always good to keep devices up to date for security reasons but also for the little incremental improvements added.



Here are some the features:

1. Encrypted RCS Messaging (Beta)

- **What it does:** Expands Apple's security protocols to RCS messages between iPhone and Android devices.
- **Key benefit:** Chats get end-to-end encryption, ensuring texts are as private and secure as standard iMessages.

2. Apple Maps "Suggested Places"

- **What it does:** Introduces dynamic recommendations within the search bar.
- **Key benefit:** It displays locations based on your recent search history and what's currently trending nearby.

3. Magic Accessory USB-C Pairing

- **What it does:** Removes the hassle of navigating Bluetooth menus for Apple accessories.
- **Key benefit:** Plug a Magic Keyboard, Mouse, or Trackpad into your iPhone/iPad via USB-C to pair instantly, allowing you to unplug and work wirelessly immediately.

4. Transferring to Android

- **What it does:** Updates the data migration process when switching to Android.
- **Key benefit:** You now have granular control over message attachments, allowing you to select exactly how many (All, 1 year, or 30 days) transfer over to your new device.

5. Additional Changes

- **Apple Books:** New trophies and milestone medals for reading habits.

What is RCS Messaging?

RCS (Rich Communication Services) is a modern messaging protocol designed to replace traditional SMS and MMS. It works over Wi-Fi or mobile data, bringing standard texting up to par with modern apps like WhatsApp or iMessage.



Core Features

RCS transforms basic text messaging into a dynamic, feature-rich experience:

Media Sharing: Send high-resolution images, large video files, and documents.

- **Live Indicators:** See when a message has been delivered and read, as well as real-time typing indicators.
- **Interactive Chats:** Seamless group chats, message replies, and emoji reactions.
- **Enhanced Security:** Supports end-to-end encryption for private conversations.

How It Compares

- **vs. SMS:** Traditional SMS limits messages to 160 characters and restricts media. RCS has no character limits and supports rich media.
- **vs. iMessage/WhatsApp:** While iMessage and WhatsApp require you to be on the same proprietary platform, RCS operates across different phone brands and operating systems as a universal carrier standard.

Device Availability

RCS is built directly into native phone messaging apps (such as Google Messages and Apple's built-in Messages app), meaning there is no need to download third-party software.

Which sync method should you use?

- **Automatic sync across all Macs** → iCloud Drive
- **Quick one-time transfer** → AirDrop
- **Shared work folder on same network** → File Sharing
- **Desktop/Documents everywhere** → iCloud Desktop & Documents
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Step-by-step setup for iCloud syncing on Mac

1. Make sure you're signed in to your Apple ID

1. Click the **Apple menu**  in the top-left corner.
2. Open **System Settings**.
3. Click **Sign in with your Apple ID** if you are not already signed in.
4. Enter your Apple ID email and password.

If you are already signed in, your name should appear at the top of System Settings.

2. Turn on iCloud Drive

1. Open **System Settings**.
 2. Click your **name / Apple ID** at the top.
 3. Click **iCloud**.
 4. Click **iCloud Drive**.
 5. Turn **Sync this Mac** on.
- This allows your Mac to sync files with iCloud.

3. Choose whether to sync Desktop and Documents

If you want your **Desktop** and **Documents** folders to appear on your other Macs:

1. Go to **System Settings > Apple ID > iCloud > iCloud Drive**.
2. Turn on **Desktop & Documents Folders**.

Now files saved on your Desktop or in Documents will sync through iCloud.

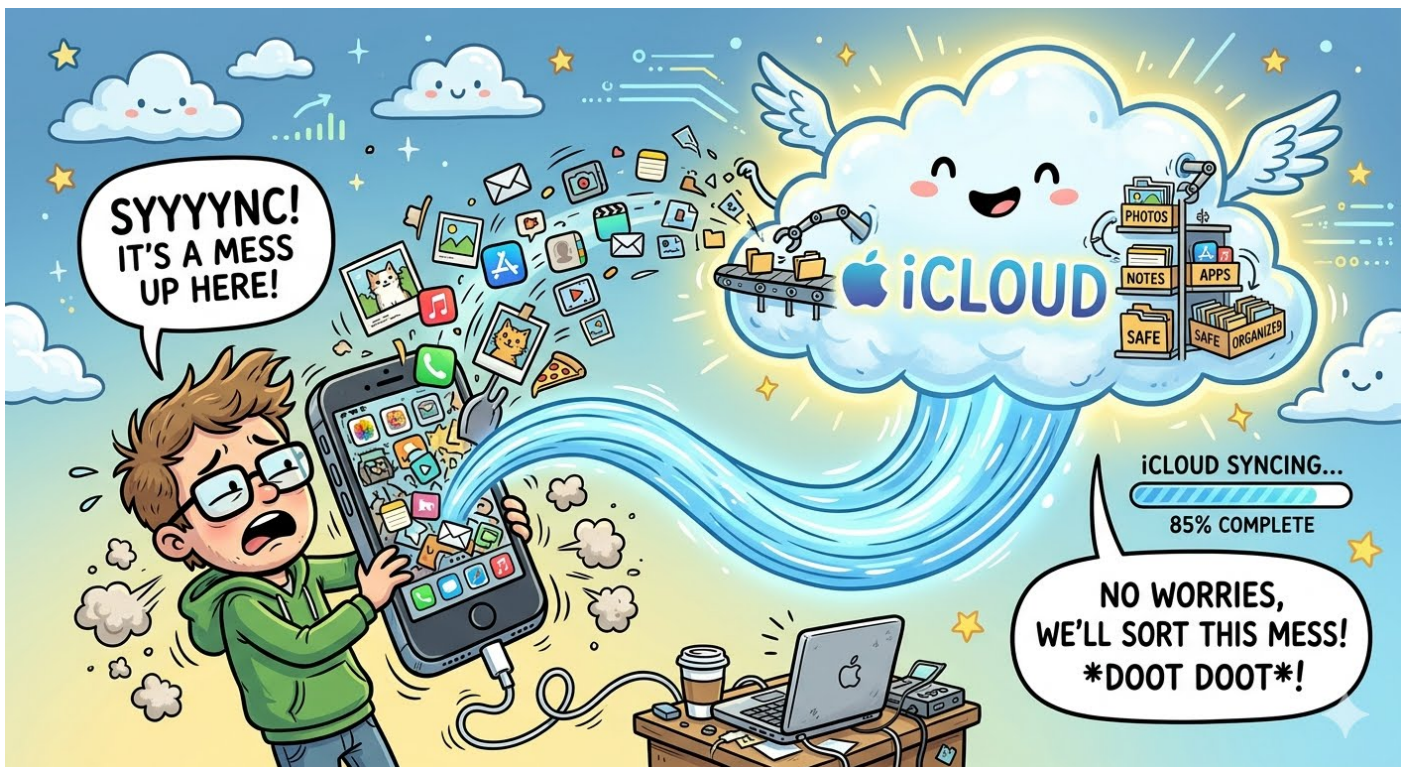
If you do **not** want everything on your Desktop and Documents syncing, leave this off and only save selected files into iCloud Drive manually.

4. Open iCloud Drive in Finder

1. Click the **Finder** icon in the Dock.
2. In the Finder sidebar, click **iCloud Drive**.

If you do not see it:

1. Open **Finder**.
2. Click **Finder > Settings** from the menu bar.
3. Click **Sidebar**.
4. Make sure **iCloud Drive** is checked.



5. Add files to iCloud Drive

To sync a file or folder:

1. Open **Finder**.
2. Drag the file or folder into **iCloud Drive**.
3. Wait for it to upload.

Once uploaded, it will appear on your other Macs signed in with the same Apple ID.

6. Set up the other Mac

On your second Mac:

1. Open **System Settings**.
2. Sign in with the **same Apple ID**.
3. Go to **Apple ID > iCloud > iCloud Drive**.
4. Turn on **Sync this Mac**.
5. Open **Finder > iCloud Drive**.

Your synced files should appear there.

7. Check sync status

In Finder, files may show small cloud icons:

- **Cloud with arrow down:** file is in iCloud but not downloaded to this Mac yet.
- **Uploading icon:** file is still uploading.
- **No icon:** file is stored locally and synced.

To download a file from iCloud:

1. Right-click the file.
2. Choose **Download Now**, if available.

8. Optional: optimize Mac storage

If your Mac has limited storage:

1. Open **System Settings**.
2. Click your **Apple ID**.
3. Go to **iCloud**.
4. Turn on **Optimize Mac Storage**.

This lets macOS keep older or large files in iCloud only when space is needed.

Quick test

To make sure syncing works:

1. On Mac 1, open **Finder > iCloud Drive**.
2. Create a new folder called **Test Sync**.
3. On Mac 2, open **Finder > iCloud Drive**.
4. Wait a minute or two.
5. Check if **Test Sync** appears.

If it appears, iCloud syncing is working.



One Last Thing

The global political situation continues to be a concern and I sometimes, nay often, wonder how would we survive without the amenities we enjoy in Adelaide and across Australia. How would we survive without power. Compared to our pioneering ancestors we are so weak and vulnerable and poorly prepared to survive a catastrophic event. As I write this, Adelaide is expecting a violent weather event. Will the electricity supply be cut, how will we keep warm, how do we listen to the radio and watch tv, will the internet be disrupted...? Do we have the foresight and determination for our technology to show the way and provide solutions to some enormous issues which the next few years confront us with?





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