



SAAUCery

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July 2026

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday 3rd July, 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 3rd July, SAAUC meeting
Apple's approach to AI

Wednesday 8th July Unley Library -10-12

Sunday 19th July:SAAUC midyear
Birthday (44 y.o) lunch at Marryatville
Hotel, 239 Kensington Rd at 12.30pm.

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

The Apple tradition of naming macOS has continued with macOS 27 to be known as Golden Gate - all the other OS's will just get the 27 moniker.

WWDC centred around Apple's AI. First promised in 2024, it has taken 2 years for Apple to be sufficiently satisfied with it to be releasing it. Beta versions have been released and the public version should be available in September, just before new hardware releases. We will then see if there is to be a folding iPhone.

We will be looking at Apple's approach to AI at our Friday meeting. It is not all about Siri, though Siri will be the voice of Apple AI.

The announcements of the various OS give us time to assess how the new releases will affect us personally - will our devices still be supported, do they need to be replaced or are they perfectly able to meet our needs. If you are planning to move to the next OS update, make sure you back up before - hand and check that your favourite apps will still be supported.

Regards

Marie

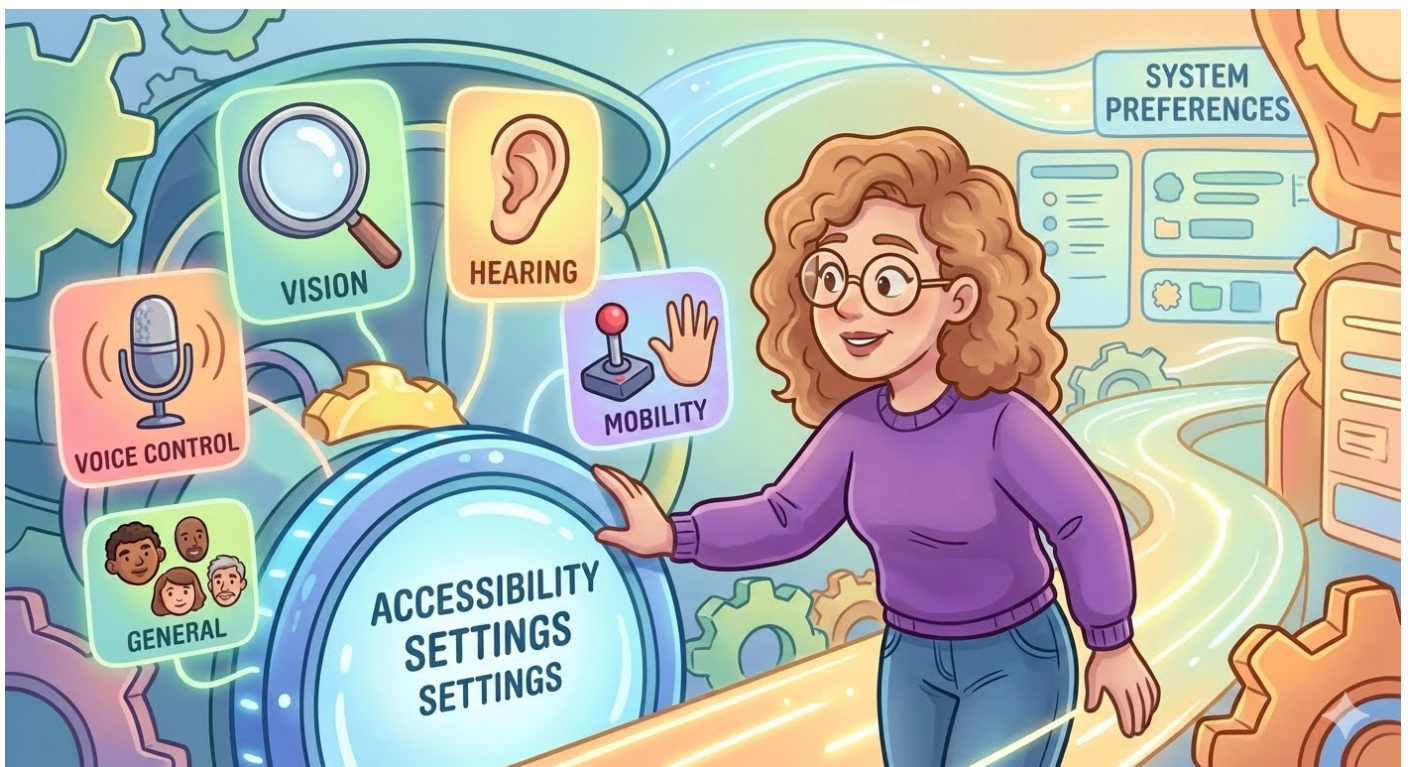
Apple
At Unley Library.

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.

Accessibility



Have you spent any time looking at the Accessibility features in the OS settings? A recent visitor to the June Apple help session at Unley Library had an issue with a long text bubble appearing each time she opened a text document on her laptop. Very large text could be typed into the bubble which simultaneously appeared into the document she was working on - she found it annoying but didn't know how to get rid of it. It took an inordinate amount of time to find the location of the setting which had produced this affect. We did find it in Accessibility under Hover Text. It was not easy to find. How she managed to turn it on in the first place is a mystery. The moral of this story is that there are huge numbers of features lurking within the various forms of OS and one cannot expect to know about all of them. 🤔



For someone needing to look for the features they must be very useful. Apple AI will make finding them much easier and a lot quicker. The most practical tools include **Voice Control** for hands-free navigation, **Live Captions** for real-time audio transcriptions, **VoiceOver** for screen reading, and **Zoom** for magnifying hard-to-read elements.

A SHARED MESSAGE FROM TIM COOK



50 Years of Thinking Different.

Fifty years ago in a small garage, a big idea was born. Apple was founded on the simple notion that technology should be personal, and that belief — radical at the time — changed everything.

April 1st marks 50 years of Apple. From the first Apple computer to the Mac, from iPod to iPhone, iPad to Apple Watch and AirPods, as well as the services we use every day — the App Store, Apple Music, Apple Pay, iCloud, and Apple TV — we've spent five decades rethinking what's possible and putting powerful tools into people's hands. Through every breakthrough, one idea has guided us — that the world is moved forward by people who think different.

That's because progress always begins with someone — an inventor or scientist, a student or storyteller — who imagines a better way, a new idea, a different path. That spirit has guided Apple from the start. But it has never belonged to us alone.

Every invention we bring into the world is just the beginning of a story. The most meaningful chapters are written by all of you — the people who use our technology to work, learn, dream, and discover. You've made breakthroughs and launched businesses. You've cheered up loved ones in the hospital and captured your toddler's first steps. You've run marathons, written books, and rekindled friendships. You've chased your curiosity, found your new favorite song, and shared stories that connect us all.

In your hands, the tools we make have improved lives, and sometimes even saved them. And that is what inspires us — not what technology can do alone, but everything you can do with it.

At Apple, we're more focused on building tomorrow than remembering yesterday. But we couldn't let this milestone pass without thanking the millions of people who make Apple what it is today — our incredible teams around the world, our developer community, and every customer who has joined us on this journey. Your ideas inspire our work. Your trust drives us to do better. Your stories remind us of all we can accomplish when we think different.

If you've taught us anything, it's that the people crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.

So here's to the crazy ones.

The misfits.

The rebels.

The troublemakers.

The round pegs in the square holes.

The ones who see things differently.

Here's to you.

Tim Cook

Dealing with no longer being supported

Come September, when macOS 27 is released, my beautiful 2020 27" Intel iMac will no longer be able to be upgraded. Only Macs with Apple's M chips will be able to run OS 27. Aiming to make use of my 5K screen, I've purchased this little device for \$90 which will enable me to make use of the large screen while working on my M3 MacBook Air.

This is the Luna Display by Astropad a compact hardware dongle that wirelessly or via a cable turns your iPad or an older Mac into a functional, low-latency second display for your primary computer.

The USB C dongle plugs into the Thunderbolt/USB C port of the M chipped Mac and wirelessly displays to the older Mac, in my case the 27" Intel iMac. It was a relief to find this tiny device as I am looking forward to be able to use OS 27 and do not want to lose the 27" screen nor the iMac computer which has high level specifications.



When Apple discontinues major OS updates for an older device, it is not a death sentence. Your device won't suddenly stop working. It will simply remain on the final compatible iOS version, continuing to function as usual while still receiving critical security patches from Apple for several years.

Key Facts on OS Support

- **What "Dropped Support" Means:** Your device will not receive new visual interfaces, AI functions (like the new Siri AI), or newly introduced system features.
- **Security Continues:** Apple historically provides security updates for older operating systems. For instance, devices still running older iOS versions continue to receive security patches via Apple Security Releases.

What You Should Do

1. **Continue Using Your Device Normally:** Since new apps in the App Store will remain compatible with older iOS versions for a few years, you don't need to rush into an immediate replacement.
2. **Review Your Battery Health:** Older batteries degrade and cause intentional performance throttling. If your device feels slow, using the [Apple Support](#) tool to check your battery health and replace it can breathe new life into your device for daily tasks.
3. **Budget for an Upgrade:** If your device is 5 to 7 years old and has stopped receiving major OS updates, you are likely in the final phase of its lifespan. Start budgeting or planning to trade in when you are ready. You may be able to trade in an older device on a new one though it can be disappointing to be told what it may be valued at.

Bear in mind that if you are perfectly happy with your current equipment there is no reason why you shouldn't continue to enjoy using it - just make sure you backup regularly because nothing lasts forever and there is many a sad tale about equipment dying and not being able to retrieve special and important files.



Keyboard & Text Tricks for iPad and iPhone

Turn your keyboard into a trackpad: Instead of fumbling to tap an exact typo, press and hold the Space Bar. The keys will go blank, allowing you to drag your thumb around to move the cursor like a trackpad.

Swipe for symbols: Instead of tapping the '123' button to switch keyboards, just tap and hold a number or symbol, slide to select it, and let go. The keyboard will automatically jump back to letters.

Quickly undo mistakes: Did you accidentally delete text? Tap the screen with three fingers and select the left arrow in the toolbar, or just shake the device to instantly bring the text back.

Safari & Browsing Shortcuts

Jump to the top: If you have scrolled deep down a webpage or a long feed, tap the very top edge of your screen (near the clock). It will instantly jump you all the way back to the top.

Full-page PDFs: When taking a screenshot, tap the Full Page tab at the top. This captures the entire scrollable webpage or document into a single PDF to crop, mark up, or share.

Hidden iPad-Specific Tips

Quick Note: Swipe an Apple Pencil or your finger inward from the bottom-right corner of the screen to instantly open a Quick Note.

Multitasking swipe: You can swipe between open apps quickly by using a four-finger swipe left or right across the screen.

Shrink the keyboard: Pinch the keyboard inward with two fingers to shrink it into a small floating size.

One Last Thing

You may be completely sick of hearing about AI but, hang in there, it's not going away. We are living in a time of the most amazing change the world has ever seen. It's greater than the Industrial Revolution and the advantage is that we have learnt from the bad decisions of that time which led to the desperately polluted state of this planet. The explosion of knowledge and technology of the last 50 years has a good chance of turning it around. The next ten years will be extraordinary. The change to clean energy and an explosion of use of robots will all be driven by AI. We just need to keep in mind that individual people are most important and valued and make sure that every one benefits.





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