



SAAUCery

August 2026

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday 7th 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 7th July, SAAUC meeting
Q and A session.

Wednesday 12th August -
Unley Library -10-12



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

This month's banner is of Waterfall Gully around the third of July by which time our rain gauge was showing a reading of 90mm for that few day rain event. Not quite Iguazu or Niagara but pretty impressive for Adelaide. Every drop of rain is treasured in this state

I'm presently on a ship sailing around the bottom of the Japanese Island which registered a 7.1 earthquake a couple of days ago. The ship's TV broadcasts a number of news channels and I like to watch the BBC. There is a lot of shock and awe at the number of terrible fires raging in Europe and the heat which is beyond their experience. A French academic was saying governments must use every possible means to deal with the climate changes which will only get worse over in the next few years. I notice that Elon Musk's Tesla is combining with another company to increase the size of an enormous battery which will bring South Australia closer to 100% renewal energy very soon. We have the tech to achieve the seemingly impossible but we need to take drastic measures to succeed. Without computers and AI we wouldn't stand a chance.

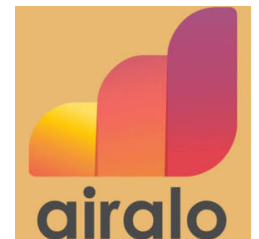
Regards

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.

Travelling with an eSIM

In recent times, well, actually, it was pre COVID, I chose to use my Australian Telstra SIM when I was overseas because it was a nuisance and a waste of precious time to find a local SIM let alone find the correct phone settings and to enter the correct codes to make it work. eSIMs were only just available but were not widely used. Today there is a wide choice of companies offering eSIMs for international travellers. The three most popular seem to be Holafly, Saily and Airalo



I chose Holafly for the 16 days I was to visit Singapore, Japan and South Korea. For US\$48.75 I have unlimited 5G data connection for the whole time I am in the three countries. The service is data only - it is not possible to make a phone call to normal phone numbers. To call family or friends use FaceTime, audio or video, for other Apple Users or WhatsApp for Android phones. Most mobile phones have eSIM capabilities.

On an iPhone go to Settings/Mobile. Turn on:

<u>Mobile Data</u>	Travel - Holafly.	Tick
Default Voice Line	Travel - Holafly	Tick
<u>SIMs</u>	Used as "Primary"	Off
	Travel-Holafly	On Turn on this line
	Go down to Data Roaming	turn On

It's not possible to send SMS messages to Android phones because the iPhone will use iMessage so you would need to use a different app such as WhatsApp. I don't like social media apps so have set up a group message of iMessage and one for WhatsApp.

I like the freedom of being able to make FaceTime calls, check the weather, send photos, follow maps, check what's happening in the Apple World and even listen to ABC Radio Adelaide, without worrying about how much data I'm using . Right now the ship is out of range - I don't use the ship's wifi because it is ridiculously expensive and past experience was that it is pretty useless .

To be able to connect this MacBook to the internet, I have hotspotted to my iPhone.

At the end of the trip just reverse the settings to remove the eSIM.

Tips for macOS26

Master the New Spotlight Shortcuts

- Press Command + Spacebar to open Spotlight, then use Command + 1, 2, 3, or 4 to quickly filter your search to apps, files, actions, or clipboard history.
- Type an app name followed by the Tab key to search directly inside that specific app (like searching your bookmarks in Safari).

Color-Code and Emoji Your Folders

- Control-click (or right-click) any folder in Finder and select **Customize Folder**.
- Change folder colors and add symbols or emojis to help important project folders stand out at a glance.

Clean Up Your Menu Bar

- Hold down the Command (⌘) key and simply drag unwanted icons right off your menu bar to clear the clutter.
- Check your Control Center settings to choose which widgets and battery indicators stay visible.

Use Built-In Clipboard History

- Press Command + Spacebar then Command + 4 to open the native clipboard manager inside Spotlight.
- View your recent copy history and easily paste previous items without needing a third-party app.

Tone Down "Liquid Glass" Transparency

- If the translucent windows and floating menus feel too busy, go to **System Settings > Accessibility > Display**.
- Turn on **Reduce Transparency** to make elements like the menu bar and dock solid and easier to read.

Tips for iPhone iOS26

1. See Estimated Charging Time

- Plug your phone into a charger and wake it up.
- Look at the Lock Screen or go to **Settings > Battery** to see the exact time left until your phone is fully charged.

2. Set Custom Ringtones Easily

- As noted in a consensus on [Reddit](#), users agree that iOS 26 lets you use downloaded MP3 or M4A audio files directly from the Files app as ringtones without needing a computer or GarageBand.

3. Make Your Lock Screen Clock Bigger

- Long-press your Lock Screen and tap **Customize**.
- Drag the resize handle at the bottom right to make the clock bolder and larger.

4. Use Adaptive Power Mode

- Go to **Settings > Battery > Power Mode** on supported devices (iPhone 15 Pro and newer).
- Turn on **Adaptive Power** so your phone can make smart, quiet adjustments to performance and brightness to save battery life throughout the day.

5. Organize Apple Music with Folders and Pins

- Open Apple Music, tap the **plus button (+)** at the top of your playlists, and select **New Folder** to group related playlists together.
- Long-press an album or artist to **pin** it straight to the top of your library for instant access.

Organizing and Multitasking Tips for iPadOS 26

Color-code folders

- Press and hold any folder in the Files app, select *Customize Folder and Tags*, and assign custom colors or emojis for quick visual navigation.

Use Mac-style window controls

- Look for the traffic light buttons (red, amber, green) in the top-left corner of app windows to close, minimize, or maximize, or grab the bottom-right corner to freely resize.

Try the Preview app

- Open and edit images or fill out PDF forms directly using touch or Apple Pencil without needing a third-party tool.

Pack the dock

- Add up to 29 apps to your dock by entering wiggle mode and dragging groups of icons down to the bottom bar.

Reveal app menu bars

- Swipe down from the very top edge of an active windowed app to pull down a Mac-style command menu.

One Last Thing

I gather it is pretty cold in Adelaide at the moment. A good time to rug up and spend some time on your computer. One of the promises of the 27OS's is that it will be easier to find items on our computers and devices. Easy to find that pesky file you can't remember where you put not to mention those endless numbers of precious photos hiding amongst a lot of junk. Speaking of which I believe I am creating quite a bit more on this trip. We go to Busan in South Korea tomorrow and I'll be interested to see if I can find an Apple Store there.



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