



SAAUCery

October 2026

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday 2nd October, 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 2nd October, SAAUC meeting
Looking at OS 27.

Wednesday 14th October:
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

Not sure that 'Surprise and Shine' was quite the surprise Apple was hoping for but the presentations still have the Apple shine. Gone are the days when new products were truly surprise and shine. The massive theatrical gatherings of Apple faithful when Steve Jobs would present the latest devices and the audience would gasp and applaud with admiration are sadly in the past. There are a few unknowns before an event but mostly the important features are reliably leaked and rumoured weeks out from the release date. The biggest 'surprise' was undoubtedly the name iPhone 'Duo' which Apple, remarkably, had managed to keep secret until the event. Only a few people have actually seen and held the new foldable iPhone and it is being described as an entirely new device category, combining iPhone and iPad features. If you are hanging out to buy one, you can preorder 10:30pm on 16th October and you might have it on 23rd October. Looking forward to seeing one, though I won't be buying.

Meanwhile, all the operating systems have received updates. Took me quite some time to download and install them but everything is now running OS 27, except my lovely 2020 Intel iMac which will be forever on macOS 27.6.

There are some interesting additions to the OS 27s which we will be looking at during our October meeting.

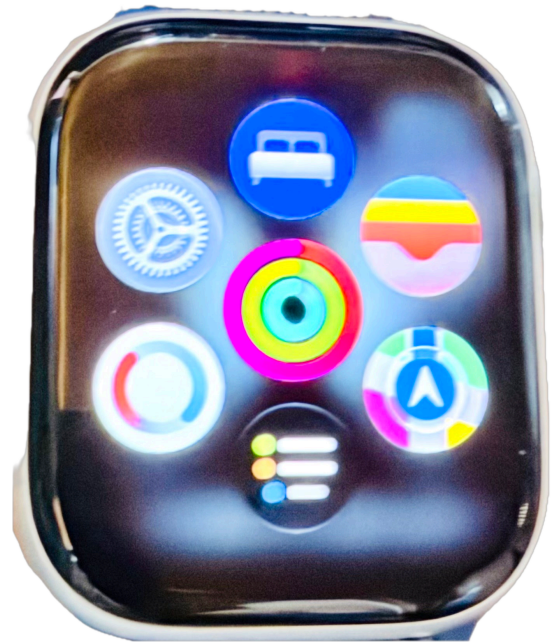
Regards

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.

Watch OS27

After updating my Apple watch to OS 27 the first thing i noticed was that it had effectively given me a home screen of apps which, in its wisdom, AI?, it had decided I mostly used. Not sure that is exactly true. I'm not that interested in the blood oxygen app, bottom left, and i'm bemused that it has the Activity App at the centre of everything - a not so subtle hint to get those rings closed. The settings, sleep, wallet and maps apps are all worth having, though, I think i might prefer find my or contacts or messages or phone... I need to check the settings. It's called the Dynamic Grid



Apple tvOS 27

This update brings enhancements to the Apple Music, Podcasts, and AirPlay experiences on tvOS. It also brings captions to more content, adds the ability to block individual apps, and provides bug fixes and security updates for your Apple TV 4K.

tvOS 27 is compatible with the Apple TV 4K (2nd generation) and newer.



The two Apple TV models that are compatible with tvOS 26 but not tvOS 27 are the Apple TV HD from 2015 and the Apple TV 4K (1st generation) from 2017

Apple TVs prior to 2021 are not compatible with Apple tvOS 27 which includes my own which I think is about ten years old and working perfectly.

A new Apple TV with an [A19 or A19 Pro chip](#), Siri AI support, a revised Siri Remote, and more is [expected to be released later this year](#). This is expected to be a major overhaul. I could be tempted to update although my current Apple TV suits me very well.

iPadOS 27

Taken from Apple's iPad User Guide for iPad OS 27

Use the Tips app on iPad

View collections of tips in the Tips app that help you get the most from your iPad. You can also get notifications every once in a while so you can keep learning new things over time.



Get tips

In the Tips app, you can learn how to personalise your Lock Screen, how to use Calculator to solve math problems, how to access your passwords, and much more. New tips are added regularly.

To start learning, go to the Tips app , tap a collection, then tap a tip.

Get notified when new tips arrive

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Notifications, tap Tips below Notification Style, then turn on Allow Notifications.
3. Choose options for the style of notifications you want to receive, how they should appear, and more.

Save tips

You can add tips to your Saved tips collection, so you can quickly find them later.

1. Go to the Tips app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a tip, then tap  to add it to your collection. To remove the tip from your Saved tips collection, tap  again.

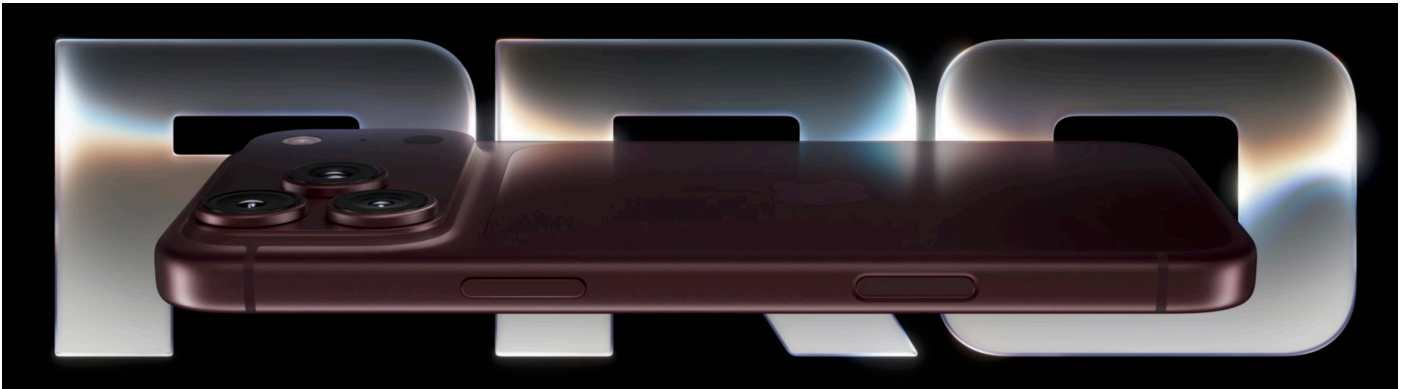
To view all the tips you saved, tap  or  until you return to the list of collections, then tap "Saved tips."

Share a tip

You can share a tip with a friend over Messages and Mail, or use AirDrop to send it to someone nearby. You can also add tips to documents like Notes and Freeform boards.

1. Go to the Tips app  on your iPad.
2. Open the tip you want to share.
3. Tap , then choose how to send the tip.

iOS 27 and latest iPhones



The most recent updates to the iPhone list are the iPhone 18 Pro and iPhone 18 Pro Max. The lower spec iPhones are likely to be released in the first quarter of 2027. These are Apple's flagship devices. They sport the A20 Pro chip, a new 48MP Fusion Main camera with physical variable aperture, longest battery life and Fast Charging - reaching 50% charge in about 15 minutes using a compatible adapter.

If colour is most important to you, new colours are burgundy, glacier (pale blue), silver and white.

iOS 27 has an emphasis on AI and Siri powered by Apple Intelligence. With recent news reports of an Open AI (founders of Chat GPT) agent being responsible for a hack of Australia's Medicare we hope we can depend on Apple's claim to have Apple Intelligence working on device and only resorting to online AI for advanced tasks.

Siri becomes a Conversational Assistant with broad world knowledge, on-screen awareness, and personal context to answer questions or pull details from emails and messages.

Siri mode in the camera app is able to scan receipts to split bills, identify objects, or add business card details straight to your contacts.

As with each iPhone release, the most exciting new features are what can be done with the camera and the remarkable lenses which can produce great quality photos and videos. These two iPhones are the best ever. What will we see next year for the 20th anniversary!

iPhone Duo

I have always been sceptical of folding phones and the problems with the crease. The Duo being an iPhone and an iPad combination also is a query and on top of that it doesn't have the best camera lenses that the iPhone Pros have.



I've just watched a youtube clip by an 'Influencer' who was in the room on release day last and was using the Duo for an hour. Her iphone skills were admirable and she was very convincing demonstrating it. It looked fabulous and the photos she took were beautiful. There were advantages not available on other iPhones of being able to self prop it on a surface and being able to use an Apple Pencil.

There are basically three screens - one when folded and two separate screens when opened up which can also be used as a large single screen.

This is a beautiful new device. I think I'm sold. The price is a bit eyewatering and I'm not likely to buy one this year but I will certainly be lining up in a month's time to check it out.



macOS 27

Last, but not least, macOS 27. This version is known as Golden Gate.

This is the first time I am unable to update my main computer, 2020 27" Intel iMac, to the latest operating system. To run macOS 27 I will have to use my M3 MacBook Air and chances are that may struggle to run it efficiently.

Here is a list of top ten features and changes **compiled by Macworld**.

1. Siri AI: A redesigned conversational Siri that can answer questions, understand personal and onscreen context, access the web and take actions across apps.
2. Apple Intelligence: Systemwide proofreading, smarter writing tools, improved dictation and automatic file and folder naming.
3. Safari upgrades: Automatic tab grouping, webpage change alerts with Notify Me, AI-generated extensions and faster, more efficient browsing.
4. Smarter Messages and Mail: Better search and syncing, contextual suggestions and improved reliability.
5. New Photos tools: Spatial Reframing, image expansion with Extend, improved Clean Up, and better search and organisation.
6. More powerful built-in apps: New features for Passwords, Calendar, Notes, Preview, Freeform, Weather, Shortcuts, and Image Playground.
7. Expanded parental controls: Ask to Browse, improved Screen Time, contact approvals and broader Communication Safety protections.
8. Better Mac gaming: Game Porting Toolkit 4 promises significant performance and compatibility improvements for Windows games.
9. Refined Liquid Glass design: Better readability and consistency, adjustable transparency, cleaner Finder windows, and improved iPhone Mirroring.
10. Faster macOS performance: Quicker app launches, Spotlight, AirDrop and networking, plus improved external-display, Thunderbolt and Bluetooth support.



One Last Thing

At this time of the year we start thinking where has the year gone. If you get the chance, drive as far north in the state as you can and take the time to marvel at the rare sight of the outback in bloom. I went back to Woomera earlier this month and it was a beautiful green in every direction. The arid land garden just north of Pt Augusta is stunning and they make a great coffee. Possibly because Woomera is now a Defence base, the mobile connection was strong all the way whereas not so reliable in the Flinders. I do like to be have a phone connection.

The Ai genie is out of the bottle and we need to make sure it benefits us and learn to use it for good.

I spent a day in Sydney a few days ago at the 'Everything Electric' Expo at Olympic Park, marvelling at the developments which have been made in the areas of energy - electric vehicles, cars and trucks and robots. AI will be playing a major role in enabling the efficient development of essential services in the future. We need to make sure it is a safe one.



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