SOUTH AUSTRALIAN APPLE USERS' CLUB

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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is…

Friday 6th November, 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 November**, SAAUC meeting*
Looking at OS 27.

Wednesday 11th November:
Unley Library 10-12

Saturday 12th December
Xmas lunch - Bridgewater Inn 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

Apple has adopted a policy of releasing products at this time of year to coincide with college starts in US followed by Xmas season for us all. Devices are not all released at once to avoid the limelight being stolen by the most glamorous- e.g. iPhone Duo.

These are some of the major releases:

MacBook Pro with PROLED XDR Display (Apple's first touchscreen Mac)

MacBook Pro (14-inch and 16-inch) & iMac refreshed designs with improved battery life and M6 chips.

iPad mini with OLED screen and upgraded performance.

iPhone 18 Pro, iPhone 18 Pro Max.

iPhone Duo.

Apple TV 4K and Siri Remote

Apple HomeView

HomePod Mini 2

It is difficult to keep up with everything.

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.

We will be holding our end of year lunch at the Bridgewater Inn this year on Saturday 12th December. A change from the usual Sunday which can be difficult for some. It's a beautiful spot which I hope everyone will enjoy.

Regards

Marie

Iphone Duo



The iPhone Duo appeared in stores on Thursday October 23rd. Being in Melbourne that day, I took a trip out to Highpoint shopping centre to the Apple store there to see Apple's newest creation, the first foldable iPhone. There were dozens of them set up for people to try. Beautifully crafted device with gleaming polished frame and dazzling screens which cover three sides of the device. There is no face recognition or home button - Touch ID is built into the side button and it can also be unlocked using Apple Watch.

Camera lenses are not as good as the iPhone 18 Pros but still take excellent images and videos. Some of its best features are on the photography side.
Kid Cue -outer display can feature animations to attract the attention of small children (and, no doubt, recalcitrant adults) when trying to get that elusive portrait.
Smart Take -can detect when everyone is ready and takes the picture. So you don't have to race against a timer to get in the shot.
Duo Preview - The outer display lets whoever you're photographing see a live preview of the shot, so they can get their pose and framing just right.
Duo Facetime - Lets nearby friends join the call on the outer display. No more crowding around or passing the phone.

Can even get covers for them.

Will I buy one? Still probably not. Starting at $3,499, I don't think so. it is beautiful.

New Apple TV 4K



Apple today announced the fourth-generation Apple TV 4K, with key features including an A19 chip, Siri AI support, an updated Siri Remote that has Find My support with Precision Finding, built in far-field microphones, support for surround sound with four HomePods in front and rear pairs, and more. Available 13th November $449.

Updated Siri Remote

This new Remote is included with the new Apple TV 4K but can also be purchased separately for $89 from 13th November.



Works with the Apple TV HD and all generations of the Apple TV 4K (1st through 4th generations).

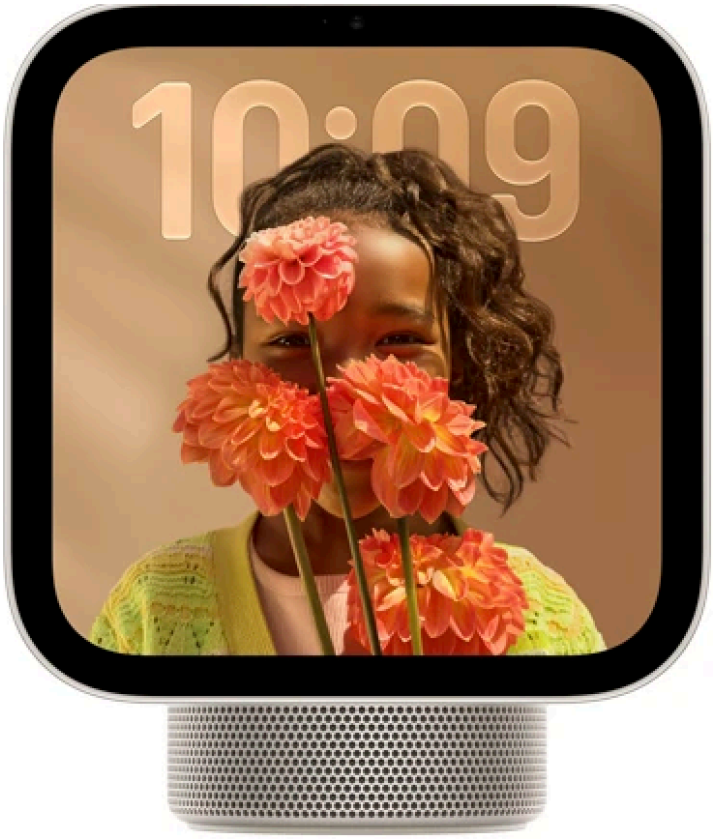
Compatible Apple TV Models

Apple TV HD (model A1625 released in 2015) this is me.
Apple TV 4K (1st generation)
Apple TV 4K (2nd generation)
Apple TV 4K (3rd generation)
Apple TV 4K (4th generation)

Key Details
Features: It includes a touch-enabled clickpad, USB-C rechargeable battery, and built-in speaker with **Find My** and **Precision Finding** support.

Requirements: Using the full **Precision Finding** feature requires an iPhone 17 or later (excluding the iPhone 17e). [

Apple HomeView



Another very different product from Apple. Reminds me of the delightful style of the lampshade iMac which is one of the best looking industrial designs ever.

Due to be available on 13th November for $449, I'm not sure what to think about this - what would Jony Ive and Steve Jobs think.

Keep the whole home connected, entertained and in the know. With personalised experiences for up to six people.

7-inch Liquid Retina display showcases beautiful photos and provides useful information at a glance.

Siri AI, powered by Apple Intelligence, helps you find what you need and get more done.



Powerful speakers deliver room-filling sound, with Spatial Audi and multiroom audio support.

Helps you manage your smart home effortlessly and stay in touch using FaceTime.

If you are increasingly adding smart features to your home, this could possibly be a must have.

Can be set up with or without the base - price is the same. Is not battery powered but with a power cable.

How to reset a mac without password

You can factory reset a Mac desktop without knowing the user login password by booting into macOS Recovery and erasing the hard drive or using Recovery Assistant.

Step 1: Boot into macOS Recovery

- **Apple Silicon** (M1, M2, M3, M4) Macs:
    1. Shut down your Mac desktop.
    2. Press and hold the **Power button** until you see "Loading startup options".
    3. Click **Options**, then click **Continue**.

- **Intel-based Macs**:
    1. Shut down your Mac desktop.
    2. Press the power button to turn it on, then immediately press and hold **Command (⌘) + R** until the Apple logo or spinning globe appears.



Step 2: Erase the Mac

Depending on your macOS version and whether you have your Apple Account details, choose one of these methods from inside Recovery:

- **Option A**: Use Recovery Assistant (Newer macOS)
    1. If you see a list of users and don't know the password, go to the top menu bar and click **Recovery Assistant**.
    2. Select **Erase Mac** and click **Erase Mac** again to confirm.
    3. Your Mac will wipe itself and may prompt you to connect to Wi-Fi and enter your Apple Account (Apple ID) credentials to bypass the Activation Lock.
- **Option B**: Use Disk Utility (Standard Recovery Wipe)
    1. From the macOS Utilities window, select **Disk Utility** and click **Continue**.
    2. In the left sidebar, select your internal startup disk (usually named **Macintosh HD**).
    3. Click the **Erase** button at the top.
    4. Choose **APFS** (or Mac OS Extended (Journaled) for older systems) as the format, and confirm by clicking **Erase**.
    5. Once finished, quit Disk Utility to return to the main Recovery screen.

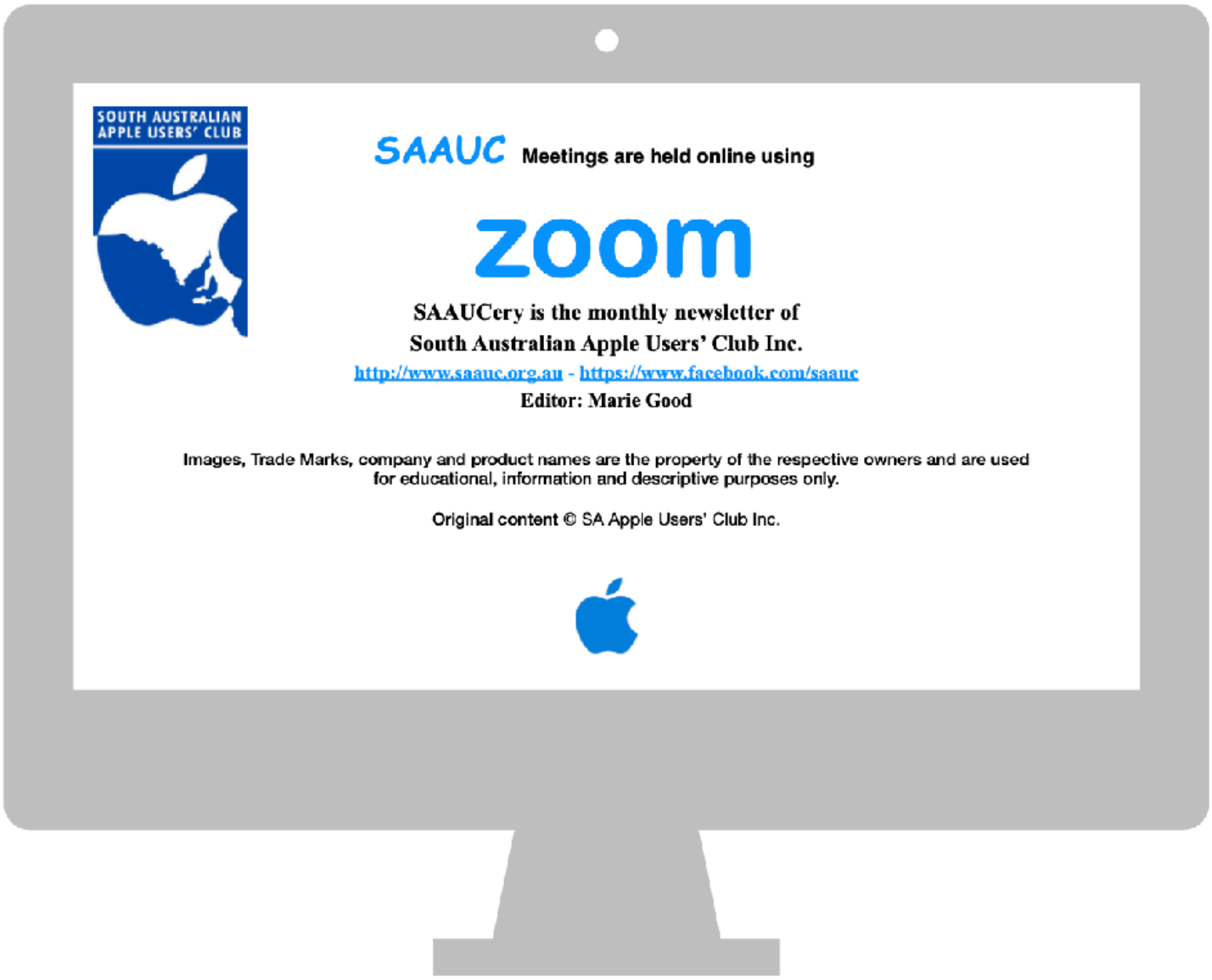
Step 3: Reinstall macOS

- From the Recovery Utilities window, select **Reinstall macOS**.
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- Follow the on-screen instructions to download and install a fresh copy of the operating system.
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- When the installation finishes, your Mac will reboot to the original "Welcome" setup assistant screen.

One Last Thing

Talk about AI is never ending. However the new topic of conversation and concern is Data Centres. They use enormous amounts of energy and precious water. Here in Australia we are in a unique position to take control of the way Data Centres are located and run. We have vast tracts of low arable quality land and abundance of sunshine which can house the centres and power them without adding any disruption or cost to taxpayers. Apple Park in Cupertino was opened in 2017 and is 100% powered by renewable energy with a massive rooftop solar installation. Apple Park is not a data centre but is an example of how any business can produce their own power without drawing on the national grid. Best practice design of Data Centres require water to be self contained and continuously recycled. If power and water issues are controlled and a non issue, the last issue is location and maybe will be the most emotive contentious .





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