



Meetings:

Friday 3rd February @ 7:30pm

(doors open @ 7:00pm)

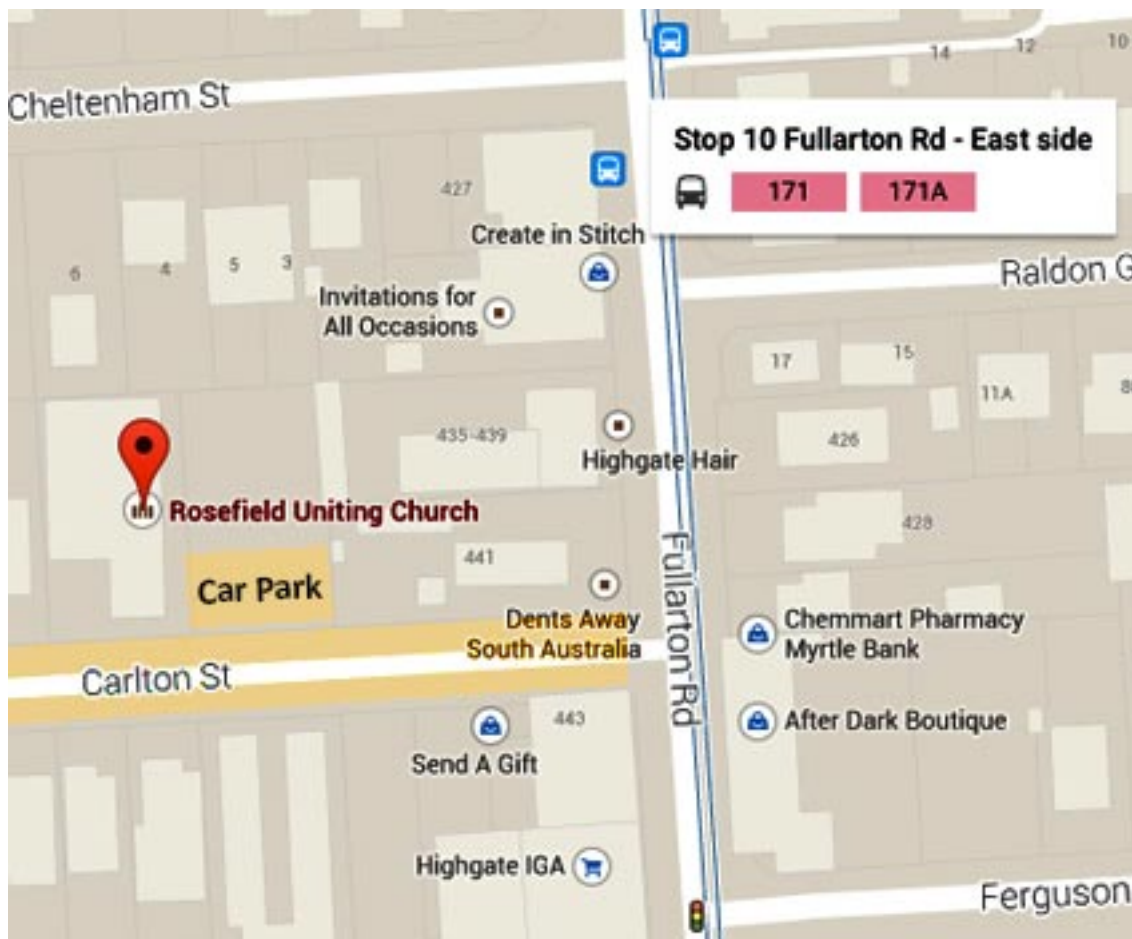


What do you do with your iMac, iPhone or iPad?

Get your skates on for our 1st meeting for 2017, where we will endeavour to find out which cool apps do people use.

Maybe you will find a new app that will change your life!

(Pic by Rick!)



Meetings at Rosefield UC 2 Carlton Street Highgate – off Fullarton Rd between Fisher Street & Cross Road

Street View <<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-34.960106,138.624922,3a,90y,357.08h,90.59t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sbqkyXXNQ39xIB7LKVM0QyQ!2e0!6m1!1e1>>

Meeting dates for 2017

**March 3 (AGM), April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1,
October 6, November 3, December 1**

SA School Holidays, Public Holidays and Observances

<<http://www.calendar-australia.com/school-calendars/south-australia/2017/1/0/1/1/>>

From our President

'SAAUC turns 35 this year. Many of our members were here in those early years and have watched the world change dramatically over that time. With no internet or iPhones, computing was an exclusive club and members contact was by attendance at meeting and the monthly, posted, issue of Apple Saauce. Those youngsters are now 35 years older and are still the backbone of our club and it would be great to see them all still going in another 35 years. We need to consider the future and ways to attract the young Apple Users to join SAAUC and bring their fresh ideas and enthusiasm with them. Every year, on the TV news, we see devotees queuing around the world to buy the latest iPhone and one can't

help but notice the Adelaide Apple Store smart young 'geniuses' always busy, and products and devices flying out the store. It would be good to attract a greater number of those people to us, as there is always something more to learn and a lot of information to share. I want to make that our aim for this year - welcome more, learn more, share more - I look forward to starting that process at our first meeting in February.

Regards

Marie

Rob's bit... + AGM

Happy Chinese New Year!

Rudolph reminded us via email not to forget Chinese New Year, this is the year of the Rooster and celebrations begin on Saturday 28th of January.

For those like me who know very little about the Chinese lunar year and the symbols associated with it, these links may help.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/chinese-new-year-2017-year-of-the-rooster-dos-and-donts-20170125-gtyb3v.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_New_Year

Rick is now our Webmaster

Ron's work often takes him away from home and while away, website updates and management has been handled by others.

During the year, Rick set up and has managed the Facebook presence so it made sense for him to do both jobs, it helps to keep the content of both coordinated.

THANKS to Ron for all you have done and **THANKS to Rick** for all you are doing.

This month we are asking "What do you do with your iPhone, iPad or Mac?"

We hope that there will be enough answers to help the committee plan meetings with content that is interesting to members.

We also hope that our discussion will make for a meeting that involves everyone; come and share what you do.

Next month (March 3rd) we will be holding our AGM.

This means that we are looking for committee members, the more committee members, the less work for each of them and the more representative they are of the membership.

Please consider standing for a committee position.

For many years now, Marie has been President and Treasurer, plus she has done the minutes when I have not been well enough to attend the committee meeting. We have not had a Vice President to assist her.

SAAUC needs you, your ideas and skills.

Look out for more AGM information in your email following our next meeting,

Rob



Mike's Musings



A New Mac—Constructed

My reconstructed iMac has been running quite nicely for some weeks now. I was hoping that I would notice a slightly faster log-on, but there does not seem to be any difference. But I recovered about 30 GB of disc space, and have all fresh copies of newly-installed apps.

Was it worth the effort? “Sort of ...”. I don’t regret doing it:-). I have gathered that to get a noticeable speed-up I could replace the “spinning” hard drive with a solid-state drive (SSD). But before doing that I’m waiting to see what (if) Apple announces (anything) in the way of upgraded iMac models (rumoured to be coming in the second quarter). It might be better to replace my 2009 iMac with a new model.

A Trio of Trivia

Public Phones—an (Almost) Extinct Species?:

My wife and I, between us, have no mobile phone, just the landline in our home, and so far have not felt we need to get one. If we were out and needed to call we’d find the nearest public phone and use that. But here in Canada, beginning about five years ago, the phone companies have been removing pay phones, to the point that they are (almost) “as rare as hen’s teeth”. My brother in Sydney says much the same thing is happening in Australia. We know that we will have to get a cell-phone some time soon, purely out of necessity:-). My brother seems proudly defiant, so he may hold out rather longer ...

Alternatives for us? I pay money to Skype that lets me call out to any regular phone number using Skype on my iPad. (I think it’s about 5 cents a minute, whether to “across the street or across the world”.) I just have to find a Wi-Fi network I can connect to at no cost. Many places like libraries, coffee shops and restaurants have them. My Internet company, Shaw, has even put “hot spots” in dozens of outdoor places—even at a remote ferry dock on Vancouver Island! (Proviso: you have to enter your Shaw email address the first time you connect to one of these.) I’ve usually been able to use my Skype Phone facility on these.

“Our Landline’s Not Working!”:

We’ve had our aforementioned landline in our house for the thirty-odd years we’ve lived in it, and it has never given us trouble. But in early January when I picked up the phone all I got was a steady hum. I was able to contact the phone company, Telus, where a tech did some tests, including “refreshing” the line, but to no avail. So a tech was booked to come to our place after breakfast two days later.

The tech arrived when promised, and spent some time checking things inside our house and, as best he could, to cable out to the pole on the street. He said things looked OK in

the house, so he then left to check things at two equipment boxes, one a block away, the other 3 kms away. Third minutes later our phone rang; it was the tech, to say he had fixed a fault in the distant box! All good again now!

“Please enter your Shaw email password.”:

My wife got this message in Apple Mail the other day. She was bamboozled; I was bamboozled:-). She had been using the same email password for years, and neither of us had changed it in her Mail program Preferences. So we called Shaw Support.

In short order, Shaw said: “Oh, we changed your password!” (&^\$#&^??) “Your old [6-character] password was not secure enough. You must make up an 11-character password.” She did this. After it was plugged in to the settings for incoming mail, a bunch of messages came down.

Then she tried to send a message. The same message came up! (&^\$#&^??) Then the cogs turned ... slowly. A while ago I had seen a Shaw webpage on how to configure Apple Mail for Shaw. It reminded me that you must also enter the email password in settings for Outgoing mail! Once entered, messages went out.

Conclusion: To me, making users change a “weak” password to a more secure one is reasonable. What is not is ... doing it without warning the user first:-)!

(&\$#&^!!!)

"Finally, in conclusion, let me say just this ..."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxBtGuu9BVE>



Apple Upgrades Garage Band & Logic Pro X (Jan 2017)

<http://www.apple.com/au/pr/library/2017/01/18GarageBand-and-Logic-Pro-X-Music-Apps-Get-Major-Updates.html>



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CES 2017

<http://www.ces.tech/>

<http://www.trustedreviews.com/news/ces-las-vegas-2017-news-highlights-rumours-dates-schedule-preview>

Each January Las Vegas hosts the CES (Consumer Electronics Show – nothing to do with Centrelink!) Last year one product that stood out was the Chevrolet Bolt EV, a Corolla or i30 sized hatchback that has beat Tesla to the market with a practical, good range plug-in electric small car. This year 3,800 companies, many with multiple products, exhibited at the show which attracted around 175,000 visitors.

Innovation Awards

The show is an opportunity for makers to highlight their latest products and much like motor shows, their experimental prototypes and technology they are developing. Each Year the show features Innovation Awards, 28 products were honoured this year, many being devices made specifically for use with iPhone.

<<http://bgr.com/2017/01/04/ces-2017-innovation-awards/>> <<http://www.ces.tech/Events-Experiences/Innovation-Awards-Program/Honorees.aspx>>
<<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2017/01/04/28-coolest-ces-products/96098496/>>

Apple do not have a presence at the show as they prefer to do their own thing. That is a pity, because Apple has great products that consumers want to compare with the offerings from other makers.

Most of Apple's suppliers are at CES so even committed Apple fans can learn a lot about the technologies that are likely to be built into the next wave of Apple products.

Apple Accessory makers were at the show, see these links for details and video.

<<http://www.macrumors.com/2017/01/06/ces-2017-best-apple-related-accessories/>>
<<http://www.macrumors.com/roundup/ces-2017/>>

Intel are now selling their 7th Generation "Kaby Lake" Core/ iSeries CPU's.

These chips are NOW incorporated in many of the PC's featured at the CES. Advantages include, more speed using less power (they run cooler for the same performance) and the ability to download 4K video.

SSD's are fast developing in speed and capacity

(likely 10TB SSD's in the next few years) and prices per GB are dropping. HDD's continue to grow in capacity with WD & Seagate indicating 20TB HDD's may soon be available.

<<https://www.cta.tech/News/i3/Articles/2017/January-February/2017-The-Year-Of-The-Solid-State-Drive.aspx>>

Kingston revealed the world's biggest capacity USB flash drive – a whopping 2TB with USB3.1 performance.

<<http://www.trustedreviews.com/news/kingston-just-announced-the-world-s-highest-capacity-usb-flash-drive>>

Following up on our previous articles about **USB-C adapters, dongles and Hubs**, a whole heap of such products were shown at the CES, local prices and availability are not mentioned.

<<http://www.technobuffalo.com/videos/usb-c-products-ces-2017/>>

The consumer PC market has been shrinking but the gaming and professional market is continuing to grow and develop. Gaming Laptops shown at CES include a 21" curved screen model, a prototype with 3 (hinged) 4K screens and a Samsung model said to be military grade, all of these are user upgradeable for CPU, Graphics processors, SSD's, RAM and batteries.

The technology is far from standing still. No doubt Apple have sent spies along, let's hope that what they learn will help them improve their competitiveness.

Apple's old rival, **Microsoft were at the show spruiking 10 new products**, they have a new enthusiasm and are keen to point out how they think they are beating Apple with their new products and technologies.

<http://www.technobuffalo.com/2017/01/06/microsoft-is-killing-apple-in-every-corner-what-we-learned-at-ces-2017/>

There is a growing presence at CES by car makers competing to produce safe and practical autonomous driving systems as well as other innovations as car builders change their focus towards being technology companies. Some are going it alone while others are partnering with Intel, Google and the like.

Faraday Future have announced an EV that in theory is faster than the Tesla S P100D by a little which should be on the roads some time in 2018. The FF91 features face recognition and a driving range of 378 Miles (617Km). Due to secrecy about financial backing this company was once rumoured to be a joint venture with Apple. This appears unlikely as they are having difficulty paying suppliers due to China limiting money transfers from the parent company. Unfortunately, the car malfunctioned at the CES.

<http://www.technobuffalo.com/2017/01/04/faraday-futures-ff-91-the-worlds-most-technologically-advanced-car/>

There is far too much to write a proper review of products here, take a look at what interests you at the above links.

CES Asia will be hosted in Shanghai China June 7-9 2017 where we will see further developments.

Rob



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