



SAAUCery



February 2025

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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday February 7th, 2025 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 February: SAAUC General Meeting Zoom 7.30pm, Managing Files across devices and the Cloud.

Friday 7th March: SAAUC AGM on ZOOM followed by General Meeting

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





A word from our President...

This being the first issue of SAAUCery for 2025, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

The big, big, big catchphrase for 2025, and beyond, has to be Artificial Intelligence, commonly referred to as AI. It's a bit of a weird one because our computers have been using artificial intelligence from the beginning. The term Machine Learning dates back to 1952 and an IBM computer scientist, Arthur Samuel, who defined it as 'a computer's ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.'. For some reason Machine Learning is now being called Artificial Intelligence.

The Chinese entry into the AI market with their app 'DeepSeek' is launching us into an era as significant as the Industrial Revolution. Just as the Industrial Revolution changed society as it was then known, so too we can expect the world as we know it to be changed in remarkable ways in the next few years. We need to be ready for the ride of the century and look for the benefits it can bring.

Regards

Marie Good



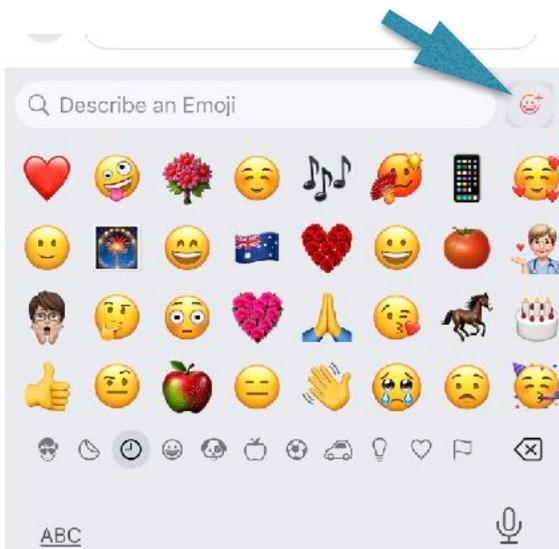
At Unley Library.
Marie is a volunteer at Unley Library and will be assisting with Macs and Apple devices once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10 to midday.

GENMOJI & PLAYGROUND

Have you tried the Genmoji feature in Emojis? You have the ability to create Emojis and Stickers which are unique. You can enjoy an endless amount of time playing with it.

Steps to create a Genmoji

1. Update your device to iOS 18.2
2. Open the Messages app
3. Start a new message or tap on a thread
4. Tap the emoji icon
5. Tap the New Genmoji button



6. Type a description of the emoji you want to create - e.g. flying pig 🐷
7. Tap Create new emoji
8. Swipe through the options and select the one you like



9. Tap Insert to add it to your message

Another way is to type into the 'Describe an Emoji' field and if it isn't already in the emoji list it will direct you to Genmoji.

You can also create a Genmoji based on a photo of a friend or family member.



- Add Genmoji to messages
- Share Genmoji as a sticker or Tapback - to send a short reply to a text message, hold down on the message, a pop up menu will appear and you can choose any of the emojis including those created by Genmoji.

Apple's Image Playground

Similar to Genmoji, this app is only available on iPhone 15 Pro, iPhone 15 Pro Max, all iPhone 16s and Macs with Apple M chips.

Images created can be sent to older devices and added to emoji and sticker library. Just can't be created there.

I've spent quite a lot of time creating images to include in this newsletter which I would otherwise scour the web for. It's a lot of fun, though also some odd variations.



iPhone SE 4



If you are hanging out for a new iPhone SE, you might not have to wait too long. March/April is shaping up to be when the next iPhone SE, series 4, will be released.

Expectation is that it will have an iPhone 14-style design with a notch. There will be no touch ID but will join all later iPhones and will have Face ID. It is expected to feature a 6.1 inch display, a single lens rear camera, 8GB RAM and an A17 chip capable of supporting Apple Intelligence, like all the latest iPhones.

OS UPDATES

You may have noticed in recent weeks a flurry of updates to iOS and macOS. If your device is capable of updating it is a good idea to do so as the updates include security updates and weeds out any bugs in the system. Latest updates are

macOS Sequoia 15.3

iOS 18.3 and iPadOS 18.3

watchOS 11.3

tvOS 18.3

Safari 18.3 - macOS Ventura and Sonoma.

macOS Sonoma 14.7.3

macOS Ventura 13.7.3

If you go to Apple's support website <https://support.apple.com/?cid=gn-ols-home-hp-tab> you can always check to see what security updates are included in each OS update.

Some new iOS 18 features

Personalise your Home Screen layout.

Place your apps and widgets exactly where you want them. Arrange them along the bottom for quicker reach, or off to the side to frame a favourite wallpaper. Or give each page of your Home Screen a unique layout that's most helpful for you.

A big update to Control Centre

The redesigned Control Centre features new groups of controls, which you can access more fluidly with a single, continuous swipe down on the Home Screen.

Photos - Your whole library organised just for you

Browse by helpful topics

Collections automatically organises your library by theme, so you can check out your recent days, people and pets, trips and more.

Customise photos exactly how you like

Reorder collections and choose items to keep at your fingertips in Pinned Collections, so you can quickly get to the content you care about most, whether that's photos of your dog or your friends, photos you've recently edited, or even screenshots or receipts.

Messages

In addition to bold, italics, underline and strikethrough, you can apply playful, animated effects to any letter, word, phrase or emoji in iMessage — many of which are automatically suggested as you type.

Schedule a message with Send Later

Whether it's too late at night or too important to forget, you can now schedule a message to send at a specified time.

- *Don't forget you can 'Unsend' a message for up to 2 minutes. Keep in mind that the person may still see the message on devices where the software hasn't been updated.* 😬

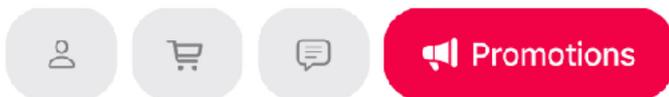
Mail

Categorisation

Have it all sorted out for you.

- *Not sure that I like this one. It's happening on my iPhone but not on my Macs.*

Basically sorting all your emails into these Categories : Primary, Transactions, Updates and promotions



Get straight to what matters most

The Primary category helps you focus on what matters most, like time-sensitive messages and emails from friends, family or colleagues.

Messages grouped for scanning

View snippets of messages like receipts, marketing emails and newsletters grouped by sender.

Passwords app

All your credentials in one place

From passwords to verifications and security alerts, find them all securely stored in the Passwords app.

Backed by secure end-to-end encryption and seamless syncing, the Passwords app safely stores all your credentials. It lets you filter and sort accounts by recently created, credential type or whether an account is in a shared group, to quickly find accounts you're looking for.

Phone Voicemail Messages

Messages left on Voicemail are available as a transcribed text as well as the audio message. Very convenient if you don't want to listen to the audio. You may have to sometimes as the text might look a bit garbled.

Notes

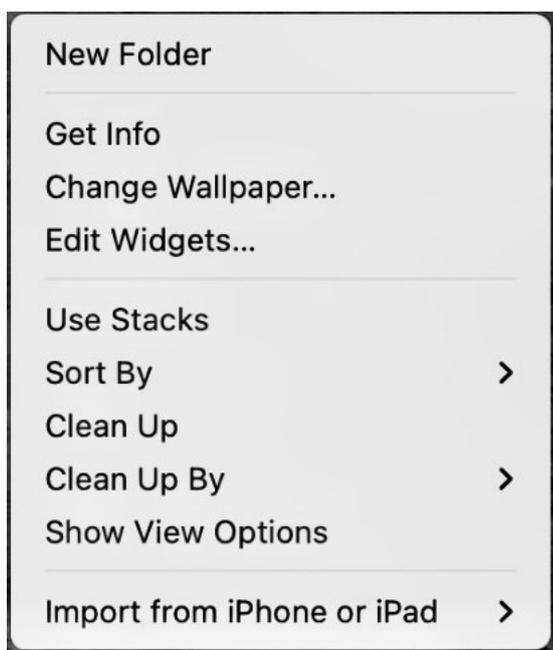
Live audio transcription

Record audio sessions, eg phone calls, within your note, and generate live audio transcriptions you can search through or combine with other comments, checklists or documents.

Interesting Sync feature

I happened upon this feature quite by accident the other day. I've never noticed it before so I expect it has snuck in with the macOS Sequoia 15.3 update. On the other hand, it could have been there for years?!

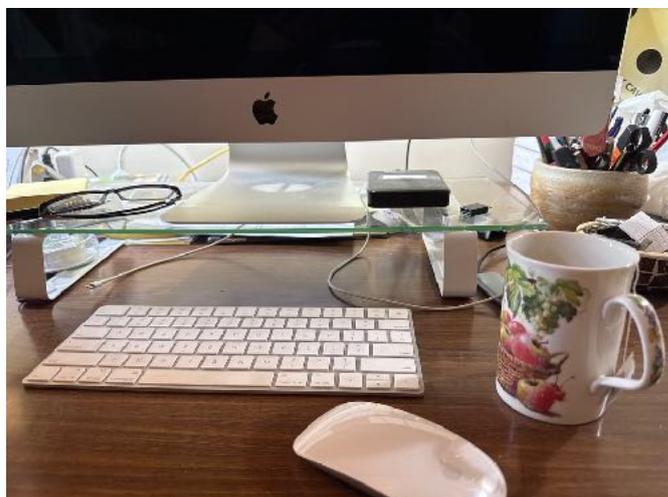
Somewhere on the Mac desktop, right click with the mouse. You should see this pop up on the screen.



Next step, scroll down to and select Import from iPhone or iPad. the following pop-up will appear. If you don't have an iPad or iPhone the device will not be listed.



Once You've got this far, you will find that the Camera has opened up on your iPhone. Take the photo, select 'Use Photo', and, behold, the photo is on the desktop.



I think that's amazing. A really useful tool if you are wanting to scan a document to be used on your computer.

There are also a few other choices from the first pop-up screen. The one I immediately chose was the one 'Use Stacks'. I find them annoying so have deselected that feature.

Always something new to find, if one has the time to look.



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