

## MIG report, by Anton Petre

Turnout was a record for the May Mac Interest Group meeting, and it was a busy afternoon. Initial questions included the problem of forgetting or losing ones Apple ID login information, making it impossible to get essential updates and to buy from the Apple store.

Another was how to copy pictures to a flash drive, which led to a discussion of where to find the Master main photo library file. It turns out that in the latest OS, Sierra, users have first to go to the Photos program preferences and turn on the “Show library in finder” option. Then it all becomes fairly straightforward. Finding the Masters file also makes photo backups easier.

Backups were a major discussion point, especially after we viewed a video explaining the recent Wannacry ransomware attack. Not a problem for Mac owners, as it was aimed at a Windows flaw, but the warning was that Mac owners should not consider themselves immune in the future. Good backups are a major protection, and so is installing all software updates. In the recent attack, those hit were folk who had not installed recent Windows updates, which would have prevented them being attacked. It also exposed yet again the danger of opening unknown email attachments or downloading software from unknown sources.

We also looked at the built-in Mac Automator program, which lets users easily create small programs to do specific tasks. Very few folk were aware the program even existed, which brought the advice to go through all your built-in applications and find out just what is there. Quite a few hidden gems exist, undiscovered by many Mac users.

All in all a successful and well appreciated session.