

One of the best turnouts of the year for the Mac Group meeting at the end of November ...the last of the year. Next meeting is on Friday January 24, 2.30pm.

We talked about security (don't click on links in emails unless you are VERY sure) and Roger Pitman gave an interesting talk and demonstration on making your own podcasts.

We then looked at the Photos app - and discovered that the main Mac had not yet been updated to the latest (Catalina) operating system...soon fixed that! We also checked out a MacMost video or two on Safari and on Photos. Then a look at some tricks to make Safari even more useful, and a hint from Roger on the need to check you don't forget to close programs and have a heap of them open and using up memory.

We also checked out how to get the Mac to read out the latest club newsletter...the trick is to open the newsletter in Preview, highlight the passage you want read to you, then click on the EDIT menu item, go to SPEECH and click on "start speaking". Most PDF files will work directly with speech after a passage is highlighted. Using the same highlight and speak system, you can also have the content of most web pages read out to you.

After 12 years running the Mac Group, Anton said he was handing over to Clive Dyson in the new year for family reasons, and because he also felt a fresh approach would be good for the group. But he'll still be a member and contribute when he can.

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