

# MacTalk Member Survey 2010

## Summary of results

### Meetings

How often do you attend MacTalk meetings?

	Most	Some	A few	Rarely	Never
Total	19	2	0	2	5

If you do not attend most meetings, why not?

	Too busy	Too far to travel	Meetings too long	Family/work commitments	I forget about them	Too cold in winter	Meetings not interesting	Meetings too advanced	Meetings too basic	Conflicts with something else	Other:
Total	0	3	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	3	1

Meeting content

Please rate your enjoyment of/interest in each part of the meeting.

	1 (Bad)	2	3	4	5 (Good)	Average enjoyment	Total responses
Business part (general business, announcements, etc)							
Total	0	1	8	9	7	3.9	25

Necessary evil

Generally get something from each meeting. I hope to see something that will help me with my interests - photography, music making, but it's all interesting.

It is a necessary part of the meeting to keep members informed besides doing general house keeping.

Apple update

Total	1	1	12	0	11	3.8	25
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Normally I am already aware of developments in the Apple world

Can easily be too long

Missed it from Geoff last night.

will miss Mac1's input

Keeps members informed about the happenings in the Mac world.

It was good with Jeff. Now needs reviewed to ensure updates are kept updated

Q & A

Total	1	0	4	5	14	4.3	24
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Often learn something from others questions and experiences

A lot of stuff comes out here. I hunk most members want this given a higher priority in the meetings.

not enough time devoted to this part of meeting.As it is at the end , some members have to leave before it gets under way.

Always interesting and enjoyable. It is a good learning session for all.

#### Main activity

Total	0	1	2	9	13	4.4	25
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Main reason I go. People like the Adobe speaker and Rosemary's iPhoto stuff was good

Clearly this depends on the topic, how competent the speaker etc

Should be time controlled.

Always enjoyable and instructive.

Currently there are good topics

#### Socialising before and after the meeting

Total	3	0	5	9	8	3.8	25
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Don't get much time before hand

Learn much in this setting

More access to expertise. Time constraints can stop me most meetings.

Not good in this matter very anti-social.

Very important for social cohesions and friendship which invariably develop over time.

#### Other issues

Meetings are held once a month. Is this:

	Too many	Just right	Not enough
Total	1	24	2

Which nights would suit you for meetings?

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Total	9	15	22	14

Do you think the meetings are:

	Too short	Reasonable	Too long
Total	3	22	0

What time would you prefer meetings to start?

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	No preference
Total	4	12	5	0	1	2	3

What time would you prefer meetings to end by?

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	No preference
Total	5	10	3	0	2	1	6

What could MacTalk do to encourage you to come to more meetings?

Hold the meetings closer to where I live. Have more guest speakers

More participation from 'non core' members

Nothing

Better time management of the meetings. More exposure to QnAs. High speed net access to allow for answers from on line sources. Also will help members to see & how to use on line resources. Wifi for LI to access is best .

Perhaps some more basic and intermediate tuition. Then go onto the more advanced.

What you MacTalk is currently doing is fine.

From my viewpoint all the meetings have been well organised and worthwhile. I have not suggestion as to what more MacTalk can do.

Would you be willing to give a talk at a meeting?

(Indented lines are continuations of the previous line)

	Yes	No	Maybe
Total	13	5	9

Image creation, image deployment, bash. Apple Remote Desktop, managing OS X Server.

design, presenting photos

Many

Numerous

My use of Computers over the years. Started in 1960 and was one of the first uses of apple in Australia.

Utilities, iMovie (would need a laptop)

My focus on music making/ photogrrphy Aperture 2 as far as I understand it - books etc.

Not sure. Have done Family History a long time ago - would be prepared to update.

Have to think about this as I feel comfortable with what I do on my MAC but it is quite basic compared to others in the Group

How I use my mac.

Depending on what the topics are an if I know enough about them.

Unsure, I guess anything that I have exeprience and other members have an interest in

Topic that it would be worth my while learning about, but at the basic level.Perhaps digitalising LPs using audacity I've never got on top of word processing etc, eg, but I am only using Appleworks

Speaking personally I do not have a problem talking to an audience. It is the subject matter on what one can speak on.

I am a new Mac user and as such feel I cannot present a talk on pertinent Mac subject.

iPhone

## About You

Which best describes you?

Work FT    Work PT    Student    Retired    Unemployed    Other

Total	9	3	0	13	1	2
Other:	Recently sold business and now seeking full time employment Self Employed					

Where do you live?

	Newcastle	Lake Mac	Central Coast	Hunter Vall	Pt Stephens	Other
Total	8	11	1	4	2	2
Other:	2 x Sydney					

Are you a financial member of MacTalk?

	Yes	No	Unsure	(I stuffed the question!)
Total	0	0	0	

## Your Computers

How many years have you been using computers?

	<5	<10	<20	21+
Total	0	3	6	18

How many years have you been using Macs?

	<5	<10	<20	21+
Total	6	3	8	11

How many computers do you use regularly?

	Mac	Windows	Linux	Other
Total	12	9	1	1
Max	7	5	2	1

Which operating systems do you use?

	OS9	Jaguar	Panther	Tiger	Leopard
Total	0	1	2	9	26

Please rate your knowledge and experience with Macs?

	1 (What's a Mac?)	2	3	4	5 (Guru)	Average	Total responses
Total	0	1	15	5	7	3.6	28

I'm Desktop Technologies Officer (Macintosh) at Newcastle Uni till the end of March. I know more about Macs and how to administer them than anyone else on campus. I've also been a professional C programmer and Tech Editor for Australian Macworld  
I am a general user for family stuff and use word processing and email.

Always learning

Comfortable but need tuition on some underused programmes eg, Keynote, Pages,Numbers, iDVD, iMovie, Garageband, Spaces etc etc.

Lot to learn and understand!

Always keen to learn more

How do you access the Internet?

	No Internet	Dialup	ADSL	Satellite	Mobile Nwk	Other
Total	0	1	26	0	4	2

What devices do you use?

(Indented lines are continuations of the previous line)

Scanners, cameras, external disks, iphone

Scanner, printer/scanner/fax, 3 external disks, 2 cameras, an iPhone, two iPods, Apple TV

scanners, printers, cameras, external disks, iPhone, iPod, TV tuners?

scanners, printers, cameras, external disks, iPhone, iPod, Time Capsule, TV tuners, iPad

Ext disks, camera, printers, network stuff

scanner, inkjet printer, laser printer, airport extreme, airport express, 8GB iPod nano 3G, 20GB 3rd Gen iPod, 16GB iPhone 3G,

tons of external firewire or usb (some even dual interface) hard drives

scanners, printers, cameras, external disks, TV tuners, virtual machines

HP All in one (3), iPods, iPod Touch (1st gen), airport extreme base station, USB & firewire external drives, Wacom bamboo tablet,

samsung colour laser printer, Eye TV tuner, Canon 350D SLR, Olympus Mu point and shot, Flip Video, Sony HD video

1. Canon Scanner. 2. Two Canon bubble jet printers 3. Three La Cie Outboard Harddrives . ! TB / 250 GB / 120 GB 4. One Sony DL Outboard Burner

5. Airport Extreme 6. Formac Studio 7. Panasonic MX 350 Video 8. Leica D LUX Still Camera

printer/scanner, camera

all but iPhone, Apple TV

Printer, scanner cameras, external disks, iPhone

Scanner, printer, digital cameras, iphone, ipod, TV Tuner, video camera/s (CANON/Panasonic - when and if I can get them connected)

MacBook pro, iPhone iPod ext fw drive ext USB dr apogee one. Line 6 pod xt live/ variac. Edirol midi keyboard. .Canon printer. Canon camera.

all of the above, except iPhone, AppleTV.

Scanner, printer, cameras, iPod, external discs.

Multifunction Printer, camera, external disk, Time Capsule, thumb drives.

iphone, apple tv, mac pro, macbook pro, mac mini,airport base station

Scanners,printers,cameras,external disks,thumb drives, iPod touch

Cannon Lide 90 scanner, Epson Stylus Photo R350 printer, Samsung Digit Photo Printer, Samsung ML 1640 laser printer, HP laser printer,

Eye TV 'diversity' tuner, Logitech speakers, LaCie external HD, WD portable HD, Time Capsule, Canon Powershot SX10 IS camera,

JVC 32X digital video camera. Canopus ADVC-55 digital converter, iPhone (wife's),

scanner, printer,time capsule.

iPhone, Apple TV, external portable and back up drives, TiVo, scanner, printers, camera, elgato turbo.264

Canon Printer/Scanner, 5G iPod 3GS iPhone

scanner, printer, camera,external hard drives,iPod,usb turntable to digitalise LPs

Scanner, Printer Camera, iphone and ipod, Time Capsule and Hybrid Eyetv tuner  
 scanners, printers, cameras, external disks, iPhone, iPod, Time Capsule, TV tuners, MIDI etc  
 All except Time Capsule and Apple TV

## How you use your computers

Do you use your computers for?

	Total	Home	Work	Both
Type of use	Now	Future		
	15	1	Business records	
	17	3	Personal finance	
	13	5	Family history	
	28	0	Managing photos	
	18	5	Making/editing movies	
	22	2	Listening to music/podcasts/TV	
	6	6	Making music	
	13	6	Audio manipulation (eg, records to CD)	
	11	0	Games	
	20	2	Writing books, articles, letters, newsletters	
	2	4	Programming	
	10	3	Managing collections (eg, recipes, stamps)	
	6	1	Managing GPS	
	11	3	Making web sites	
	12	0	Education	
	5	3	Reading e-books	
	19	0	Reading news reports	
	1	0	Gambling	
	25	0	Research (eg, travel)	
	23	0	Productivity (calendar/organiser/address book)	
	9	2	Graphic design	
	13	3	Database	
	27	0	Keeping in touch with family/friends (e-mail, instant messaging, voice, Facebook, webcam, paper letters)	
	16	0	Playing/entertainment	

All my work, e.g. system administration, image creation, image deployment, lab management, package creation, package deployment

Databases

Surfing the Web

General internet research for business purchases and other needs

TV programmes (recording and playing)

Using "Google" for searching the Web.

Games ie chess and maybe bridge

Using "e-Bay" and Pay-Pal.

Using iTunes in conjunction with an Ipod touch.

## Any other comments about meetings or MacTalk in general?

(Indented lines are continuations of the previous line)

Good survey

If it would be possible I would like the meetings to be closer to Lake Macquarie as it is a long drive for me.

The meetings at Speers Point were ideal but I know that there was a problem with the venue.

A close rein should be held on interjections as it can often disturb the flow of a speaker and the understanding of a topic.

It can also intimidate newer members from participating for fear of being seen to be ignorant

On occasion a question will be asked & a very technical & lengthy answer will be given & yet other times there has been given a curt answer of look it up on wikipedia

Meetings are generally good. The Q & A sessions could be expanded and kept under control. If possible, have the questions answered by the known 'experts' instead of a free-for-all.

I would like to see a small segment, say 15 minutes, for basic Mac stuff, like using Safari, using Firefox, backing up photos, music, etc to disc, maybe keyboard shortcuts, etc.

So pleased I found the Group!!!! I have learnt so much and the members are willing to help and share information.

I helped start mactalk but life got busy when I got into wedding videography, database solutions and hang gliding(which also has monthly meetings).

I work with macs all day and then use them at night and I keep up with all the news by reading blogs so unfortunately mactalk took second place. I read all the correspondence and I think that David and others are doing a great job.

A separate users group for new users(Green Apples)needs to be formed. It should be conducted away from the normal General meeting night.

The format would be to help "beginners" learn the Mac platform, covering basics of the O/S and associated applications that come with the Mac. This would need to be conducted on a regular basis of 1 day a week over a 2 hour period for at least a month, but would greatly depend on availability of learners and helpers. The problem that I see and have experienced first hand from the monthly meetings is that "beginners" find most of the talk goes right over their heads and they go away disillusioned and some have not returned. I appreciate that we probably have three distinct groups in our Club,being beginners, intermediate and advanced.

The second and third group need only possibly attend the monthly meeting or an occasional workshop, but the beginners need their own personalised help, hence my reasons for this separate group. There would need to be an extra cost levied for this help, I suggest \$5.00 per person for each 2 hour session a total of \$20.00 payable in advance.

for newbies, I think there need to be more emphasis on WHAT it is possible to do with their Mac.

Workshops are a great way to learn. A monthly workshop will be very welcome by most members. Also a Q&A of around 15 minutes to ask members new to Mac about how they navigate their Macs. I can probably better explain this at the meeting. The above probably doesn't make sense!!

I still feel we should be looking around for a better venue