

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP NEWS July 2020

*Our Virtual Club Meeting will occur July 17
and
We hope social distancing might ease sometime soon*



President's Piece.

Your roles and mine have shifted in this rapidly changing world. We have a shared responsibility to care for the health of others as we endeavour to minimise Covid19 transmission, but to not neglect other things that were part of our 'normal life'

Many of you are active in other interest groups and have managed to 'keep the boat afloat' for others in need. Thank you.

Hope to see you Friday. *Richard.*

Our next meeting will be online via ZOOM
Friday 17th July 2020 evening at 7.30pm

The Bowling Club has reluctantly advised current regulations limit the number of members allowed on the premises. They are keen to see us when the restrictions are lifted.

Before you attend the meeting please make sure that your mic and video are working OK.

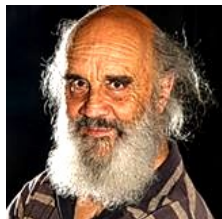
If you are having problems checking your Mic and Video please talk to Richard 0405 707 789 or David 0414 982 010.

On Friday I will:

1. Send out an email with a link which you should click on and download a small ZOOM program
2. The email will be sent out some time between 7 and 7.15pm on Friday
3. You will NOT be able to enter the meeting before the host is connected

See you all then
Stay Happy and Healthy

David



Learning to live in an uncertain world

For those of us who have been around for a few years, the current disruption to our 'normal way of life' causes us to reflect on those periods of relative stability when we could confidently plan ahead.



Transport and the freedom to travel, had allowed us to visit and share the physical, social, cultural and personal space of friends and strangers alike.

We are aware of the Global threat to our health and the evident uncertainty exhibited by those we look to for guidance.

We are also warned of emerging technology capable of threatening our personal security.

Jack Korten has researched emerging technology used for 'virtual meetings' and has shared a report comparing available options at this time.

It's a novel experience to have computer stuff in our newsletter and I thank him for making the effort.

Confusion is evident in all countries reporting on the virus. Credibility of news is challenged and we have a shared responsibility to respect the safety of those around us....and avoid those who do not!

It's a learning experience for the leaders and those being led. History tells us it has all happened before.

Who said life is boring?

Frank

"No man steps in the same river twice,
for it's not the same river
and he's not the same man."

— Heraclitus, about 2,300 years ago

The Best Performing Video Chat Services, According to the ACCC



Many office workers have had to adjust to new working arrangements due to the impact of coronavirus. Principally, that has meant a heavy reliance on video chat and conferencing services. Australia's consumer law regulator, the ACCC, has released a new report highlighting which service has worked best so far.

The ACCC's [first Critical Service report](#) was released on 8 July and offers a look at how the NBN serviced Australians in May when compared to figures from February .

It looked at six popular video chat services and measured the latency — how responsive or laggy it is — to weigh up which works best.

Services included in the report were Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, Microsoft Teams, Cisco Webex and GoToMeeting. The data was captured between 8 May and 31 May and found Skype, Teams and Google Meet performed the best and most consistently.

The ACCC's graphs show the latency of the three services remained low — meaning less lag — and it was likely due to the servers being located locally rather than overseas.

“Google Meet, Skype and Teams exhibit significantly lower latency than the other services measured as these services use servers located in Australia,” the report read.

“Zoom, Webex and GoToMeeting use servers based in the United States, the Netherlands and Singapore respectively.”

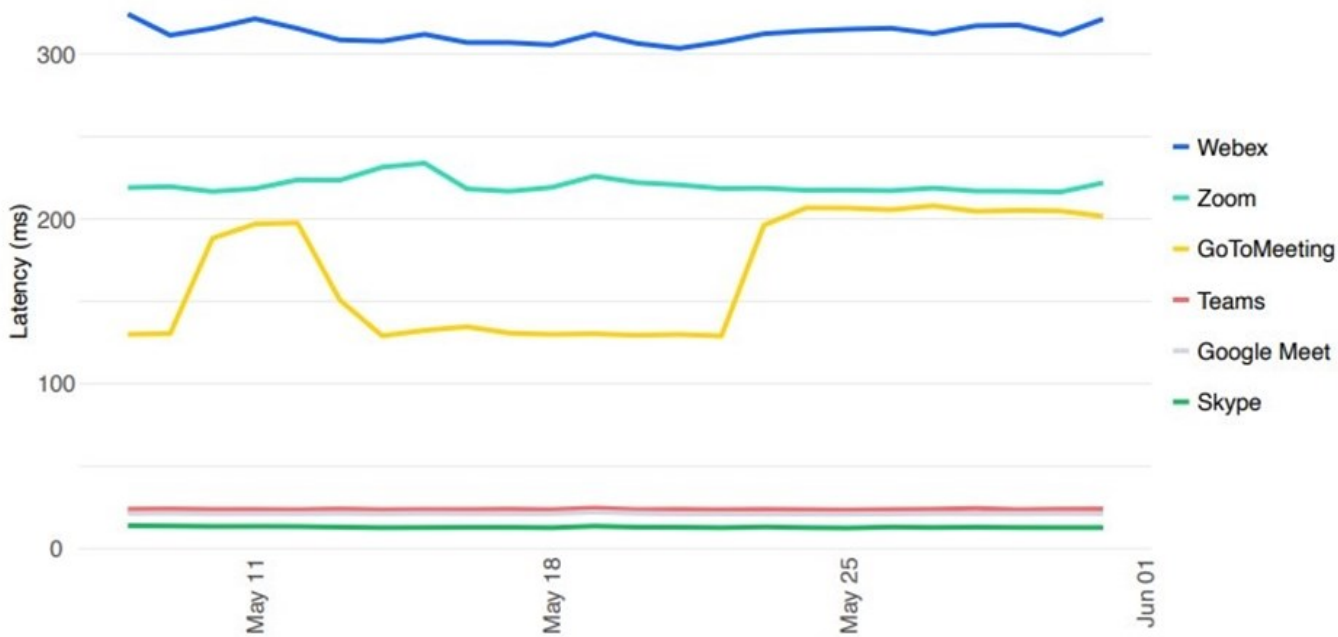
The report explained that peak evening times increase marginally but it wouldn't be enough for a user to really notice.

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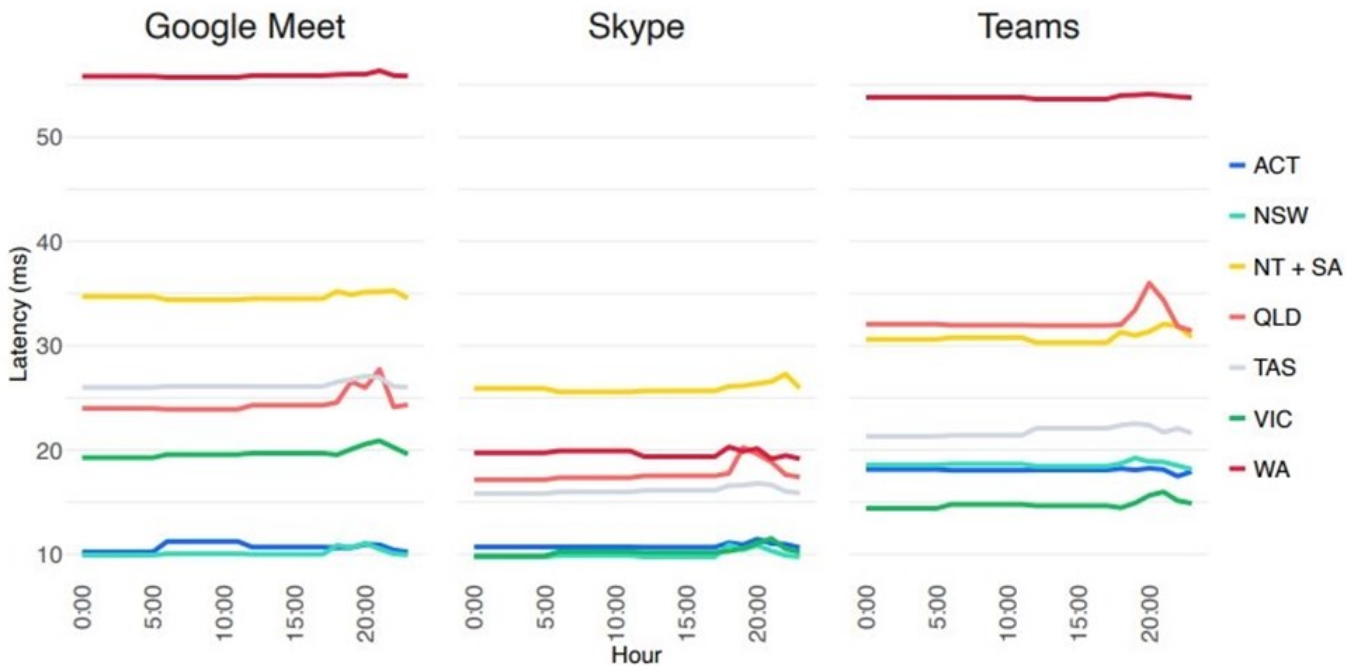
Which Video Chat Apps Offer The Best Privacy And Encryption?

How well your video conferencing experience fared, according to the report, also came down to where you lived in Australia. The report's graphs indicated that Western Australians had higher latency across Google Meet and Teams, suggesting the services were relying on East Coast servers. Skype, however, offered a more consistent latency value.

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Latency to the video conferencing service's servers, split by hour of day and week. Lower values are better. Results from all hours of the day are used (not busy hours).



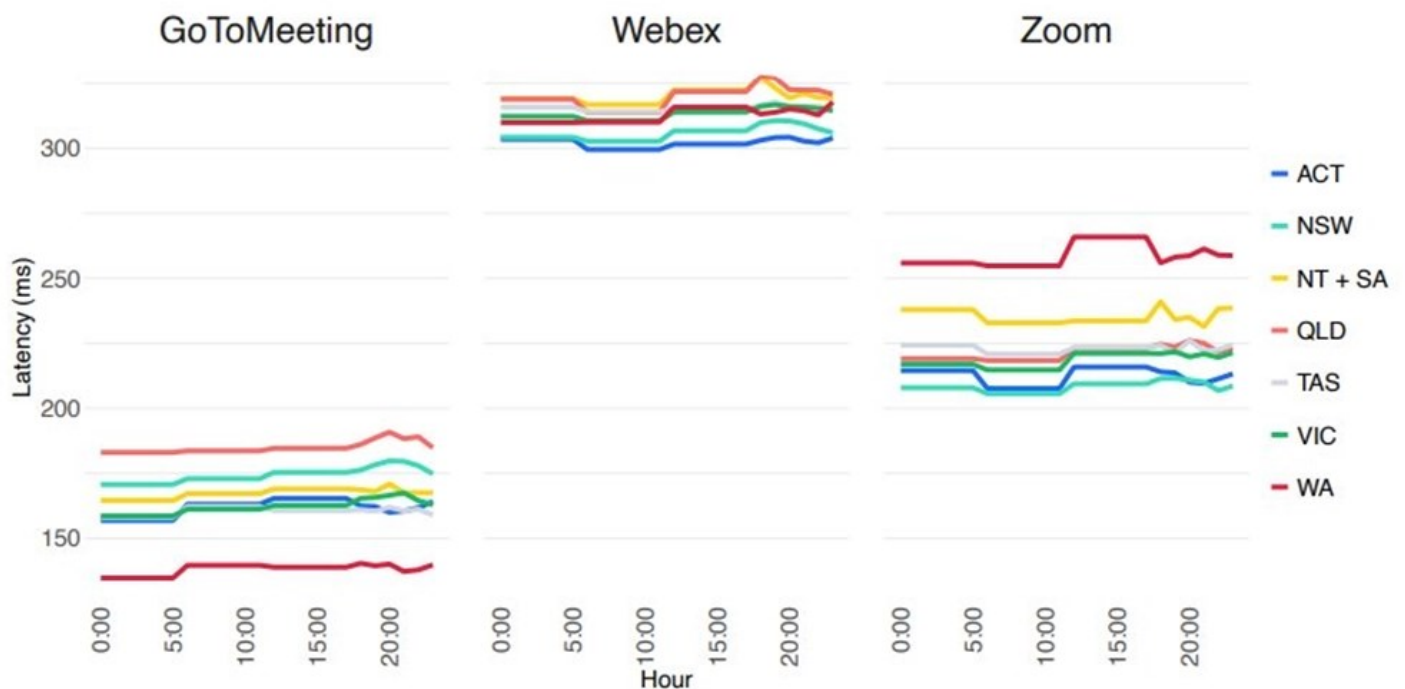
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When it came to options with overseas servers, the results showed far higher latency values.

As expected, the further away the country, the worse the potential disruption was. “GoToMeeting” targets Singapore and thus Western Australia has the lowest latency for this platform, the report outlined.

“The converse is true for Zoom which targets servers in the United States. Here Western Australia has the highest figures.”



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The findings show that while a slow internet speed is usually blamed for unexpected dropouts in meetings, where a video conferencing service’s server is located makes a big difference too. If it’s constantly affecting the quality of your meetings, it might be time to try a different tact.

Update 8 July 2020: Cisco has claimed the ACCC’s report contains inaccuracies, stating that its Webex service uses a server in Sydney.

“The report appears to claim that Australian Webex users use a server based in the Netherlands (page 14). This is not the case. The report overlooks the fact that Cisco has invested in a Webex data Centre in Sydney for Australian customers, as was reported by the media in March 2019 and published by Cisco. When connecting to Cisco Webex Sydney data Centre, latency is significantly less than what is claimed in the report.”

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[Find The Best Video Chat App With This Mega-Guide](#)

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Thanks Jack for researching and sharing this report on available options for Virtual Meetings.

A SHORT LOVE STORY

A man and a woman who had never met before, but who were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train.

Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly, he in the upper berth and she in the lower.

At 1:00 AM, the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying,.....'Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold'

'I have a better idea,' she replied 'Just for tonight.....let's pretend that we're married'

'Wow!.....That's a great idea!' he exclaimed..

'Good,' she replied.....'Get your own #&*% blanket.'

After a moment of silence,he farted.

The End



A petrol station owner in Dublin was trying to increase his sales, so he put up a sign that read, 'Free Sex with Fill-Up!'

Paddy pulled in, filled his tank and asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10.

If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex.

Paddy guessed 8, and the proprietor said, "You were close. The number was 7. Sorry. No sex this time."

A week later, Paddy, along with his friend Mick, pulled in for another fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex.

The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number.

Paddy guessed 2. The proprietor said, "Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time."

As they were driving away, Mick said to Paddy, "I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex at all."

Paddy replied, "No, no, it's genuine enough Mick. My wife won twice last week."

Thanks to Faye, some of you have seen this but it's worth sharing here.

German Husband and Wife Circus Act.

<http://vimeo.com/30014163>

That's about it Folks! Frank

**It's been a bit of a strange day!
First I found a hat full of money.
Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...**



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until allowed to
assemble in person at the club
Ring David if interested