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The Busselton Constitution is available on the Busnet website:  
[busnet.org.au](http://busnet.org.au)

This is a very useful and interesting site with lots of up to date information about our Club.

**Busnet Clubroom Opening Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 PM

*(Except Public Holidays)*

### Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Joined Dec-2025:**

Debbie Gibson Catherine Norman  
Anne Price Donna Watson

**Joined Jan-2026**

Ken Baillie Karen Bigwood  
Mary Day Anthony Caldwell  
Danny Flynn Patricia Lee  
Carmen Lorenz Mac McDonald  
Jennifer Russell Catherine McGregor

**Joined Feb-2026:**

Alex Ashton Karen Caddick  
Peter Vaughan Sandra Horn  
Jenny Quin John Quin  
James Kortas Graham Edwards  
Shirley Chartres

**Editorial:**

Welcome to the first Browser for 2026, yes we have taken a break for a couple of months, the weather has been great so who could blame us.

With this being my first Browser it would be remiss of your editor not to acknowledge and thank Pam for her dedication and support over the many years of taking on this task. Let's hope we can continue to live up to those high standards.

Cyber security is a concern for everyone so this edition has some useful tips for you to consider.



Alex (a.k.a. Grumps)  
Editor

**Scam Watch**

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**On-line Safety Tips for Seniors.**

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**Busnet Social Committee Morning Tea**

The Busnet Social Committee intends to hold a get together at the Busselton Senior Citizens Centre on 10 March 2026 at 10:00AM.

Come along and meet other members for a chat. Coffee/Tea with Scones, Jam & Cream will be provided at a nominal cost of \$5.00.

Please reply to Heather MacLean on email [heathermaclean@outlook.com](mailto:heathermaclean@outlook.com) to indicate your intention to attend.



**Busnet Raffle at Bunnings Easter Community Event.**

Busnet once again will be attending the Bunnings Easter Community Event where we will be holding a raffle. The event will be held at Bunnings Busselton on Thursday 26 March from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

We are currently seeking donations to contribute towards our raffle to be drawn on the night. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the club house during opening hours.



**[March 2026 Volunteer Roster](#)**

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# Scam Watch

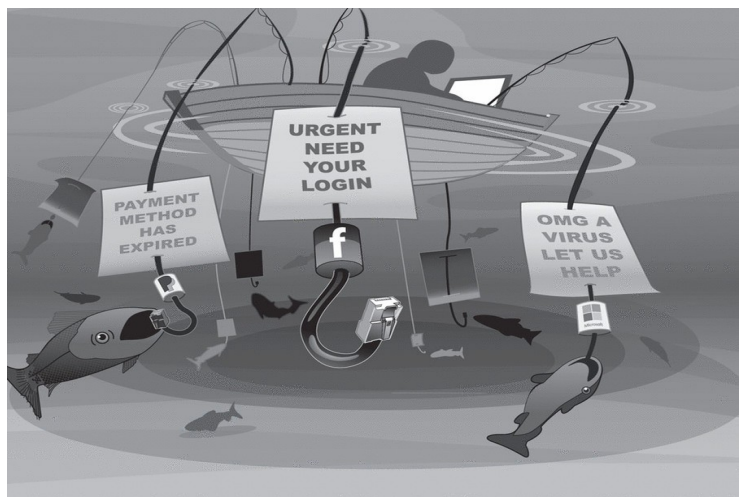
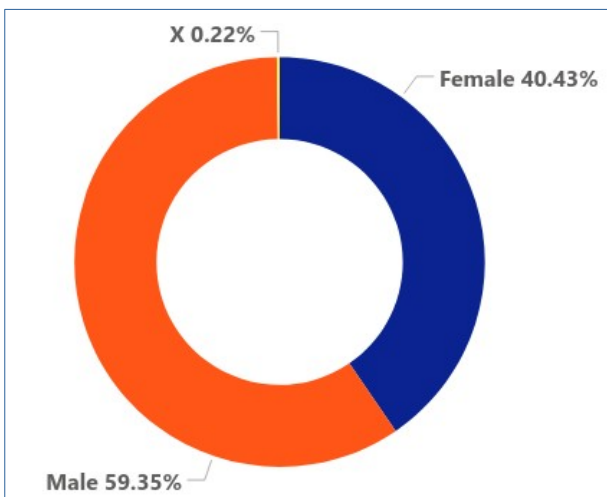
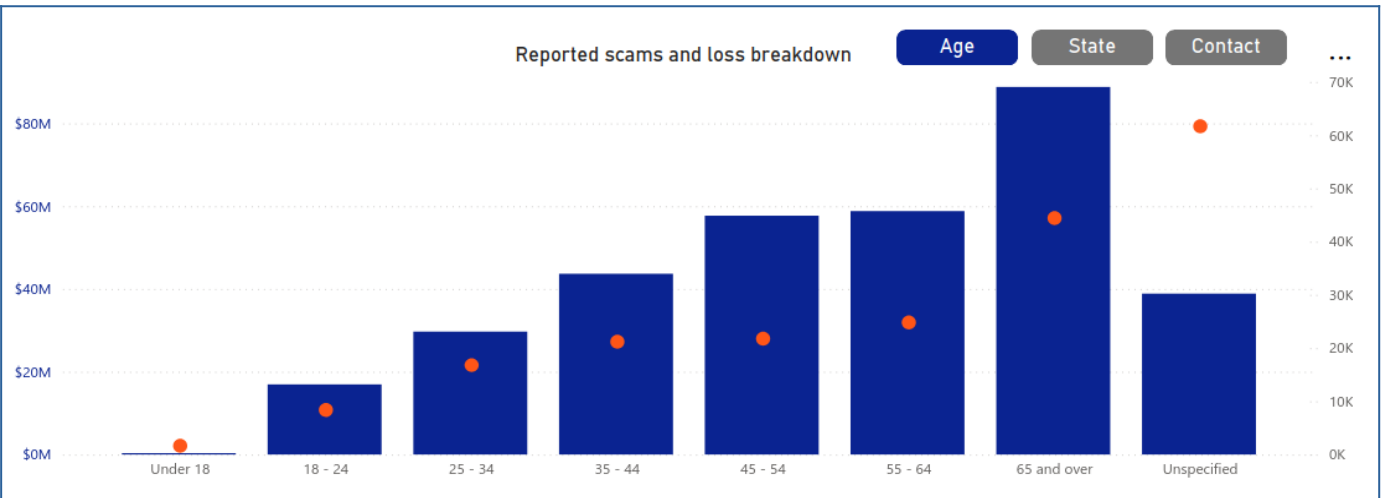
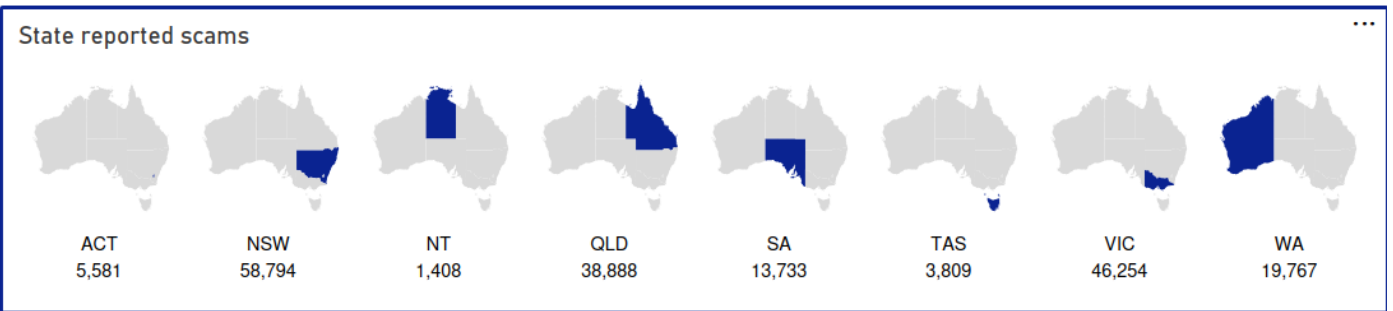
According to the Australian Government Scam Watch in 2025 Australians were scammed out of more than \$334M.

50% of total losses were from scams targeting investment opportunities followed by both phishing, and romance scams both accounting for nearly 10% each of the total value of scams throughout the year.

The largest age group being caught in scams in both amount lost and number of scams are those over 65.

Men are also more likely to be caught out with scams. Almost 60% of those being scammed are male.

You can report suspected scams and keep an eye on latest scams reported via the Scam Watch website <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>



<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/research-and-resources/scam-statistics>

# Online Safety Tips For Seniors

While younger generations have grown up with the likes of smartphones, social media, and online gaming as key parts of their lives, the same cannot be said for those who are older. Because of this, while some elderly people are perfectly tech-savvy, others struggle with certain aspects of online activity.

What's more, seniors are often targeted by scammers and cyber criminals, putting them at great potential risk when they want to shop, bank, or communicate online. Fortunately, there are many ways for seniors and their families to improve their online security, stay safe, and enjoy all the internet has to offer, with fewer risks.

Below are 10 internet safety tips for seniors sourced from [Express VPN – online-safety-tips-for-seniors](#).



## 1. Use strong, unique passwords

One of the simplest ways to bolster your online defences is to create strong and unique passwords. That means different complex passwords for online banking, social profiles, forums, etc.

If you have a complex and unique password for every account, it will be far harder for others to gain access to your data or steal your identity.

While creating and remembering all those passwords may sound challenging, a secure password manager can help make it simple.

## 2. Enable two-factor authentication

Two-factor authentication (2FA) is an important security feature that is available on many platforms, like email and online bank accounts. It essentially adds another layer of protection to your accounts.

With 2FA/MFA turned on, you won't just have to type in a password to access your accounts. You may also have to enter a unique code, delivered to you by text or email, or even use your fingerprint to verify your identity. This makes it much harder for others to access your data.

## 3. Keep software and devices up-to-date

It can be a source of frustration when apps and devices keep asking you to update them. Each time, you have to wait while the update files download and install, and your devices may restart or shut down during the process.

However, it's worth the hassle. Updates are crucial for security. They often address security vulnerabilities. If you keep everything updated, malicious users will have a harder time exploiting any known weaknesses to access or infect your device.

## 4. Avoid clicking suspicious links or pop-ups

A common tactic of cyber criminals is to use links or pop-up windows to fool users into clicking and visiting malicious sites. If you are not already then get in the habit of not clicking links or pop-ups unless they come from trusted sources and you know exactly where they're sending you.

## 5. Shop only on secure, trusted websites

The internet has become a convenient place to shop, with a world of goods at your fingertips, ready to be dispatched and delivered to your door. However, there are also plenty of malicious or fake online sites out there. Some of them promise what looks like a good deal at low prices but can take your money and fail to deliver what you purchased and may even be selling you counterfeit goods. Scam site owners can also steal any personal data you submit, like credit card numbers,

To avoid this, stick to shopping at recognisable and trusted sites. If you're unsure about a retailer, look for reviews and testimonials online to learn more about

them or ask tech experts, family members, close friends or trusted community members for guidance.

## 6. Never share sensitive information via email or phone

One of the most common ways in which scammers target elderly people is by impersonating someone else, including a friend, family member, a police officer, or a tech support worker, and asking for personal information.

Many people fall for this trick and share info, like names, addresses, and even Social Security numbers, often with terrible consequences. To avoid becoming another victim of fraud and scams, never give out important information over email or phone, even to people who claim to be trustworthy.



## 7. Use antivirus and firewall protection

Many cyber threats come in the form of malware, or malicious software, which can infect your device and cause a range of issues. Some malware might, for example, allow cyber criminals to access or even remotely control your device without you being able to stop them.

Antivirus software and firewalls are two of the most vital lines of defence against these attacks and infections. Use them across your devices for maximum protection.

## 8. Review bank statements and credit reports regularly

Many people of all ages, not just the elderly, fall victim to scams or fraud without even being aware of it. Months or even years might pass, with the victim gradually losing more and more money over time.

This can even happen by accident if you sign up for an auto-renewing online subscription, for example, and forget to cancel it. So, get in the habit of reviewing bank statements and credit reports often to look for any charges you aren't aware of or other abnormalities.

## 9. Learn about emerging threats

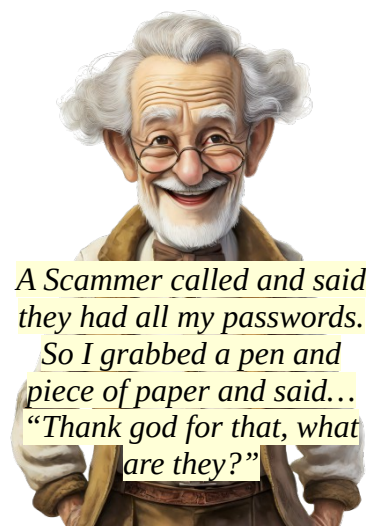
Scammers are constantly finding new ways to fool their victims and steal data, often making use of new, emerging technologies, like advanced malware programs and artificial intelligence bots. So, even if you're aware of their most common tricks, you could still be caught out by an emerging threat or new scam technique.

Keep yourself informed by researching and reading up about cyber security news and new types of scams as they emerge. The more you know, the better prepared you'll be to spot scams and avoid them.


## 10. When in doubt, ask a trusted person

There is no harm in asking for help. If you're not completely comfortable with certain aspects of online activity, don't struggle alone; seek help from those in the know.

Many seniors have friends, neighbours, family members, or other local experts who can guide and instruct them or answer questions about online issues. Alternatively, there are many cyber safety courses available, both online and in person, to boost your cyber security knowledge.



# Busnet Volunteer Roster

BUSNET COMPUTER CLUB INC								
March		2026 ROSTER						
DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician	DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician	DATE	DAY	Reception & Technician
02/03/2026	Monday		04/03/2026	Wednesday	Heather Maclean	06/03/2026	Friday	Trevor Gray
		Public Holiday			Bill Whipp			Bill Whipp
		Labor Day WA			Tony Hill			Tony Hill
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09/03/2026	Monday	Maureen King	11/03/2026	Wednesday	Pam Shanks	13/03/2026	Friday	Jane Buckley
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		Jake Challis			Tony Hill			Tony Hill
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16/03/2026	Monday	Kerry McLements	18/3/26	Wednesday	Peter Ralph	20/03/2026	Friday	Ursula Hillman
		Peter Quinby			Bill Whipp			Bill Whipp
		Jake Challis			Tony Hill			Tony Hill
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23/03/2026	Monday	Maureen King	25/03/2026	Wednesday	Heather MacLean	27/03/2026	Friday	Sheila Higham
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30/03/2026	Monday	Lois Ralph	01/04/2026	Wednesday	Peter Ralph	03/04/2026	Friday	
		Peter Quinby			Bill Whipp		Good Friday	
		Jake Challis			Tony Hill		Public Holiday	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Any changes to the Roster contact Peter on 0429 185 066 OR email <a href="mailto:treasurer.busnet@gmail.com">treasurer.busnet@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Busnet Opening Times : Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM Closed Public Holidays</p>								



# Coffee Break

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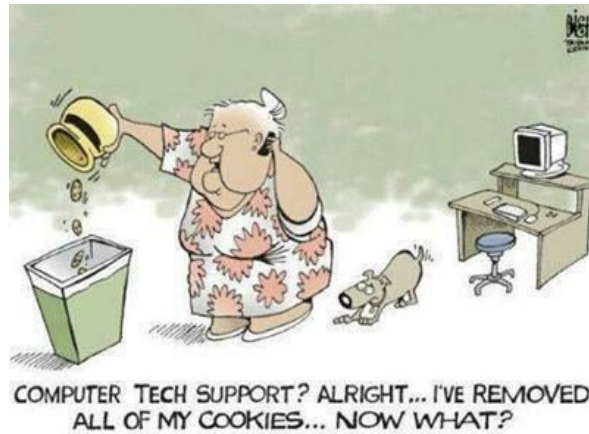
Fill the blank squares with the numbers 1 to 9 so that each row, each column and each smaller 3 x 3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

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			6			4	2	3
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## WORD MAKER

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters below, with each work containing the letter in the centre? Don't include proper names or plurals.

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N	V	R
I	S	U



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