



Neighbourhood Watch 3193

Beamaris & Black Rock

October - December 2021

NHW 3193 Graffiti Busters - we're back !



Yolanta & Richard Cadman, Simon Appel, Eva Clapham, Geoff Bransbury, Barry Amond, Phil Badman (hiding), Duncan Gibson, Ken Beadle

Graffiti Busters are all volunteers and 3193 residents who hate to see our suburbs vandalised by mindless graffiti. We were formed by NHW 3193 in 2018 and are proud to make a difference. We were finalists in the 2020 Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards. We are supported by Bayside Council and Victoria Police. There are about 30 Busters and more are welcome. We would like to see new groups set up in Hampton, Sandringham and more. We need people to lead these groups. If you know anyone, ask them to email NHW 3193.



Before



After



Before



After

Our first "post Covid" "Graffiti Bust" was held in Black Rock. It takes these idiots two minutes to deface a wall and two hours for us to fix it. Please report them to the police if you see vandals at work.

Continuing to make good things happen

Community Bank Beamaris has been part of the local community for the last 19 years. In that time we have returned over \$530,000 back to local clubs and organisations. Our branch will be closing on 30 November, but the Sandringham Branch will continue the community-minded legacy in Beamaris and Black Rock. Where you bank makes a difference.



Community Bank Beamaris





President's Report

Neighbourhood Watch 3193 Inc.



Philip Lovel AM, President NHW 3193

You may have read that "scams awareness week" was held between 8th and 12th November by Scamwatch. We are all sick of the endless scams that besiege us daily. This newsletter features some of the information to keep you reminded of the pitfalls that these crooks are trying to trap us with and steal our money. We suggest you visit the [Scamwatch](#) website.

As we head into the Christmas period, we can look forward to getting back to near normal. It has been a difficult year to achieve any great outcomes.

It's good to see our Graffiti Busters volunteers out and about again. Wave at them when you see them. Join them if you like. All are welcome and it's a great project.

Our hopes are that we can now plan on doing some of the ideas we had planned for in 2021.

We will be running some sessions like "coffee with the Police" and "coffee with the Mayor" again.

We also want to host some real Community Forums on issues such as scams, local crime, graffiti, security, and other community issues.

We will be "trailing" some new rubbish bin stickers with community messages. We also hope to finally replace many of the faded NHW signs on our streets.

We aim to complete a major mural in the Beaumaris Concourse, just near the Post Office. This will be something special for Beaumaris.

So please stay connected with us. Please, become a member to show your support. See the back page.

All the best for the Christmas season.

Kind regards

Philip Lovel AM, President NHW 3193



A message from our Mayor Cr Laurie Evans



Mayor Cr Laurence Evans OAM

I am sure you are all savouring your new freedoms.

Council has been busy preparing a great series of events for Bayside to enjoy in the run up to Christmas and on into the Summer.

At the end of November, decorations will be installed across our activity centres and in early December, the Black Rock clocktower will be lit up as we officially launch Christmas in Bayside.

There will be live music and entertainment across Bayside's shopping centres and roving Santas as well.

We will be celebrating Bayside's wonderful foodie spots and utilising our beautiful parks, foreshore, and other open spaces.

A detailed schedule will be available soon.

We have also ensured ongoing support for local businesses who have struggled through the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting restrictions, including extending the outdoor dining spacelets program.

As we emerge from lockdown, I encourage you all to enjoy all that our Beautiful Bayside has to offer and to do so safely.

Baysiders have been leading the way with incredible vaccination rates with 90%+ fully vaccinated.

Thank you to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves and I urge those that haven't yet to do so.

You can find information on our website bayside.vic.gov.au on how to download certificates. Our friendly librarians are also happy to help you.

Please support your local traders as you enjoy your new freedoms and enjoy as many of the upcoming events as you can. Be kind and patient as you navigate check-ins and proof of vaccine procedures. Support each other and follow the health guidelines.

The safety messages are more relevant than ever as everyone begins new routines.

Mayor Councillor Laurence Evans OAM

NHW 3193 honours our frontline community

Philip Lovel, President NHW 3193, Geoff Bransbury, Vice President and Viv Shannon, Social Media Manager and Committee Member visited the local heroes servicing Beaumaris and Black Rock to thank them for their service throughout the pandemic.

Philip said it has been a difficult time, and these are the people who have helped keep us going.



Then we visited the Beaumaris Secondary College and presented six medallions to Debby Chaves, the principal who has supported the teachers and students and kept them going through the pandemic. This is only a symbol for all the schools and teachers in our area. Debby says she will select appropriate students/teachers who have gone above and beyond to get through the last 18 months to receive the medallions.

Firstly, we visited the Nurses at Sandringham Hospital and presented medallions depicting the Flying Angels, a mural painted in the lane at 606 Balcombe Road, Black Rock. The nurses were thrilled to be acknowledged by our community.



Sharon Hade, Director of Nursing and Operations, Sandringham Hospital with nurses and staff. Philip Lovel and Viv Shannon from NHW 3193.



Debbie Chaves, Principal of Beaumaris Secondary College with Philip Lovel and Geoff Bransbury from NHW 3193

The next visit was to the Bayside Police Station. Philip was joined by Vivian Shannon, a committee member of NHW 3193.

During the lockdowns, many of our police were seconded at short notice to “man the borders” under extremely difficult circumstances. So, let’s recognise what they had to do over and above their normal duties, without much choice!



Senior Sergeant Darryn Cooper and Acting Senior Sergeant Justine Smale with Philip Lovel and Viv Shannon from NHW 3193



Trevor Allwright, President, Concourse traders Association with Philip Lovel and Geoff Bransbury from NHW 3193

Last but definitely not least, let’s honour our local traders in Beaumaris and Black Rock. They have really had a difficult time. Trevor Allwright President of Concourse Traders Association at “I Found It” Beaumaris received the award on behalf of all our traders.

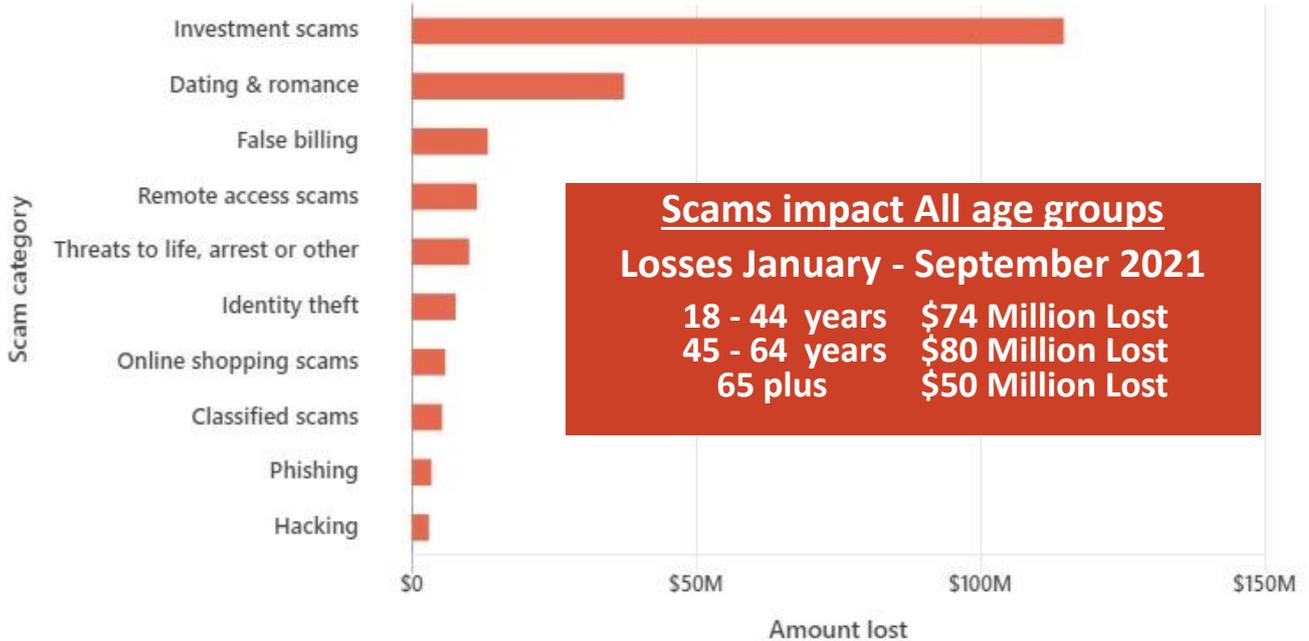


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Seasons greetings to you all

Let's not get scammed

Australians have lost over \$204 810 200 so far in 2021
Make sure it's NOT you in 2022

Top 10 scams by amount lost



Delivery method



Let's not get scammed

The best ways to avoid being scammed

Follow these rules and you should be OK

Always be on your guard - ALWAYS.

Remember they are trying to catch you OFF GUARD. They get you when least you expect it - perhaps you're expecting a parcel, the NBN or Foxtel coming - then a text or email arrives and you simply don't think about it being a scam. Maybe they try and scare you - the caller says they are the Police, Tax Inspector, Fraud Squad and accuse you of something. Maybe they tell you about a prize you've won. It just goes on and on. Don't believe anything. If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't. Even if it looks OK it might not be OK.

Always assume the emails are dodgy unless you are 100% certain they are not.

Remember scammers make their texts and emails LOOK REAL and URGENT.

Never click on the link or open the attachment unless you are 100% certain.

Remember scammers are TRYING TO MAKE YOU CLICK ON THE LINK so they will make it seem urgent and real.

Never give anyone your BANK PASSWORDS or ID.

If you do, the scammers then have access to your money. If it happens and you do give out your details - go to the bank immediately and change all your passwords.

Delete emails or texts and attachments that could be dodgy.



Fed up with pesky phone calls?

Are you tired of receiving calls about solar, electricity, energy savers and more?

You can mostly identify these calls by the "give away" silence before the (usually) foreign accent asks you "how are you today?" **How annoying is that!**

There are ways to minimise this.

Many of these "call centre based" calls are **VOICE ACTIVATED** so instead of speaking, just **SAY NOTHING**. Often the call simply disconnects. Remember, if it's important, they will ring back.

We suggest you also **BLOCK THE NUMBER** - on an iPhone simply select the number from your recent callers screen and press the 'i' for information. Scroll down to the 'block this caller' option. Android phones vary, so best to go to Google or ask your phone supplier, or call a friend!

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Let's not get scammed

Does the term "FluBot" mean anything to you?

Why do they use "buzz words" to describe these pests? Why don't they use plain English?

What is FluBot? - Essentially a virus that can be installed on an Android device when you click on a malicious link in an SMS message. Once installed, FluBot can access your contact list and send further infecting messages to your friends on your behalf. Additionally, it can access your personal information — including banking details — if you use these features while infected.

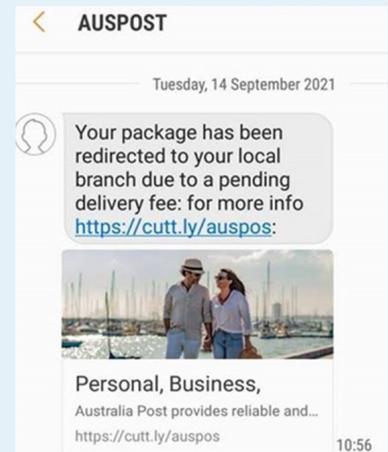
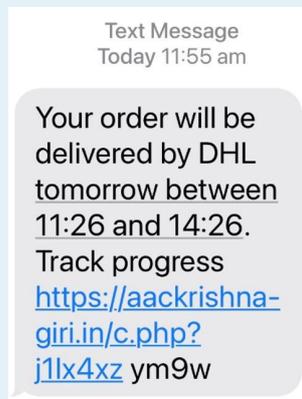
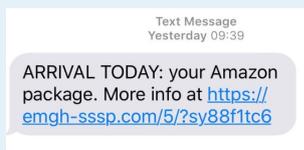
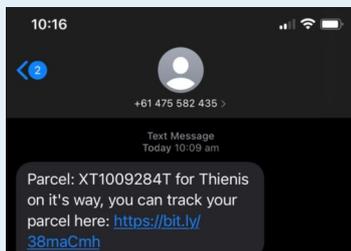
How would I know if I have it on my phone? - If you receive calls or texts asking why you messaged strange texts or your Telco messages you telling you that you are sending an abnormally large number of texts. If you are unsure, best to call an expert and discuss what best to do. Don't take chances.

What to do - If your device is infected, you should immediately remove the malware and change all of your passwords (but make sure you change these on a separate device, not the infected device). To remove the virus, if you are like most of us, then call an expert.

Can iPhones be infected with FluBot? - Apparently FluBot can't be downloaded on an iPhone. However iPhone users can still receive the scam text. We understand that if you click the link on your iPhone, it will take you to a webpage that asks you for personal information rather than to download an app or update on your phone.

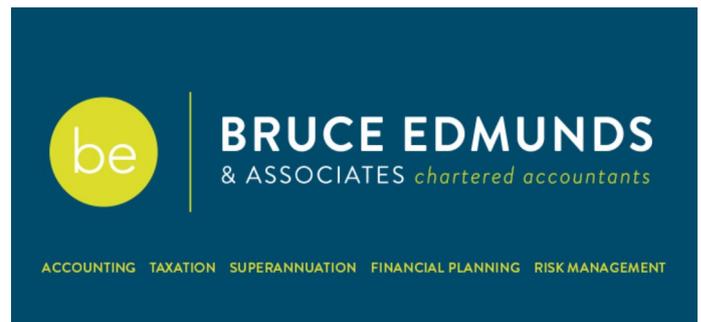
How to avoid getting infected - DON'T CLICK ON LINKS

Examples of typical FluBot texts - Don't fall for these or similar



Remember - always - be suspicious

Don't click on the links (unless you KNOW it is genuine). Delete if in any doubt.



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Let's not get scammed

Get your copy of "The Little Black Book of Scams"

The best way to protect yourself is through awareness and education.

The Little Black Book of Scams is recognised internationally as an important tool for consumers and small businesses to learn about scams including:

- the most common scams to watch out for.
- the different ways scammers can contact you.
- the tools scammers use to trick you.
- the warning signs.
- how to protect yourself, and where you can find help.

Individuals and community organisations can place an order for hard copies of *The Little Black Book of Scams* by emailing publishing.unit@acc.gov.au or by contacting the Infocentre on 1300 302 502.



Fake myGov email Leads you to fake website

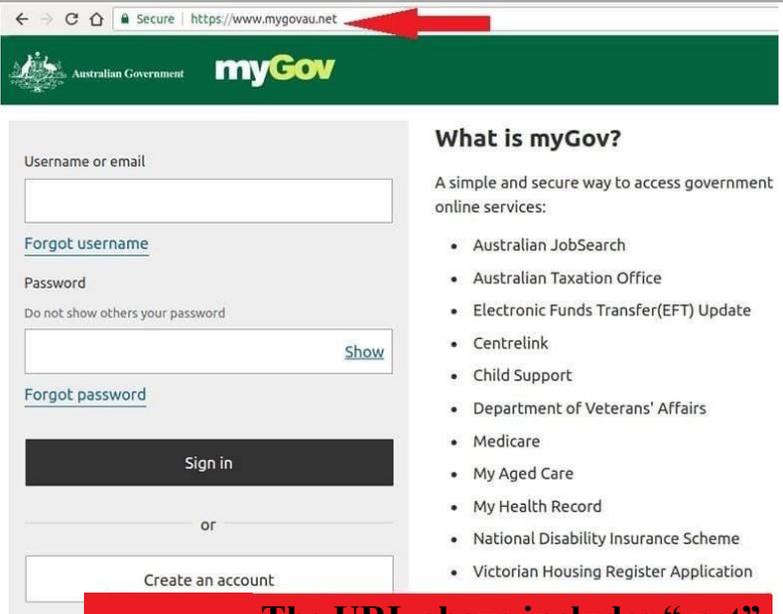
Scammers have set up a clone of the myGov website to trick you into sharing your login and bank account details.

It looks genuine - who would realise the URL is incorrect?

You receive an email that looks like it is from Medicare. It asks you to update your Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details, so you can start receiving Medicare benefits and claims.

If you enter your login details you are directed to also enter your secret security question and answer, before you're taken to the fake Medicare website to input your bank account details.

Remember, no matter how genuine the email looks - it might be FAKE - Don't click on the links.



FAKE The URL above includes ".net" instead of "gov.au"

This shows how good these scams have become - to avoid it - don't click on links

Be safe Be alert online

Online safety and security quick reference guide



Australian Government agencies are here to support you

Be safe, be alert online

This is a directory of Australian government agencies that can help you protect your online safety and security. This quick reference guide includes tips on how to protect your personal information online, where to get help and information about:

- the eSafety Commissioner.
- the Australian Cyber Security Centre.
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How's this for initiative?

COVID has restricted the opportunities for young people to obtain part-time work, so Beaumaris 16 year old Kayne decided to start his own business and provide a service to the community at the same time.

He'll paint your house number on your driveway. He doesn't use just any old paint he uses quality Rust-Oleum, dynamic and CRC paints with reflective numbers! Why not call him on **0451 086 200**.

Well done Kayne. Good to see someone with initiative.



Kayne

Is your house number obvious?

It never ceases to amaze us how many homes almost hide their house number and/or letter box. Our NHW volunteers should all be awarded a PhD in letterbox delivery. Some homes don't have a letterbox, others hide it on a gate which is nearly invisible when the gate is open. It might be obvious to you but is it to a visitor?

Please, ensure your house number is visible. House numbers are important for emergency calls and for delivery drivers experiencing delays finding places!

Want to know when there is a water outage?

Neighbours! If you wish to be advised of future water supply outages, register your mobile with SE Water on 132 812. You will then be advised by text message when an outage is about to occur.

Each year, 126,000 people over 65 are hospitalised through falls

A Government report has shown up some alarming statistics.

Over 1,300,000 hospital days annually are the result of serious falls, 51% of falls occur at home and 40% of these falls occur between 9.00pm and 8.00 am.

Beaumaris resident Rod Kelly knows all about this problem and has done something about it. In 2020 Rod had a serious fall resulting in hospital time, hip replacement and a long recovery. He realised that getting out of bed in the dark to visit the bathroom was another accident waiting to happen. So, being the engineer he is, he came up with some innovative solutions that are well worth considering.

Rod's solution is the use of sensor lights.

Rod uses an "EL 608" purchased on line. The lights are portable and simple. Charges last typically 1-2 months. It has an on-off and sensor switch. They are Ideal to take on holiday as hotel bathrooms can sometimes be tricky.



Sensor light on landing

The sensor light comes on automatically lighting up the stairwell. It only comes on when it is dark and when it senses movement. It turns off after 15-20 seconds of no movement.



The EL 608 package which includes light and charging cord. Check prices as they vary (for exactly the same item). Prices range from \$14 - \$84

Bayside 'takes the cake' for the number of serious falls incurred by citizens.

In an address by Dr. James Taylor to Beaumaris Probus Club, he ventured the startling opinion that Bayside Local Government Area 'takes the cake' for the number of injurious slips and falls incurred by citizens. A colleague of NHW 3193 had a bad fall recently; he sustained several cracked ribs, broken teeth, and extensive bruises. Golf was off for many weeks!

Age is a factor in this sorry overall experience, but the condition of walking surfaces also contributes. On a recent stroll in Beaumaris, it was not difficult for our photographer to spot upsets and other irregularities in footpath paving that pose evident risk, especially if negotiated after dark. If you see uneven and potentially dangerous pavements, please report it to Bayside Council or use the phone app "snap send solve". You could be doing yourself and every other stroller a favour!



Dangerous pavement - if you see one, report it to Council.



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In Black Rock Village - The Village's "Light the Rock" event kicks off on December 3rd. There will be lots of festivities to enjoy with live music playing from 5pm, entertainment on the foreshore as well as roving performers throughout the Village. A special treat includes a series of neon installations glowing along the Black Rock foreshore. Program details can be found on Council's website.



Black Rock House Carols - Wednesday 8th December 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm entertainment from Haley Davis and band. Some surprises and Santa will visit. bring BYO and blanket.
Email friendsofblackrockhouse@gmail.com or check the website www.blackrockhouse.org.au



The Concourse Car and Bike show - To be held on 13th February 2022 - put it in your diary!

Community Bank
Sandringham

B Bendigo Bank

Interview with Matthew Gallop, Branch Manager, Community Bank Sandringham.

On November 2021, all operations of the Bendigo Bank Community Bank in Beaumaris will transfer to the Sandringham Branch.

NHW 3193 has always had an excellent relationship with the Beaumaris Branch, and we are pleased that Community Bank Sandringham will continue the support of customers and business in 3193.

Philip Lovel, President NHW 3193, interviewed Matthew Gallop, Sandringham Branch Manager, to understand his background and to provide our residents with some details about the new banking arrangements.



Matthew has been the manager at the Sandringham Branch for over 19 years after beginning his career with the CBA, but says he left to be more involved with small business and relationship building in the community.

The Sandringham branch has a staff of six, with four of them with over 10 years' service. Matthew says that customer service is paramount to his branch. The directors of the branch are all local people.

Matthew says that over 80% of the branch's profit goes back into the local community. Also, he is proud of the \$500,000 contribution given to the **Sandringham Community Bank Day Procedure Care Centre at the Sandringham Hospital**

Matthew identified two major issues facing the banking industry today, with the rationalization of the branches and the changing technologies especially spurred on by COVID-19, along with coping with the issues of elderly people catching up with the technologies needed for internet banking.

We look forward to working with Matthew and his staff at the Sandringham Community Bank.



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The new building houses classrooms, discussion and collaboration areas, digital tech space, green room, recording studio, library, workshop and design studios, breakout areas and a senior student lounge.

Our suburb is fortunate to have such a superb school in our area. It is such a far cry from the schools that the parents and grandparents attended. It bodes well for our future.



Inspiring Black Rock murals - now available as jigsaws



The lane by 606 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock

The murals in the lane by 606 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock were painted by Brigitte Dawson and commissioned by George Petropoulos. Medallions of these murals form the basis of our NHW 3193 awards to our first responders (see page 2).

NHW 3193 has limited supplies of the jigsaws which we are selling as a fundraiser for \$35.00 each. We will deliver.

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bonfire night at Ricketts Point

For our younger readers - Guy Fawkes tried
to blow up the English Houses of Parliament
on 5th November 1605 He was executed by
burning at the stake.



Lazy summer days at Ricketts Point



How you can support your Neighbourhood Watch 3193 Beaumaris and Black Rock

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