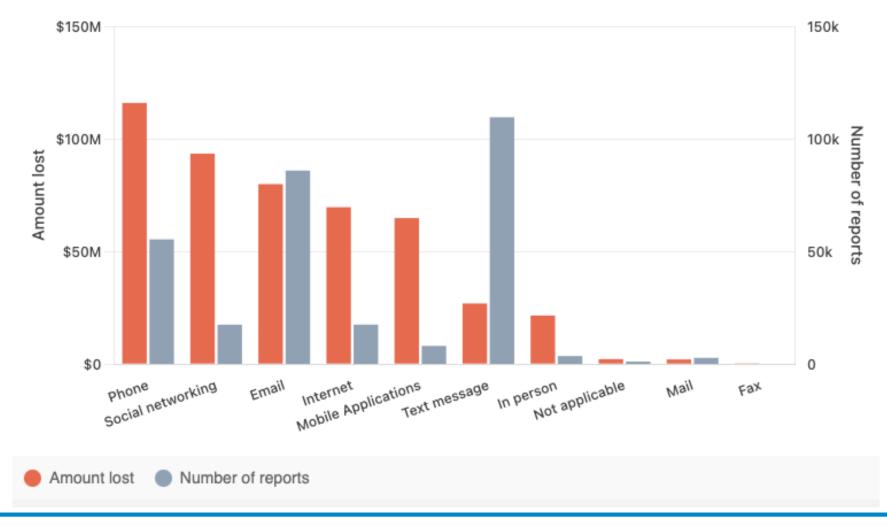


# Outwitting the Scammers



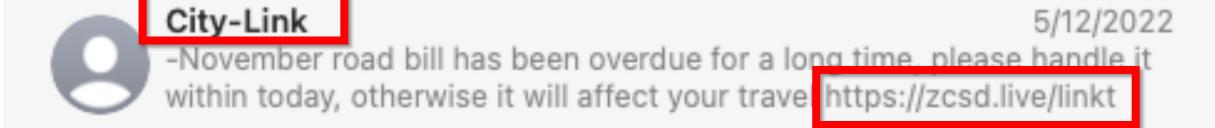
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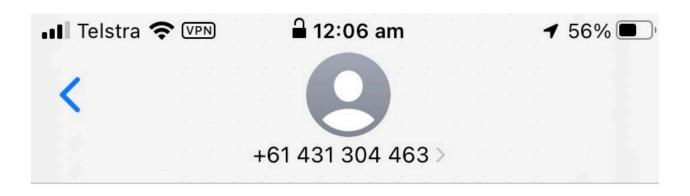


# Messaging scams







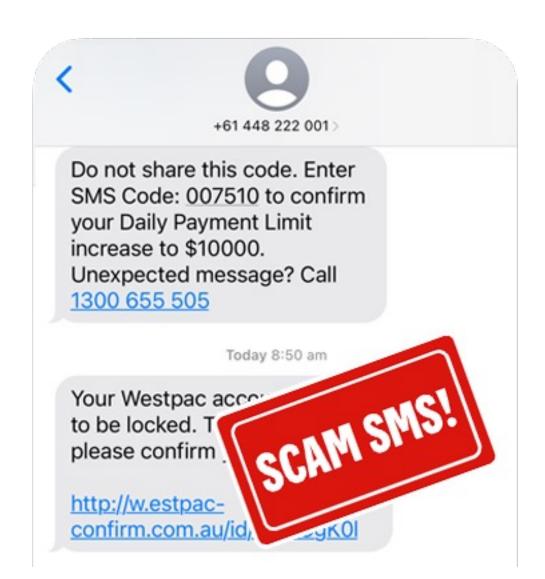


Text Message Tue, 2 Nov, 4:26 pm

Dear user your Debit Card has been temporarily suspended due to suspicious transaction please update your details to activate it Helpline:

(02)800-64-711







Text Message Yesterday 11:47 pm

from/myGov: Important update,

please go to: <a href="https://">https://</a>

govmessage.org/ret/sec



Suncorp

Choose your bank





#### **AUDIT - REVISION 1**

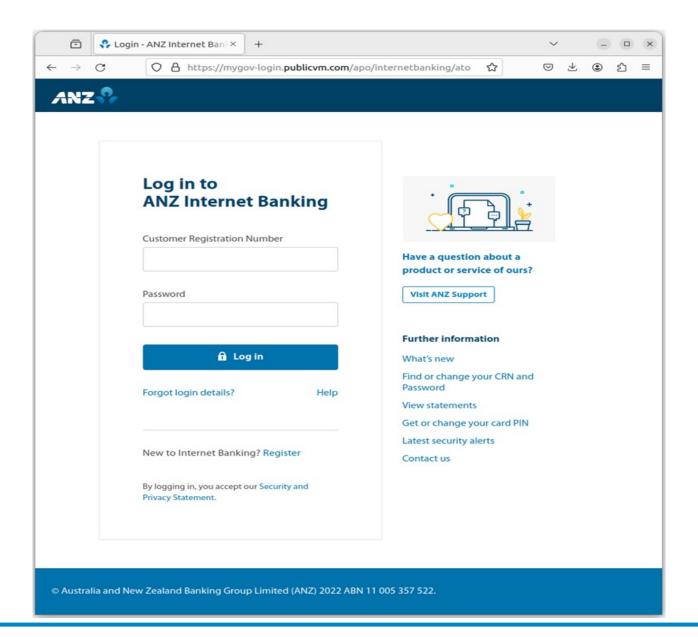
#### Tuesday the 9th January 2024

#### INDIVIDUAL REFERENCE: SVG4759

The Australian Taxation Office have audited your most recent tax return and you are entitled to a further refund of \$1,363.845 AUD. The direct deposit the amount mentioned above to your nominated financial institution on file. Unfortunately they were Choose your bank rent banking details. Westpac nt bank from the options below and follow the steps as required to confirm your up to date details. Commonwealth ANZ p to date details may result in a penalty under the criminal act "Section 134.2(1)" and "Section 135.4(3)" which NAB fine or carry a maximum term of 12 months imprisonment. Bank of Queensland uiry's please call 13 21 68. St. George Taxation Office. Bendigo Bank **YOUR BANK AND FOLLOW THE STEPS AS REQUIRED** Beyond Bank

# System information Australian Taxation Office Dashboard Australian Conditions Aus







### How avoid messaging scams

- Be alert for poor English
- Do not follow links in unexpected messages
- Do not reply to unexpected messages
- Keep your contacts up to date including entries for alert sources
- Separate known from unknown senders in your Messaging App
- Above all don't be rushed, stop and take your time



# Email scams



Fee Invoice

Purchase Date: March 7, 2024

Invoice Number: YG-OIT5YUGJ



Dear Customer,

Thank you for using PayPal.

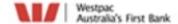
Your Account has been charged with \$640,90 and will be going to deduct from your account within 24 hours. If you did not recognize this transaction or want to cancel these charges.

Please Contact Toll Free Customer Support Number: +61 2 6100 3846

#### Order Information:







#### Notification: Account Security Enhancement

Hello.

As part of Westpac Bank's ongoing commitment to customer security, we're introducing several significant enhancements to our account protection services. Our goal is to ensure your personal and financial information remains secure, in line with the latest advancements in security technology.

#### What's New:

- . Deployment of advanced security features for improved account safety.
- Updated access protocols for a more secure online banking experience.
- Integration with the newest standards for cybersecurity in the financial industry.









Date: 16-25-2023

#### Dear consumer,

We are glad to serve you as our registered customer. We have the premium security services ready for installation. As per our connect with you. Your plan will be auto renewed with in 24 hrs and it will charge you AU\$419.00

Invoice No	Product Code	Product Name	Product Amount
YH2VYU4A41SM	TFV3YU551ED	Security Services	AU\$419.00

If you didn't authorize this Charge, you have 24 Hrs. To cancel & get an instant refund of your annual subscription, please contact our customer care: +61 2 6110 1478

Regards McAfee Billing Team: +61 2 6110 1478 Thanks for choosing McAfee.



From: Jim Carmichael andre.army@alice.it

Sent: Wednesday, 12 January 2022 6:08 AM

To: xxxxxxx@ozemail.com.au

Subject: Fw: Message from Jim Carmichael

On Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:00 PM, Jim wrote:

I presume they're still to the point, even now - so here are the photographs <a href="http://www.tp13a.txxwrefx.com/">http://www.tp13a.txxwrefx.com/</a>





#### Your delivery is on hold.



We noticed a parcel was left at our office and the address on file keeps showing wrong address.

We hereby advise that you get the receipt of the parcel and verify the correct address for us to bring your packet to you

Schedule Delivery

This link will expire 3 days from the date sent.

Thanks, The Australia Post team



# Handling email scams

- Do not click any links
- ♦ Do not unsubscribe
- ♦ If you are concerned it might be genuine
- Go to the website and get the phone number or link you need



### Phone scams





# Types of phone scams

- Live operator calls
  - >Sophisticated ones like the Westpac example
  - ➤ Simpler ones like technical support or NBN faults
- Automated voice calls
  - ➤ Payment confirmation scams
  - Press 1 to connect to the operator
- Voice messages
  - ➤ Want you to call back
  - ➤ Threat of prosecution



# Handling phone scams

- Look at the Caller ID before answering
  - ➤ If you do not recognize the number don't answer
  - ➤ Put an entry in your contacts for all you friends
  - Block scam numbers
- If you do answer
  - ➤ Don't provide personal details
  - ➤ Don't provide access to your PC
- If you miss a call
  - ➤ Don't use call return
  - >Don't call the number in the voice message



# Simple steps to protect yourself



# Protect your devices

- Use device lock options
  - ➤ Face Recognition
  - ➤ Fingerprint
  - ►6-digit PIN
- Set screen timeout
- Keep software up to date
- Use trusted app store(s) only
- Back up your data
- Run security software



### Secure your services

- Use unique strong passwords
  - > 12 characters or more
  - > Random sequence of upper, lower case and special characters
  - Use a password generator
- Use 2 factor authentication when available
  - **≻**Email
  - **>**SMS
  - ➤ A security program on a device you control
  - Physical security key



### Summary

- Be alert to the risks
- Learn to identify scams
- Secure all your devices
- Secure your online services
- ♦ Take your time
- ♦ If you are not sure .....





