

Northcliffe's Mini Studio

NCRC have now 90% finished our mini broadcasting studio. The latest progress is carpet and velvet sound blocking curtains. It's looking great and the sound absorption effect of the curtains feels uncanny. Staff have also been training on the DaVinci Resolv software.

Our thanks to the Shire of Manjimup who recently kicked

in \$3,000 to enable us to build a fast video-editing computer and purchase high speed storage devices for all the video footage we plan on capturing. We will be ordering parts and setting this up over the coming month or so.

Hopefully our new internet service also kicks in by then.

Then it will be time to record some video and audio podcasts including interviews with locals, live music jams, free flowing discussions and local news.

New Phone Number

Have you saved our new phone number yet?

0455 438 890

Have you done your tax return?

The due date is fast approaching for tax returns, and it will be 31st October before you know it! The ATO has laid bare the targets in its sights for people submitting their 2021 tax returns and will be targeting:

- work-related expenses (including double-dipping when claiming deductions and claiming work-related expenses that AREN'T related to work)
- rental properties
- capital gains from cryptocurrency, property and shares

Don't forget if you are doing it online you can do it in the warm dry environment of the Northcliffe Community Resource Centre, complete with quality local coffee.

iPhone 6s eligible for 15 iOS updates!

(Android users can skip ahead)

The iPhone 6S will be turning 6 this month and what many of you may not know is that when an iPhone gets old Apple stop supporting it. However in excellent news the 6s will receive the iOS 15 upgrade, I wouldn't however hold my breath for it making to an iOS 16 upgrade. The 6s is popular with many locals as it was the second iPhone to have a rural blue tick phone.

Power out? How to call?

In August power outages and lightning strikes resulted in damaged home phones all the way up Muirillup Road. The NCRC lost its phone system and our Centrelink service (all fixed now). We did discover you can still buy old school corded phones that operate without a power connection so let us know if you want us to help source one of these for you.

Remote Access Scams

Scammers pretend to be from well-known organisations such as Telstra, eBay, NBN Co, Amazon, banks, government organisations, police, and computer and IT support organisations. They create a sense of urgency to make you give them access to your computer via remote access software. They have even been known to resort to bullying and swearing at people to psychologically break them down.

They will tell you to download remote control software such as AnyDesk or TeamViewer. Once the scammer has control of your computer or device, they will ask you to log into applications such as emails, internet banking or PayPal accounts, which will allow the scammer to access accounts, change passwords, and get banking and personal information to impersonate you or steal your money.

It is important not to let anyone who contacts you out of the blue access your devices. Once you give them access, you have no way of knowing what is happening on your computer or whether your computer can be trusted again afterward (without a full reinstall).

Refund Scams

Another common scam, especially of the elderly, is the refund scam where a caller will pretend to 'accidentally' refund you a large sum of money and show you your own bank account except they will have hacked in to change the figures. They will then ask you to send the money back via your online banking or by gift cards.

Same, Same, Passwords

A person who shall not be named was recently caught out when scammers managed to get their password. Of course they used the same password for 20 different accounts including banking, so an 2 enjoyable hours were spent coming up with new passwords for every account. A friendly reminder to use a different password for each account, especially accounts which have access to your bank account or credit card details. Password books available at the NCRC.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 5pm • Thursday, Friday 10 am to 6pm