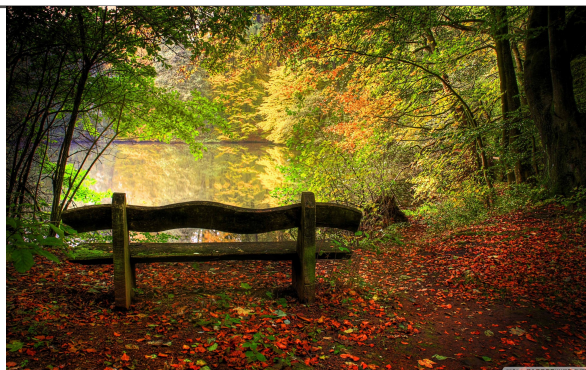




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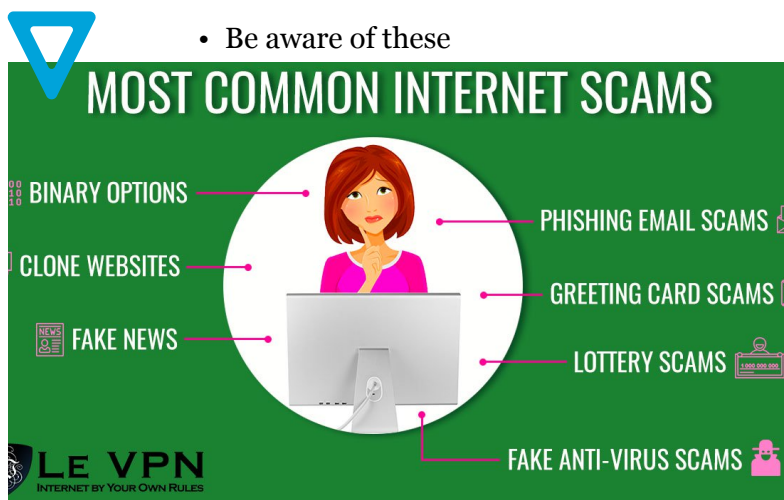


# Myall High News

Live, laugh and learn

The other day I nearly got scammed! For someone who prides herself in being reasonably computer savvy, super careful and 'awake' to such deceptive practices, this came as a rather rude shock. Yes, I am fully aware that we live in a crazy-making world but what can one do? Become cyber hermits? Unfortunately, if we intend to 'hang around' for some time yet we somehow have to learn to live with the craziness. Thankfully I was made aware of this before falling for the scam. Let me explain: I looked online because I wanted to order a beautiful bunch of flowers. The flowers were to be delivered in a different location and in my absence. So, I began to browse the internet for such a service in said location and before long found what I had been looking for....or so I thought! I picked an impressive floral bunch and was just about to make payment when I was made aware of a flower scam (yes, you read correctly!) a flower scam!!! Through our truly tech savvy Tech Tips provider I found out that it wasn't very long ago that a florist was ordered pay \$1 million for its misleading local representation. It was as early as in 2022 that the ACCC (The Australian Competition And Consumer Commission) put the online florist industry on notice as regards reports of false or misleading representations about the location of online florists. Goodness gracious me! Who'd even think of such a thing? You order flowers online in good faith and trust that the actual flowers you chose get delivered on time at the location of your choice. Well, think again!!! You chose, you order, you pay and sometimes a very different bunch of flowers to the one you had ordered gets (possibly) delivered days late or not at all. You can read all about this particular deceptive practice, by [clicking here](#). Unless you actually know the flower store from which you order it also pays to follow ACCC's recommendations and **TODAY'S TECH TIPS** that you:

- Be aware of these



**MOST COMMON INTERNET SCAMS**

- BINARY OPTIONS
- CLONE WEBSITES
- FAKE NEWS
- PHISHING EMAIL SCAMS
- GREETING CARD SCAMS
- LOTTERY SCAMS
- FAKE ANTI-VIRUS SCAMS

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- Review multiple search results on their online search engine landing pages, as the top search result may not be the best option.
- Shop directly with a florist, if you prefer, who is local to the recipient's address. Be sure to check for the provider's street address and suburb.
- Check social media pages to confirm that the florist operates locally (for example, look for photos of a store front and the option to collect flowers from the store).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN U3A:

We are beyond excited to report that at long last we again have a base to call home. After lengthy negotiations our amazing President has managed to secure the lease of the new building that has replaced the 'old library'. Our equally fantastic Secretary has organised and overseen the fit-out. So, the happy news is that before long we will be able to move some of our programs to this wonderful location. Bravo and three cheers to Roger and Denis for their great efforts!

On a sad note we have to report that we recently lost another of our longstanding members, Lyn Blake. Some years ago Lyn also was a very popular, committed and enthusiastic Convener of our Art Group. Her family members and friends farewelled Lyn last week in Newcastle.

Losing long-term members and especially men and women whose faithful efforts, expertise and commitment have been vital to the successful running of our organisation is always a very sad occurrence. It is comforting, though, to carry fond memories of them in our hearts and minds.

## DID YOU KNOW that?

- In a few days we'll be able to enjoy a bigger and better 'River Fest' than ever before. On Sunday, March 9th Tea Garden's Marine Drive will come alive with music, contests, shows and Market stalls aplenty.
- Amongst the many stalls offering their special wares you will also be able to find a U3A stall that will offer information, registration and books produced by MU3A members. Be sure to come by and say 'hi'!
- 'Seniors Fest' (as it now seems to be called) offers many free workshops, talks and experiences in our region. To find out what's on and where, [click here](#).
- Please remember that although there will be no Senior Citizens Festival in HN/TG this year, we'll be able to enjoy a special concert organised by our Progress Association on March 15th at the HN Community Hall.
- Most of the names of the months originate from the ancient Roman Calendar. If you are interested in finding out more about this topic, [click here](#).

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## SPECIAL EVENTS: CELEBRATION

### It's official!

After our Friday Presentation on March 14th, which will be held at 10 am at our new home, we will have an official opening celebration enjoying bubbles and nibbles in the company of some of our favourite Government Officials. This event will commence at 12:15 pm. All members (and their friends) are invited to join in and enjoy this auspicious occasion together with the MU3A Committee and Conveners.

## SPECIAL OUTING

An exciting excursion to Port Stephen's Koala Sanctuary will replace our March 21st Friday Presentation.



Excursion participants will meet at 8:45am at the 'Return & Earn' station which is located on the right just beyond the entrance to Tea Garden's main shopping area (Coles etc...) where car pooling will be organised for travel to and from the Koala Sanctuary. The cost will be approximately \$25. If you would like to find out more details and/or participate, please send a text to Deb on 0412 005 566.