

## **Scams Awareness Talk, Thursday 18 August 2022**

**Do you feel safe on-line? Need an update on computer and phone security?**

The next U3A Talk will be a session on “Scams Awareness”, and it will be on Thursday, 18 August 2022 at the Hub in Exeter (on Murray St, Exeter). The session will run from 1:00pm till 3:00pm with time for questions, and coffee and biscuits afterwards. **If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.**

**Devansh Sharma** is our presenter for this session, and he is the **NBN** Community Ambassador for Tassie and he focuses on lifting digital capabilities and increasing community awareness and an understanding of **NBN** services and digital literacy. He works through community engagement at events such as this scams awareness session.

The digital divide is a significant issue within modern Australia., and this term refers to the fact that some people have ready access to computers and the internet, and others do not. Current research suggests that 1 in 4 people in Australia are still digitally excluded (Australian Digital Inclusion Index 2021), and these may be people with low levels of income, education and employment, those living in some regional areas, people aged over 65 and people with a disability. Some people simply grew up in a non-computer world, and it is hard to catch up at times.

### **Here's a bit about our scams awareness session:**

In our digital world, it is important to have skills to communicate online with family and friends, operate smart devices, access information, and store data safely and securely. We need to have an awareness of the dangers and the ability to keep safe on-line.

In our scams session we'll talk about the various types of scams that are out there, and learn tips and tricks on how to stay safe online covering topics such as creating passwords, identifying misinformation on the internet, etc.

*To make it a bit of a fun learning experience we'll also play a round of 'scams bingo'*



**Devansh Sharma**

**Community Ambassador for Tassie**

Devansh helping with a query.