

Message from CEMCC President

WARNING. There are hackers out there using my name to contact club members. If you find a strange email that does not have my correct email address, then please delete the email as someone is phishing on your account.

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending communications purporting to be from a reputable source for the purpose of gaining access or information that should be protected. Over half of cyberattacks begin with a spear-phishing (“personalized”) email.

The number of people being attacked on a daily basis continues to climb rapidly. Attacks are becoming more sophisticated, more common, more difficult to detect and more damaging when they succeed.

The best security systems in the world can't stop people from handing over access to their computers through deceptive phishing scams that trick them into giving up their credentials. New Phishing tools bypass MFA and other security measures to how hackers automate phishing attacks and break through MFA with ease. No tool or system can completely protect the company. The human factor – knowing how to identify and immediately report phishing communications (phone calls, emails, text messages), is key to protecting client information and company reputation.

Quick Tips to Avoid Being Phished

- Stop and think before automatically clicking on a link or replying to an email.
- Consider the source, and check the email address of the sender — does it seem legitimate?
- Is the sender asking for an immediate response or making it seem like it's an urgent situation that requires quick action?
- Before clicking on a link in an email (or a text message) always hover over the link to check the URL and check if it seems legitimate. Even if it does, avoid clicking on it. Instead, go directly to the provider website to log in, or get the actual customer service number from their website or from a recent bill.
- If you receive a suspicious email at work, reporting it to your IT Department, or to the Govt scammers website.

Check <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/tr.../report-scam-or-cybercrime>

Stay safe.....David de Lapp.