

# Trades & Services

## Trades Contacts

- Just a brief reminder from the Trades and Services Co-ordinator, let me know if you need any contacts for trade jobs..
- The Clubs excel listing for Trades and Services is extensive and can assist you to get those jobs around the home done.
- But be aware that building and renovation costs are rising rapidly, and many small home builders are battling to survive at present.
- Getting a good and reliable tradie is difficult.

## Compare Energy

Also, I again remind and encourage you to check out “Compare Energy” on the website – as below – if you are concerned about the high cost of electricity and gas prices.

[Compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://Compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

**Graeme Roy (Contact details in the Club’s contact list and Newsletter)**

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## Recognising a Scam

There is quite a bit of information on SCAMS on this website. [Click here](#)

Be wary of **buyers or sellers** who:

- are offering items at prices much lower than market value
- ask you to send funds or items overseas
- will not provide contact details to you after you agree to transact with them
- ask you to pay via a money transfer service (eg Western Union or MoneyGram).
- who want to enter your home – do not let them in.

Be wary of **emails or phone calls**:

- where you are asked you to update, validate or confirm your account details, password or personal information by replying to the email or visiting a website
- from a person or sender you do not know
- that are not specifically addressed to you
- that promise you some sort of benefit.

Be wary of **deals that seem too good to be true**. They often are!

If you suspect a scam:

- make no further contact with the seller
- do not respond with your personal or financial information

If you suspect a phishing email (one that claims to be from a legitimate organisation but isn’t):

- delete it without replying or clicking on any links (even the ones that say ‘unsubscribe’)
- give the organisation a call yourself to check if you’re not sure. **IMPORTANT : Look up the number – don’t use the contact number in the email.**

