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CYBER THREATS UNMASKED

The SME and Aged Care Survival Guide

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INTRODUCTION



Small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and aged care providers are at the frontline of Australia's cybersecurity battle — often under-resourced, under-protected, and underestimated by attackers. This eBook is designed to demystify cyber threats, empower your team, and help you take decisive, cost-effective steps to protect your people, data, and systems.

WHY CYBERSECURITY MATTERS FOR *SMEs AND AGED CARE*

Did you know?

- 43% of cyberattacks in Australia target small businesses.
- A single data breach in aged care can cost over \$200,000 — not to mention reputational damage.
- Most attacks could be prevented with simple security hygiene.

Aged care and SMEs are uniquely vulnerable due to:

- Limited IT budgets
- Outdated systems
- Lack of internal cyber expertise
- High staff turnover and limited training



THE MOST COMMON CYBER THREATS *TODAY*

Here's what Australian SMEs and aged care facilities face:

1. Phishing Attacks

Fake emails or SMS messages trick staff into clicking malicious links or providing sensitive data.

2. Ransomware

Criminals lock you out of your own data and demand payment to release it.

3. Credential Theft

Login details sold on the dark web allow attackers to access sensitive systems.

4. Unpatched Software Vulnerabilities

Running outdated software is like leaving your door unlocked.

5. Insider Threats

Disgruntled or unaware staff can unintentionally cause serious damage.



UNDERSTANDING THE ACSC *ESSENTIAL EIGHT*

The Essential Eight is a security framework recommended by the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC). It includes:

Strategy	Purpose
Application Control	Only allow trusted programs to run
Patch Applications	Keep software updated to close vulnerabilities
Configure Macros	Prevent malicious code in documents
User Application Hardening	Remove features attackers exploit
Restrict Admin Privileges	Limit access to sensitive systems
Patch Operating Systems	Keep your OS up to date
Multi-Factor Authentication	Add another layer beyond just passwords
Regular Backups	Keep your data safe and restorable

 Implementing even 5 of the 8 can drastically reduce your risk.

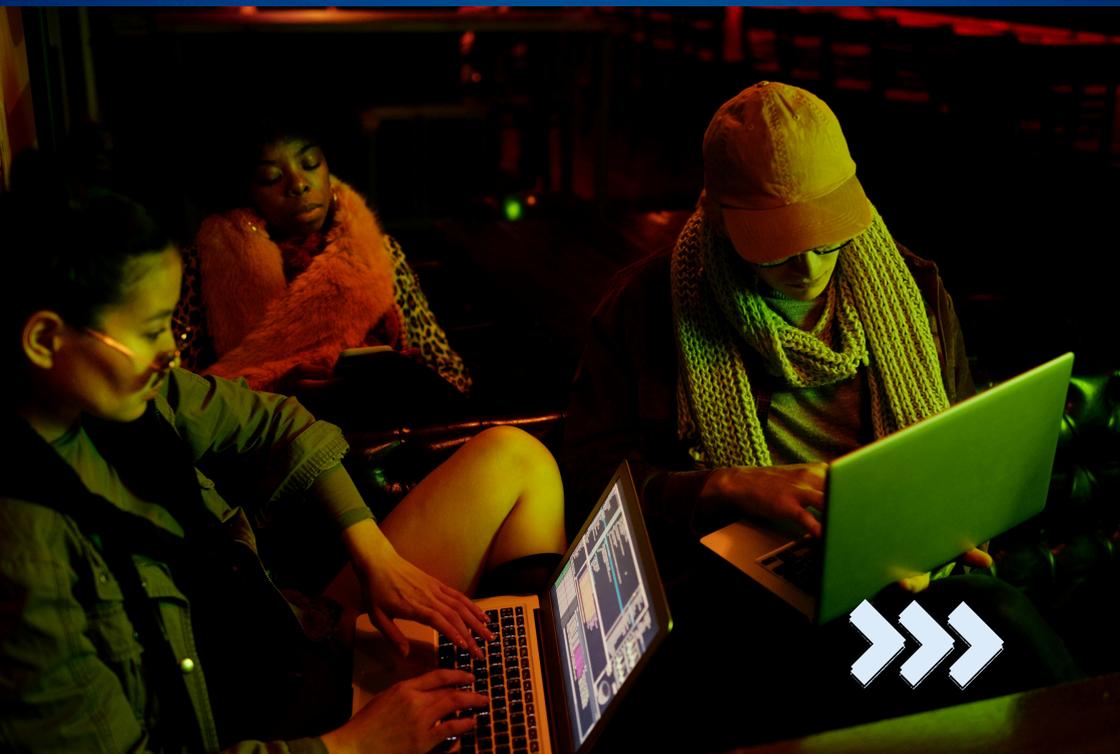
CYBERSECURITY CASE STUDIES: *REAL LESSONS FROM AUSTRALIA*

Case 1: Aged Care Ransomware Breach

A NSW-based aged care facility had their entire resident record system encrypted overnight. Due to lack of off-site backups and MFA, it took weeks to recover.

Case 2: SME Accounting Firm Hit by Phishing

A small Melbourne firm lost \$85,000 when a staff member unknowingly gave away banking credentials in a phishing scam. The attacker changed invoice details and rerouted client payments.



ACTIONABLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE *TODAY*

Train Your Staff

Use simple, regular training sessions. Even a quarterly email quiz helps.

Use MFA

Multi-factor authentication stops 99% of credential theft attempts.

Regular Backups

Keep daily backups offsite or in the cloud. Test them monthly.

Limit Admin Rights

Only give elevated access to those who absolutely need it.

Patch Your Systems

Enable automatic updates or use a patch management tool.

Get a Security Audit

An external audit can expose hidden vulnerabilities before attackers do.



BUILDING A CYBER-RESILIENT *CULTURE*

Cybersecurity is not just IT's job. It's everyone's responsibility.

- Make cyber hygiene part of onboarding
- Reward good security behavior
- Share stories of real threats
- Appoint a "Cyber Champion" in each team

HOW TECHNOVATE IT SOLUTIONS *CAN HELP*

At Technovate, we don't just fix problems — we prevent them.

We offer:

- Security audits tailored for SMEs and aged care
- Cybersecurity awareness training
- Implementation of the Essential Eight
- Managed IT services with 24/7 monitoring
- IT procurement including secure software, nurse call systems, and access control
- Custom risk management strategies

Our approach is proactive, scalable, and compliant with Australian regulations.

Let us help you future-proof your business.



Cybersecurity isn't just about firewalls and antivirus — it's about trust, protection, and resilience.

Whether you're a growing business or a trusted aged care provider, protecting your digital ecosystem must be a top priority.

Let Technovate IT Solutions help you become not just compliant — but confident.

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