

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

eBay

Have you got too much *stuff* or looking for a new bargains shop? What about if you could have a garage sale whenever you wanted, or permanently?

Well eBay is the buy & sell anything on the internet site. Either at a fixed price or on an auction basis. It does take a bit of getting to know, and things to look out for, but I know a number of people who have successfully bought & sold hundreds of items. So here's what you do.

First of all you need to register on eBay.com.au. Secondly, you will need a PayPal account for transferring money. This will be a new bank account that you use for eBay transactions. It also means you will usually be entitled to "PayPal Buyer Protection" so that if you do not receive the item you paid for, or it is significantly not as described by the seller, then you are covered by the PayPal buyer protection up to AU\$20,000.

Now you are ready to start buying and selling that *stuff*. After each purchase, both the buyer and seller give a feedback rating of the experience. It is good etiquette to do so. Also, you get to see the ranking (in brackets) of the people you are dealing with. Ie how many items they have sold and what their ranking is. Be wary when dealing with people with a poor ranking.

You can search for items to buy or add items for sale. Be sure to take a good photo of things you are selling because a generic photo from a catalogue is a warning that the item might be dodgy.

Now go to 'My eBay' summary page. Here you can review items that you have put a "watch" on. Also check out the Help tab and learning center. Lastly, check the messages area to verify spam you have received alleging to be from eBay. There's lots to see and do, so have a browse, Good Luck!

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