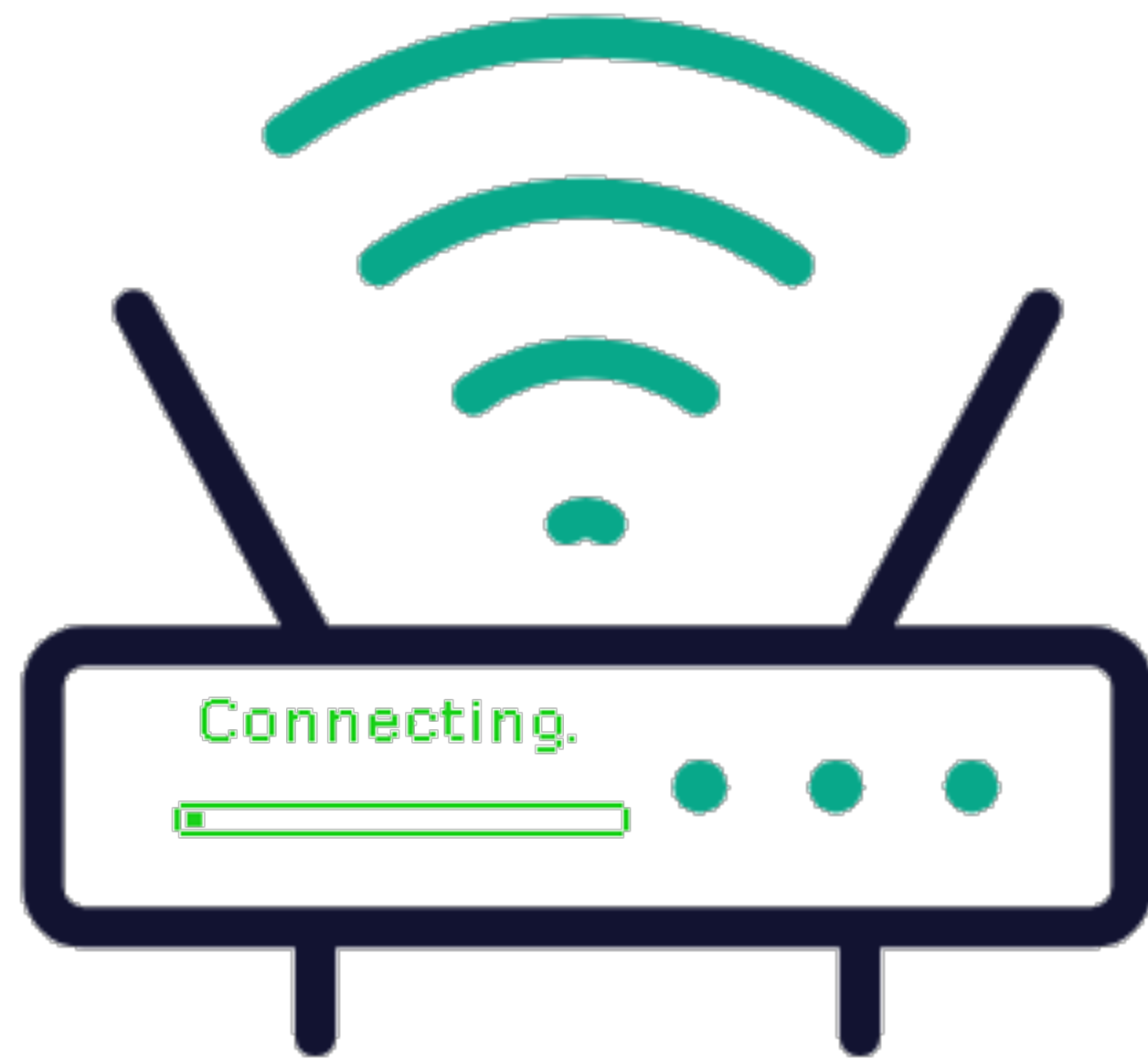




**Is your Probus Club
connected to the web?**

Dr. Kurt Seemann
Professor (Retired)

Olinda Probus President 2024-2026
Olinda Probus Wedmaster 2024+

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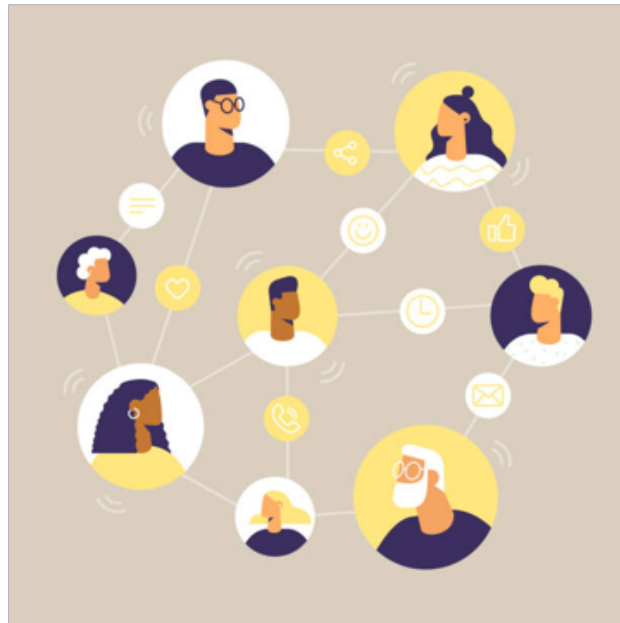
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How we use the internet

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3. Access to Health Services

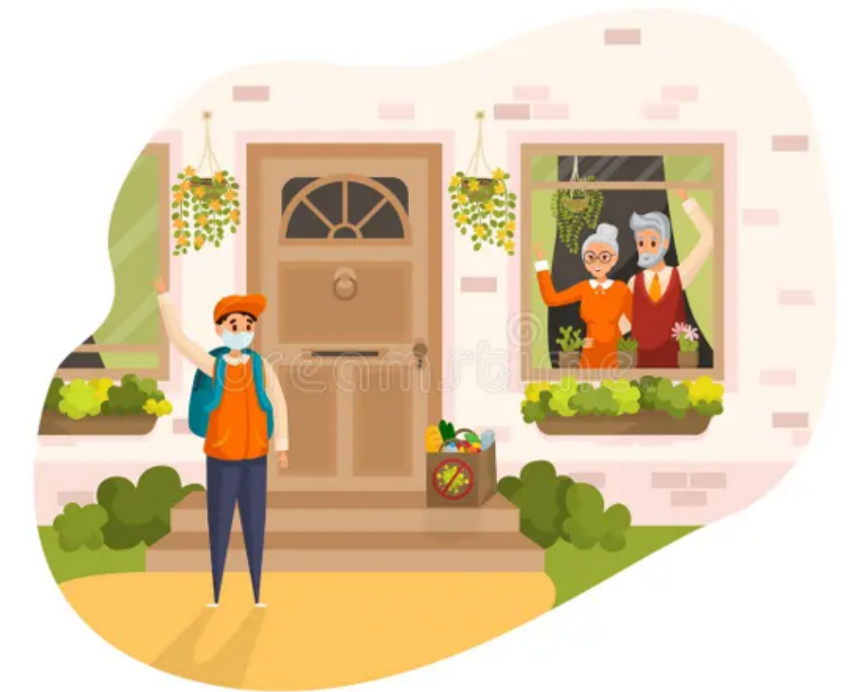


2. Reducing Loneliness

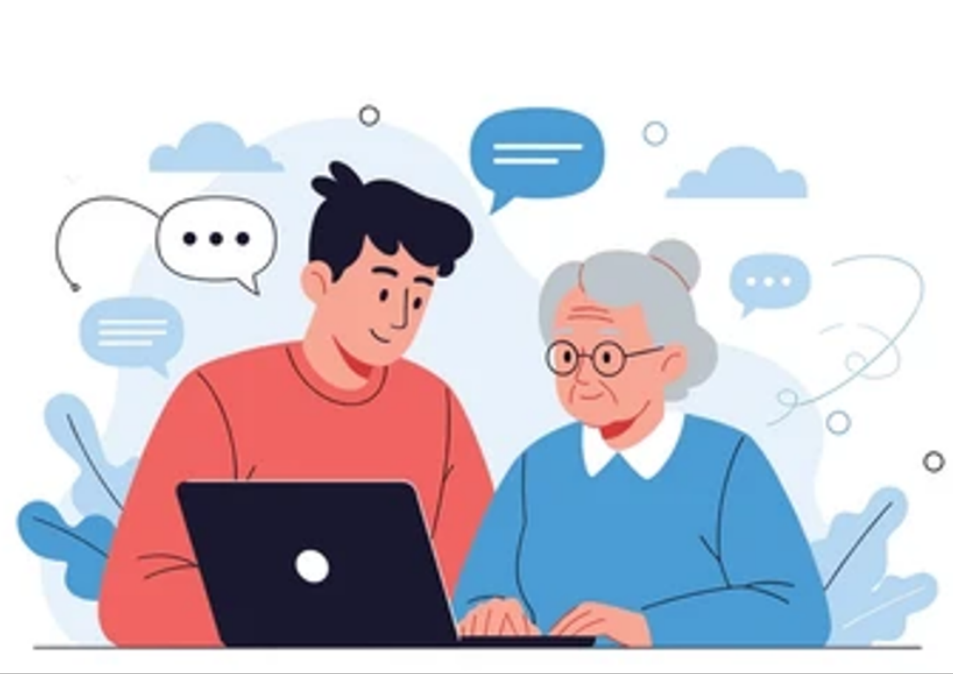


4. Managing Finances

5. Shopping from Home



How we use the internet



6. Lifelong Learning



8. Access to Government Services



7. Entertainment and Mental Stimulation



9. Travel and Event Planning



10. Staying Informed and Safe

Your Probus Club's Website should:

- **Exist!** Many still have none!
- **Easy to find** in “google” searches
- **Look Appealing** to prospective new members:
 - NOT look dated
 - NOT Cluttered with text and poor picture quality
 - List of up-to-date activities
 - People Images are fresh and crisp
 - Project “**how young you feel**” not how old you are.

Your Probud Club's Website should:

- **Your communication centre**
 - About your group
 - Up-to-date activities and contacts
 - All newsletter archives

Your Probus Club's Website **extras**

- **Bookings, Calendar, Shop**
 - Members to click on Interest to attend events
 - Buy registration, badges, group tickets
- **Members resources to read**
 - Forms, constitution*, PSPL Insurance Cover doc, selected past presenter docs.

FREE WEB HOSTING

- **Probus South Pacific Reserves a page for every club** created on their books
- From that page **Clubs are to build and host their own website** and social media links.

Probus About Probus Join a Probus Club Membership Benefits Active Retirees Publications Contact

MITCHAM ORCHARDS PROBUS INC

We welcome new members



Who we are

Probus Clubs offer a wonderful opportunity to reinvent retirement for those who have left their working lives, or continue to work part-time, and still crave engagement, purpose and camaraderie. Members meet monthly, listen to interesting guest speakers and stay active and involved through a wide variety of activities, outings and trips that meet individual needs.

What we offer

Our Club offers a wide range of activities that suit member's

Find us

Meeting Day and Time
2ND WEDNESDAY 9:45AM

Meeting Location
WILLIS ROOM, WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL BUILDING
379 WHITEHORSE ROAD,
NUNAWADING 3131 VIC

New Members

✓ Accepting Men and Women

Visit Club's Website

Phone

Club Websites - No Page found for Mitchem



ERROR 403 - FORBIDDEN

[Why am I seeing this page?](#)

[Is there anything that I can do?](#)

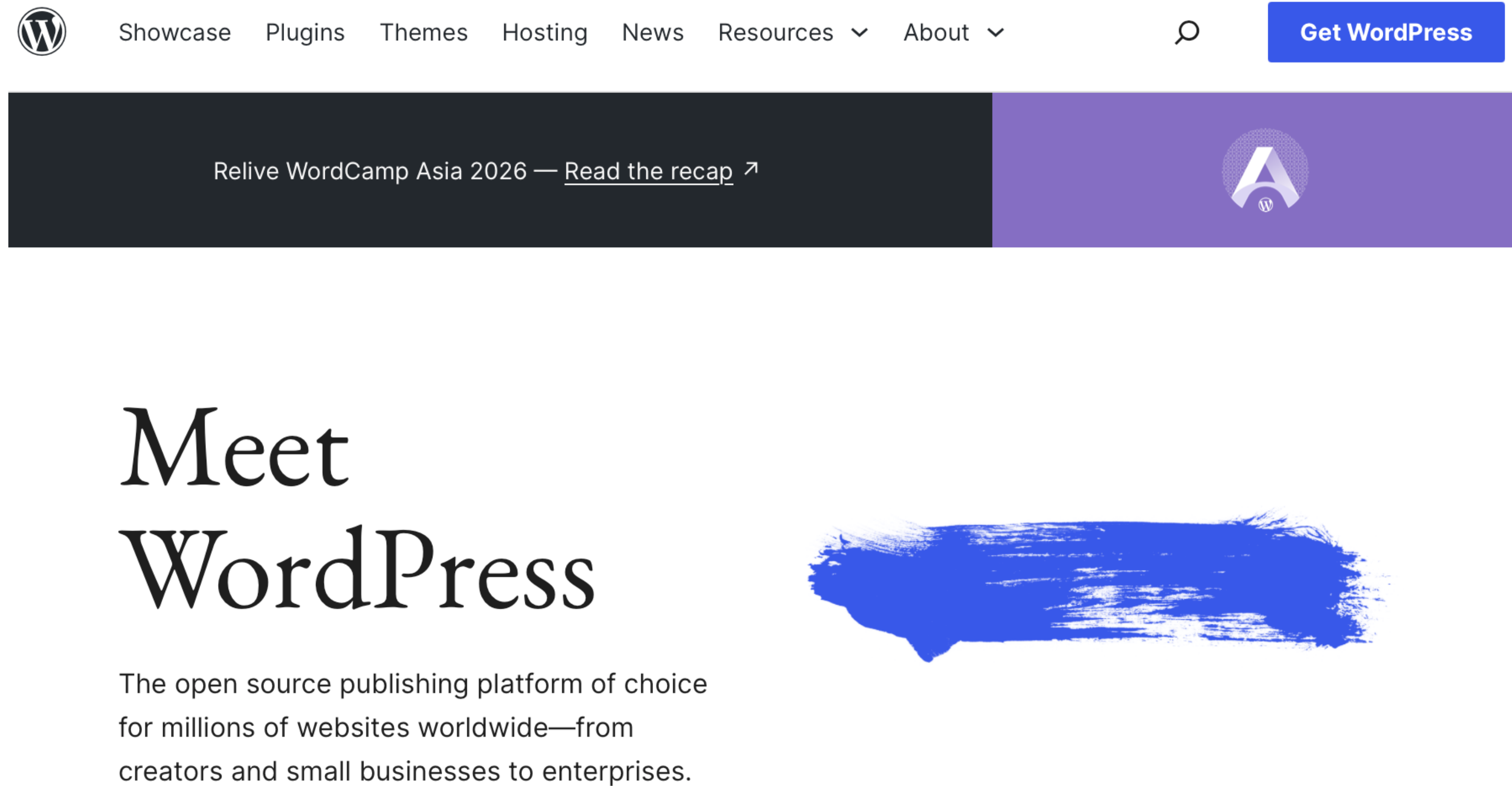
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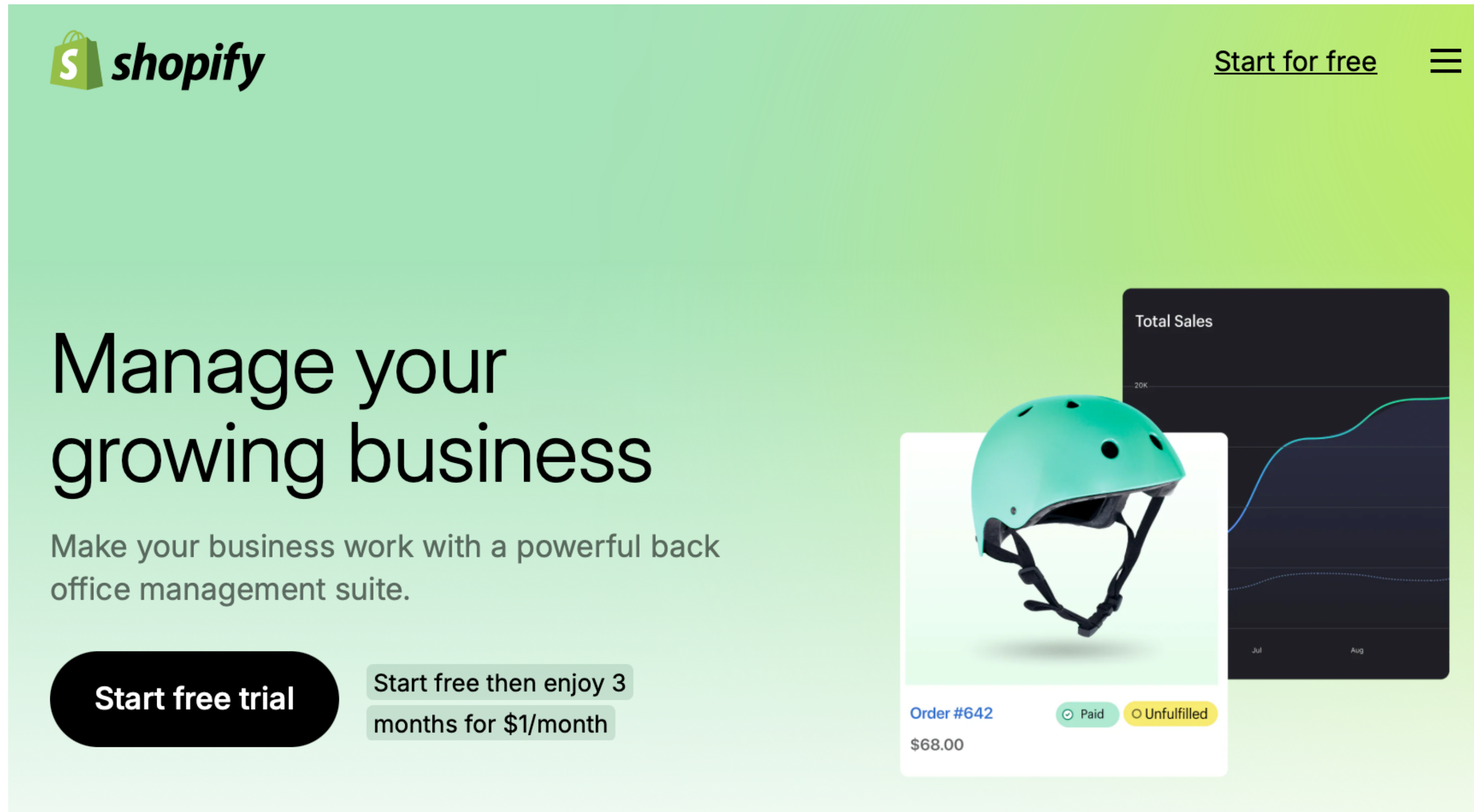
FREE WEB HOSTING

- **Wordpress** has a basic free version
- You may find the need to buy add on feature after the page is up and running.
- Requires a website manager with some basic web hosting and Content Management System (CSM) skills



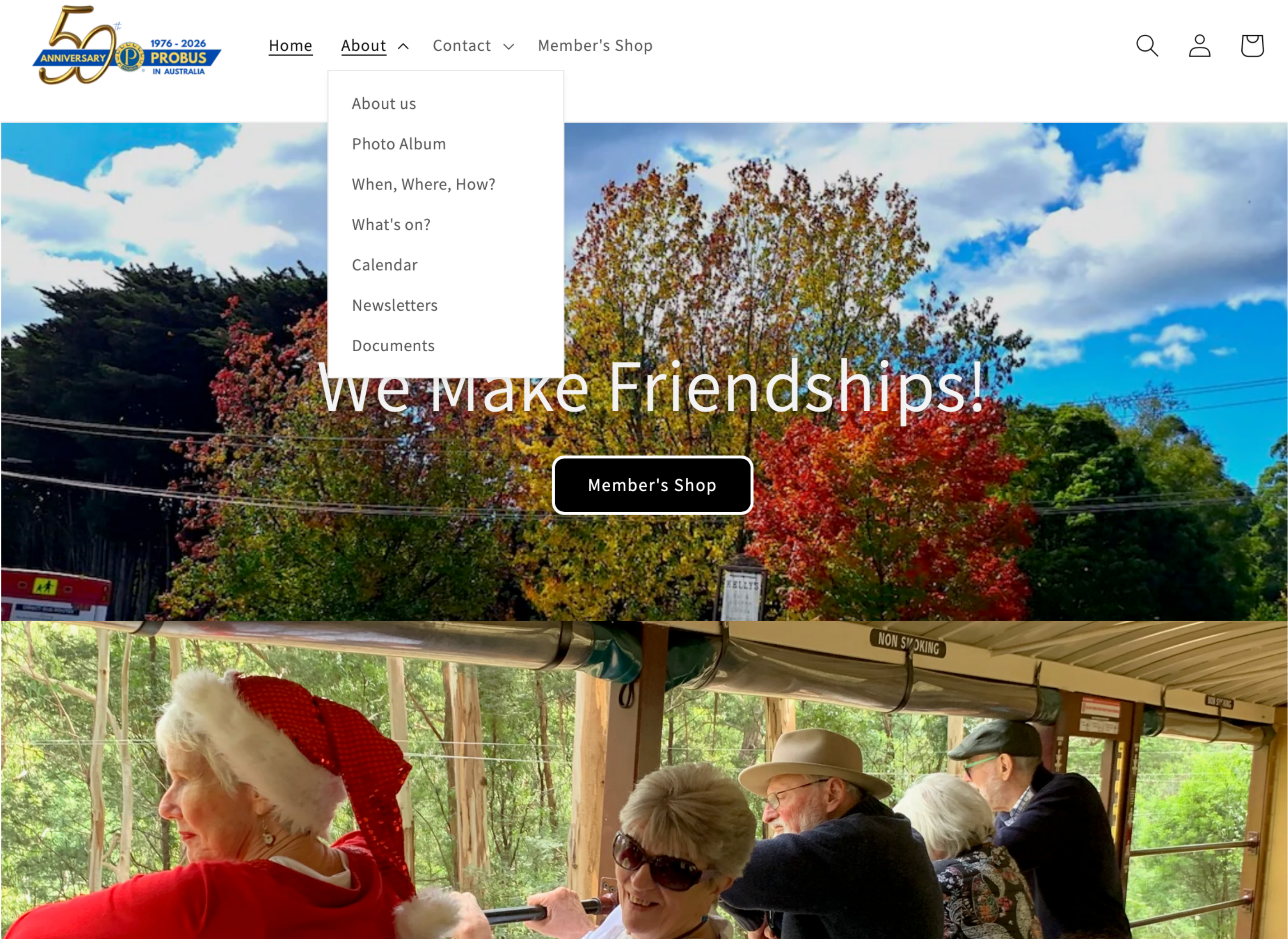
MODEST FEES WEB HOSTING

- **SHOPIFY** has a basic free version
- Easier to use than Wordpress
- Generally nicer looking website themes and templates for look and feel than Wordpress

A screenshot of the Shopify homepage. The background is a light green gradient. In the top left is the Shopify logo. In the top right is a link that says "Start for free" next to a hamburger menu icon. The main heading in the center is "Manage your growing business" in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below it is a subheading: "Make your business work with a powerful back office management suite." At the bottom left is a large black button with white text that says "Start free trial". To its right is a smaller grey button with white text that says "Start free then enjoy 3 months for \$1/month". On the right side of the banner, there is a white card featuring a teal helmet. Below the helmet, it says "Order #642" and "\$68.00". To the right of the price are two status indicators: a green circle with a checkmark and the word "Paid", and a yellow circle with a checkmark and the word "Unfulfilled". In the background, behind the helmet card, is a dark grey dashboard snippet showing a line graph titled "Total Sales" with a blue line showing an upward trend over the months of July and August.

Examples of Club Websites

Welcome to the Olinda Probus Club



Examples of Club Websites



Probuss
SOUTH PACIFIC

JOIN PROBUS TODAY!

AUS: **1300 630 488** NZ: **0800 1477 6287**

Donvale Hill > HOME

SITE NAVIGATION

HOME

[Purpose of this website](#)

[ABOUT OUR CLUB](#)

[CONTACT US](#)

[SOME OF OUR REGULAR
ACTIVITIES](#)

[Visit to Duldig Studio](#)

[Visit to Werribee Park
Open Zoo](#)

[EASTLINK OPERATIONS
CENTRE](#)

[Visit to Tramway
Museum](#)

[Schramms Cottage](#)

[Information Day](#)

[William Angliss Institute
tour](#)

[BACKSTAGE TOUR OVER
THE ARTS CENTRE
MELBOURNE](#)

[Visit to South
Warrandyte CFA Fire
Station](#)

[Probuss Information Day
at DVH](#)

DONVALE HILL PROBUS CLUB INC.

The Donvale Hill Probuss Club Inc. comprises people from the city of Manningham (Victoria) and surrounding areas who are active retirees or no longer working full time and who appreciate the opportunity to expand their interests, enjoy the company of new friends and keep their minds active.

The name Probuss derives from the words PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS and embraces people who have had some measure of responsibility in fields including industry, commerce, education and others.

We are a non-profit-making organisation and the club organises a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities.

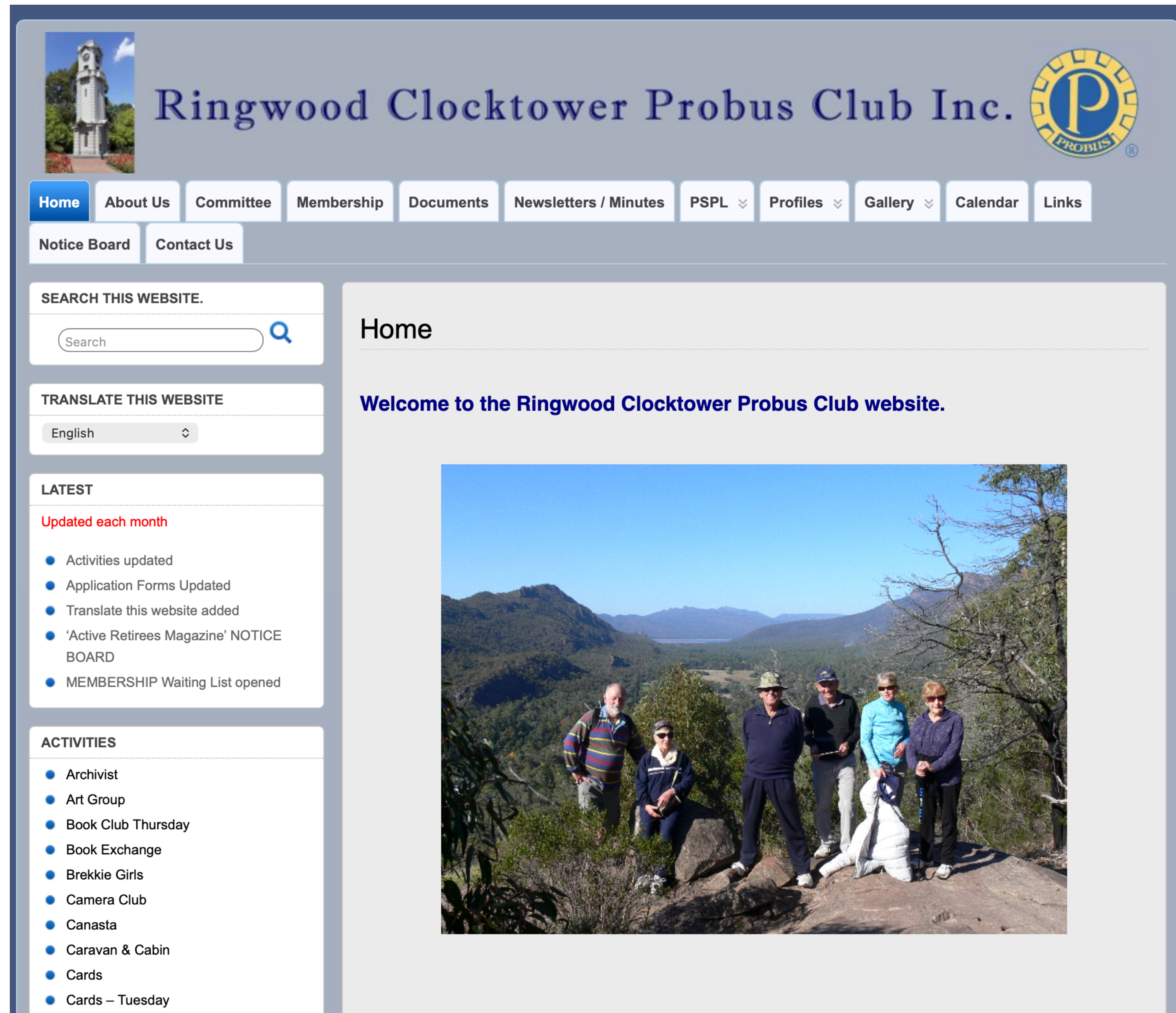
Meetings are held at 10.00 am on the first Tuesday of each month except January, at the East Doncaster Baptist Church at 47-53 Tunstall Road, Doncaster East.

The meetings include morning tea and guest speakers on topics of interest.

Members receive monthly newsletters. Contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to dvhprobuss@yahoo.com or contact Robert Thompson.

Anyone who is interested in our club is welcome to attend any monthly meeting as a visitor.

Examples of Club Websites



Handy Systems

- **Tyro.**
 - Tyro **works on all popular smart phones to collect payments** from members on the spot directly into your club bank account
 - Members “tap your smart phone” or use their Debt Card to tap your phone.



Handy Email Setups

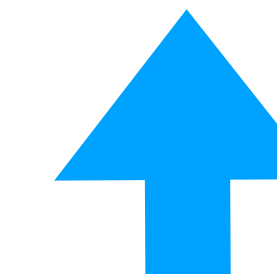
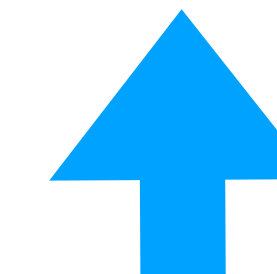
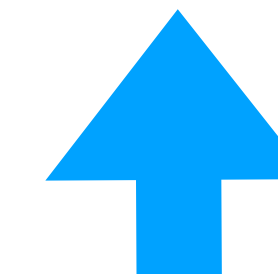
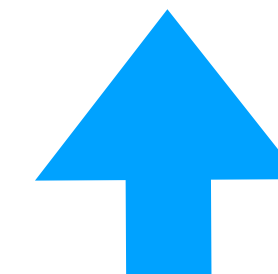
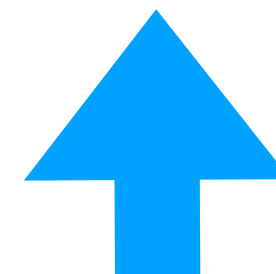
- **Mailchimp.**
 - Archives **to your website** your professional looking newsletter
 - **Cheap and free levels** of use
 - Can add **direct to member SMS reminders and newsletter links**



“Free” Website Platforms

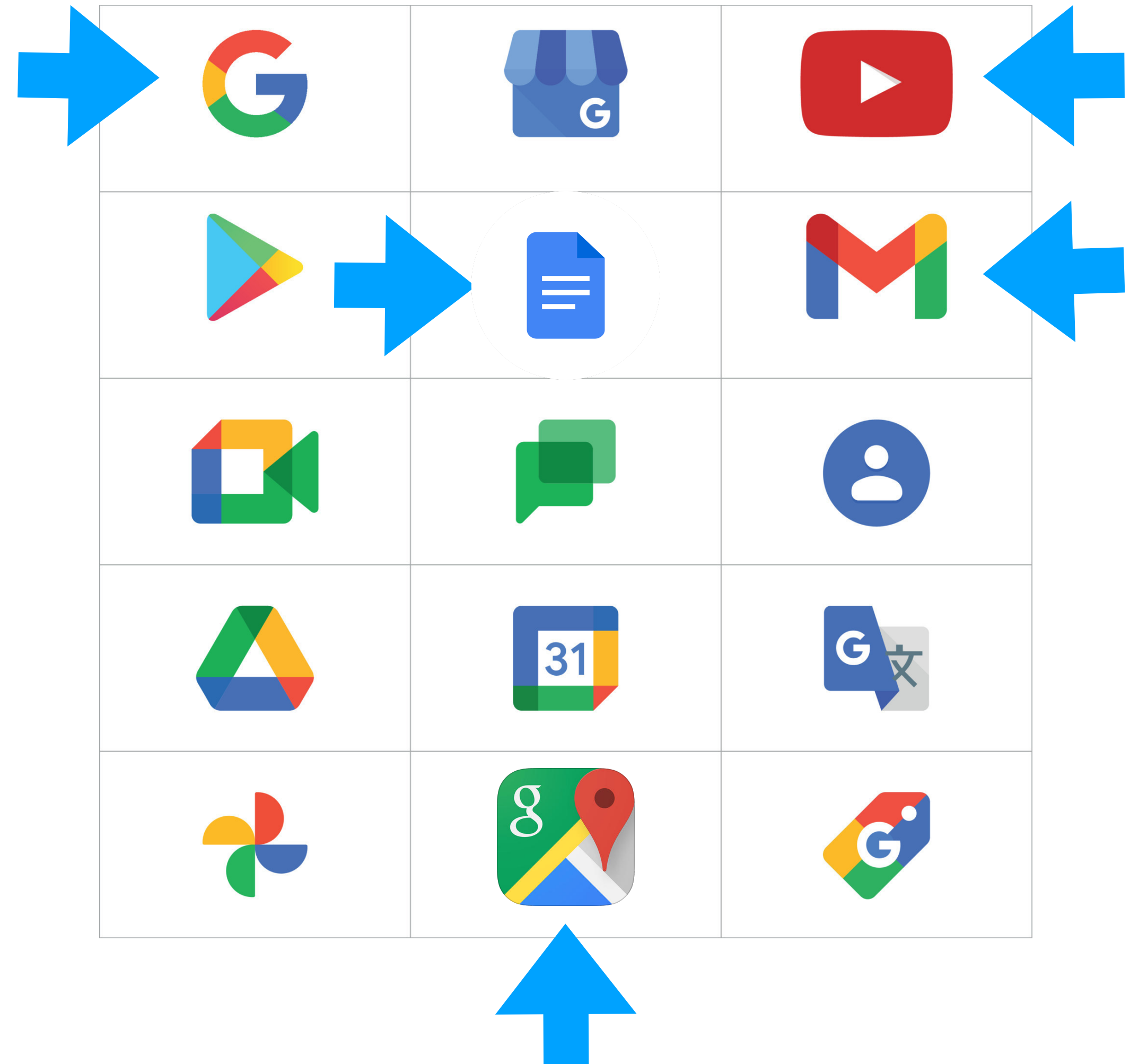
- **Facebook Options** - *Free (for your soul!)*

- Facebook (Meta) Page
- FB Messenger
- Instagram Channel
- Telegram
- What's App.



“Free” Website Helpers

- **GOOGLE Options** - *Free* (*ish*)
 - **Gmail** (great idea for club site emails)
 - **Youtube** Channel
 - **Google Docs**
 - **Google Maps**
 - **Google Search** (including register URL web address)



In break out group we can explore details like:

- How to set your page up
- What is good and bad User Experience Design
- What is a Domain Name and Domain Email?
- Security
- Adding Shop Cart, Calendar
- Setting up Newsletter emails and SMS

The End