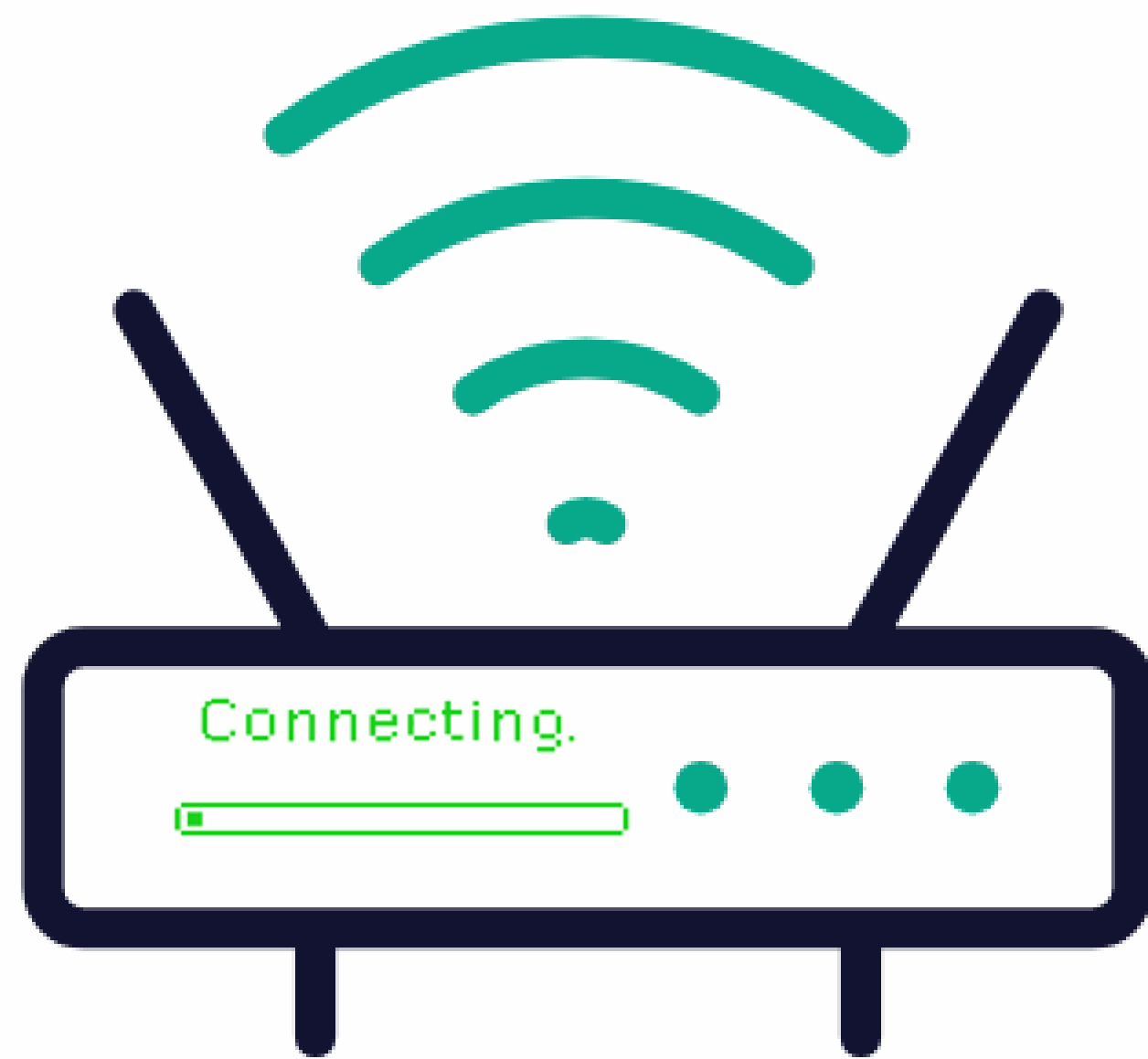




Is your Probus Club on-line?

Col Pask (Retired)

Ringwood Clocktower Probus Club

- Member 2008 - 2026
- Webmaster 2012 - 2026
- President 2017-18
- Life Member 2021
- Secretary 2022
- Convenor – different activities

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Updated March 2026 · Australia · Internet Usage

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Elderly population with internet access

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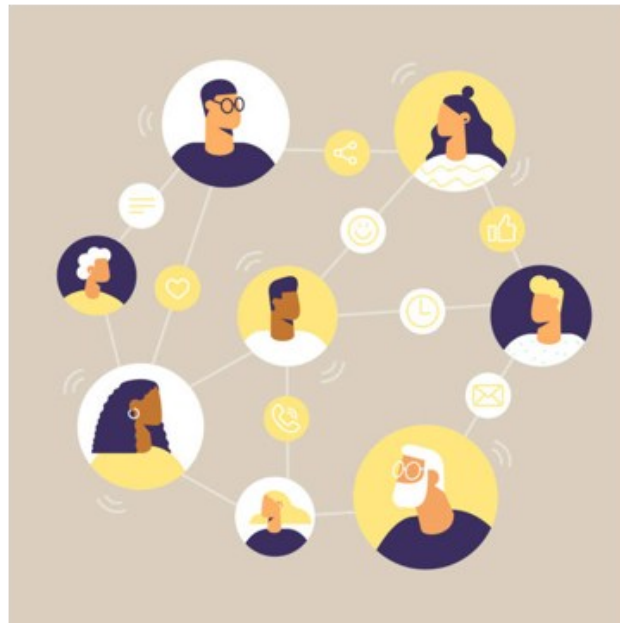
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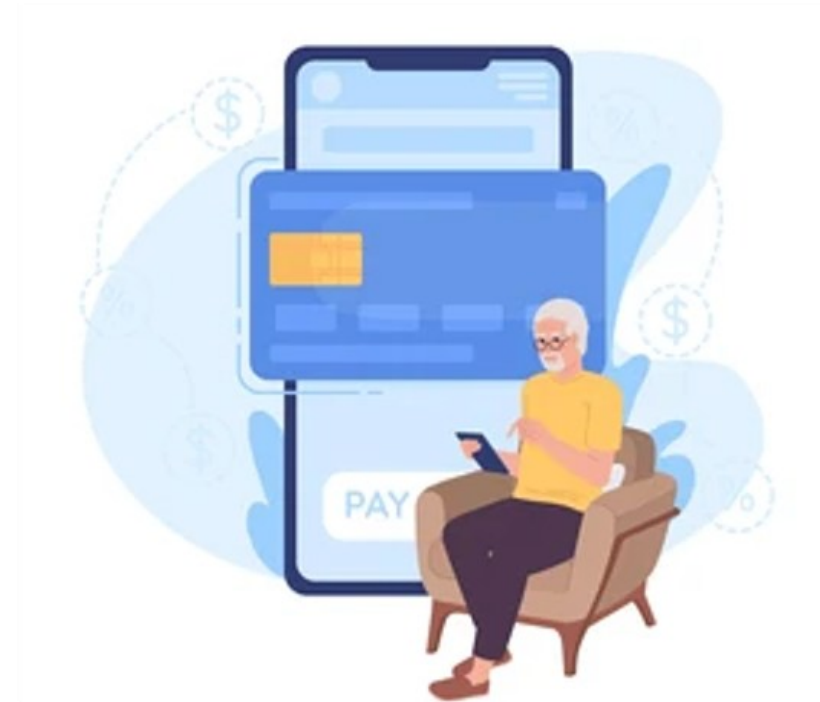
1. Staying Connected



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

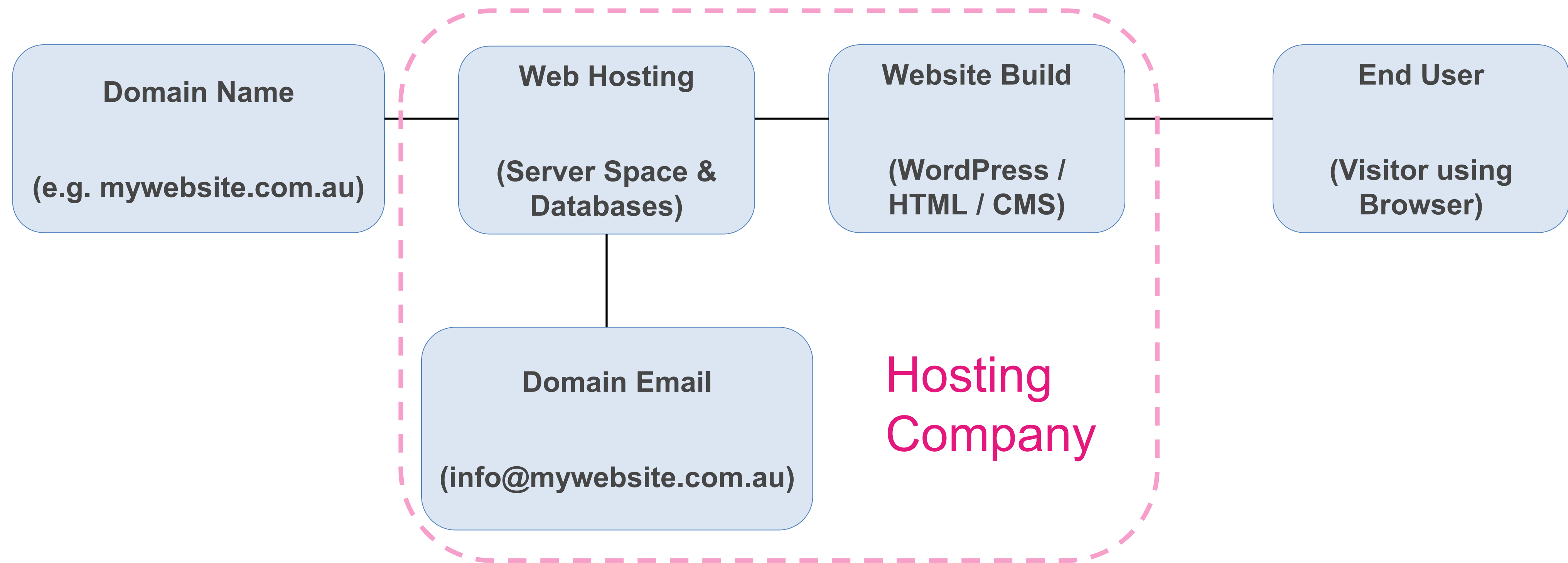


10. Staying Informed and Safe

On-Line presence for Probus Clubs

- **Website:** – the primary online presence.
- **Facebook Page** – For public promotion and sharing event photos and news.
Include a link to your club's website
- **Facebook Group (Private)** – Optional, for current members to share updates, reminders, and socialize online.
- **YouTube** – For sharing videos of special events, guest speakers, or activity highlights (optional).
- **Instagram** – Optional, for sharing photos to engage a broader audience.

How a Website is Hosted, Built and Delivered to the End User



- The domain name points visitors to the hosting server.
- The website files are stored on the hosting account.
- Domain-based emails are usually linked to the same domain and hosting provider.
- End users access the website using a web browser.

Your Probus Club's Website should:

- **Exist!** Many clubs still do not have a website
- **Easy to find** by search engines (Google, Bing, Yahoo....)
- **Look Appealing** to prospective new members:
 - NOT look dated
 - NOT Cluttered with text and poor picture quality
 - List of up-to-date activities
 - **ALL** Images are fresh and crisp
 - Project “**how young you feel**” not how old you are.

What do you want your Probus Club's Website to do.

- **'Showcase' your club**
 - Be attractive to prospective members
 - List & show your management committee
 - Provide information on Club Activities
 - Source for club documentation
 - Show members enjoying themselves
 - Provide details about your club – Meeting place and times
 - Provide application forms

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

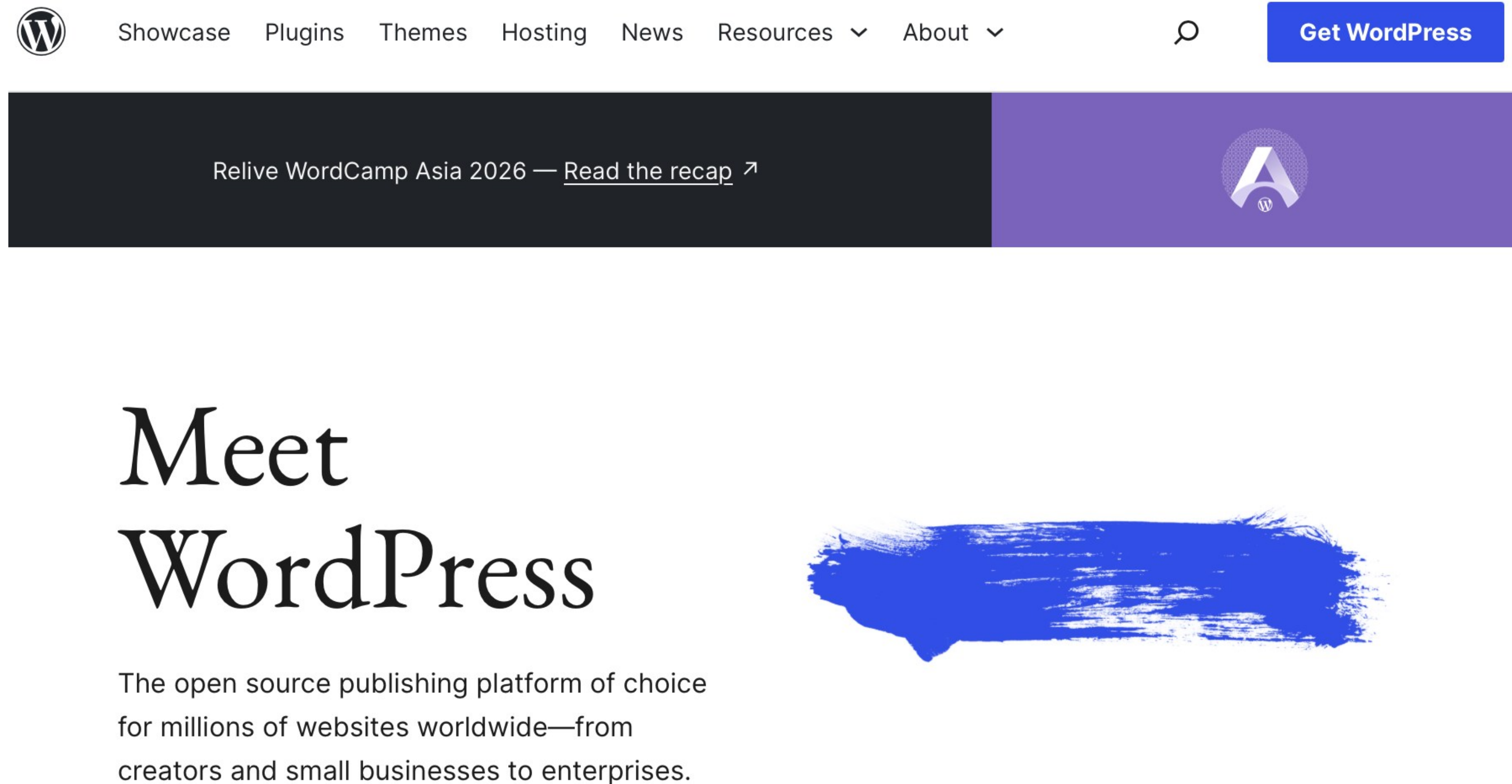
✓ Accepting Men and Women

Visit Club's Website

Phone

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

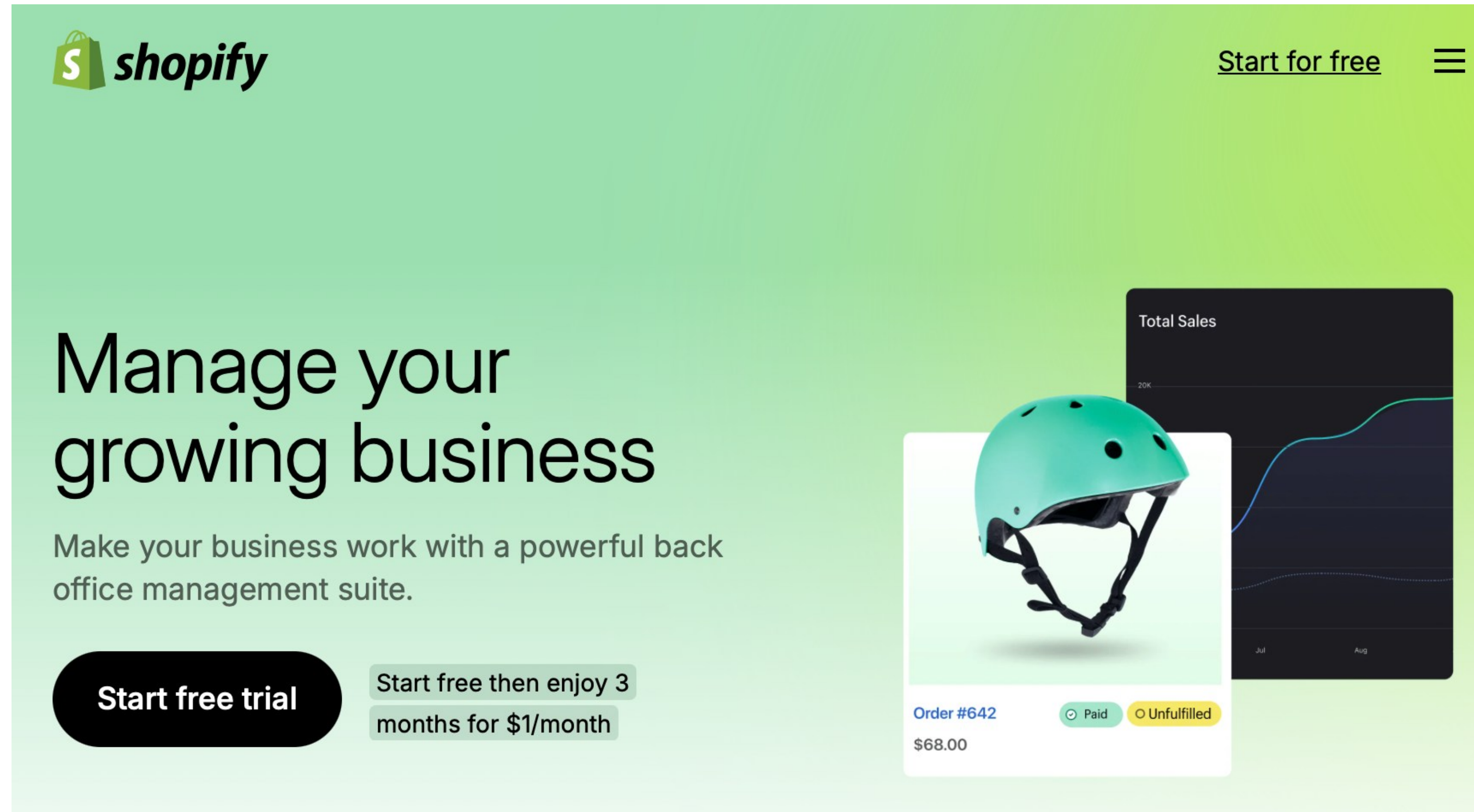


Free Wordpress.com plan

- The WordPress.com free plan offers a basic, hosted website builder suitable for personal blogs or testing the platform.
- Key features include a free subdomain (yoursite.wordpress.com).
- 1GB to 3GB of storage.
- SSL certificate.
- Essential Jetpack security features,
- Free themes.
- However, it includes mandatory WordPress ads, no plugin support, and limited customization.

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 some other platforms

A Shopify advertisement banner with a green gradient background. In the top left is the Shopify logo. In the top right is the text "Start for free" with a hamburger menu icon. The main headline reads "Manage your growing business". Below it is the subtext "Make your business work with a powerful back office management suite." At the bottom left is a black button with white text "Start free trial". To its right is a grey box containing the text "Start free then enjoy 3 months for \$1/month". On the right side of the banner is a white card showing a teal helmet, the text "Order #642", the price "\$68.00", and two status buttons: "Paid" (green) and "Unfulfilled" (yellow). Behind the helmet card is a dark dashboard snippet titled "Total Sales" showing a line graph with a rising trend line over two months, labeled "Jul" and "Aug".

 **shopify**

Start for free 

Manage your growing business

Make your business work with a powerful back office management suite.

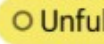
Start free trial

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Order #642

\$68.00

 Paid  Unfulfilled

Total Sales

20K

Jul Aug

Examples of Club Websites

Following are some examples of Probus Club Websites.

When you look at each website, check to see if that website meets the criteria we have spoken about.

Make a list of what is good and what is bad about each website

Examples of Club Websites

<u>https://beaumarisprobus.org.au/</u>	Wordpress (hello-elementor)
<u>https://www.clocktower.org.au</u>	Wordpress (Suffusion)
<u>https://bearbrassprobus.org/</u>	Clubrunner
<u>https://microsites.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/croydonpark/Home</u>	PSPL Microsite
<u>https://olindaprobus.org</u>	Spotify
<u>https://www.montalbertprobus.com/</u>	Wordpress (neve)
<u>https://probusblackburnsouth.org.au/</u>	Wordpress (astra)
<u>https://microsites.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/eastmalvern/Address and Contact Details</u>	PSPL Microsite

Examples of Club Websites

The following screen shots are of the first page of each club's website. Whilst it will show some things it is much better to really look at the website itself.

What were your first impressions?

Did your first impressions change when you looked at the actual website? If so - why?

Examples of Club Websites



Beaumaris
Probus

[Home](#) [Our Club](#) [Upcoming Events](#) [Newsletters](#) [Archives](#) [Resources](#) [Member Register & Profiles](#)



Beaumaris Probus



Welcome to Beaumaris Probus website



NEWSLETTER
Probus Club of Beaumaris Inc.
www.beaumarisprobus.org.au

May 2026

[Click here to see latest newsletter](#)



Crime Prevention and Personal Protection
Geoff Bransbury

Watch on  YouTube

February Speaker
Aiden Bloomfield – Crime Stoppers



Australian Economic Insights
Geoff Bransbury

Watch on  YouTube

March Speaker
George Rivers



Dever Wilson OAM becomes a Life Member

Examples of Club Websites



Ringwood Clocktower Probus Club Inc.



Home

About Us

Committee

Membership

Documents

Newsletters / Minutes

PSPL ▾

Profiles ▾

Gallery ▾

Calendar

Links

Notice Board

Contact Us

SEARCH THIS WEBSITE.



TRANSLATE THIS WEBSITE

English ▾

LATEST

Updated each month

- Activities updated
- Application Forms Updated
- Translate this website added
- 'Active Retirees Magazine' NOTICE BOARD
- MEMBERSHIP Waiting List opened

ACTIVITIES MENU

- Archivist
- Art Group
- Book Club Thursday
- Book Exchange
- Brekkie Girls
- Camera Club
- Canasta
- Caravan & Cabin
- Cards
- Cards – Tuesday
- Community Garden Group
- Craft & Tea
- Day Trips
- Dine Out
- Fishing

Home

 Edit

Welcome to the Ringwood Clocktower Probus Club website.



Ringwood Clocktower is one of the most active Probus clubs in Australia. With currently 133 members and 24 activity groups there is always something of interest.

Examples of Club Websites



Bearbrass Probus

Member Login

Search

Home

Contact Us

How to Join Us

Interest Groups

Management

Calendar

Why Bearbrass?



Bearbrass Club's Vision

Melbourne Bearbrass Probus is an active, engaging, member-driven group who come together to undertake a wide variety of enriching and enjoyable social activities and outings, which enhance their experiences and interests, whilst enjoying the fellowship of an expanding, diverse, network of friends.

President Colleen's Message



As I commence my second year as President of the Bearbrass Probus Club, I would like to sincerely thank our 2025 committee members who are stepping down, for their dedication and service, and warmly welcome the new members joining the committee.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many wonderful convenors of our activities and outings. Your enthusiasm and commitment are what make our events possible and so enjoyable for everyone.

What a fantastic year it has been. Our membership has grown to 97, an increase of 24 over the past year. It is especially pleasing that all new and prospective members have been so warmly welcomed.

There is always a lively buzz of conversation at our monthly meetings, particularly during the morning tea break.

It has certainly been a busy and engaging 12 months. Members have enjoyed a variety of outings, including musicals and Morning Melodies performances. Our art appreciation group travelled to Geelong to see the Archibald Prize exhibition and to Bendigo for the Frida Kahlo exhibition. Other excursions included a ferry trip to Portarlington, visits to Pentridge Prison, the Police Museum, the Old Treasury Building, and the Seaworks Museum in Williamstown.

Of course, there have also been many opportunities to enjoy good food and great company. Christmas in July at PJ O'Brien's Hotel remains a favourite event. We also hosted a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event in July.

About Our Club



Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Community Hub at the Dock
Multipurpose Room - 1st floor
912 Collins Street
Docklands, VIC 3008
Australia

Phone: 0407 787 117
Email: bearbrassprobus@gmail.com

The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month, 10am for 10.30am start. Speakers offer a presentation at each meeting on a variety of topics.



Examples of Club Websites



Probus
SOUTH PACIFIC

JOIN PROBUS TODAY!

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

CROYDON PARK PROBUS > Home

SITE NAVIGATION

Home

[CPPC Member Website](#)

[Current Activities](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Foundation Meeting](#)

CROYDON PARK PROBUS CLUB

The Croydon Park Probus Club (CPPC) was founded in October 2016 and comprises people from the city of Croydon (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 friends, and keep their minds active.

The name PROBUS 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 CPPC organises a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities.

Meetings are held at 10.00 am on the third Thursday of each month except January, at the Dorset Gardens Hotel at 335 Dorset Road, Croydon, VIC, 3136. In May, September and December, special occasions are held where the venue and time may vary.

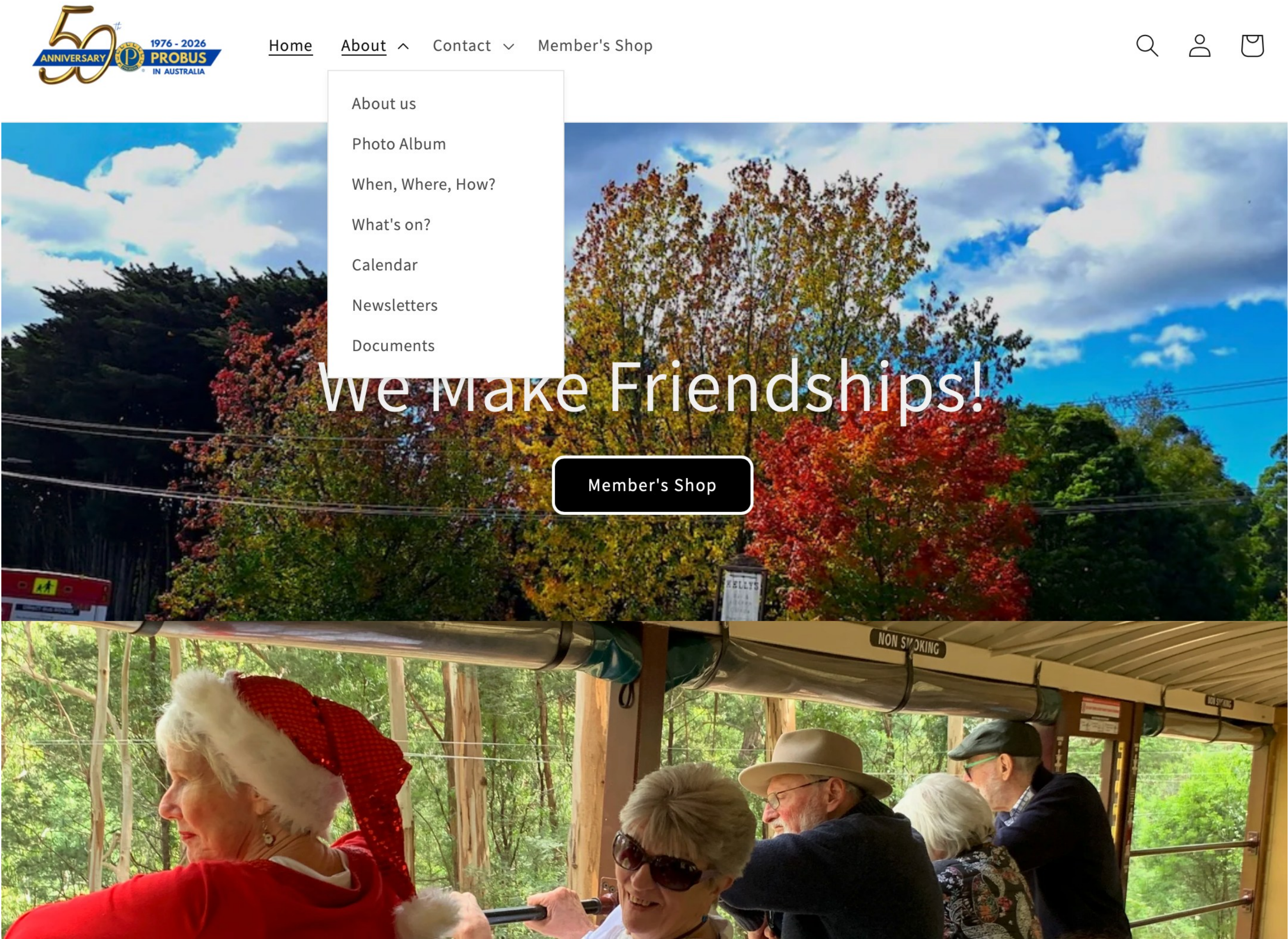
The meetings include morning tea and guest speakers on topics of interest. Members receive a monthly newsletter, The Town Cryer.

Anyone interested in CPPC is welcome to attend a monthly meeting as a visitor, except in months where special occasions are held.

Our aim is to create an environment of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

Examples of Club Websites

Welcome to the Olinda Probus Club



Examples of Club Websites



Welcome to Mont Albert Probus

Probus opens the door to new experiences, ideas, and friends. The club provides a range of regular activities for retirees to explore their interests and to meet like-minded people. This helps to maintain healthy bodies and minds.



Examples of Club Websites



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](#)

[Probus Information Day
at DVH](#)

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JOIN PROBUS TODAY!

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

DONVALE HILL PROBUS CLUB INC.

The Donvale Hill Probus 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 Probus 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 dvhprobus@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



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship in Retirement

[About Us](#)

[Membership](#)

[Committee](#)

[Guest Speakers](#)

[Club Calendar](#)

[Activities](#)

[Outings, Dine Outs & Tours](#)

[Recent Photos](#)

[Monthly Bulletins](#)

[Member Profiles](#)

[Useful Links](#)

[Contact Us](#)

Welcome to our Club's Website!

The Probus Club of Blackburn South was originally started as a men's Probus Club in February 1989 and continued in this role for 24 years when, due to declining membership, it was decided by the majority of members to change into a Combined Club.

The Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South now welcomes all retired and semi-retired men and women. Our members mostly come from within the City of Whitehorse and the surrounding eastern suburbs, including Blackburn, Box Hill, Burwood, Croydon, Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Mitcham, Nunawading, Ringwood, and Vermont. We provide the opportunity for members to meet new people and develop existing friendships, while participating in a variety of social and interesting **activities**. These activities include walks, a book club, a discussion group, social darts, outings, tours, movies/live theatre, weekly coffee catchups, lunch and evening dine-outs.

The Club meets at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday in the months of February through to November at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill (see map at the bottom of the page). A Christmas lunch is held in December each year. There is no meeting held in January.



Our monthly meeting includes reports on Club activities, including activities planned for the forthcoming two or three months, and general business, followed by morning tea, then a talk by a visiting speaker on a topical and

Examples of Club Websites



Probus
SOUTH PACIFIC

JOIN PROBUS TODAY!

AUS: 1300 630 488 NZ: 0800 1477 6287

eastmalvern > Address & Contact Details

SITE NAVIGATION

Home

Address & Contact Details

Club Meeting Dates

Outings and Activities

Speakers

News Letters

Active Retirees & Probian

The Things We Did

President Corner each month

Committee

Club Special Info

General Info

Probus Australia

Membership Fees Now Due

Probarian Of The Year

Probus Travel Insurance

The Random Football Comp

Tool Box

Club Payments

Probus E-Book Club

Mentors Memo

Links

Club History

Photos

Probus Insurance



East Malvern Combined Probus Club Inc.

Meets at:Uniting Centre54 Serrell Street

Malvern East 3145

Dates:1st Wednesday of the month

(except January/December no meeting)

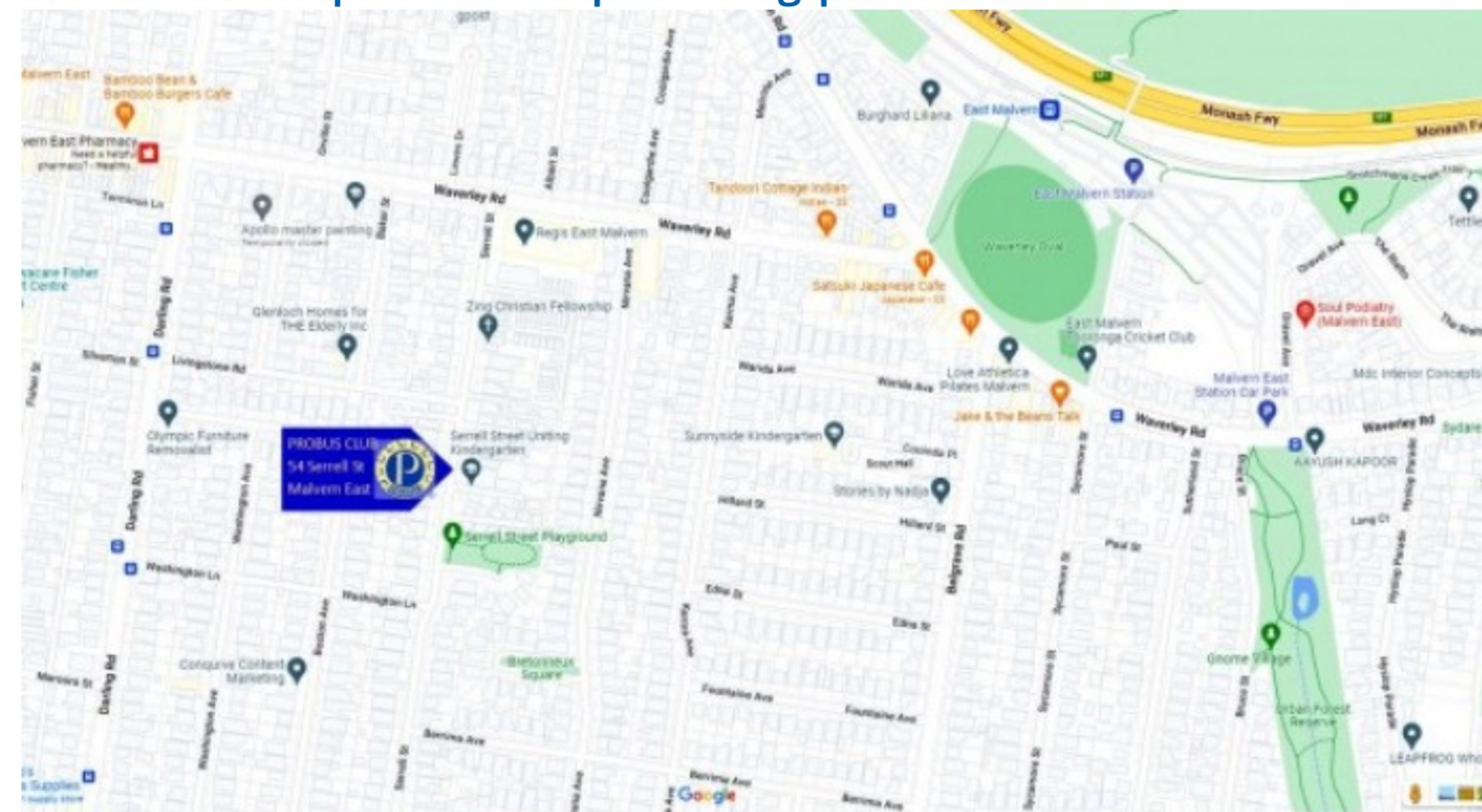
9:45am untill 12 noon

Club phone number: 0488 419 314

Mail: PO Box 42. Darling South 3145

Email: eastmalvern@probusclubs.com.au

Web site: www.probussouthpacific.org/pceastmalvern



Examples of Club Websites

On-Line Payments

How to Buy My Books

[Click here to buy my books](#)

- **Wordpress using plugin:**
Simple Shopping Cart. – see screen shot right
- **Shopify**
- **Tyro**



Item Name	Quantity	Price
'Through Windows' by Christine Crawford - Reprinted 2021	1	\$29.95 
		Subtotal: \$29.95
		Shipping: \$7.95
		Total: \$37.90

Checkout with 

On-Line Payments

- **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.





Emails - Mailchimp

- [Mailchimp](#) is a popular all-in-one marketing platform designed to help organizations manage email lists, create newsletters, automate campaigns, and track engagement.
For a club, it is useful for sending member updates, newsletters, event invitations, and welcome emails to new members.
- Also consider MailerLite, EmailOctopus

Handy Email Setups



- Mailchimp Costs for a Club (2026)
 - **Free Plan (\$0/mo):** Extremely limited. Covers up to **250 contacts** and **500 email sends** per month (250 daily limit). It lacks automation and email scheduling, and includes Mailchimp branding.
 - **Essentials Plan (from ~\$13/mo):** Starts at \$13/month for 500 contacts. This plan removes branding, allows email scheduling, and offers 24/7 support. Costs rise with list size (e.g., ~2,500 contacts = ~\$45/month).
 - **Standard Plan (from ~\$20/mo):** Starts at \$20/month for 500 contacts. It adds advanced automation, customer journeys, and better segmentation. At 2,500 contacts, this typically costs ~\$60/month.
 - **Nonprofit Discount:** Verified nonprofits and charities can receive a 15% discount on paid plans

In break out group we can explore details like:

- Our on-line presence
- What your club's on-line presence is.
- Benefits of On-Line presence
- What have been the challenges
- What lessons have we learnt.

Thank You

Enjoy your lunch

