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Dear Members,

How the year is vanishing at an alarming rate.

The dress rehearsal for *La Traviata* was stunning. Stacey Alleaume was wonderful and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed their time in the theatre. Alas our *Lohengrin* dress rehearsal had to be closed but discounted tickets were made available and I hope some of our members could avail themselves of the 20% discount.

Our Autumn lunch at the Lyceum Club was a great success with excellent food and service. We were entertained by our 2022 Melba scholars, Samantha Hargreaves soprano and Nathan Breeze baritone who were accompanied by repetiteur Adam McMillan. We enjoyed a delightful performance by these two young singers who may well go far.

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> is our Christmas in July lunch at the Melbourne Marriott Hotel on the corner of Exhibition and Lonsdale Streets. Festive food and crazy but fun bonbons. Make new friends as well as renewing old friendships. A booking form is enclosed for this event which is always one our most popular lunches.

We will go to the Kooyong Tennis Club on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> for what is always a lovely spring occasion. Then on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our Christmas celebration at the Windsor Hotel. All fine entertainment so save the dates.

With the resignation of our Treasurer we need a new volunteer with accounting skills. Please call me and discuss the requirements for this important position on our Committee. Also we require another volunteer with office management skills – answering the phone is well covered but we need someone to do the banking and data entry. Again I am ready to talk to a willing person and can be contacted on 0438 055 024.

We are looking a having a film afternoon later in the year at the Nova Cinema in Carlton. The Metropolitan Operas are excellent and more information will be provided in our next newsletter.

Best Wishes,

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Samantha Hargreaves, Valma Allaway and Nathan Breeze.

Valma Allaway OAM President

