

# Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our Autumn Season is drawing to a close. Having enjoyed the dress rehearsals we now look forward to the Spring Season which starts in October and our next lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The Christmas in July lunch is always fun with bon-bons which may yield chocolates or boiled lollies but always something interesting. We will be entertained by our 2018 Eleanor Blakemore Opera Society scholarship winner Stephen Marsh who is an exciting young baritone who is sure to delight us all. This is a chance to see your donations at work so we do hope you will join us at the Marriott Hotel lunch.

At our last very successful lunch at the Alexandra Club, a pair of cufflinks were found after the lunch was over. If these are yours please ring the office on 9685 3757 between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm and we will reunite you with the cufflinks at the Marriott lunch.

Our dress rehearsal for *La Traviata* had a hiccup alas! The first time I know of such a problem – Jose Carbo was endeavouring to recover from illness and could not sing but stood in as part of the ensemble to ensure correct timing for all. Then the problem with the theatre – no bars open and Café Vic with insufficient food. I have spoken to the Art Centre management about the bars and to Café Vic staff about their lack of preparedness. Café Vic staff were stunned to know they were about to be inundated. We hope this does not occur again but it is a management problem and out of our control.

A number of letters containing dress rehearsal tickets did not arrive. Some envelopes are hard to read and printing names and addresses could be a possible solution.

And another reminder about leaving messages on the office answering machine – please speak slowly and clearly into the phone and repeat phone numbers as some of our volunteers are hard of hearing!

Enclosed is the Notice for the Annual General Meeting along with all the associated papers including the procedure to be followed if you wish to nominate for the Committee. We are again indebted to the Melba Opera Trust who have kindly agreed to let us use their meeting room for this event.

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