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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Welcome to 2019. May we all have health and happiness.

It has been hot – very hot! Also hot is the Dress Rehearsal programme for 2019. Two great favourites and an intriguing new (to most of us) opera well received in Sydney.

We ask members when sending in their dress rehearsal booking forms to remember:

1. no staples,
2. friends who wish to sit together must send in their booking forms in the same envelope along with individual envelopes if tickets are to be returned separately,
3. the whole year can be booked now which is two self-addressed envelopes for the return of tickets for each Season. Tickets are mailed at least three weeks prior to the performance,
4. make a note in your diary of the dress rehearsal dates for which you have requested tickets.

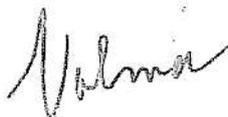
The first lunch for the year is at the Alexandra Club which is a private club in Collins Street as the guests of Mrs Nola Dawes. To entertain us in this beautiful venue we will have from Melba Opera Trust, Cleo McGowan, a delightful soprano with excellent prospects. Adam McMillan will again accompany Cleo. Please note late bookings are not possible here and raffle tickets need to be purchased when making the lunch booking as raffle tickets cannot be sold at the venue due to Club Rules.

The booking form for Morning Melodies is enclosed. As ticketing for Morning Melodies must be finalised in March we cannot accept any bookings for these four events after March 15th 2019.

This year our scholarship holder with Melba Opera Trust is again Stephen Marsh. With Opera Australia we are sponsoring, as part of our donation programme, Stacey Alleaume and Anna-Louise Cole – two exceptionally promising young singers. Stacey Alleaume will be singing Gilda in *Rigoletto* which is the opera the Opera Society is sponsoring in 2019.

If you visit our website there are some special Windsor Christmas luncheon photos – are you a feature?

And just a reminder to the few members who have not yet paid their 2019 Membership Subscription that no further Newsletters will be sent until your membership has been renewed.



Valma Allaway
PRESIDENT