

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this after having had our unforgettable trip to Bayreuth. What a wonderful experience! It would be impossible to hear such wonderful singers, such awe-inspiring conducting and unforgettable music as in Bayreuth. The dinner with Sherwin Sloan and other Wagner Societies was perhaps the highlight of the week. We Australians were lucky enough to be seated one at each table so we were able to make some lovely contacts with the other Wagnerites. It is very difficult to come back to earth when you have such a very enjoyable holiday.

I was invited to the Goethe Institute on Germany's National Day to meet the new Consul General, Irene Gründer, a truly charming person. It was a beautiful day with sunshine glowing and everybody seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

As of now, would you please send all mail or correspondence to MY address at the front of the newsletter and again below, as our registered public office is to be changed in May 1994.

I asked all present at the October Wagner Day about having a luncheon next year instead of a dinner. Everybody was agreeable so next year, Sunday May 22nd (Wagner's Birthday), is to be our first luncheon, hopefully at the Ritz Carlton, Macquarie Street, City.

Please don't forget our Christmas Party this month, on Sunday 12th December. We have some lovely raffle prizes this year. We are also having a garage sale of surplus books and stock so bring your cheque books and spend up. Entertainment is promised, and a delicious afternoon tea.

All the best to anyone who cannot come to the Party and I sincerely hope next year brings you happiness, health and anything else close to your hearts.

**Olive Coonan**  
**President**