

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Clare Hennessy has agreed to accept the dual roles of Vice President and Membership Secretary which means the Committee is once again at full strength.

We were all sorry when Antony Ernst finished his series of Ring lectures. They were an interesting and helpful preparation for Adelaide and certainly provoked much discussion. We wish him a successful sojourn in Dresden - co-producing *Il Trittico* - and look forward to his return.

At the moment the texts of these lectures are being edited for publication next year as occasional papers. Our thanks go to Paul Lehmann for recording each lecture and to Barbara and Ian Brady for the very time-consuming task of transcription. A small subcommittee has undertaken responsibility for the editing and on-going liaison with Antony.

Jane and Barry Walters and I spent a delightful couple of hours at the home of the German Consul General, Mr Otto Roever and Mrs Roever, to celebrate the National Day of the German Federal Republic. It was very pleasant to be able to spend time with our friends from the Consulate and the Goethe Institut who take such an interest in the Wagner Society.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Adelaide, where I know we are in for a wonderful experience, and at our Christmas Party on 13th December. My best wishes to you all for a happy festive season, and please remember that our first meeting next year will be on 21st February when we will have the opportunity to hear about the Ring cycles from Stephen Phillips and ask the many questions we will have brought back from Adelaide.

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