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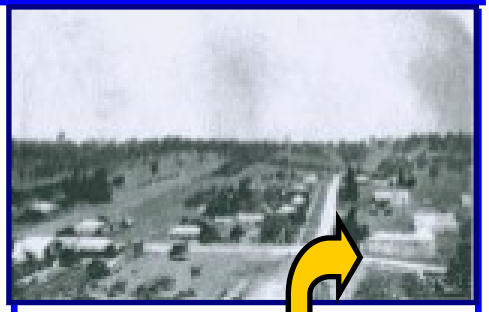
Clara Serena Kleinschmidt ...Lived at Lobethal in 1890, she became a gifted Contralto and won a scholarship to receive training at the Royal College of Music in London. She qualified in 1911 with a diploma of credit, and after further study in Italy and Germany she took the name Clara Serena in 1913. In 1918 the Australian Musical News described Serena's voice as "even and mellow" and commented that her "splendid" physique and admirable breathing enabled her to deliver the highest notes with thrilling volume and richness. In 1924 she created the role in Rutland Boughton's Alkestis at Covent Garden and in 1926 she appeared in Vienna, Berlin and Paris.During seasons of opera at Covent Garden in 1928,1929, and 1931 her roles included Amneris, Deliah, Edna and Waltraute. She joined the British National

Opera Co in 1937. During her career she was befriended by Dame Nellie Melba and Ada Crossley.

Clara Serena Memorial Scholarship… Has been named after this lady who lived in Lobethal and developed her talents in Music. We the Lobethal Harmony club wish all young people, all the best with your music.



Birthplace of Clara Serena…
The home was at the place on the right as you enter Lobethal from Woodside, at the intersection near the Woolen Mills.
Her name has been part of the Scholarship program now for 14years with all the winners have had their names added to the history of the Clara Serena Memorial Scholarship. Take a copy of the Clara Serena history.

Next Concert At St Andrew's Uniting church

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1 Alfred Place Sunday Sept. 21st

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Welcome again
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Possible Concert Program for 2026……
Last week this information was given as an idea to plan for the program to help the club to obtain NEW MEMBERS……..
Please note this is just an outline, and not definite. The program would begin with visits to numerous places where we could encourage people to join us. This could be done with a small display with a sign
"JOIN US" together with information inviting them to a "session" of singing at a given place and time, it could be a practice or another place that is convenient. The places will need to be planned, and the initial contacts could be manned by one club member. We could have a CD of the choir that could be played to assist in creating interest to "JOIN US".
This is an idea that will need to be planned before practices next year. I am fairly confident that I could obtain help from Bank SA to make the stands. The stands would fold and be placed in a boot, easy to take fold out and have a battery player for a CD.

Next Concert….Will be held on Sunday September 14th at the Valley of Praise hall. Rehearsal at 1pm, concert at 2pm. Rosalind Hughes has collected Posters and leaflets from me last week and she is distributing the information to the residents at the Valley of Praise, and to the Uniting church members, at Lobethal. At next weeks practice we will need to know how many club members can attend.

Next Meetings ….. Scholarship committee could we meet on Tuesday September 16th at 6:15pm, to review this years Scholarship management, and planning for next year. Concert Planning committee meeting to be Held on Tuesday September 23rd at 6:15pm. Exec meeting 30th September beginning at 6pm. Planning for next year on the Agenda

Next Coffee & Tea "Chefs Total so far $812.65 Thank you. Supper for the Instrumental Scholarships will be assisted by members from the club bringing supper. N to Z please bring supper. Thank you.

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