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Two experts in opera and music appointed to Opera Australia Board of Directors

Celebrated Australian recording and performing artist Greta Bradman has joined the Board of Opera Australia, following the appointment earlier this year of Professor Warren Bebbington AM, Professorial Fellow in Music at the University of Melbourne.

Ms Bradman and Professor Bebbington join the Board as Opera Australia delivers on its ambitions to put a uniquely Australian stamp on the artform and to nurture new generations of creative talent.

Ms Bradman brings a unique perspective to the Board as an award-winning soprano, ABC broadcaster, writer and psychologist. A focus of her psychology work is the connection between wellbeing and performance among performing artists.

Professor Bebbington was previously Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide until 2017 and prior to this had a long career in music. He is Chair of the Board of Melbourne University Publishing Ltd, Chair of the fine arts college LCI Melbourne, and Chair of the autism peak body Amaze Inc.

Ms Bradman is a Trustee of the Arts Centre Melbourne and Board member of the Bradman Foundation.

Ms Bradman and Professor Bebbington are working alongside Chair Rod Sims and fellow Board Directors Warwick Bray, Jonathan Feder, Jane Hansen AO, Michelle Kam, Deena Shiff and Andrew Sisson.

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Greta Bradman

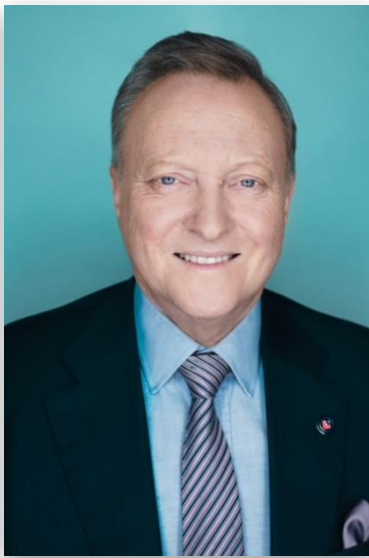
Greta Bradman is a registered psychologist, founder, writer, ABC broadcaster, recording and performing artist.

As a practising psychologist Greta specialises in anxiety disorders as well as high performance and values coaching in the arts and business. Maintaining her connection with classical music, at ABC Classic Greta presents *Weekend Brunch* and *Mindful Music*.

Prior to stepping back from singing at the end of 2019, Greta released four No.1 solo albums; two with Sony Music and two with Universal Music (Decca), as well as contributing to various other albums.

Aria nominated, she was *Limelight Magazine's* Australian Artist of the Year in 2015 and was the 2013 winner of the Australian International Opera Award, enabling her to further her singing studies in the UK. Greta has appeared as a principal soprano for Opera Australia and other opera companies as well as countless ensembles and orchestras across Australia and the UK, EU, and USA.

Greta is a Trustee at Arts Centre Melbourne, chairing the People Committee and sitting on the Audit and Risk Committee. She is a board member of the Bradman Foundation. Prior governance roles include being a member of the Federal Government's Creative Economy Taskforce during Covid-19, a board member of the Alfred Foundation and Australian Mental Health Prize, and advisor for the Arts Wellbeing Collective. Qualifications include MBA (Melbourne Business School, prize winner); MPsych(Clinical); PsychHons 1A(dux); GAICD; MAPS; ANAM Fellowship; GradDip(voice); BMus(voice).



Professor Warren Bebbington AM

Warren is currently a Professorial Fellow at the Centre for Studies in Higher Education at the University of Melbourne. He was Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide 2012–2017 and before that Deputy Vice Chancellor (University Affairs) at the University of Melbourne.

Prior to his time in university management, Warren had a long career in music, as Dean of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music for 17 years, before that Head of Music at the University of Queensland for 6 years, and he taught at the ANU School of Music.

He won an ACTL Citation for “30 years of outstanding teaching in music” (2008), his publications include the Oxford Companion to Australian Music, and he was for 10 years the music member of the International Advisory Board of Encyclopaedia Britannica. He studied musicology and conducting in New York as a Fulbright Scholar, and remains a Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music, University of Melbourne.

Warren is also Chair of the Board of Melbourne University Publishing Ltd, Chair of the fine arts college LCI Melbourne, and Chair of the autism peak body Amaze Inc.