ELMS LAURIS

CELEBRITY CONCERT SPONSED BY D'NONG ROTARY CLUB.

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LAURIS ELMS COMES BACK

DANDENONG.— Sponsored by Rotary Club of Dandenong, a big celebrity concert featuring internationally-famous singer Lauris Elms will be held in Dandenong Town Hall on Thursday, November 21.

Special concert

For Lauris it will be a sentimental occasion for before she rose to international fame as an opera singer, she lived in Lightwood Rd., between Springvale and Noble Park and was a pupil at Dandenong High School.

After receiving a scholarship, Lauris studied overseas under a famous Paris teacher and was an immediate success at Covent Gardens, where she sang in many top operas.

Her rich contralto voice won her a command performance before the Queen.

While in London she married Dandenong boy Graham de Graaff, and they now live in Sydney, where Graham holds an important post with the University of Sydney.

Lauris has continued her singing career and has made many appearances in opera and on the concert platform in Australia and New Zealand.

Everywhere, her singing has won her the highest acclaim, and this will be a wonderful opportunity for district music-lovers to hear her at the peak of her career, in the same hall which has such happy memories for her.

Lauris will have Margaret Schofield as her accompanist and associate artists will include another famous Australian singer, Brian Hansford, who is a former winner of the Heinz Australian Youth Aria at the Dandenong Festival, and is now chief study teacher at the Conservatorium of Music. His fine baritone voice is in much demand for concert work.

To complete a real feast of music, the program will include gifted young pianist, Eric Phillips, winner of the International Harvester Concerto at this year's Dandenong Festival; talented young violinist, Virginia Weekes, now leader of the Junior Symphony Orchestra, and who won every violin award possible over the years at the Dandenong Festival; and the popular Wallara Singers, conducted by Eric Phillips, one of the outstanding small choral groups ever to appear at the Dandenong Festival.

Tickets for this outstanding concert, at $4 each, are obtainable at Verey's Shoe Store, Lonsdale St, Dandenong, where seats may also be booked. (Phone 792 2640).

Supper at the Windsor after the show is included in the price.