



## The Muriel Matters Society Epistle

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

I hope this finds you all happy and enjoying the onset of Spring. Our next event will be:

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### **Muriel Matters Society Inc – Grille Commemoration Event**

**Sunday 29 October, 2017**

2.00pm – 4.00pm

at

**City of Tea Tree Gully Library, Relaxed Reading Area**

**571 Montague Road, Modbury**

**(beside Civic Park, opp. Tea Tree Plaza)**

**Plenty of parking or travel from city via The O-Bahn.**

Come along and celebrate, hear of latest Aust/UK happenings  
and view latest acquisitions.

Meeting will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

**Bookings helpful!**

Email [murielmatterssociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmatterssociety@gmail.com) or

Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

### **Fringe 2018**

Last year's North Terrace parade will not be replicated and so it has been necessary to conceive another option. A concept, involving historical/political figures speaking from 'stumps' outside the Centre of Democracy (COD), corner North Terrace and Kintore Ave at The Institute Building, has been submitted for funding approval (fingers crossed!). The audience will then be invited for COD tours. A MM play will also be on The Fringe program – featuring our member Joanne Hartstone (who has drawn the 'stump' concept together at very short notice – thank you is not enough!). More on all this soon.

### **Other Recent News**

- Monograph in final stages of editing before printing and distribution. Many schools and libraries are already asking about it and the recent screening of the docudrama at the Friends of SA Archives reminded me how good a project it was. Continuing thanks to all involved.
- No news yet on dates for SA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman Suffrage events to begin, planning or otherwise. The Parliamentary Committee will continue work into the New Year with a new Chair. Again, please let us know if you have any thoughts or ideas for an event you would like to see incorporated into the program, to be held all over the state.
- The recent performances of Ibsen's 'A Doll's House' and 'Enoch Arden' were most enjoyable and reinforced how versatile Muriel was with her repertoire.

- Clair Wright (of Utopia Girls and The War That Changed Us fame) is making good progress with her new book (focussing on 5 Australian Women who helped win the vote for UK women – Nellie Martel, Dora Meeson-Coates, Dora Montefiore, Vida Goldstein and Muriel Matters) and has been tracing the mysterious ‘garden party’ we believed took place in Melbourne in 1910. More on that and the book later.
- It is with great sadness you are advised of the death of two esteemed members: Eleanor Ramsay, SA expat residing in Tasmania and Captain of that Chapter, has died suddenly recently. Life Member Beverley Shaw, of Melbourne, passed away in August. Condolences have been sent to both families.

### **Memberships**

Great response to date – thank you everyone! 2017-18 notices/reminders for those still outstanding will go out with Xmas cards (not long now!).

### **Merchandise**

Worth remembering for gifts at any time or stocking fillers. Available on-line or by phoning, free delivery (within reason!). The ephemera of the future, limited stock of the 2018 UK Centenary badge available now. New balloon tea towel out soon.

### **UK Happenings**

Frances is back from her quick trip in early September to attend the London launch of Robert Wainwright’s biography ‘Miss Muriel Matters’ in Australia House, which was well attended. It was great to catch up with so many friends and existing members and introduce MM to the new people in attendance. Good too to see Irene Cockroft Planning for this year’s UK trip may need to be postponed – a decision will be made soon about the possibility of travel to attend the Hastings (Aug) and/or London (Sept) launch events. More on these events as information becomes available.

The Society received an email from Cat Crossley earlier this year about her ‘Rebel Suffragette Range’. You may like to have a look at the extensive stationery and gift range at [www.clavisandclaustra.co.uk](http://www.clavisandclaustra.co.uk).

### **Diary Dates**

**October 29 2017** – Grille Event at TTG Library

**December, 2017** – Xmas Event (TBA)

**February 16 2018** – The Fringe events begin (to March 18), with opening night incorporating a Balloon Event (TBA)

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