

The Muriel Project Epistle **No: 10 (April 2011)**



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Hello Everyone!

Nearly Easter and 2011 is flying! And so are Muriel's Chains and Prison Badge – packed and on the way from London - now confirmed to arrive first week of May!!!! Well done to all involved in arranging the loans from the Museum of London.

INVITATION

Members are invited to attend the Official Opening of The Grille Exhibition on
Wednesday, 11 May, 2011 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm
at Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide.
(in Centre Hall, enter via main steps)

Light Refreshments - Champagne and Finger Food

****Gold Coin donation greatly appreciated****

Please note: RSVP essential as numbers will be strictly limited.

'About Time' – SA's History Festival

The History Trust of SA program of events is out – **we are on page 15**. Throughout May, individuals and groups can view The Grille Exhibition in Centre Hall at Parliament House and then see our current presentation. Details of tour times (on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week throughout May) in the program or on the web page. If anyone would like to book or assist with the tours, please contact The Society.

Lionel Logue Connection

As we continue strengthening this line of inquiry, we have made many exciting discoveries. The Adelaide Festival Centre Performing Arts Collection is participating in 'About Time', too. Through the wonderful Jo and Helen (and with the help of MM member Alle), there is an exhibition in the foyer with interesting LL memorabilia. It may be there are links to MM in ephemera they hold, now available to us to examine. Fingers Crossed!

Interstate News

Victorian Women's Trust IWD Centenary function in March went really well. Great enthusiastic crowd – new members and Steph sold lots of merchandise. Joan Kirner was a special guest on the night. Thanks to everyone who made it such a success. Steph and Frances also met Michael from the Parliamentary Library of Victoria who has provided some interesting information of MM's uncle, Charles.

A recent trip to WA saw Frances travel to Busselton for a presentation. Thanks to Judy and Maidie for the invitation – new members here, too! Also met up with MM member Sandra Cook and almost managed to see Jasmyn Mumme, too. We will catch up with Jasmyn soon on her forthcoming trip to Adelaide and look forward to working with these great women to get the WA Chapter growing.

Some wonderful items came to light on the Murdoch University visit (thanks to Helen and John for the tip off!). Staff there did not realise the extent of the collection until they retrieved the items for inspection. Some great first generation copies of original material now in our possession.

Progress Continues

Muriel's Prison Badge – we are grateful to the Museum of London who approved this application in time for it to accompany the chains.

Documentary – still a work in progress. Julia and Clare attended the opening of the Adelaide Film Festival, where along with Frances, they were happy to run into Frank Hatherley (MM relative from NSW), also in the audience.

2011 UK Visit – planning well underway. Frances will be travelling to Hastings and then on to London. Hopefully, it will be possible to make presentations during Old Hastings Week through the Hastings Council or Museum and also at the House of Commons - through the CPA or via friends in UK unions or universities. Frances will be coming home via Boston to work on William Porter (Muriel's husband).

Mother's Day gifts? - MM Merchandise is perfect!

Still available – Society badges (\$10), Muriel cards (\$10 for a pack of 4) and limited stock of Centenary Hankies remain – never to be reprinted (\$20). Also, WMM Centenary souvenir booklets and programs (\$5). All proceeds aid the Society's projects.

Public Presentations

March and April have seen a slight drop in presentations to clubs and organisations. May will see the tempo lift dramatically (3 per week at PH!). Why not organise a group of friends to come along? Lots more new info has been incorporated into the presentation and all 3 Grille artefacts will be on display.

The Centenary of International Women's Day saw Teresa De Gennaro (aka Muriel) perform songs from her latest show 'Diva' at the Convention Centre IWD Lunch. A great performance very well received – congrats, Teresa!

Work on the Go

*The wonderful Marie is on holidays – we miss her already but know she will still be 'on the MM hunt' while away overseas.

* The wonderful Wendy continues to keep an eagle eye on EBay and amazes with articles on the various lines of inquiry, latest ones are info on MM's theatrical career.

*Frances has lots of letter writing and filing to do and will take the tours at PH in May.

*Super Steven has completed the web update, although we continue to send extra info and pictures. Great job and thanks for being so patient, Steven!

*Steph chasing up exciting opportunities to get WMM into schools (more on this later)

Diary Dates

11 May – 'The Grille Exhibition' Official Opening at Parliament House

June - suburban performances of 'Why Muriel Matters'

All tickets are \$15 and can be booked on line at www.outofthesquare.net.au.

Tanunda (Barossa A & C Centre) – Sunday 5 June @ 11.00am

Elizabeth (Shedley) – Monday 6 June @ 1.30pm

Marion (Cultural Centre) – Tuesday 7 June @ 11.00am

Pt Noarlunga (Arts Centre) – Wednesday 8 June @ 11.00am

Golden Grove (Rec and Art Centre) – Thursday 9 June @ 2.00pm

Angle Park (The Parks) – Friday 10 June @ 11.00am

Hilton (Star Theatres) – Tuesday 14 June @ 2.00pm.

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