

The Muriel Matters Society Epistle



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Hello Members and Friends!

Reminder of our next event:
MMS Annual General Meeting
Sunday, 25 August 2013
from 10.30am to 11.30pm
at **Café Pellegrini***, 169 Unley Road, Unley
(cnr Oxford Street, opp. Unley Council Chambers).
RSVP (helpful!) to 0437 656 700 or murielmatterssociety@gmail.com

***** **PLEASE NOTE CORRECT NAME OF CAFÉ** *****

Same address – different trading name

NO LONGER MAMMA CARMELA CAFÉ AS ADVISED ON EMAIL MEETING NOTICE

(Apologies - they changed the name - but not the web site!)

Please look for the purple balloons outside

Memberships

The 2013-14 year has begun and promises to be our most exciting yet. There has been a concerted effort to have members who have not been in contact for a while to stay with us - especially now the documentary is soon to be released.

Renewal forms will be sent by post for those without an email address, and will be an attachment to this newsletter for those who receive it electronically.

Subs will remain at the same low rate and can be paid either by cash or cheque at the AGM or via direct bank transfer. All details on the form – remember to add your name!

The Society needs to maintain every membership to continue promotion of all things Muriel. Thank you in anticipation to everyone for their support!

*Please note: we are always looking to update our records with email addresses – if you do not receive this newsletter by email and do have an email address, please advise asap so we can keep costs down.

The “Muriel Matters! (That Daring Australian Girl)” Documentary Update

Still waiting for confirmation of the date for the premiere at the Adelaide Film Festival (AFF) in October. As previously advised, we will advise asap to ensure opening night is a great event. The AFF booking site opens on 29th August so that you can purchase tickets. Unfortunately we are unable to provide any assistance for this event as we do not have any direct input with AFF.

Adelaide News

*Steph and Frances have recently returned from a UK visit, stopping at Epsom (for a conference organised by Irene Cockroft with Helen Pankhurst as one of the speakers!), Hastings (a morning tea, several meetings and a presentation), Chesham (street theatre, procession, book launch and presentation) and many stops in London – including a visit to Westminster. A presentation is being prepared to demonstrate how The Society's work has really raised Muriel's profile.

Chapter News

VIC – Eileen made the trip to Adelaide and met members at the last meeting. After being a great contributor to research for some time, she will soon take on a soon-to-be-confirmed expanded role and really get the Victorian Chapter moving.

NSW – The Royal Australian Historical Society, based in Sydney, has ‘published’ the paper by Steven Anderson. We will bring it to the next events for those who would like to see this important piece of progress – for The Society and Steven, who prepared work for us way back in 2009. Congratulations again, Steven.

WA, QLD, ACT, NT and TAS are all on stand-by for (overdue – sorry!) visits. We’ll be there asap!

UK News

*Irene Cockroft’s exhibition ‘Dying for the Vote’ held to mark the centenary of the death of Emily Wilding Davison, was wonderful. Staged at the Bourne Hall Museum (Ewell, Surrey), it brought together many exceptional exhibits and was very well received. The Seminar held towards the end of the exhibition (attended by Steph and Frances) was a marvellous gathering of suffrage experts – we even met Helen Pankhurst (grand-daughter of Sylvia).

*Sadly, family illness prevented us meeting Helen Fox’s relatives. We also were unable to meet with Violet Tillard’s family (again!) but did manage to catch up with Mark Logue (King’s Speech Lionel’s grandson) this trip – great to meet him after so many attempts!

Merchandise

A new line is now on sale – ‘Seeds of Affinity’ Soap, the beautifully fragrant hand-made lavender/mandarin soap is priced at \$5, and part proceeds go to a program supporting women re-entering the community after incarceration.

Limited stock still available of the following - **Card Packs** (4 cards in each) and WMM commemorative **Programs** - \$5 each. The lovely sturdy **silver Key Ring**, featuring the 1924 drawing of Muriel we use as our logo, is still in limited stock and priced at \$15 each – as is the new **Balloon Tea Towel**, still available in limited numbers.

Society Badges – sold out. A new design will be available soon.

The ‘ephemera of the future’, these items make great gifts and sales provide much needed revenue for other projects. Please order items via phone, email or by using the order form on the web site.

Presentations

Group bookings continue to give The Society to gather new members and get new information. And, as new research is always being added, no two presentations are ever the same!

Current Projects

Muriel Matters Monograph – urgent effort to finish soon!

Sculpture Signs – grant application lodged. Work will produce signs for Adelaide and Hastings.

Diary Dates

25 August 2013 – 4th Birthday & Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Café Pellegrini (Unley)

October – date to be confirmed – Documentary Premiere at Adelaide Film Festival

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