

## **The Muriel Matters** **Society Epistle**



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Hello Members and Friends!

Our next event:  
**The Muriel Matters Society AGM/General Meeting**  
**Sunday 31 August, 2014**  
from 10.00am to 11.30am  
at  
**Seven Stars Hotel**  
**187 Angas Street, Adelaide (near Frome Rd)**  
In the private area, near bistro kitchen.

Complimentary celebratory cake, purchase tea/coffee/drinks from hotel.

**Some members will be staying on for a quick lunch (at own cost) after the meeting – please advise if you would like to join us!**

RSVP (please!) to 0437 656 700 or [murielmatterssociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmatterssociety@gmail.com)

### **Recent News**

A ceremony to name The Muriel Matters Room was held in the Parliamentary Library on Tuesday 5 August, by the Friends of the Library. This group consists of MPs and Library staff. The gathering was addressed by Vickie Chapman (as President of the Friend's group) and she was assisted in the unveiling by The Speaker, Hon Michael Atkinson. Michael is the local MP for the seat where Muriel was born. Now he has had a close encounter, we look forward to him joining very soon!!

A visit to see the room could be one of our next daytime events – please let us know if this would be of interest.

Frances presented the library with an original WFL postcard (now beautifully framed and on display) and a copy of Jill Liddington's highly recommended new book 'Vanishing for the Vote', which has quite a bit of detail on Muriel in the caravan and on census night. It is available on line and well worth purchasing.

The first MM Life Members Lunch was held in June at Parliament House and well attended. It was great to catch up with many of our life supporters and welcome our newest Lifer and thank other people who have helped The Society in special ways this year. Please consider Life Membership – these additional funds are vital in progressing our projects.

Steven is now well advanced in sorting and scanning all newspaper articles in preparation for the monograph. He will also be doing work on the paper to support Muriel's work within the Women's Freedom League (WFL), especially on the night of The Grille Protest. This will assist our case to have MM's name included on all material using the iconic pictures in relation to that pivotal demonstration.

### **Recent News (cont.)**

Final site for the now manufactured MM interpretive sign may need to be negotiated after the forthcoming local government elections. The Hastings sign will follow approval by Hastings Borough Council and will hopefully be in place next year. We are also keen to have a sign erected in the cemetery there and will begin discussions on our next visit.

### **Memberships**

Many members have already renewed for 2014-15 and we are grateful for this continuing support. Members yet to renew for the 2013-14 year will be advised in the next few weeks and we look forward to them remaining with us as we continue to lobby for the movie!!. Please be assured all membership money is put to good use. Costs are kept to a minimum and we are always pleased to receive ideas to grow the membership and arrange events.

### **Documentary**

Stock of the 'official' DVD is now held and available through The Society at the special members price of \$25.00 - a saving of \$10.00 on the RRP of \$34.95. Please get behind this great initiative and purchase a copy – makes a great gift - too along with the documentary **Hankies** (a never-to-be-repeated item at \$20.00).

### **Presentations**

Many great events held with local community groups and clubs over the past few months – MM has even visited the Adelaide Club! Bookings are steady and others are always welcome. This is an easy and cost effective way to bring MM's story to life for large numbers of people and always results in merchandise sales and new members.

### **Merchandise**

A new **Balloon Tea Towel** design is on the drawing board and will be available in the New Year. The second 'Muriel Matters Badge', commemorating our **5 Year Anniversary** is now available and selling well, again only \$5. '**Seeds of Affinity**' Soap continues to be extremely popular at \$5 each – buy now before Xmas. **Card Packs** (4 cards in each) and WMM commemorative **Programs** still available at \$5 each.

Only a few **Key Rings** left, at \$15. **Book** 'Burning for the Vote' (featuring MM's adventures in Bucks, UK) – limited supply at Member's special price of \$15.

Orders for the 'ephemera of the future' can be made via phone or email (using direct debit) or by using the order form on the web site – free postage!

### **Diary Dates**

**31 August 2014** – AGM, Seven Stars Hotel (Angas Street, Adelaide)

**October 2014** – The Grille Protest anniversary, event to be advised

**December 2014** - Xmas Event – perhaps a byo picnic – any suggestions?

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