

The Muriel Matters Society Epistle



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Hello Members and Friends!

Our next event will be to commemorate the

**104th Anniversary of The Balloon Flight on
Sunday, 10th February, 2013
from 10.00am to 11.30am**

at MRC/Lions Community Centre, 23 Coglein Street, Adelaide 5000
(located between Gouger and Wright Streets, near Central Market).
RSVP (helpful!) to 0437 656 700 or murielmatterssociety@gmail.com.

Frances will give a talk specifically on the history of balloon flights, focussing on the Spencer Family of aeronauts. Captain Herbert Spencer was in charge of Muriel's pioneering flight near London, so come along and hear all we know leading up to and about that special day.

Memberships

Still a few due - payments can be made by cheque or direct bank transfer using the form and information on the web page.

Please remember – without your subs and kind donations, promotion of all things Muriel cannot continue – thank you for your continuing support!

Member News

Congratulations to Sandy Pitcher who was recently winner of the Telstra Business Women's award in the Community & Government category. A keen MMS member, Sandy is deputy CE of the Department of Premier & Cabinet. We are honoured to have her in our midst and wish her continuing success in all she undertakes.

UK News

*Several more purchases have been made – postcards, WFL brochures and other ephemera as well as a set of rare Panko cards. All will be on display at next opportunity – special thanks to Wendy and Andy for their diligence on Ebay!

*London Olympic Opening Ceremony – we hope to soon have a DVD of the vignette featuring the topic of suffrage. Choreographed by Australian Danny Boyle, we hope to feature the segment at The Society's next event.

Chapter News

*Email Addresses - if you have access to email, please advise your email address asap. Newsletters and other information can then also be emailed – convenient, speedy and cost effective. Thanks!

*Members in attendance very much enjoyed the Magic Lantern talk by Ron and Lorraine Potts. The demonstration was held at the Migrant Resource Centre in Coglein Street (which seems to be a convenient venue – please let us know what you think!). Ron and Lorraine showed the newly acquired slides of a suffrage wagon and suffragettes in Manchester and had also gone through their vast collection to share several slides of early Adelaide. Special thanks to them both for a wonderful event.

*Muriel (aka Frances) met (or should that be stalked!) HRH Prince Charles and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall on their recent lightning trip to Adelaide. On a hot day by the Torrens, a presentation of MMS souvenirs was made and the prince's equerry was sent back to provide his card. A letter was immediately dispatched and we wait in anticipation of a reply! More on that (hopefully) later.

*Hot on the heels of the 'royal' close encounter, another Open Day saw Frances (as Muriel) accompany the Victoriana Society to Government House during November. Over 3,500 visitors saw Muriel 'in action' near the front gates and many discussions and conversations took place.

Merchandise

Still available - **Card Packs** (4 cards in each) and **Society Badges**, now priced at \$5 each, WMM commemorative **Programs** remain at \$5. 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. New items under consideration out soon!

These sales provide much needed revenue for other projects. Please secure your items by email or use order form on the web site. **Great Gifts!!**

Presentations

Please remember to recommend us to any group to which you belong.

By the way, a wonderful day was recently held for a group at Victor Harbor. Frances and Wendy were delighted by their reception and the interest generated by the presentation. One of our MMS members, Jenny, attended and afterwards invited us to her home to view some postcards and ephemera – what a collection! We were enthralled to see so many objects in one place. Very generously, we were able to copy some for MMS resources. And most excitingly, we were entrusted with a magic lantern which (when working!) will be on permanent loan to The Society.

The Muriel Documentary Update

Production well underway – interview filming has taken place in Adelaide and Melbourne, actors are being considered for the dramatic sequences and costumes are being prepared so it's full steam ahead! We wish all involved in the production well and look forward with great anticipation to the premiere.

Current Projects

Replica Holloway Badge – not far away!

Muriel Matters Monograph – MMS has recently been awarded a \$400 grant towards this project

E Lessons & Children's Books – will be in work after monograph published

Embroidered Banner - design work goes on

Diary Dates

10 February – MMS Balloon Anniversary event

16 February – 104th Balloon Flight Anniversary

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