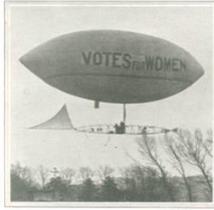


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Hello Members and Friends!

Our next event:

The Muriel Matters Society Christmas Morning Tea
Saturday 13 December, 2014
from 10.00am to 11.30am

at

Steph Key's Ashford Electorate Office
407 Marion Road, Plympton SA 5038

Public transport access via Marion Road or Anzac Highway
Please advise if you need transport.

Complimentary celebratory drinks and nibbles.
Display of latest acquisitions.

Gold coin donation welcome!

RSVP (please!) to 0437 656 700 or murielmatterssociety@gmail.com

Recent News

It is with great sadness members are advised of the death of Heather Southcott. A former MP in the SA House of Assembly (elected 1982), pioneer and longstanding feminist and activist in too many areas to mention, Heather passed away in November. Both Steph and Frances contributed to the Condolence Motion moved in the House on Thursday, 4/12/14. Heather was a great mentor of other women and when she joined MMS, gave enthusiastic support to all our endeavours. Heather will be greatly missed.

Sorting and scanning of all newspaper articles has been completed! Thanks to Steven for persevering through this mammoth task. Everything is magnificently indexed (in several ways!) and is a fantastic resource. Steven will begin his next tasks immediately!

We are looking for suggestions for the title caption for the next in our series of Balloon Flight tea towels. The first edition was 'Our Daring Aerial Suffragist' and the second was 'The World's First Aeronautical Protest'. Something pithy and witty would fit the bill. Please put your thinking caps on and let us know what you come up with.

Keep your eye out for preview screenings of the Meryl Streep/Carey Mulligan movie 'Suffragette' (aka 'The Fury') on the WSPU and the life of Mrs Pankhurst and her 'foot soldiers', to be released in January. Don't feel obliged to attend just yet though - we will be arranging a fundraiser (with attendees to be in costume?), in the New Year. Keep an eye out for details!

Memberships

Members continue to support The Society by renewing for 2014-15 – thank you! Please think of converting to Life Membership and continue to encourage others to join – low fees will give you newsletters, a couple of events each year and a role in Muriel's modern renaissance. You can be part of history, too!

Presentations

Bookings steady already for 2015. Individual talks on the caravan, grille and balloon are now being requested – no two presentations are ever the same! A new one on violence endured by suffragists and suffragettes and the use of force by the police (and others) in the struggle will be prepared this coming year. Frances will begin her school visits in earnest in the New Year – they will cover metropolitan and regional areas and be combined day time school visits with talks to local history groups and libraries in the evenings. Please recommend to whoever you know.

Merchandise

Not too late to get your Christmas orders in – free postage, so if you don't delay you'll still receive before Christmas! All make excellent gifts with the soaps making a superb stocking filler.

Diary Dates

13 December 2014 - Xmas Event – Morning Tea at Steph Key's Ashford EO (10.00am)

Jan 2015 – movie fundraiser at Regal Cinema

Feb 2015 – launch of the 3rd Balloon Flight Tea Towel

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