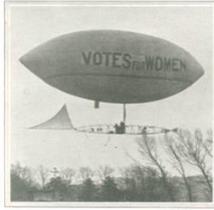


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Hello to All Members and Friends!

Happy New Year to All! 2016 has been declared the Year of The Shoebox – let's all keep our eyes open for information on Muriel, hidden here in South Australia or lost over the years, that will fill in some of the gaps.

Our next event: **MMS Encore Special Screening of the movie**

“Suffragette”

Starring Meryl Streep and Carey Mulligan

Friday 15 April, 2016

6.30pm (for 7.00pm start – movie goes 2 hours)

at

Trak Cinema (Cinema 3)

Upstairs at 375 Greenhill Road, Toorak Gardens

Bookings essential! Secure your seat for \$20 via cash/cheque or a direct debit payment – see www.murielmatterssociety.com.au.

Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or

Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Complimentary chocolates and glass of champagne on arrival.

Gala Movie Event

The special screening of 'Suffragette' at The Regal Cinema on January 10 was a resounding success. The Victoriana Society members set the scene in their wonderful period costumes and the movie was very well received. Lucky door prize winners had another reason to be happy on the way home!

Part proceeds will go to 'Seeds of Affinity'. Some of their members joined us on the day and The Society will be making a large donation, the lion's share of the profits, to Seeds very soon.

A special thank you must go to all the wonderful volunteers who made the day run so smoothly – helping to seat patrons, handing out nibbles and champagne and selling lots of merchandise and memberships (which will help to progress some of our ideas for 2016).

Because it was so close to the Festive Season, several members have mentioned they would have liked to come but couldn't. To make up for this, another exclusive screening has been arranged before the Australian DVD release. See above for details – numbers are strictly limited, so book early and don't miss out!

Memberships

Nearly everyone has already renewed this year.

Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

As postage will now be an issue, all mail outs will be kept to a minimum.

Recent News

Work on Muriel's biography has started and author Robert Wainwright visited Adelaide recently for Writer's Week. His sessions on his other recent books 'Sheila' and 'Maverick Mountaineer' were well attended and a mention of the proposed Muriel book raised a ripple of applause (which augers well for his visit to promote the MM biography.)

More new acquisitions continue to arrive for the ever-growing collection. Thanks to everyone for keeping an eye out for likely items – please keep especially looking out for Women's Freedom League items and ephemera.

Australia Post is now charging almost double for a letter – this means that newsletters will be sent by email wherever possible. Please advise if you change your email address or let us know if you have recently acquired one.

UK Happenings

MMS member Ben Waters has arrived in London, prior to the proposed visit in August during which we hope to open the London and Hastings Chapters of The Society. Details are being finalised and there should be an 'official' event announcement soon.

Memberships and Presentations

Frances will be representing The Society at Adelaide's two biggest IWD events and an Australian Local Government Women's Assn (SA Branch) event. Still demand for public speaking engagements - we now have presentations on Muriel's Life, The Caravan Tour, The Grille Protest and The Balloon Protest (Suffrage Protests and Prison currently in development). Still plenty of dates available for 2016.

Merchandise

Great sales at the 'Suffragette' screening. Items continue to sell well whenever displayed at public events and online – all proceeds go to funding other projects. New stocks of the docudrama 'Muriel Matters!' now available.

Limited numbers of the Third Edition of the Balloon Tea Towel still available – it may never be 'officially' launched!

Diary Dates

April 15 2016 – encore screening 'Suffragette' at Trak Cinema

Wed 4 May and Mon 9 May 2016 – History Month Tours (11am – Noon) at Parliament House, North Terrace.

TBA 2016 - 1st Muriel Matters Oration

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