



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

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

I hope this finds you all well, happy and ready for this bumper special edition:

### **Muriel Matters Society – Official Adelaide Biography Launch**

**Thursday 27 April, 2017**

6.30pm – 8.30pm

at

**Hetzel Lecture Theatre (State Library of SA)  
Institute Building, cnr Kintore Avenue & North Terrace, Adelaide**

Come along and meet author Robert Wainwright  
and purchase your signed copy – Dymocks Booksellers in attendance.

**Gold coin on entry. Limited places – so bookings essential!**

Email [murielmatterssociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmatterssociety@gmail.com) or

Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

### **Book Events in Other States**

Robert will be travelling to Perth, Melbourne and Sydney as well. Although not in the position to organise an event in each city, we will advise details of events asap and encourage those members who can to attend.

### **Fringe Parade**

This year's Fringe Parade on Saturday 18 February featured 'Muriel/FB' in a purpose built Balloon Float, complete with rear illumination of sky and clouds and a MMS Dirigible floating by every 5 minutes. Accompanied by 10 MMS members dressed in white and wearing the specially made MMS Sashes, MM's cries of 'Votes for Women – Equal Pay for Women' rang out on North Terrace over the loud music. Our members handed out around 500 specially prepared brochures (thank you, Wendy!). Thanks to all the members who made the event such a special occasion. While not scantily clad, we all received a great reception from the crowd. Photos of the night have been posted on the website.

### **Other Recent News**

- The Gallery planning is well underway - opening date now end of May (to be confirmed) in The Institute Building (corner North Terrace and Kintore). Thanks to Greg Mackie (History SA) for keeping us informed.
- Monograph ready for printing and should be available soon. Will be distributed to all schools and libraries throughout the state. Well done Mark and Collette, with thanks to Steven, Wendy and Frances for assistance.

- The event at 'Muriel Matters Walk', in the new Bowden development (adjacent to the little park behind Jarmer's Restaurant) went really well. The 25 members in attendance toasted the unveiling of the beautiful sign (thanks Denise!). Fundraising for the long-awaited and much-anticipated statue will begin soon with a high end raffle. Details to follow.
- A Cake event was held at Parliament House for MPs to mark the Balloon Anniversary. These little events are designed to keep MM in the minds of everyone at Parliament House, especially during preparations in the lead up to SA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman Suffrage in 2019.
- The Society will again advertise in the International Women's Day (SA) booklet. The lunch will be in the Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday 8 March and Frances will attend. Frances will also attend the IWD Lunch in Perth, meeting up with Jo Morgan who has recently arrived from UK. Jo is a close associate of Helen Pankhurst and we have had the pleasure of meeting her on the last 2 of our London visits. Welcome, Jo!
- The Clipper Ship tour on Sunday 26 February was well attended and the 30 present were warmly welcomed and enjoyed a wonderful tour with Peter Christopher, ably assisted by Rosemary, Lionel, Richard, Bernadette and John. A large group remained and lunched at the Port Dock Hotel afterwards.
- MMS member Jean Mills has passed away recently. Jean was a stalwart feminist and will be sadly missed.
- The dates for the run of 'Dames and Daredevils for Democracy', written by Phyl Lobl of NSW are yet to be advised.

### **Memberships**

Great response to date – thank you! 2017-18 notices will go out at the end of June (time is really flying!)

### **UK Happenings**

The recent sad death of Helen Pankhurst's father Prof Richard Pankhurst was relayed to us by TUC and MMS UK member Irene and condolences have been sent on behalf of all members. Richard is the son of Sylvia Pankhurst and it was at Sylvia's Montessori School that Muriel helped to establish.

Both Jane and Wendy will be visiting London soon and will assist in finalising the UK Chapter paperwork.

Planning for this year's UK trip will begin soon and coincide with the London launch of Robert Wainwright's biography.

### **Diary Dates**

**April 27, 2017 – MMS SA Biography Launch (see front page)**

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