

# The Muriel Project Epistle



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Hello Members and Friends!

Hopefully this finds you all well and happy after a busy Festive Season and smooth start to another year. Newsletters have now moved to a quarterly format which should better meet member and administrative needs.

Our next function will be held on:

Sunday, 17 June, 2012  
from 2.00pm to 3.30pm at  
Robin Hood Hotel, 315 Portrush Road, Norwood 5067  
RSVP (essential!) to 0437 656 700 or [murielmattersociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmattersociety@gmail.com).

During our time together for commemoration of Muriel's 1910 Tour, Frances will give a report of her soon to be undertaken trip to Hastings and Washington. Members are welcome to join Frances for lunch (at own expense).

## **Jill Liddington Evening**

The recent visit of UK academic and researcher, Jill Liddington, was a wonderful opportunity to discuss her research and work on suffrage. Her talk was very interesting, especially about census resistance, and well received by all in attendance. The Society looks forwards to continuing a long and rewarding association with Jill. Her book 'Rebel Girls' is a wealth of information and highly recommended reading.

## **The Grille Exhibition**

It is with great sadness that it is noted the artefacts on loan from the Museum of London will be returned at the end of the month. The privilege of an extension to the end of March was achieved by special negotiation. The belt and prison badge have created a great deal of interest, particularly with school and touring groups, and we are indebted to Beverley at MoL for her kind assistance and also Nickos for arranging the necessary paper work. The items on loan have lent a special dimension to our research and made a real connection to Muriel and this particular adventure.

## **Chapter News**

Still interest being generated in each state and a program of visits will be undertaken as soon as possible. Details will be made available as soon as arrangements are finalised.

## **Merchandise**

Sales have continued steadily of **Card Packs** (4 cards for \$10), WMM commemorative **Programs** (\$5) and **Society Badges** (\$10). To clear remaining limited stock, a special offer of 2 for the price of 1 will be offered for a limited time. Please contact us ASAP to take advantage of this clearance of the ephemera of the next generation!

Only a few limited edition hankies remain, definitely a collector's item, they remain priced at \$20.

New lines: again in limited quantities, are a **Balloon Commemorative Tea Towel** (white cotton with purple motif and wording) and our newest item, a lovely sturdy **silver Key Ring**, featuring the 1924 drawing of Muriel we use as our logo (both priced at \$15 each). Please use enclosed form for order – or use the web site!

## **BBC Production**

Work has finished on the film on Muriel's life, particularly the Hastings part, and it is hoped we will soon have a copy to view.

## **Progress Continues**

Trip to the UK and US - Frances departs at Easter for 9 days in England and 3 days in Washington. Don't miss her report at the June meeting!

Research - now that the Genealogy Congress has wrapped, Marie will be able to devote a little more time to MM. This will be most welcome as The Society hopes to have an interesting publication available early in 2013.

Muriel's Costume - at her recent outing with the Victoriana Society (for the Government House open day), Frances helped welcome approx. 4,500 visitors. VS members dress in authentic period costumes and lend a special historic quality to events. Their voluntary work throughout the community is highly valued. Thanks to VS members for their kindnesses. The only 'suffragist' at the event received a great reception!

Magic Lanterns - we have recently discovered an original lantern and large collection of slides at Hahndorf. The owner has graciously accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at a forthcoming meeting and we have a great time in store with this aspect of Muriel's pioneering illustrated public presentation of her adventures on the 1910 Tour soon to be explained to us in detail.

## **Follow Ups**

\*Web page was updated at short notice in time for the BBC crew to use for reference. Well done and thank you, Steven!

\*Still keen to hear from members with contacts interstate who may be interested in joining. Would ideally like to contact these people before we arrange Chapter dinners this year. Please help if you can!

## **Presentations**

Still doing regular presentations to groups of all sizes. Merchandise has been particularly popular lately and although we receive some leads with information about MM, sadly they are few and far between. Don't forget to recommend MMS speakers to family, friends and workplaces!

## **Significant Current Lines of Investigation**

\*With the trip imminent, the focus will be on discovering any living people with links to Muriel. So far, we only have one - luckily living close to Adelaide!

\*Photos of William Arnold Porter are also high on our wish list.

\*Also seeking any new photos of MM. We are indebted to a new friend in Victoria, who found us via the web page. She has sent us a portrait photo, soon to be featured in our publication.

## **Diary Dates**

\*June meeting - see you there!

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