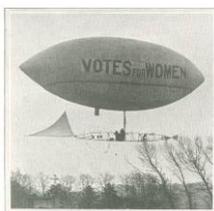


The Muriel Matters **Society Epistle**



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Hello Members and Friends!

Reminder of our next event:
New Grille Presentation/Bon Voyage
Sunday, 23 June 2013
from 10.30am to 12.00pm

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

The event will be a send off for Steph and Frances prior to their departure for London. In much the same way as MM and Violet had an 'at home' before their trip to Australia in 1910, this will be an opportunity to hear travel plans and the latest research as well as viewing The Grille Presentation that has been especially prepared for use while away.

Memberships

The 2012-13 year is almost over and the few outstanding renewals can be made in association with the subs for 2013-14 which will be due after 1 July 2013. Forms will be sent out for those who may want to take advantage of this opportunity to get up to date – subs can be paid either by cheque or direct bank transfer.

The Society needs to maintain every membership to continue promotion of all things Muriel. Thank you in anticipation to everyone for their support!

*Please note: we are still looking to update our records with email addresses – if you do not receive this newsletter by email and do have an email address, please advise asap so we can keep costs down.

Adelaide News

*April saw a visit by MMS Executive members to Victor Harbor for a special presentation of the new Balloon Power Point. A small but enthusiastic gathering also enjoyed the current Muriel presentation. It was good to catch up with the members and interested people in Victor and is the latest of several visits to this important regional centre for our Society.

*Muriel (Frances in a 'Votes for Women' sash) has been out and about quite a bit lately! There has been another Open Day at Government House – this time in April for Red Cross. Muriel also attended the opening of the Museum of Australian Democracy Eureka (known as MADE) in Ballarat and afterwards made an appearance at the Book Town of Clunes for their annual festival. (see below for further details).

Chapter News

VIC – It was great to meet up with Eileen in Ballarat for the official opening of MADE. The Premier and several dignitaries met MM and it would be fair to say they still aren't aware of the importance of her presence! Marie and Frances had driven over especially for the event and also caught up with Cora who helped arrange the Clunes visit and encouraged MM to meet the Pollie Pedal peloton. It was also wonderful to meet up again with Val and John Clark who live just out of Ballarat.

NSW – *The Royal Australian Historical Society, based in Sydney, is in the process of ‘publishing’ a paper by Steven Anderson , who prepared work for The Society way back in 2009. It has been a privilege for MMS to assist by supplying some images from our extensive collection for the publication. This is a great honour for Steven and congratulations go to him for this significant achievement and for his continuing contributions to and support of MMS in many roles.

UK News

*Irene Cockroft has successfully opened her exhibition for the centenary commemoration of the death of Emily Wilding Davison, who died from injuries after being struck by the King’s horse, Anmer. Called ‘Dying for the Vote’, it is being staged at the Bourne Hall Museum (Spring Street, Ewell Surrey). Please advise any friends living in the UK or travelling before 27 July to visit as MM will be featured. The Society has been pleased to contribute information and provide an exhibit to assist Irene in this labour of love. Our congratulations go to Irene for what is already proving to be a great attraction and sincere admiration for mounting this ambitious display.

*Through the super sleuthing of Eileen, we have discovered links to the family of Helen Fox – MM’s co-conspirator in the night of The Grille Incident. This looks to be a wonderful opportunity to understand more about why Helen ‘disappeared’ that fateful night. Watch this space!

Merchandise

Limited stock still available - please secure items via email or by using the order form on the web site. **Card Packs** (4 cards in each) and WMM commemorative **Programs** remain at \$5 each. 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 - as is the new **Balloon Tea Towel** which is now available. **Society Badges** are now sold out. These items make great gifts and sales provide much needed revenue for other projects.

Presentations

Group bookings are steady – but always happy to accommodate more, especially late notice requests. Every outing presents opportunities for new information to be collected and as new information is always coming to hand, no two presentations are the same!

The Muriel Documentary Update

We are waiting for confirmation of the date for the premiere at the Adelaide Film Festival later this year. As soon as we know, we will advise to ensure opening night is a great event.

Current Projects

Replica Holloway Badge – has been received and will be on display at the next event.
Muriel Matters Monograph –soon to go to print!
Sculpture Signs – grant application lodged. Work will produce signs for Adelaide and Hastings.

Diary Dates

23 June 2013 – Farewell and debut of new Grille Presentation.

25 August 2013 – 4th Birthday & Annual General Meeting (AGM) – detailsTBC

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