

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



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Hello Members and Friends!

Our next event:  
**MMS Xmas Get Together & Archive Open Day**  
**Sunday, 1 December, 2013**  
from 2.30pm to 4.00pm  
at **Florey Electorate Office**, 436 Montague Road, Modbury North  
(opp. Clovercrest Shopping Centre).  
RSVP (please!) to 0437 656 700 or [murielmatterssociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmatterssociety@gmail.com)

We have chosen this venue to allow members the opportunity to look through the extensive collection of ephemera, books and other collectables - now too large to transport. While some distance from the city, it is hoped many members will be able to travel out to join us for nibbles and refreshments. We can also show items from our dvd collection. Sorry for short notice - looking forward to seeing you there!

### **'Muriel Matters!' (That Daring Australian Girl) Docudrama Premiere**

Sunday 13 October saw a hardy band of MMS members and friends assemble for lunch and then the spirited march to the Palace Cinemas for the screening. Accompanied by our own ABC TV news crew, we made a splash on the street and local Adelaide evening news. Luckily the story was picked up on ABC 24, meaning members and friends all over Australia were able to see what a modern band of suffragists can achieve. Thanks to all who attended.

We were grateful to Mrs Liz Scarce for coming and giving a heartfelt speech before the reels ran. Second item of 3 shorts, after a couple of false starts things went swimmingly and Muriel was well received by the full house.

The screening on 'Artscape' the following Tuesday (15/11) brought many more favourable comments and the second cinema screening on Friday (18/11), attended by friends from The Victoriana Society, was also well received.

### **Memberships**

Thanks to the many members who have already renewed – receipts and membership cards have been held to be sent out with this year's Christmas Card.

If your subs are outstanding, we will also enclose a renewal form.

\*Please note: we are always 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.

### **Chapter News**

**South Australia** – The Society has recently signed up our newest Life Member, Muriel's first male supporter at this level. The Roll of Honour now stands at 11 and a shield or some other suitable permanent record of the names will be investigated for action in the New Year.

Muriel has many men friends (lucky girl!) so we encourage other menfolk to think about supporting our aims and objectives in this (and any other) way. Needless to say, it would be great if some of our female followers would consider converting their memberships. 2014 will be a big year - we need a strong financial base to keep the momentum going.

## **SA (continued)**

Special cheerio and thank you to Inaugural President Don Matters, who was recently presented with a certificate to commemorate his service to The MMS Thanks also to Don's wife, Joan.

**Victoria** - Another special cheerio to Jocelyn Davis (one of the docudrama 'stars') – the recent recipient of a new hip, we hope Jocelyn will soon be feeling 100%.

**NSW** – A performance of Phyl Lobl's 'Dames and Daredevils for Democracy' was held on Sunday 10/11 and greeted with wild applause. Phyl is to be congratulated for writing (inspired by our own Muriel Matters!) and performing in this wonderful tribute to amazing Australian women. Phyl has persevered to ensure the play has another run - and made sure it was recorded. The MMS contributed to the production and will soon have a copy to show everyone at a special event next year.

**ACT** - Frances has recently returned from a meeting with Ann Nugent, author of one of the earliest pieces on Muriel. It was great to finally catch up and spend some time together. The MMS looks forward to a long and happy association.

**Tasmania** – A wonderful visit and presentation was conducted recently by Steph and Frances, with the assistance of Eleanor Ramsay (the newly appointed Chapter Captain).

## **Merchandise**

**A new line is now on sale** – the 'Muriel Matters!' docudrama commemorative hanky is now available, still priced at only \$20. Again a limited edition, ideal for that special occasion gift.

**'Seeds of Affinity' Soap**, the beautifully fragrant hand-made lavender/mandarin soap is selling well at \$5. Part proceeds support women re-entering the community after a custodial sentence.

Limited stock still available of **Card Packs** (4 cards in each) and WMM commemorative **Programs** at \$5 each. Only a few of the lovely sturdy **silver Key Ring** and **Balloon Tea Towels** remain, priced at \$15 each. The new **Society Badges** arrive shortly, again priced at \$5. **All ideal gifts – don't miss out for Christmas.**

The 'ephemera of the future', these items make great gifts for friends and family and sales provide much needed revenue for other projects.

Please order items via phone, email or by using the order form on the web site.

## **Presentations**

Group bookings slowed a little in the last half of 2013 but with the New Year at hand, new inquiries have commenced. As new research is always being added, no two presentations are ever the same, so please recommend us to your wider circle of contacts.

## **Current Projects**

Muriel Matters Monograph – now extended to a Jan 2014 deadline!

Sculpture Interpretive Signs – much progress (thanks Denise!), due for 2014 installation

Research – work commencing on 'The Grille Protests' paper in an effort to have all captions in UK publications amended.

## **Diary Dates**

**February 2014** – Balloon Commemoration (details to be confirmed)

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