



The Muriel Matters Society Epistle

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Happy New Year to All Members and Friends!

Plenty happening, especially with The Fringe! Our next event will be:

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Muriel Matters Society Inc – Balloon Commemoration Event

Friday 16 February, 2018

5.30pm – 6.30pm

in

**The Hetzel Room, Institute Building (SLSA)
North Terrace, Adelaide
(corner Kintore Avenue)**

Come along and commemorate and celebrate with friends, fruit nibbles and drinks (immediately before opening night of 'Soapbox for Democracy' – and The Fringe!

Gold Coin Entry - Bookings really helpful!

Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or

Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Fringe 2018

There are several MMS projects this Fringe:

- 'A Soapbox for Democracy' – produced by Joanne Hartstone, in association with MMS and the Centre of Democracy (CoD). Featured on p83 in the Events section of The Fringe Guide and p46 in the Events section of Fringe by Day Guide, where you will see full details of this **free** event. Starting at 12.30pm (matinees) and 7.00pm, the 15 min performances will give evening audiences the chance to also visit the CoD in plenty of time before the nightly 'Parade of Light' (also free) which commences at 8.30pm.
- 'Parade of Light', illuminated on the buildings of North Terrace, will see images of MM featured in the presentation.
- 'The Muriel Mural' by Claire Foxton (it's wonderful!) is in Dawkins Place, off Frome Street (near Franklin Street) and near The Fringe Office. Too big to unveil, we will have a special 'pop-up' gathering there in the not too distant future. (See pics on web page).
- 'That Daring Australian Girl' is our very own talented and award winning Joanne Hartstone's tribute to MM. A one woman show at 2 venues - Stirling (The Pocket) and Holden Street Theatres, Hindmarsh (The Arch). Full details on p121 in the Theatre section of The Fringe Guide and p82 in the Theatre section of Fringe by Day Guide. Limited performances – so book your tickets at: <https://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/that-daring-australian-girl-af2018> and don't miss out!

***** **The Society needs You!! - Volunteers Wanted** *****

'Soapbox' will need a roster of a couple of volunteers to hand out brochures before the performances and to help muster people into the CoD and look around afterwards. If you can spare a couple of hours - 6.00pm-8.00pm **AND/OR** 11.30am-1.30pm on any performance day/night, it would be a great help to The Society and a service to Democracy and The Arts in general! No experience necessary.

Please email to discuss your availability and which days/times suit.

Other Recent News

- Monograph – all our efforts have been in The Fringe of late, but editing is nearly finished.
- SA's 125th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage – stating December 18 is the date that has been chosen to mark the anniversary. Forward planning will begin in earnest after the State Election on 17 March. The Minister for Status of Women has written seeking ideas for our event. We don't have to limit ourselves to one!
- New Balloon tea towel finalised – get yours ASAP!
- The recent addiction to on-line bidding at local deceased estate auctions (without viewing lots) has not resulted in many 'treasures' being unearthed. Please always keep your eyes open for ephemera – you just never know when something will surface!

Memberships

There has been a steady stream of on-line bank transfers and payments arriving by mail. Thank you to everyone who has already responded – our membership is remaining steady (good!) and around the same number, so time for a membership drive this year. To be discussed at the AGM in August, where fees are set. We have maintained the same low membership rate since our foundation in 2009

Merchandise

The new balloon tea towel has been designed and will be unveiled and released for sale at The Balloon Event, Adelaide Fringe 2018 Launch Night. Same great low price of \$15.00.

UK Happenings

Plenty going on all over the UK too, with the Votes 100 commemorations. There is a web page (<https://ukvote100.org/>) to keep up to date. Robert Wainwright will be visiting Adelaide again soon for Writer's Week, may not be a newsletter in between, so keep an eye out for announcements via Facebook.

Diary Dates

February 16 2018 – The Fringe events begin (to March 18), with opening night event incorporating The Balloon Commemoration and Tea Towel Launch

Around March 8 – several IWD events throughout Adelaide

August 2018 – AGM (details TBC)

October 2018 – Grille Event (details TBC)

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