



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

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

An action-packed year – so far! Our next event will be:

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### **Muriel Matters Society Inc – 2018 Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 26 August, 2018**

10.00am – 11.30am

at

**Seven Stars Hotel, 187 Angas Street, Adelaide  
(near Frome Road)**

Come along and hear the latest from the UK  
(Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Hastings).  
and see the amazing shoe box purchases!!

**Cake provided - coffee/tea can be purchased from Hotel.  
Members welcome to stay on for lunch (at own cost).**

Email [murielmatterssociety@gmail.com](mailto:murielmatterssociety@gmail.com) or  
Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

### **Special Mention**

Plenty of requests for information on Muriel coming in from all over SA, Australia - and the overseas inquiries continue.

We have been asked to assist with the nomination to have a street named after MM in a new subdivision in ACT. Needless to say, we have been happy to help!

Thanks to Steven and Marie who continue to provide images, information and insights with this part of our work, which will continue to grow as we enter 2019 and the SA 125<sup>th</sup> Dual Suffrage Commemorations.

### **Recent News**

- The first trip to Scotland was as good as hoped – Edinburgh was very busy with visits to the Museum (flying balloon highlight!), Library (mostly reference service but a good gift shop) and meeting with the CPA secretary at the Scottish Parliament, which unfortunately was not sitting (long story – and another great gift shop).
- Glasgow was wonderfully successful. Muriel's image was identified on display at The People's Palace, helping us forge a new important link. Great meetings too with the people at The Women's Library, where we will be making donations to their collection. We also met with the wonderful women who organised the Procession in Scotland and look forward to working on future collaborations with them.
- We wish Joanne Hartstone well with her Edinburgh Fringe season of 'That Daring Australian Girl'.
- London saw the amazing 'Voice and Vote' exhibition at Westminster – featuring Muriel and The Grille Protest. Frances hosted another successful event at The CPA Room, attended by MPs and Lords (despite lots of action in their Parliament that day) and SA Agent-General, Bill Muirhead (who supplied the Vili's pies and some great SA wine). Event was followed by the AGM.

- While in London, Frances was able to negotiate the purchase of several original MM items from the 'shoebox' collection of the Hodgson Sisters. Special thanks to Wendy and Irene who heard about it and also to our friend Elizabeth Crawford, who happily was the vendor and gave us first option on the items.
- Hastings was its usual highlight, staying at Pelham Crescent. Jane and the wonderful friends and team at Hastings Borough Council hosted the AGM and Frances took part in an interview for use in the area. The Council Leader and Councilors have undertaken to get prices for and explore best place to locate the MM Memorial in the Crematorium Garden. Visit to the Museum provided an opportunity to contact the new curator so we can organize a donation to their collection and encourage better promotion of MM in their permanent exhibition space.
- SA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman Suffrage is gaining momentum – the Parliamentary select committee has begun meeting and MMS will be working on project ideas in the next few weeks. Plans underway for a Muriel Matter Week in November 2019. Watch the newsletters for more information!
- The display at Adelaide Town Hall has now relocated to the City Library (upstairs in Adelaide Plaza, Rundle Mall, next door to Regent Arcade). Thanks to Polly and all at ACC for curating and hosting this exhibition. Frances will be speaking there on Friday 28 September at 11am – please phone or email for all details.

### **Memberships & Merchandise**

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed – our membership remains steady with new members still coming. For those who wish, membership can be renewed online. Outstanding renewal notices will be sent (as usual) with the Christmas Card.

**And remember - Muriel membership and merchandise make great Xmas Gifts!**

### **Diary Dates**

**August 2018** – AGM Sunday 26 August, Seven Stars from 10.00am

**September 2018** – Friday 28 September, Frances at ACC City Library Exhibition  
(full details TBC)

**October 2018** – Claire Wright Book Launch/Grille Event (details TBC)

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