



## **The Muriel Matters Society Epistle**

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Hello again to All Members and Friends!

2018 has been super busy and as we prepare for the New Year, there is much to anticipate with the Quasiquicentennial Celebrations here in South Australia in 2019.

There will be an announcement soon of all the events planned and how to keep up to date with everything going on throughout the state. In the meantime, below are the proposed dates of our involvement in this year's Fringe:

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### **The Muriel Matters Society Inc**

proudly presents for The 2019 Fringe

#### **'A Suffrage Soapbox'**

**Catherine Helen Spence, Mary Lee & Elizabeth Webb Nicholl**

Come along and hear from 3 prominent women in the South Australian suffrage movement. A different activist will be rostered each evening – altogether 15 performances (of 15 minutes each).

**6.00pm Fri: Feb 15 & 22, March 1, 8 & 15.**

**3.00pm Sat: Feb 16 & 23, March 2, 9 & 16 and**

**3.00pm Sun: Feb 17 & 24, March 3, 10 & 17.**

**Venue: Courtyard in front of The Institute Building**

(North Terrace by Kintore Avenue, near The Centre of Democracy)

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### **Recent News**

- Our Xmas get together at The 7 Stars was a wonderful meeting. A really big group heard about the latest following Frances' quick trip to New Zealand (for their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first time women voted – 28 November) and had some really good suggestions for activities in 2019 (please keep them coming!). Nibbles and Xmas cake kept us fortified and several members stayed for lunch and further conversation.
- Joanne Hartstone will soon be home from her Edinburgh Fringe season of 'That Daring Australian Girl' and 2 London performances. She will reprise the show for the 2019 Fringe. More details soon.
- The display at Adelaide City Library has ended and been taken down. Thanks to Polly and all at ACC for curating and hosting this exhibition. The items have been returned, some in better condition - Polly was also good enough to arrange for one of the loan items to be restored, a truly kind gesture that is being greatly appreciated.
- The final preparations for the publishing of the Monograph have begun. Teacher's notes (in a digital format) have been commissioned and information will go out with them to all schools and libraries in the New Year – just in time for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations!

## Recent News (continued)

- Negotiations for the children's book are underway. Publication this year would be super appropriate, so fingers crossed! Two local writers are well placed to be successful – thanks to Alle for all her help with this particular project.
- History Month is May and although there will be lots going on that will crowd us out, there will be some sort of event for Muriel/125<sup>th</sup>, all TBC soon.
- 125<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration Grants - applications have opened through the Office of Women, and close 15 February 2019. Check their website <https://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-policy/125th-anniversary-of-suffrage/community-grants>
- Amber Rudd, UK MP for Hastings & Rye (Muriel's seat!) has been re-appointed to Cabinet. After her time as former Home Secretary, this is welcome news (providing the May Government survives Brexit negotiation) for the trip to UK in July 2019.
- A few new items have been purchased and it is hoped we may be able to mount an exhibition (somewhere or maybe a travelling exhibition!) next year. It is also possible for us to lend items to people mounting their own exhibitions, so if you hear of anyone wanting item, do please recommend The Society.

## Memberships & Merchandise

Membership reminders (where applicable) are enclosed with this year's Xmas card, featuring the newest image of Muriel (a photograph by Lena Connell). For those who wish, membership can be renewed online – and, you can renew for multiple years if it is more convenient.

Some of our popular lines have sold out (never to be repeated!) and we are working on the 2019 badge design and another new item of significance for the 125<sup>th</sup>. This is the ephemera of the future – so definitely watch this space!!

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

## Diary Dates

**Friday 15 February – Fringe Suffrage Soapbox Trilogy Launch Event – details TBC**

**Various in February & March 2019 – 2019 Fringe performances - 'A Suffrage Soapbox'**

Further dates for 2019 will be advised in next newsletter

**May 2019 – History Month (details TBC)**

**November 10-17 2019 – Muriel Matters Week (details TBC)**



*Wishing all  
Members and Friends the  
Happiest of Christmases  
and  
Best of New Years.*

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