



The Muriel Matters Society Epistle

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

The Festive Season has come and gone (as has January!) and planning for the Quasiquicentennial Celebrations here in South Australia are well underway.

Our first event for 2019 will be:

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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)

Opening Night with 'Mary Lee'
(Inaugural Secretary, Women's Suffrage League, 1888)

Friday, 15 February at 6.00pm
Be prompt – starts on time for only 15 minutes
Venue: Courtyard in front of The Institute Building
(North Terrace by Kintore Avenue, near The Centre of Democracy)

*****Please join us beforehand for quick nibbles in
The Hetzel Room from 5.00pm*****

Bookings Essential: Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or
Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Altogether there will be 15 performances (each of 15 minutes duration). A different activist will be rostered each evening (subject to change and artist availability) –

Fridays: Feb 15 & 22, March 1, 8 & 15, all at 6.00pm

Saturdays: Feb 16 & 23, March 2, 9 & 16, all at 3.00pm

Sundays: Feb 17 & 24, March 3, 10 & 17, all at 3.00pm

Come along and hear from 3 of our state's most prominent women, all leaders in the 19th Century South Australian suffrage movement.

An end of season event on Sunday 17 March (around 3pm - TBC) will also be scheduled, following the performance by 'Elizabeth Webb Nicholls'. Events will need to be quick as we face time constraints because security guards are so costly!!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS - HELP NEEDED: Volunteers required to assist before and after each performance. Please email availability ASAP!! Thank You!

Recent News

- Joanne Hartstone has returned from the UK and her successful seasons of 'That Daring Australian Girl' which she will reprise for the 2019 Fringe. Details are an attachment to this newsletter. Tell your friends!! Don't miss this tour de force!!

Recent News (continued)

- Monograph illustrations and teacher's notes (in a digital format) are being finalised and the launch will be part of our calendar for the 125th celebrations!
- Details of the 125th Community Celebration Grants and Activities should now be on the Office of Women website: <https://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-policy/125th-anniversary-of-suffrage/community-grants>. Check them out.
- The MMS 125th Anniversary commemoration badge has been designed and is already on order at the factory (which unfortunately closes for Chinese New Year - hopefully, a good omen!). The badges are likely to be available for the Soapbox wrap event 17/3, still priced at \$5.00.
- A new series of free Quasquicentenary info cards is being produced. The first featured the Tour Down Under (and the role bicycles played in giving women equality) and the second is for The Fringe (highlighting that all forms of The Arts played a role in the struggle). These will be for members at events and via mailouts.

Memberships & Merchandise

Membership payments have been coming in thick and fast – thank you to everyone!

Merchandise, especially for the 125th, will be very popular this year. The ephemera of the future – so definitely remember to purchase!!

Diary Dates

Friday 15 February – Fringe 'A Suffrage Soapbox' Trilogy Launch Event – 5.00pm in The Hetzel for Launch Event; then 6.00pm in the forecourt, Institute Building/Centre of Democracy (cnr North Terrace and Kintore Ave) for the 'Mary Lee' performance

Saturday 17 March – Fringe 'A Suffrage Soapbox' Trilogy Wrap Event – forecourt, Institute Building/Centre of Democracy (cnr North Terrace and Kintore Ave) – details TBC

Further calendar of dates for 2019 will be advised shortly (and will include):

May 2019 – History Month (details TBC)

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

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