

The Muriel Matters **Society Epistle**

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

The Fringe is behind us and Quasquicentennial Celebrations here in South Australia continue. While the calendar of events is still under consideration, the next event will be:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc

Invites you to attend the launch of the new
Quasquicentenary Badge
to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of
Women's Dual suffrage in SA

Sunday, 14 April from 2.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Florey Electorate Office
(436 Montague Road, Modbury North)

High Tea will be served.

Gold Coin donation

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

Recent News

- 'Suffrage Soapbox' finished a triumphant 2019 Fringe season on Sunday March 17 – 3 performances over 5 weeks. Each Friday at 6pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 3pm, Frances and Stage Manager Matt prepared the set for the performances. Crowds averaged around 20 each performance - with a monster almost 50 on the last day, thanks to NCW members and friends! Unfortunately, while some of the WCTU attended, none of the Nicholls Family were present. (Hope they come to the twilight graveside gathering later in the year – details TBA.)

The End of Season event that followed was well attended as everyone who stayed for the performance was invited inside to join us in The Hetzel Room. In line with WCTU policy, non-alcoholic wines were served. While lacking a certain 'kick' they were well-received and everyone was able to drive home safely. Thanks to Wendy and Steven who prepared the room and 'personed the Bar'

Thanks to the actresses – Maggie (CHS), Tamara (Mary Lee) and Karen (EWN) for superb performances, sometimes in extreme heat and under tricky circumstances. Thanks also to all the volunteer helpers – Wendy, Steven, Allison, Beth, Lea, Lesley, Sarah and Caitlin. Hundreds of flyers were distributed, promoting the Soapbox and Joanne Hartstone's TDAG and The Society. The Centre of Democracy was not always open after the performances, missing out on a good opportunity to promote their exhibition.

Recent News (continued)

- Joanne Hartstone's latest season of 'That Daring Australian Girl' at the Noel Lothian Hall (Botanic Gardens, adjacent to the Bicentennial Conservatory and National Rose Garden, not far from the National Wine Centre) was an outstanding success, bringing Muriel alive for hundreds of people. Congratulations are due as the show won the award for the 'Best Re-Write' – no mean feat in a Fringe as big as ours is now.
- Monograph will be part of our calendar for the 125th celebrations!
- 125th Community Celebration Grants and Activities are now available on the Office of Women website: <https://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-policy/125th-anniversary-of-suffrage/community-grants>. Check them out. The slogan has been announced as 'Their Triumph, Our Motivation'.
- The MMS 125th Anniversary commemoration badge has been delivered and will be launched on Sunday 14 April (see details on p1). The badges are slightly bigger than normal (not sure why?) and as a result will need to be priced at \$10.00. Still, a marvellous keepsake that will only be available in limited numbers. Don't miss out!
- The new series of free Quasquicentenary info cards are popular. The first featured the Tour Down Under and the second is for The Fringe. March will feature the connection between the 8 Hour Day and IWD and April will show the first women graduates of the University of Adelaide. These will be for members at events and via mailouts while stocks last.
- Enquiries continue to come in from all around the world. Steven, Wendy and Frances respond as quickly as possible and MMS is being quoted and published regularly.

Memberships & Merchandise

Membership payments continue to come in all year round – thank you to everyone! Our membership year is July-June (rather than calendar or anniversary of joining date) and rolling reminders are sent out prior to the end of December.

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

Diary Dates

Sunday 14 April – MMS Quasquicentenary Badge Launch – Florey EO (436 Montague Road, Modbury North) 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday May 7 @ 10.30am & Monday 20 May @ 1.30pm 2019 – History Month – MMS/125th Talks, Old Chamber Parliament House (North Terrace) Bookings essential

Sunday 11 August – 2019 AGM, from 2.30pm (full details TBC)

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

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

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