

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

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Hello to All Members and Friends!

The days will soon be getting longer (thank goodness!) and the year is flying by. Hope you are all well and warm and that we might see you at our next event:

## **The Muriel Matters Society Inc**

Invites you to attend the

### **Magic Lantern Show and Suffrage Exhibition Viewing**

**Sunday, 14 July 2019 from 1.00pm-3.00pm**

**Venue: St Peter's Town Hall Banquet Room**  
(101 Payneham Road, St Peters)

**Light Refreshments will be served.**

Gold Coin donation

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

## **Recent News**

- The Magic Lantern has been made fully operational due to the inspired efforts of Marg Folkard and her friends Charles and John. We cannot thank Marg and Mates enough for their work to make this happen, following earlier work by Mark and parts collection by Frances. This will truly be a special event to showcase our collection of glass slides. Our thanks also go to Denise Schumann who has made the arrangements for us to use the Banquet Room at the St Peter's Town Hall on Payneham Road (careful - not the Norwood Town Hall on The Parade!). This will also allow us to have a special viewing of Denise's wonderful carried-over History Month exhibition 'Yesterday's Daughters', which includes many of the Muriel Matters Society collection. A not to be missed event!
- Members are advised of the death of the mother of Helen Pankhurst, our esteemed UK Life Member. Rita had a long association with The Women's Library, particularly in the early days. A condolence card will be available at the Magic Lantern Show.
- Monograph is now into design and layout, now text has been finalised. Launch will be part of Muriel Matters Week – the highlight of our calendar of events for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations! Details to follow as soon as confirmed.
- The MMS 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration badge was launched on Sunday 14 April by Heather Stokes, who kindly officiated during the High Tea despite still recovering from the significant injuries of her recent accident. The badges, slightly bigger than each of our other badges, will be available for \$10.00. They are selling fast, so order quickly and don't miss out!

## Recent News (continued)

- 125<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration Grants are finalised and details of all activities should now be available on the Office of Women website: <https://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-policy/125th-anniversary-of-suffrage/community-grants>. The slogan is 'Their Triumph, Our Motivation' and the colouring competition for school aged children Yr 6-Yr 9 closes 30 August.
- The series of Quasquicentenary info cards are proving to be popular with members at events (and via mailouts, while stocks last). The latest cards feature the 8 Hour Day and new forms of communication in the early 1900s. New technology and clothing will be among future issues.
- Elise Lamb's one woman dramatisation 'Deeds Not Words' had a run in Brisbane's recent 11th 'Short + Sweet' series at The Powerhouse. It was one of 9 items on the program, with all the others being in more contemporary settings. Frances visited (with some ex-pat South Australians in tow) for one of the performances – enjoyed by all and well received on the night. Another moving tribute to Our Muriel!
- Speaking of Muriels, the next season by the other 'Daring Australian Girl' - Joanne Hartstone, will be her acclaimed show 'The Girl Who Jumped Off the Hollywood Sign' - in Sydney 10 Sept – 14 Sept. So if you are going to be in the 'Big Smoke', check Joanne's web page or call The Society for full details.
- Steven, Wendy and Frances continue to source, purchase and list new acquisitions for the collection while also responding to the regular number enquiries.
- Suffrage and Equality remain hot topics throughout the world and most recently Swiss women were out on the streets demanding equal pay. Here in South Australia the question of equality in women's sports (AFL) became an issue and the question of equal pay for the Matildas (and come to think of it, almost all women's sports!) was floated. We still have a long way to go – with gender specific changerooms still needing funding.

## Memberships & Merchandise

Our new financial year commences 1/7/19 – thanks to everyone who has already renewed! Reminders will be sent out prior to the end of December, with the unique Christmas cards (ephemera of the future!).

Merchandise: very popular at all presentations – especially during the 125<sup>th</sup> Suffrage Anniversary year. Remember to get your new Quasquicentenary badge - now available in limited numbers for \$10.00 (this year only).

## Diary Dates

**Sunday 14 July – Magic Lantern Show & Suffrage Exhibition Viewing – St Peters Town Hall (101 Payneham Road, St Peters) 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

**Sunday 11 August – 2019 AGM, from 1.00pm - 2.00pm at Sporting Car Club (51 King William Road, Unley), members are invited to stay for a MMS Presentation to the Sporting Car Club by Muriel/Frances, who will arrive in a 1917 Dodge**

Further events for 2019 will be advised shortly (and will include):

**November 10-17 2019 – Muriel Matters Week (details of all and Monograph Launch TBC)**

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