

The Muriel Matters **Society Epistle**

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Hello to All Members and Friends,

How things have changed since our last newsletter! I hope this finds you all well, warm and happy - and importantly, adjusted to the 'new normal'. The Coronavirus has significantly altered The Society's plans for the year, and while we await the full return to gatherings of any significant number, we will need to observe the strict guidelines for public meetings.

The Society's next event will be:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc
invites you to attend the
10th Annual General Meeting
Sunday, 16 August 2020 | 10.30am – 11.30pm
Venue: Seven Stars Hotel
187 Angas Street, Adelaide
Celebratory cake will be served.
All Drinks (including tea & coffee) can be purchased from the Bar.
Some members will remain to have lunch (at own expense).
Gold Coin donation please.
Due to COVID-19, Bookings Essential:
Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or
Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Recent News

It is with great sadness that we inform members of the death of Muriel's niece – Jocelyn, who passed away in Melbourne on June 15th. From our earliest days, Jocelyn has been a constant source of information and encouragement and she will be sadly missed. Condolences have been extended, through her daughter Helen, to all Jocelyn's family on behalf of The Society.

We also note with sadness the passing of John Taylor – a Pankhurst descendant. John was a wonderful gentleman who had a great deal of very useful information, particularly on the Pankhurst ephemera holdings at Murdoch University. We met John through his daughter, Wendy, and extend to her and her family our sympathy at this very sad time.

- The Monograph has had its final draft corrections (hooray!) – and will be at the printer within days. We are preparing to dispatch to all public and private schools within SA and to all libraries. It looks beautiful and special thanks must go to Mark for his amazing design work.
- Our next major project will be the children's book/s, as we can now devote all our attention to this important addition to our resources.

- Society Life Member Lyn Breuer was recognised as an OAM in the Queen's Birthday honours round of the Order of Australia. Lyn's life-long contribution includes work from TAFE sector to Local Government and State Parliament and much more. Congratulations Lyn on this well-earned acknowledgement.
- Auction room vigilance has resulted in the purchase of a beautiful century old doll (now named Dora), dressed in the red, green and white of the NUWSS, and carrying a WSPU banner. Dora is mounted on a Women's Suffrage Journal plinth. Her mystery is the subject of a beautifully researched article by Irene Cockroft, now on the web page. She will be attending the AGM.
- The current COVID-19 pandemic reminds us of the hardships faced by people during the 1919 Spanish Flu crisis, a calamity which closely followed the end of WW1. As we go about our lives under the new restrictive conditions, spare a thought for the deprivation inflicted on the people of the world a century ago.
- Victorian Society Chapter Captain Eileen has finished her thesis! Congratulations on this amazing effort – we look forward to hearing more about it and eventually reading it.
- Our friend in the US, Ken Florey, has informed The Society 'The Clarion' is up and running again. It's a publication detailing all sorts of information on the long running struggle by our American sisters to achieve the vote. He has kindly offered an opportunity to submit articles from SA/Australia and we look forward to contributing items in future.
- Steven continues to respond to inquiries and has prepared some project/lesson notes for students – thanks, Steven! Wendy continues to watch web sites (driving a mean bargain!) and making purchases for the collection – special thanks to Wendy for all she does for The Society.

Memberships & Merchandise

COVID madness delayed postage of our end of year receipts – apology to all concerned. Subs for 2020/21 are now due and applications are enclosed. Reminders will be posted with the annual Christmas card towards the end of the year. Continuing thanks to Sonya, for her amazing volunteer work on the membership database.

There have been no Merchandise sales for the first part of the year due to cancellation of all speaking engagements. A few dates are coming in now for later in the year, so I hope to be able to deliver good news in this area before Christmas.

Diary Dates

Further dates for 2020 will be advised ASAP and include:

Monograph Launch - all details to be confirmed – **EVENTUALLY!** (TBC)

August, Sunday 16 – AGM, Seven Stars Hotel 10.30am-11.30am

October, Sunday 25 – Grille Observances, details TBC

November 8 - 14 - Muriel Matters Week, all details TBC

Xmas Function – Sunday 22 November, details TBC

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