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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
Official Launch – MMS Monograph
Collette Snowden (Author) & Mark Thomson (Design/Production)
Guest Speaker – Prof. Marnie Hughes-Warrington
Saturday, 7 November 2020 | 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Venue: Naval, Military and Air Force Club
111 Hutt Street, Adelaide
Canapes and drinks will be served.
Due to COVID-19, Bookings Essential:
Cost : \$20 (please pre-pay by direct transfer).
Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or
Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Recent News

- Invitations to the launch were emailed to all members some weeks ago. If you have not responded and are interested in attending, please contact us as quickly as possible. There is still room at what promises to be a very important event for The Society in achieving its program of aims - and an enjoyable occasion and opportunity to socialise as this very demanding year draws to a close.
- As you have seen, the Monograph will now be available – beautifully illustrated in full colour, for only \$15.00. Initial reactions to the copies that have already been circulated have been very encouraging and flattering – boding well for demand at a time when the message it carries is more important than ever. We have already had meetings to finalise dispatch to all public and private schools within SA and to all libraries. With the Qld election to be finalised soon, another visit to the Education Minister in that state will be a priority. Perth will also be visited as soon as borders re-open.
- We have taken delivery of the maquette and a date will soon be set for the unveiling. This will be another big milestone met and one that I hope will give us another opportunity to highlight Muriel's important contribution to suffrage.

- The children's book/s will now become the focus of our attention. This will be a very important addition to our resources, leaving only one more major project – the movie!
- Our beautiful century old suffrage doll, 'Dora', was the star of the AGM. She will soon visit ArtLab for an evaluation and advice/estimate for restoration work. We look forward to making her appearances more regular - and perhaps permanent.
- US friends commemorate their centenary of suffrage on 26 August 2020. Ken Florey has forwarded a remarkable publication showing the amazing array of memorabilia available – from all states - for this auspicious event. I'm glad we produced a badge and the Q Cards – a modest offering by comparison. Perhaps the very important and imminent US election prompted this heightened interest and has focussed everyone's attention on the importance of democracy and the value of the vote!
- Marie continues to supply clippings as new newspaper resources become digitised. This makes sure our archive provides greater depth to Muriel's life story. Thanks, Marie – and Chris, who is always a great help at functions.
- Steven is still busy with inquiries and web updates – thanks, Steven! Wendy continues to watch for and buy interesting things for the collection – continuing special thanks to Wendy for all she does.

Memberships & Merchandise

Thanks to all who have already renewed. Reminders will be posted with the annual Christmas card soon.

Please up-date any change to your email or postal addresses as quickly as possible as Christmas cards need to go out soon.

Thanks to the amazing Sonya, for her volunteer work on the membership list and database.

3 new Life Members since the last newsletter – thank you to those people for showing this level of trust in The Society.

Merchandise sales for the past few weeks have been confined to the very well received monograph – keenly priced at just \$15 or \$25 with DVD.

Diary Dates:

November 7 – Monograph Launch – see prior emailed invitation & details on front page

November 8 - 14 - Muriel Matters Week - sunset pop up commemoration at MM Mural (Dawkins Place, Adelaide) - details TBC soon

Xmas Function – Sunday 22 November, 1.00pm details TBC

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