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Hello to All Members and Friends,

If we thought things had been hard at the time of writing our last newsletter – SA has since had a COVID pause/mini-lockdown – which coincided with our proposed Christmas get together, informally advised last newsletter as Sunday 22/11. (Please note: if details are not confirmed, future events will not proceed.)

As you all now know, that date fell during the fast-moving, intense contact tracing for the Parafield cluster and so nothing was able to go ahead.

**Apologies for any inconvenience from the cancellation of the proposed Xmas Function and for the difficulties we have faced in organising events this year – caused by the unique restrictions of COVID-19.**

The Society's next event will hopefully be in February 2021 for Balloon Observances. Meanwhile, Christmas fast approaches.

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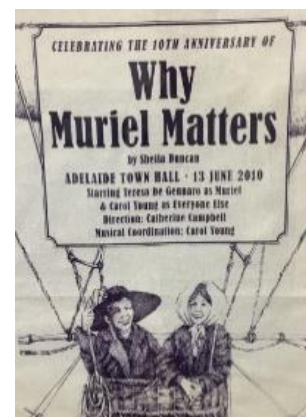
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### Recent News

- The monograph launch was an outstanding success, despite numbers being limited to 70 and some difficulties at the venue with COVID spacing restrictions. The beautifully illustrated (in full colour) Monograph is now available for only \$15.00 (limited copies with the DVD are \$25). Rave reviews are coming in and school distribution is confirmed

following a glowing recommendation to the Education Minister (Hon John Gardner) by Susan Cameron (Exec. Director, Learning Improvement).

- The eLessons have arrived and have been sent to several MMS member educators for their comments, before being submitted to the Education Department. We thank them for their time and assistance.
- The Qld election has seen the Palaszczuk Labor Government returned, so distribution in that state will be our next priority.
- The unveiling date for the maquette will soon be set – and may be part of the Balloon Observance 2021. We are looking at producing a new item of merchandise for this grand occasion.
- Negotiations continuing with NCW about use of one of the rooms at 95 South Terrace.
- As previously stated, the children's book/s will now be this year's big objective - very important additions to our range of resources.
- Our appointment with ArtLab for the beautiful 'Dora' to have an assessment was cancelled at the last minute (due to COVID pause) and will be re-scheduled ASAP.
- Naomi Paxton (our friend in London) has been doing on-line 'readings' of suffrage plays in the COVID induced absence of 'live' theatre work. I think we will be able to give you the YouTube link soon. Should be great fun to watch instead of/when you have finished The Crown (just joking)!
- Marie has been hot on the trail of information for our Welsh friend Ryland Wallace, author of 'The Women's Suffrage Movement in Wales 1866-1928' (part of our library). Ryland supplied Welsh newspaper clippings in 2010 (!) and had his interest piqued in Muriel and her Welsh ancestry. He has now written a special article on her 'The Welsh Blood in My Veins'. Can't wait to read it!

### **Memberships & Merchandise**

The annual Christmas cards are being posted this week. They will contain 2021 membership cards (for those who have already pre-paid) and reminders for everyone else. **Please up-date any change to your email or postal addresses as quickly as possible.**

International cards were posted last month and have already arrived. Thanks to Wendy for arranging Liz Evans, a family member, to receive our parcel and post individual items.

Merchandise sales were good at the monograph launch but have been non-existent otherwise. Please consider purchasing something for friends at Christmas – complimentary delivery/postage following your direct debit.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Xmas Function – Sunday 22 November, CANCELLED** due to COVID lockdown  
**February – All details TBC for Balloon Protest Anniversary**

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