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Hello Again (finally!) - Dear Members and Friends,
Hope this finds you all well and happily settled into the new normal of 2021. Lots to tell in the first newsletter of the year and our next event will be very soon:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc presents - for **History Month**

Magic Lantern Show

at NCW House (95 South Terrace, Adelaide) on

Saturday, 15 May 2021

Only 2 Sessions – 10-11.30am OR 3-4.30pm

Refreshments available at Interval

COVID Restrictions Apply – RSVP Essential

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

Recent News

- Balloon Observances on 21 February (2021) coincided with the unveiling of the maquette by University of Adelaide Chancellor, Cathy Branson, who attended the second of the three events. COVID restrictions meant smaller numbers at each sitting, and our hardy volunteers (special thank you to all – Steph, Wendy, Sonya, Lea, Marie & Chris and Steven!) served real fruit in boxes, bubbles and/or juice and cake to all. Lots of great speeches, too. Since then, Cathy has made sure something happens about a display at the university, with Clem liaising and Denise overseeing. More on this later. Again, thanks to all concerned.
- The beautiful Muriel monograph has been distributed to all schools throughout the state, just in time for this year's International Women's Day, thanks to SA Education Minister John Gardner. Please ask all your teacher friends if they have seen it at their schools - and find out what they think of it. School visits should begin to pick up shortly.
- The Society eLessons are being developed by Steven (among all his other commitments – another thank you!). We are also in touch with the Education Department to liaise with their lesson development.
- We continue to develop a list of contacts in each state to assist with distribution throughout Australia.
- We have begun limited use of our room in NCW House (95 South Terrace, Adelaide). The restored cabinet/bureau is in place and the floor to ceiling bookcases are being made. We will be using the larger room for our magic lantern presentation during History Month (see above and separate invite for full details).
- Children's book/s still on the list – and horizon!

- The beautiful 'Dora' doll is still safely with ArtLab. She has been 'stabilised' and the good news is she has no bugs living in or on her. We will decide on level of future restoration shortly and depending on the advice of their specialist in this area.
- One of our newest acquisitions is the (now rare) Royal Doulton statue of Emmeline Pankhurst, found in one of the Adelaide auction rooms. Having prepared myself for a hefty outlay, I was thrilled no one else seemed interested and it is now part of the collection for a very reasonable price. Wendy has been busy on eBay and has sourced several beautiful postcards – some on Hastings and some on the UK Census.
- A new book coming out soon features the suffrage photography of Lena Connell (the Annie Leibovitz of her day?) – and has been written by our US friend, Colleen Denney from the University of Colorado. We are thrilled a photo of Muriel has been used for the front cover and will acquire in due course for the library.
- We have been advised of a new production that may be of interest to members – Red Phoenix Theatre's 'Blue Stockings', (women who show interest in literary or intellectual matters). Frances is attending Sunday 23 May 2021, 2pm.
Flyer <http://holdenstreettheatres.com/index.php/What-s-On/blue-stockings> .
Bookings via www.holdenstreettheatres.com.

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<p>The MMS Monograph (with DVD) \$20</p> 	<p>MMS/Seeds of Affinity Soaps \$5</p> 	
<p>Please download the order form and pre-pay by direct transfer. Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.</p>		

Merchandise & Memberships

Please consider purchasing something for Mother's Day – complimentary delivery/postage following your direct debit payment. Merchandise sales have been steady as there has been one or two public engagements already this year.

Thanks to all members who have already renewed and apology for delay in mailing out some receipts.

Please up-date any change to your email or postal addresses as quickly as possible.

Diary Dates:

May – History Month at NCW House (South Terrace)

Saturday 15 May – Magic Lantern Day (2 sessions, AM and PM – see invite flyer)

Saturday 22 May – In association with NCW Open day, MMS Room open 10am-5pm

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