

The Muriel Matters Society Epistle

No: 55 June 2021



Proudly supported by:



Government of South Australia
Department of the Premier
and Cabinet



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and
Children's Services

DON DUNSTAN
FOUNDATION
Inspiring action for a fairer world



All events are associated with the Don Dunstan Foundation



Government of South Australia
Arts SA



DELAIDE
CITY COUNCIL

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
2021 Annual General Meeting
at NCW House (95 South Terrace, Adelaide) on
Sunday, 8 August 2021, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Refreshments Afterwards
COVID Restrictions Apply – RSVP Essential
Email murielmatterssociety@gmail.com or
Phone 0437 656 700 for further details.

Recent News

- The History Month event – Magic Lantern Show – was well attended and everyone who was there seemed to very happy with the content and presentation. The slides showed Adelaide at the turn of the century before last and thanks to Mark (for acting as the Magic Lantern Man) and to all who helped make the day a success.
- The Muriel monograph was distributed to all SA schools prior to IWD and has been well received. Please let us know if any of your teacher friends have seen/used it. First school visit since went really well. 'Muriel' took the parliamentary mace, gowns and wigs which the kids thought were wonderful (as they debated the Abolition of Homework Bill – which was eventually lost after robust debate and reasoned understanding!)
- The Society eLessons and teaching notes are almost ready - developed by Steven in between other commitments. We are about to forward to the Education Department to liaise with their lesson development.
- The Education Department, in conjunction with the Office of The Speaker, has begun work on the annual Muriel Matters Award. Frances spent a very productive morning with the well placed and enthusiastic members of the planning committee, chaired by Malcolm McInerney. A medallion and a copy of the monograph will be presented to a senior student at each of the 280 high schools in the state - there will be more on this exciting new initiative soon.
- The use of the room at NCW House (95 South Terrace, Adelaide) continues to be a boon. The floor to ceiling bookcases are nearly full (how did that happen?!) and the extra pieces of furniture look great with the lovely drapes. Aim is to have the room open one Sunday.
- Children's book/s - still under discussion and will happen!

- The beautiful 'Dora' doll is ready for collection from ArtLab. She has been cleaned up (a bit) but will not undergo any major work – for now. She will be on display at the AGM.
- National Archives – donations have been called to preserve the collection relating to Women Voters. The Society will consider making on behalf of the members.
- A national Curriculum Review was called for a few months ago by ACARA and a submission has been made on behalf of The Society.
- Insurance with the Don Dunstan Foundation, through the University of Adelaide will remain in place for the foreseeable future.
- A small display, under the auspices of Chancellor Cathy Branson, will soon be in place in the Napier Building – thanks to the help of Clem and Denise.
- Still purchasing interesting items – postcards

Merchandise & Memberships

I'm using COVID as the excuse for not having done as much as usual to chase up memberships – although I must say members are very good at keeping up to date. Member Organisations will soon receive their invoices 2020-21, with the next one going out towards the end of the year. Organisation subs help pay the bulk of our expenses each year and we are eternally grateful to them for their support. Merchandise sales continue to be steady and some thought is being given to the next items for our shoeboxes.

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

Diary Dates:

13 July – Executive Committee meeting

8 August – AGM, Sunday 2.00pm-3.30pm at NCW House (South Terrace)

The Muriel Matters Society Inc.

PO Box 87, Modbury North SA 5092

M) 0437 656 700 (business hours and after hours messages)

E) murielmatterssociety@gmail.com

W) www.murielmatterssociety.com.au