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Hello Again Members and Friends,

The countdown to further restriction changes has begun – it's hard to believe we are (hopefully!) almost over the worst of something we now share with Muriel and the women and men who survived the Spanish Flu – pandemics should definitely be more than 100 years apart!

We have begun (belatedly) to turn our minds to the end of the year and hope it is not too late to see you at the next events:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc

2021 Muriel Matters Week

Meet at MM Sign (Muriel Matters Walk, Bowden)

Full details on invitation attachment.

on Saturday, 13 November 2021, 10.00am – 11.30am

Light Refreshments Provided – Lunch at Jarmers after (own expense)

COVID Restrictions Apply – RSVP Essential

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

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Christmas Get Together 2021

NCW House (95 South Terrace, Adelaide)

Full details on invitation attachment.

on Sunday, 5 December 2021, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Christmas Nibbles Provided

COVID Restrictions Apply – RSVP Essential

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Recent News

- This year, Muriel Matters Week will be restricted to a day – well, a morning tea to be more precise! Muriel Matters Walk is the location of one of our first initiatives – the erection of the interpretive sign in a neighbourhood where Muriel spent some of her earliest years. The sign has been in the centre of a construction area and has sustained some damage. This will be brought to the Council's attention in the hope it can be rectified. This site could be where the full size statue of Muriel is installed – sometime in the future. **After the event, members may wish to lunch together (at own cost) at Jarmers restaurant, just across the road (walking distance). Please indicate your interest at time of RSVP.**

If we don't see you before, we wish you a wonderful Festive Season.

- The Muriel Matters Award was 'launched' in the Old Chamber (very fitting – as this is where SA women achieved dual franchise in 1894) on Tuesday October 12. The Education Minister and Speaker Teague were on hand and we thank them for their parts in bringing the award to each high school in the state. Mr Malcolm McInerney was MC and in the presence of his committee, Education Department officials and students. The medallion is truly beautiful and will be presented to each winner, along with a copy of The Society monograph by Dr Collette Snowden. Nominations have already started and we look forward to being involved with winners in the future.
- Children's book/s – will now have to be a priority in the second quarter of 2022.
- 'Dora' doll will soon have company in our room at NCW House. Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst will arrive back from having her pedestal restored this week and, like Dora, will be 'under glass' and on view – thanks to Andrew for all his work with our timber pieces.
- The wonderful new book by Colleen Denney 'The Suffrage Photography of Lena Connell', featuring Muriel on the front cover, has arrived and will be in the library soon. The Society has been happy to supply the image on the cover and I know there will be very useful international exposure for us from this happy collaboration. Muriel is featured (on p149) and mentioned many times throughout the publication and Colleen's important work is a welcome addition to every/any suffrage collection. Lena was 'the' celebrated photographer of the suffrage movement - and her generation, and we are lucky enough to own an original of nearly all of the images she took of MM.
- Still purchasing interesting items –in most recently, a book and postcard have come via Elizabeth Crawford's latest wonderful UK catalogue.
- Irene Cockroft is as busy as ever, watching out for anything of interest for The Society and preparing information for Soroptimist International World Centenary Year - the UK will celebrate its Centenary Year in 1924 as the Greater London club was the first founded outside USA after forming a 'friendship link' with Oakland California.

Merchandise, Talks & Memberships

There have been several successful bookings for large groups, at venues all over Adelaide, in the past few months. As a result, merchandise sales are beginning to pick up.

Do please remember our merchandise items make great Xmas gifts and stocking fillers!

They will be on sale at our Christmas event - or you can place an order on-line so you can post before the big day.

The latest annual Xmas card has arrived (yeah!) and will be posted shortly – along with account reminders (if your membership is due). Overseas cards have top priority and as it has not been possible to visit UK for 2 years now, we need to keep in touch with our members, friends and associates there.

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

Diary Dates:

13 November – (Saturday) Muriel Matters Week, event in Bowden

5 December – (Sunday) Christmas Get Together, NCW House (South Terrace, Adelaide)

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