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Hello to All Members and Friends!

2022 is flying – COVID requirements have begun to be relaxed and there have been many other changes since our last Epistle. Please read below about current happenings:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc.

2022 Caravan Event - Ephemera Display

on

Sunday, 22 May 2022 – Afternoon Tea, 1.00pm-2.30pm

NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide

**Light refreshments (tea, coffee cake – self serve) provided –
RSVP essential for catering to:
murielmatterssociety@gmail.com**

Recent News

- The result of the recent state election (19 March) meant The MMS had to re-locate on very short notice. HQ has moved from the Florey EO to a rented pod as we wait for alternatives to present themselves. The good news is the pod has quickly become very organised (even cosy!) and no doubt reminiscent of the sort of adaptations our Muriel would have had to make on her adventures. Long term though the novelty will wear off and steps will need to be taken to find a secure permanent home – or another, in conjunction with our toe-hold at NCW House. **Council areas of particular connection/interest to Muriel are Charles Sturt (Bowden), Mitcham/Unley and Pt Adelaide Enfield (historic area/shop dwelling?). Please keep your eyes/ears open for opportunities.** We are exploring options with Adelaide City Council and will also contact the National Trust to see if they can suggest anything.

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Hastings Maquette Subscription Scheme

Limited Number Available - Easy 2 Step Process

Please register your interest in purchasing a share or multiple shares at \$50.00 each via email: murielmatterssociety@gmail.com.

Payment of the allocated share/s can then be made, on confirmation of order, via direct debit to The Society's Account: BSB 065-148 Account 10215167.

- In looking for ideas to cover rental and eventual re-location expenses for the office and collection, and after discussion with other Executive members, I thought I might suggest members consider the idea of 'share' allocations in the second maquette which will need to be shipped to UK soon.

- The maquette has already been purchased for presentation to Hastings Borough Council (HBC), currently involved in their own election, for display in Muriel Matters House or another location of their choice. Jane has kindly offered to ensure delivery as she will be departing for London soon.
Members wishing to purchase a share or multiple shares, valued at \$50 each (100 shares at \$50 = a total maximum subscription of \$5,000.00) would be acknowledged on a parchment to accompany maquette. This would allow preservation of existing funds and give us some future flexibility for expenses. It's an easy 2 step process – register your interest (by email to murielmatterssociety@gmail.com) for the number of shares you wish to purchase and on receipt of confirmation of order and reference number, transfer payment in your name to The Society by direct debit.
Please let me know of your participation by return email – I am keen to get this initiative off the ground and fully subscribed as soon as possible.
- Steph has also been kind enough to source some exciting new original artwork by Llama McKenzie, which will be on display at NCW House. This may be another fundraiser, giving a lucky member the opportunity to own a limited edition tribute to MM.
- Children's book/s – looking forward to finally getting things underway in the second quarter of 2022.
- Eileen (Vic. Chapter) recently advised of a large collection for sale in one of London's major auction houses, featuring many wonderful items, even some of Muriel! Although we did not purchase anything, we do have some of the images advertised – all well and truly highly priced these days! Any interesting items from our period of interest will always be considered for purchase.
- When remembering ANZAC Day, we think of Muriel's brother Charles, who died at Lone Pine in 1915 and her family's war service – particularly as the first example we found of MM's hand-writing was a Red Cross letter about Charles' death.

Overseas News

UK visits are again on the agenda. As mentioned, Jane will be travelling to London in May and will present the maquette to HBC – very soon after their elections (similar to our state ones). I hope to be able to organise a suitable event and that Jane will be able to meet most of our MMS (UK) members and friends – especially Muriel's friend Oliver Waldren and others in Hastings, while she is there.

Thanks to Ken Florey (USA) for the latest edition of The Clarion – always a good read.

Merchandise, Talks & Memberships

Group talks at a COVID trickle – only way is up! Merchandise sales also at a trickle – 2022 will see some new items introduced. **Please remember our merchandise items make great gifts (and you can place an order on-line)!**

Thank you to all members who have already paid their subscriptions – we are catching up with mailing old receipts and apologise for any delay in you receiving yours.

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

Diary Dates:

22 May – Caravan Event/Ephemera Display at NCW House (see invite above)

August – (date and details TBC) AGM

October – (date and details TBC) Grille Protest Event

December – (date and details TBC) Xmas Nibbles

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