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Hello to All Members and Friends!

Despite the continuing cold weather, there has been a good deal of activity. Please read on about current happenings both here and overseas – and we hope you can join us for our next event:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc.

2022 Annual General Meeting

at

NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide

on

Sunday, 11 September 2022, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

**A new exhibition on The Battle of Lone Pine (Aug 1915)
will be on display**

Any continuing COVID restrictions will be observed

Please Note: RSVP (for catering) is essential

Recent News

- Preparations for the on-again, off-again AGM have been in limbo (for a number of reasons) but the date is now set and it is hoped members will be able to attend and at the same time see the Lone Pine Exhibition. A good many acquisitions have been made recently to round out the items we already hold, associated with Muriel's brother – Charles Adams Matters – and his service and death at Lone Pine, only days after his arrival there. This important battle, though significant and bloody in its own right, is not often talked about as it occurred in the August after the Gallipoli landing. Both events were catastrophic and left an impact still felt to this day.
I was able to attend the Centenary Commemoration at Lone Pine in 2015, with a SA delegation.
- The Maquette Presentation to the Hastings Borough Council took place on Wednesday 3 August. We are indebted to Jane Lomax-Smith for making the train trip to Hastings (with the maquette in a back pack!) and staying overnight – ably assisted by Tim and Oliver Woolley. Everything went off beautifully and we have had glowing reports of the maquette and Muriel's 'stance'. There is also talk about the need for a full-size statue in the city centre (there has been mention of Wellington Square, where one of Muriel's first meetings took place in July 1908) and raising funds for some public art – it would not be very good if Hastings managed this before us - but they do have access to Heritage Grants we can only dream of!
- Still looking for a suitable shop front-dwelling at Pt Adelaide. The Society needs a toe hold in the tourist part of the area so we can be part of people's Sunday or holiday activities. Please keep your eyes open for any leads.
- Children's book/s – still on the agenda. We get there in the end!

Obituary

We have been advised of the death of Life member Adrienne Slusarczyk on 20 June 2022. Condolences go to her son Carl and his wife Lina and their extended Family. Adrienne is one of Muriel's nieces, something that led to Steph and I visiting her and her husband Stefan and their family on one of our WA trips. They were extremely kind to us and shared some family photos for The Society's use. Their hospitality was second to none and I still remember the beautiful home-made sandwiches and cakes to which we were treated.

We were very lucky to have met her and hear her reminiscences of early Matters Family life.

Talks, Merchandise & Memberships

Requests for group talks have been coming in again lately, so things look like they will begin to pick up in 2023.

Design work on the new 2022 badge has begun and is moving along. Will be ready for end of year purchasing. Other new items will also be available.

Please remember our merchandise items make great gifts (and you can place an order and pay on-line – free postage)!

Thank you to all members who have already paid their subscriptions – in line with usual practice, each member will receive of their paid-to date with their Christmas card.

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

Diary Dates:

11 September – (Sunday) AGM, opening of The Lone Pine Exhibition

October – (TBC) Grille Protest Event

December – (TBC) Xmas Nibbles

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