

The Muriel Matters Society Epistle

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Hello Everyone!

Please see below for details of our next event:

The Muriel Matters Society Inc.

Muriel Matters Week 2025

This year's event will be held on

Sunday, 16 November 2025 - 10.30am to 12noon

at

NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide

(near Morphett Street – limited parking at rear)

**Caravan Tour Presentation will be followed by
'Official' Launch of the 'Caravan Tour' Exhibition**

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP required please – murielmatterssociety@gmail.com

Recent News:

- The 110th commemoration event at the Dardanelles Cenotaph (on Kintore Ave) was held on Sunday 7 September. Organised by Legacy and the War Widows, it is always an honour to attend on behalf of The Society and to remember all those involved in the Gallipoli Campaign. We especially remember Charles Adams Matters (Muriel's brother) who died at Lone Pine on 7 August 1915, only days after arriving at the battlefield. While his body was never recovered by our soldiers, it was observed on the front line - clearly identified by his unique moustache. His name lives forever on the Lone Pine Memorial. At this annual ceremony in Adelaide, the place of Charles' birth, the Ataturk Statement is read by our member Tanya. The words are a reflection of the honour and esteem in which the fallen are forever held and it is always a very moving part of the ceremony.
- Governor-General Sam Mostyn was in Adelaide on Thursday 23 October for the Australia Day Council Lunch at Ayers House. I was able to get a pack of information to her with a letter seeking her involvement with The Society. I will advise when I hear back, fingers crossed!
- Work on interstate monograph distribution continues. Changes to first edition will be finalised soon, so if you've noticed any mistakes of any kind, please let me know.
- MMS will be observing UN UDHR Day on 10 December at our peace pole (front garden, NCW House, 95 South Terrace). The Global Peace initiative must continue and the petition, although well short of 10,000 signatures, will be tabled before Parliament rises for the election.
- We are still collecting signed petitions – and special thanks must go to Trevor for his work, above and beyond, with the Catholic Church. There will be petitions at many church services on the weekend of 22-23 November. This is particularly timely as Pope Leo has been saying some encouraging things about Peace lately. If you are involved with any Catholic church - or have some time to spare that weekend, please let me know. Unfortunately, it appears the work for Peace will be ongoing. Onwards!
- The MM Award presentations this year will hopefully see an increase in the number of schools participating - more on that to come. Hope to again attend the presentations, hosted by The Speaker and Education Minister, at Parliament House next month.

Recent News (continued):

- Discussions on the likelihood of a performance of 'Enoch Arden' by Lord Tennyson continue. Elder Hall seems an ideal venue: centrally located, has a very good piano (essential!) and a connection to Muriel (as she performed there). We may have to find/consider taking a partner on board (like Adelaide University/The Con. perhaps?) and look at having performances Saturday evening and a Sunday matinee (could we get 2 reasonably large audiences?) as there would be expenses to cover (hall hire, pianist and performer fees). We will also need volunteers front of house. This will be the debut of the 'Enoch Arden' magic lantern slide collection (includes colour and black & white slides).
- In more exciting artistic news, a donation has been made, in The Society's name, to our friend and member Naomi Paxton (in London) to facilitate the latest performance foray by her alter ego, Ada Campe. Called 'Behind the Night Light' it describes a 3-year old's imaginary visions after dark. It was first performed in 1913 on theatre and concert hall stages across the UK. Part of the 'Being Human' Festival (6-15 November), tickets are FREE, and more information is at www.beinghumanfestival.org. The MMS logo is on promotional material. It will be staged at Concert Artistes Assn, on Bedford (!) Street (Covent Garden). Can't wait to hear feedback – Naomi/Ada never fail to impress! We are grateful to have had this opportunity to promote Muriel and The Society.
- Condolences – again, more sad news to impart as three of our long-standing members have passed away in recent months. Beryl Miller, Lyn Rivers and Miriam Tonkin. All will be missed. Each made significant contributions in many areas, and they and their good works will be remembered. I was able to attend the memorial gatherings for both Beryl and Miriam. Our sympathies go to their family and friends.

Memberships:

Have held over the EOFY 'big batch' of receipts as the 2026 calendar and Xmas cards will be ready soon. As postage is now higher than may have been anticipated, it seemed worthwhile to post all these things together.

****Please remember to include your name when paying by direct debit****
we still have payments coming through without identification and need your help to allocate

Membership rates: Full membership \$20.00 - Concessional membership \$10.00.
Paid to info & reminders (going online soon) will be sent out with Christmas cards
Renewal Forms for 2025/2026 are available online

www.murielmatterssociety.com.au/membership

****Please remember to update any changes to your email address as quickly as possible****

Diary Dates:

Sun 16 Nov 2025 – Muriel Matters Week 2025 Event at NCW House, 10.30am-12noon:
Caravan Tour Presentation & Official Exhibition Launch
Wed 10 Dec 2025 – after work, Global Peace Petition & UN Human Rights Day Event,
NCW House 5.30pm for 6pm-7pm, further details next newsletter
Dec 2025 – Xmas Nibbles at NCW House, details TBC

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