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*Hello, Backroomers and Friends, Welcome to 2016, a rather special year.*

*It is time to bring our valued members up-to-date with our activities, lest you think we have been resting on our laurels. To quote some wag: 'He who sits on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place.'*

## BACKROOM PRESS CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

It suddenly crept up on us. Yes, we are 10 and plan to publish our 10th title this year. We also intend to hold a few celebratory activities, so watch this space.

### MANUSCRIPTS

We have been working on a new manuscript, this one for early readers, called SAFE Ruby. Yes, it's about another dog – a real one this time. Ruby's owner wrote the text and her granddaughter, aged just four at the time, drew and painted the quirky illustrations. The manuscript has gone to the designer and we plan to launch the book in August or September. We hope you will come along.

Backroom Press is already assessing another manuscript, the details of which must be kept under wraps for the time being. Suffice it to say that this is a non-fiction ms for adults with lots of photos and no dogs.

### CORRUGATED LINES

We are happy to report that, despite Sudha Coutinho's absence, Corrugated Lines – A Festival of Words will be running for the fifth time this year, August 5-7. Rani Middleton has very kindly taken over the coordination. If you have a brilliant idea for an event, let us know before the next CL meeting on March 9th, or come along and tell us about it then. Remember that this festival is unfunded, so visiting authors have to make their own arrangements about getting here.

Last year BP ran four successful events, with Di Morrissey as our high-profile author.

Our SOPO (Save Our Post Office) postcard competition attracted over 70 entries, representing the additional income of about \$50 to the Post Office. Alas, that didn't ward off the price hike in stamps, as we had hoped it would. The winner, who sent in a number of very good entries, was Alan Wills from Manjimup, and second prize went to Broome local Chrissy Carter.

1st prize



2nd prize



### NEW COMMITTEE

At our AGM in October, we secured three new, high-calibre committee members: Carolyn Pickett, Rani Middleton and Deb Hannagan. The other committee members all re-nominated and the office bearers are the same as last year: Chair Gillian Kennedy, Treasurer Maria Mann, Secretary Christine Elsasser. Joyce Hudson, Sharon Griffiths and Pat Lowe are the remaining ordinary members. Read more about your committee on our website.

Our former chair and one of our last year's active members, Sudha, has taken a new job in Darwin. We wish her well and feel sure she will be back with her enthusiasm and brilliant ideas one day.

### SOME THINGS NEW

Members who follow us on Facebook will have seen the news that we have hired our very own storage unit in Blue Haze. Boxes of books were retrieved from long-suffering members' sheds, storerooms and offices, and from under their beds, and ferried out to Blue Haze.



Thanks especially to Val and Gareth, Gillian and Wade, Christine and Shane, and Joyce, for looking after the books in the past, and for all who lent a hand on the day.



Backroom Press has joined the Broome Visitor Centre (BVC), which has been very supportive and is now selling our books. You may also see our news in BVC's publication, and our ads there and on their website.