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Greetings, Backroomers. Here is our 20th e-bulletin to remind you that we are half-way through 2018. These are the highlights of the past few months.

BOOK LAUNCH

Beyond the Lattice



Backroom Press launched a brand new edition of *Beyond the Lattice: Broome's early years* in April at the Kimberley Bookshop. Backroom Press committee member Ben Collins interviewed a panel of three: Carol Tang Wei, Arnhem Hunter and Rachel Bin Salleh, who represented their Broome families, all featured in the book.

The launch was attended by a large crowd of people who came to listen and buy their own copy of this new edition. The event attracted wellwishers, Broome history enthusiasts and many friends wanting to pay tribute to the book's author, Susan Sickert, who passed away shortly before the launch.

Susan once worked behind the counter at the Kimberley Bookshop, where she received frequent enquiries for a good book with pictures on the history of Broome. She took up the challenge and wrote *Beyond the Lattice: Broome's early years*. First published in 2003 by Fremantle Arts Centre Press (now Fremantle Press), the book explores the history of Broome's multicultural community and tells the inside story of race relations in the town's early days. Meticulously researched, it has become a local classic.



Our thanks to the panel members and Ben, to Marie for hosting the event, and to DMK for the catering.

CORRUGATED LINES 10 – 12 AUGUST



Planning for this year's *Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words* is well underway. Jill Duncan is coordinating the programme. She is doing a great job and, like the proverbial swan, calm on the surface and paddling madly underneath, is getting the events lined up.

Backroom Press is planning several events including a market stall on Saturday morning, where we will sell books and distribute programmes, Speed Scrabble (also at the Saturday markets) and an on-line competition for the best Limerick. Writing a Limerick that is clever and funny, but without *too* indecent content, we think will present a challenge.



Note the dates: August 10 to 12. Don't miss it.

Derby Writers' Festival

Derby is holding its own Writers' Festival this year. Committee members, Gillian Kennedy and Pat Lowe went to Derby in April to meet the local team and to offer suggestions based on our experience. The opening shindig will take place on Friday evening, 27 July, and will be followed by a full day of events on Saturday 28 July. One of the highlights will be the revived Kimberley Writers' Prize.