



Corrugated Lines: a Festival of Words

Many of our members will have taken part in one or more Corrugated Lines events, and will know first-hand how successful they were. From the packed and lively opening event at the library on the Friday evening, compèred hilariously by Jub Clerc and ably introduced by Sudha, allegedly after her seventh glass of champagne (all lies), to the relaxed and happy closing drinks on Sunday, it all went swimmingly. We had overwhelming support from locals and visitors, and the few paying events were sold out.

Alex did us proud, taking charge of several events, including the pre-festival Best First Line competition (winners Ben Collins and Rachel Beadle) and *A Book That Changed My Life*, in which five locals, Sudha, Pat, Robyn Wells, Luisa Mitchell and Garry Kaushik, wrote and then read their stories

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We were over-optimistic about being able to publish our Termites ms before Christmas; the chapters are ready to go but our illustrator has been too much in demand to be able to complete his drawings. As events quieten down, we hope he will find more time for drawing so that we can publish early next year.

We continue to receive manuscripts, but few that meet our criteria. The two we mentioned last time that we have great hopes for are still in progress.

on radio. Alex provided encouragement, advice, music and sound effects, as well as the idea. She also presented the Better Writing Guaranteed workshop on the Sunday with Pat, which was oversubscribed, with eighteen participants. And only one person demanded his money back, because he caught himself using a cliché afterwards! Needless to say, he got short shrift. Hilary very kindly provided us with a delicious home-baked cake and biscuits for afternoon tea, and all participants received a free Backroom Press mug. Ariel, Notre Dame librarian, very kindly kept the library open for us.

Joyce, Hilary, Sarah and Gillian were good enough to hold a Backroom Press market stall on the Saturday morning and sold plenty of our books.

P.S. The winning Best First Lines were:

‘It was a dark and stormy night, but the nocturnal weather was the last vestige of the cliché his life had been, and the contented if clammy chook clucking amatory fulfilment was a portent of his brave new world.’

Ben Collins

‘If only Lotta could catch one of the fan’s blades whirring above her sweat-drenched body and let it fling her north or south — let it decide — rather than keep living in this turmoil, caught between two worlds, the mattress and the knife beneath.’

Rachel Beadle

And you can listen to *A Book That Changed My Life* on: <https://soundcloud.com/abc-open-west-kimberley>

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Ushan has revamped our website, so please take a look. Also, visit our Facebook page and see the colourful photo of our market stall. We also have a twitter account, so feel free to give us a tweet.

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Please make a note of our AGM date and time: 3 pm Sunday, October 20 at Backroom Press HQ, 23 Solway Loop (off de Marchi Street). It’s an event not to be missed and yes, there will be cake! If you would like to nominate for one of the eight places on the committee, please do so. Some overlap of experienced members is probably essential to continuity, but anyone who doesn’t make the committee can opt to become an Active Member, which gives you all the privileges of a committee member (and they are...?) apart from voting, and none of the responsibilities apart from lending a hand where you feel you can.

See you at the AGM!