

Backroom Press Inc is one of Australia's smallest publishing houses.

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Backroom Press publishes entertaining and educational books, taking stories from the Kimberley to the world...

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Dear Backroom Pressers,

Welcome to Backroom Press 2011. In the absence of news for a few months, you may think all has been quiet in the back room, but you would be mistaken.

NEW COMMITTEE

At our AGM in October we elected a new Management Committee, with some familiar faces and some new ones. Robyn Wells is our new Chairperson; Joyce Hudson still holds the Treasurer's position, while Christine Elsasser is our new Secretary. The three ordinary committee members are Sudha Coutinho, Alex Smee and deposed former Chairperson Pat Lowe.

Many thanks to Jean Indermaur, Jacqui Wright and Carmel Leahy, who did not re-nominate, for their contributions to Backroom Press.

BOUQUETS

We are thrilled to announce that Jacqui recently won the TAG Hungerford award for best unpublished manuscript, which brings with it both a cash prize and guaranteed publication. Heartfelt congratulations, Jacqui! We are looking forward to reading 'The Telling' when it comes out next year, through Fremantle Press.

More congratulations are due to Robyn Wells and Azmen Sebastian for the launch of Azmen's book 'The Snake and the Boy', just published by Magabala Books.

PUBLICATIONS

The editorial team continues to work with our new author, Heather Charlton, on her children's title, Sid and Skipper. This is proving a longer drawn-out process than we had expected. However, we are close to completion and hope the book will be on the shelves within a few months.

Backroom Press is delighted to announce that we have accepted an idea for a new book from Kerry Anne Jordinson, author of our best-selling title, 'Looking for Bobby'. Kerry plans to write and illustrate a sequel: 'Bobby's Surprise'. We are not going to spoil that surprise by telling you what it is.

our new idea!

An exciting idea (we dare not call it a project yet) that is taking up much thought and time for the Backroom team at present is to produce a high quality Kimberley Arts magazine (Kart). Our region is a hive of arts activity — think of the music, films, books, painting, photography and performance that comes from the Kimberley — but there is no one publication that brings all this together. We want to provide a forum for writing about and showing off the artistic creations of the region, and to inform local arts practitioners about opportunities here and elsewhere. Done well, this could become the Kimberley manual for arts lovers everywhere.

We are ambitious; we want to produce a high quality publication in full colour. That will be expensive, but we will be looking for subscribers all around the Kimberley and beyond, as well as opening corners of our pages to the right sort of advertisers (probably not Barbarella's).

Thanks are due to Jan Lewis for her efforts in writing two funding submissions for us. We'll let you know if one of them has been successful.

Coming back to Earth: before we get started seriously, we will have to carry out a feasibility study to find out how to make such a project work and become self-sustaining. We are applying for funding to help us with that process while we continue to plan and imagine. If any of our members has expertise in producing and selling magazines, do get in touch and put us on the right track.

BACKROOM PRESS at North West Expo

7-8 May 2011

Your chance to join in the fun!

Help take Backroom Press to the rest of the world and encourage others to become Backroom Press members! A stall at the Broome Expo will give us the opportunity to offer our books for sale to over 6000 people over the two days.

Can you help by manning the stall for a two-hour slot over that weekend? There are only five slots to fill — we need two people on each slot so that you can take turns checking out the other stalls and someone can grab the coffee! Sunday afternoon is usually very quiet, so we just need to cover a day and a half.

Saturday

8.30-10.30

10:30- 12.30

12:30-2.30

Stall holders get free admission!

So grab a friend and email Sudha the time slot you would like to do before 31 March. sudhabroome@hotmail.com

Sunday

8.30-10.30

10:30- 12.30

(+one extra person to help pack up)

p.s. gentle reminder!

Some members, who will be nameless, have not yet paid their modest \$10.00 fee for 2011. If you still haven't done so by early May, please take the opportunity to pay it at our Backroom Press stall. See you there!