

Corrugated Lines: a Festival of Words

We have been excited in the Back Room, as this is the National Year of Reading... and we are making sure we in the Kimberley don't get left behind. At our planning day earlier this year, Backroom Press Management Committee decided we would like to see a writers/readers festival in Broome. Our first idea was to make it an extension of the Kimberley Writers Festival, but that didn't work out this year. However, through a collaboration with Magabala Books, the idea has grown into Broome's own festival, hosted by Backroom Press, Magabala Books, Broome Library, Notre Dame Library, Kimberley Training Institute and the Broome Writers Group.

Corrugated Lines: a Festival of Words will take place 3-5 August, the weekend following the Kimberley Writers Festival in Kununurra: a lovely temptation for book lovers to travel to both festivals.

Alex and Sudha, Christine and Flip are sitting on the committee of Corrugated Lines (yep, another volunteer committee!) and Backroom Press has taken on two festival events, *A Feast of Words* and *How to get published*. On Saturday night, August 4, Kool Spot will open its doors for a ticketed feast of good food and good stories. Peter Docker will be the guest author, in conversation with journalist and Backroom Press

Committee member, Flip Prior. Peter was a guest at the Perth Writers Festival and is never short of good stories! Just 35 tickets for the Feast will be on sale at Kool Spot, so book early to secure a feasting table for you and your friends.

On our planning day, we made a commitment to run workshops to benefit writers and readers. *How to Get Published* will be presented on the afternoon of Sunday August 5. This is for writers with completed or nearly completed manuscripts, and others with plans to write one. Pat and Joyce will join Margaret Whiskin from Magabala Books, giving advice about the do's and don'ts of getting your manuscript ready to send to a publisher. They all have lots of experience in writing and publishing.

We are keen to hear members' suggestions for future workshops you would like Backroom Press to host.

Anita Heiss is a guest author at the Festival and there will be more than one chance to meet and hear her. Anita is an entertaining speaker.

As the dry season starts, and camping and beaching become more enticing, make sure you put aside some time to read a good book, mark the festival in your calendar and spread the word. Sudha
Chairperson

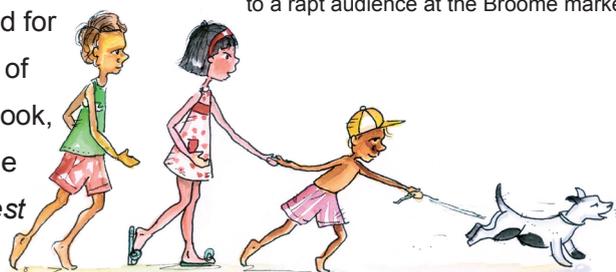
BOBBY'S SURPRISE!

We held a successful launch of Kerry Ann Jordinson's new title, *Bobby's Surprise*, at the Broome Courthouse Markets in April.

Backroom made the local paper two weeks running: first, as a lead-up to the launch, and the next week to celebrate the money we raised for SAFE through the silent auction of an original illustration from the book, kindly donated by the author. The launch also made it onto the *West Australian* on-line newspaper.



Kerry Anne Jordinson reads *Bobby's Surprise* to a rapt audience at the Broome markets



backroom press & corrugated lines can now be found on Facebook, to keep you up to date. Alex and Sudha have been busy posting information about the festival, Backroom Press and other events of interest to those who love the written word. Become a friend and share with others.

Kimberley Stories Our members do all sorts of things besides supporting Backroom Press. July will see the Broome launch of *Kimberley Stories*, edited by Backroom Press member Sandy Toussaint, published by Fremantle Press. Robyn Wells (yes, OUR Robyn) has a poem in the book and Luisa Mitchell is making her debut in it as a short story writer. Other well-known Kimberley residents and visitors are in there too.

new manuscript We are in conversation with an author and looking forward to our next project. This is not a children's book, nor does it feature dogs. Not that I have anything against either, but it's great to see Backroom Press stretch. As soon as the project is confirmed we will let you into the secret of our manuscript for the year.

promotion Special thanks to Alex Mountford, who is an active member of Backroom Press. Alex has helped spread the word about us to remote community schools and helped increase our sales. If you find opportunities to promote Backroom Press and our publications, please let us know.