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Hello, Backroomers and Friends,

Here is your long-awaited mid-year edition of Bytes. And guess what — we've published another book!

BOOK LAUNCH

Our Friends the Termites

The Broome Public Library very kindly hosted the launch of Pat Lowe's new book *Our Friends the Termites* on Wednesday 11th March. Chris Hill supplied some realistic-looking termite mounds to decorate the library for the event. Thanks Chris. It was standing room only for latecomers when Ben Collins settled down to interview Pat. They shared many

insights into the life of termites, and surprisingly positive information about these little creatures. Some anecdotes set the crowd laughing. Pat almost had cramp as she signed many of the 60



copies sold by our treasurer and secretary at the special price (discounted by a whole \$1.95). Those who missed out on the night can get a copy at outlets around town, or direct from one of the committee members. To pay by credit card, go to our website www.backroompress.com.au

Backroom Press is especially grateful to the Library staff, who did a fantastic job preparing and making sure everything ran smoothly on the night. And thanks to Ben Collins, who conducted such a good interview that he will need to be prepared for similar requests in the future.

CORRUGATED LINES COMING UP

Hard to believe, but Corrugated Lines is little more than a month away, August 7 to 9. This year it is again hosted by Backroom Press and Magabala Books, with Sudha as Grand Mufti. Sudha swears this is her last time in that role, so ask yourselves if you are prepared to take it on. It would be sad for such a great event to lapse. In this year's programme, soon to be released, Backroom is responsible for four events, as follows:

DI MORRISSEY IN CONVERSATION

CL EVENT

Di has been a visitor to Broome over many years and is a supporter of good causes. She will be our special guest at a high tea on Saturday 8th August (Champagne included), at Kimberley Sands Resort, in conversation with well-known former Broome identity, Wendy Albert. An event not to be missed. Tickets available from Kimberley Sands Resort, \$55.00.

SOPO, or SAVE OUR POST OFFICE CL EVENT

If you have been following our Facebook page or perusing the Broome Advertiser, you should have seen invitations to take part in this world-first Postcard Competition. We are encouraging people to write postcards and to send them via snail mail in support of our languishing mail services. (Australia Post is making a loss on the letter service because nobody writes letters any more). Entrants write a message on the postcard that is original, apt and well-written. The message may be up to 25 words in length. Postcards have already started coming in, including a goodly number from a gentleman in Manjimup. Why not enter? There will be modest prizes. Closes 31 July

BIG SCRABBLE

CL EVENT

At the Saturday morning markets, we will bring along our giant Scrabble set for a game, and those who prefer the smaller version should bring their own sets along and find a partner. Look out also for your Backroom Press stall. To volunteer to mind it for an hour or so, get in touch with Joyce or Gillian.

MEET HUDRICHLOW

CL EVENT

Most of you have already met Joyce Hudson, Eirlys Richards and Pat Lowe. The trio will present a DVD they all played some part in producing, called *Growing up in the Desert*, and talk about its creation. They will show some of the archival footage of their friend Mona Chuguna telling stories about life in the desert, using leaves to represent her characters. This is an ancient method of storytelling, similar to puppetry. DVDs will be available for purchase.

**We look forward to seeing you at
Corrugated Lines August 7 to 9, 2015.**

CHANGES TO COMMITTEE

We are sad to have lost two of our committee members: Rachael Christensen and Anna Moulton, both of whom are too busy with their work at Magabala Books but still strong supporters.

VISIT OUR REVAMPED WEBSITE

One of our recent achievements has been to revamp our website. Not only does it look very spiffy, we can now edit it ourselves without the need to send it to a specialist.