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## DOZENS OF DOGS & PAINTED FACES

In our last Bytes we told you we were working on a new manuscript. Well, the ms has now become a book. We launched SAFE Ruby at Broome Courthouse Markets on Saturday, July 16th, under our new shade-shelter, beautifully decorated thanks to Deb. We were fortunate that the author, Julie Starkey, and illustrator, Hannah Starkey-Morris, were able to attend, as was the original Ruby, now quite an old girl, and several canine supporters.



Ben Collins from the ABC kindly launched the book for us, and entertained a cluster of children and their parents on the Courthouse steps. Sue Hedley, founder of SAFE (Save Animals from Euthanasia), came up from Karratha to attend, and Wendy Roberts from the local SAFE branch came along with her. We were able to donate \$2.00 from each book sold at the launch to SAFE. Thank you to Ben and to everyone who helped out on the day.

SAFE Ruby is a delightful, colourful book for early readers with a story about acceptance. If you know a little person, this would make a perfect gift at \$14.95. Buy it from our website. Here's the link: <http://backroompress.com.au/index.php/safe-ruby/>

## BACKROOM PRESS CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Watch out for the announcement of our AGM, which will be held in October. All positions are up for grabs, so you might consider nominating for the committee. In recognition of our 10th anniversary – yes, it is 10 years since BP began work – we plan to hold the meeting at the Mangrove Hotel, and encourage our members to join us for a meal from the bar afterwards.

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**CORRUGATED LINES**  
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Yes, our Festival of Words has come around again, and Backroom Press has been leading it. Rani has done a wonderful job as coordinator, going beyond the call of duty to accommodate the needs of contributors and last-minute changes. The packed programme is available on Facebook and on our website: <http://backroompress.com.au/index.php/corrugated-lines/> Our open event this year is the Backroom Press Book Treasure Hunt – we leave books at the various venues and other places around Broome for people to find, read, and return or replace. We ask them to tell us on our Facebook page where they found their book and what they thought of it.

Kerry Jordinson, author of our most successful Bobby series, will run a book illustration workshop for BP. On Saturday we plan to run a joint BP and CL stall at the Courthouse Markets. People who can manage to leave the other exciting CL events will be much needed on the stall.



VALE SHARON GRIFFITHS

Sadly, Backroom Press lost our dear friend and fellow committee member, Sharon Griffiths. Sharon became ill suddenly in April but managed to keep going very much as herself until a few days before she died, on the first day of June. Her contribution to Broome and its not-for-profit organisations was great and varied, as was her positive influence on many people's lives. Magabala Books planted a tree in Sharon's honour in the back garden at Jalygurr day care centre, which she ran in her early days in Broome. She was a big-hearted person with a big personality, and we miss her.