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Greetings, Backroomers all.

We bring you our tidings of the last five months.

CORRUGATED LINES 11 – 13 AUGUST



With Sophia O'Rourke as the very able coordinator, Broome's sixth *Corrugated Lines – a Festival of Words* in August was an event-packed triumph.

Two of BP's events were:

A ten-word love-story competition on Facebook, which attracted over 60 entries. We awarded first, second, third and People's Choice prizes. The winners, two local, two away, were delighted.



A free library at the Broome Visitor Centre. People were asked to borrow and return or replace books, but there was a lot more borrowing than replacing, and we had to work hard to keep the shelves filled. Thanks to Wade Freeman for making a beautiful bookcase for us to use over the weekend.



AGM and new Committee Members



We held our AGM at Backroom Press HQ in Solway Loop on October 22, and were pleased to welcome 16 people, including our new bookkeeper, Emma, and two newcomers. Kerry Anne Jordinson was our special guest, and spoke about the process of producing her new book, *Storm Pearl*. We are all happy with the result and can recommend the book as a very Broome Christmas present for young children. Just saying.

Rani did not renominate for the committee, but promised to remain a 'very active member'. We welcomed newly elected members Trish Pepper and Ben Collins, who are already proving their worth. Suzanne did renominate but has since withdrawn from the committee because of competing commitments. We thank Rani and Suzanne for their efforts for Backroom Press.

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BOOK LAUNCH



We had a highly successful launch of *Storm Pearl* at Broome Public Library on October 27th, thanks to Rani's meticulous organization and the enthusiastic assistance of library staff. We are grateful to James Brown of Cygnet Bay Pearls and Nyamba Buru Yawuru for providing us with pearling props, including a helmet and examples of pearlshell.

Many small children came along with their parents and took part in the drawing competition. Kerry was the judge and later invited the winner, Minerva Money, to her house where she presenting the award and the prize.



Beyond the Lattice



Our new, updated edition of Susan Sickert's book about Old Broome and the making of its multicultural population was printed and delivered at exactly the same time as *Storm Pearl*, and is available in shops now. Not wanting to cram too much into the last weeks of 2017, we have deferred the launch till early next year.

It would make a very acceptable Christmas present for adults.

Poetry Slam

BP has provided a judge for the schools' annual Poetry Slam each year for the past four years. This year it was held on November 29 at Broome Senior High School's Performing Arts Centre, with primary schools from Broome and Derby taking part. Pat was one of four judges of some very good original poetry performed by individuals or teams, some of it funny, some more serious. The judges were not allowed to collude or have second thoughts – our scorecards were whisked away after each poem, but there must have been a high level of agreement because we were all satisfied with the results. A great event, driven by English and drama teacher Samantha Price.