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Launch of *Me and My Semicolon*

After a hiatus brought on by the onset of COVID19, the Backroom Press team dusted itself off and got back to work. The first event was the launch of *Me and My Semicolon*, which was held on the lawn at St Mary's College in Broome near their new performing arts building. The photos tell the story of that event, which was a fitting tribute to author Rani Middleton, a well-loved former staff member



AGM 2020

The Backroom Press AGM was held at Headquarters on 8 November 2020. We were pleased to welcome Sue Carroll to the committee and farewell Vicki Carroll and Deb Courtney. Deb served for several years.

Chairperson Gillian Kennedy presented the Annual Report, details of which are available on our website.



Dinner after the meeting



Management Committee 2020/21

PODCAST

Drawing on her knowledge of boab trees, Pat participated in a podcast with Monash University entitled Tree Telling. You can find it here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/special-branch/id1560936776?i=1000520006542&fbclid=IwAR083yGmSaTY5-r37bup666KOSUMx2mCamci50HgWi-Mzhiv6ZLhML3Tbzo>



Nuts and Bolts of Writing

In February 2021 Gillian and Pat offered a series of four workshops on English grammar. They started with a question What is a sentence? and proceeded to show how to build one from scratch. Later sessions looked at parts of speech, punctuation and finding the right word.

There were 19 enrolments in the course and we developed PowerPoint summaries that were made available at the end of the series. Discussions were lively and quizzes after each session were animated.

Feedback was positive and some participants expressed an interest in joining a more advanced series of workshops should we offer them.



CORRUGATED LINES 2021

The tenth annual Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words is planned for 30th July to 1st August. The 2020 festival was an abridged version because of COVID restrictions. This year's program includes items such as campfire ghost stories, author talks and panel conversations.



CORRUGATED ONLINES COMPETITION

While you are waiting for the Festival to commence, please jump onto the Backroom Press website, www.backroompress.com.au, and consider participating in the serial novella competition, *Theft of a Pearl*. Follow the story as a new chapter is added each week.

The final chapter will be chosen from entries submitted by members of the public. The winner will be announced at the Festival Opening on Friday 30 July.