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FIRST BOOK FROM NEW INDIGENOUS PUBLISHER

An EXCITING, NEW publishing venture has just appeared on the horizon in North Queensland. The publisher, Black Ink Press, announced its arrival with *Crow Feathers: an Indigenous collection of poems and images*.

The book features twenty-eight emerging Indigenous writers and artists from the eastern states. This quality publication, edited by Rebecca Edwards and Janelle Evans, was launched by Florence Onus, chair of 4K1G, at the Townsville NAIDOC Day Celebrations on Friday July 11.

Many of the poems were short-listed from the inaugural Black Ink Writers and Illustrators Awards judged in early 2002. This illustrated selection from Queensland, Victoria and NSW aims to encourage more aspiring writers and illustrators to develop their talents and create better books for readers of all cultural backgrounds.

The publishers hope *Crow Feathers* will be on bookshelves everywhere, particularly Secondary School libraries. For those who enjoy the art of story-telling and taking an intimate journey through the experiences of other Australians, *Crow Feathers* is great for the private collection or a wonderful gift. The illustrations give it a wide appeal.

Well-known writer and performer Boori Monti Pryor said "Reading through this collection of poetry is like riding through history on the back of an echidna. ... I see each poem as a quill, a telling tool that mixes tears and blood with the pain of hope."

For most of these writers and artists it is a first time, but some have had works published before. And not all of them are young: some have kept their poems for many years before offering them for publication. Sadly Colin Daisy died in prison before he saw his first work published and the book is dedicated to his memory.

Black Ink Press is the publishing arm of Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development based in Townsville. The enterprise has more projects in the pipeline including picture story books, an autobiography, some Indigenous language dictionaries, an interactive CDROM and a book of bush tucker.

They will welcome approaches from aspiring writers and illustrators to develop their skills to create books. It is based in northern regional Queensland, but reaches out to the rest of Australia.

The project is supported by Arts Queensland, the Foundation for Young Australians, the Australia Council for the Arts, Caritas Australia and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission.

Some poets and participants are available for interviews and readings.

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BLACK INK PRESS Crow Feathers Artists for possible interview

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Ella Kris	THURSDAY ISL, QLD	4069 0202	poet
Marian Go Sam	ATHERTON, QLD	4091 2036	poet
Sally Davis	TOLGA, QLD	4095 4952	poet
Aaron 'Yunke' Elliot	HEATLEY, QLD	4775 2916	poet
Jaquanna Elliot	TOWNSVILLE, QLD		at Migrant Resource Centre artist
Ellen Go-Sam	ATHERTON/RAVENSHOE		QLD poet
Janelle Evans	VINCENT, QLD	4728 3609	poet
Dennis Fisher	PORT MELBOURNE, VIC	03 96819882	poet
John Paiwan	GARBUTT, QLD	4728 2412	poet
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