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New Bush Tucker resource for Mount Isa

Mitakoodi-Juhnjar Corporation have 200 copies of Margaret Ah Sam's book, *Mitakoodi Bush Tucker* for the launch party, and they expect to need more. The event is at 12 noon on Wednesday November 8th at Terrace Gardens in Duchess Road Mount Isa.

Newly published author Margaret Ah Sam and her family all hope she will be out of hospital to launch her first book. Margaret has an ongoing struggle with asthma these days.

Townsville-Thuringowa publisher Black Ink Press will be represented by coordinator Jeanie Adams. "How glad I am to see Margaret's book printed at last. It hasn't been a quick and easy project for us or the author, being so far apart," Ms Adams said.

This is Black Ink's first non-fiction book and first using the Mitakoodi language of Mt Isa and Cloncurry. The family are delighted at how it has turned out, and the public response is also enthusiastic

This beautiful book and its precious information has been in the mind of Margaret Ah Sam and her photographer Dale Rackham for thirty years. Older Mount Isa residents will remember the fascinating cultural experiences they used to create for local primary students.

Its final development was made possible by careful editing and compilation work by linguist Cassy Nancarrow, with pronunciation notes, building on the earlier research of Gavan Breen.

This is a really North Queensland book, prepared in the Black Ink Press office, checked by Peter Buosi and printed by Lotsa Printing. It will appeal to anyone going bush, as it includes scientific species names for plants and an index.

Jon Collins of Southern Cross Operations said the company also wanted to help Margaret share her knowledge, so when they saw this project under way, they contributed to the printing costs and now they are providing the launch party.

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MITAKOODI BUSH TUCKER

Edible and medicinal plants of the northwest highlands and gulf plains of Queensland, written by Margaret Ah Sam, edited by Cassy Nancarrow illustrated with photos by Dale Rackham. Published by Black Ink Press with Mitakoodi Juhnjar Aboriginal Corporation full colour photos, 210 x 210 mm, 44 pp, ISBN: 1-86334-009-2 RRP: \$22

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