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Author of *Number 2 Home To Visit Broome*

Broome Public Library will be hosting two events featuring Noreen Jones, author of *Number 2 Home* on September 6 & 7.

Noreen will be giving a free talk on the 'Japanese of Broome before World War Two', based at 6.30pm on September 6 at the library.

Don't miss her free workshop on September 7 from 3pm – 6pm. "Prospecting the Past – Solitude, Sweat and Serendipity" will guide you in writing and researching from remote locations and when you have restricted access to city resources.

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Contact the library on 9191 3477 or email library@broome.wa.gov.au.

With a chapter of her book dedicated to families in Broome and the book's title being attributed to Hama Yasutaro's comment "I have been in Australia for so long that I now call Broome my number two home" this Fremantle Arts Press book has a place on many bookshelves in this town.

Using a mixture of personal stories, original documents and family photographs, Noreen's book traces the history of the Japanese Men and Women who lived and worked in Western Australia from the 1890s until their internment at the outbreak of war between Australia and Japan in December 1941.

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Noreen has been actively involved in examining the history of cultural relationships between Australia and Japan for the past twenty years. Since 1990, she has visited Japan on twelve occasions for independent study of the art, history, geography and people of the country. During that time she has travelled extensively, and though she has very limited Japanese language, has consulted widely with English speaking Japanese and has had voluntary help from Japanese friends for interpreting and translation during research and interviews.

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