# Emerging artist Cadeyrn Smith releases children’s book with AI support



Cadeyrn Smith, an emerging local photographer and storyteller from Murray Bridge, is preparing to publish his first children’s book titled Smiley’s Steam Train Dream. The book traces a charming journey along the historic railway line from Monarto South to Sedan in South Australia, narrated through the adventures of a playful character named Smiley.

The book uniquely combines photography and illustration, featuring drone-captured images of historic rail bridges alongside drawings of steaming trains that once played a vital role in supporting the communities along the route. All the aerial photographs were taken by Mr Smith himself, with assistance from Glenn Power, his Genuine Support Services Australia (GSSA) support worker. Reflecting on the visuals, Mr Smith said, “I’m very happy with how the bridge images came out, they really captured the sweeping empty country around the bridges.”

A notable aspect of the book’s creation was the use of ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence tool developed by OpenAI, which helped Mr Smith to shape the narrative, refine the language, and weave the storyline together. ChatGPT employs natural language processing to generate human-like conversational responses and is capable of assisting with writing and various other communication tasks. “The young Smiley imagines a world where every train and station has a secret, and every whistle tells a story,” said Mr Smith, describing the heart of the story as being about steam and dreams.

This project highlights how AI technology, when used responsibly and transparently, can support emerging creatives—particularly those who may face obstacles in entering traditional publishing avenues. Tools like ChatGPT enabled Mr Smith to transform his ideas into a polished final product, thereby freeing up more time for creative expression and collaboration. Glenn Power emphasised this supportive role, saying, “AI can be a brilliant tool if managed well. It helped Cadeyrn tell his story, in his voice.”

While there are ongoing discussions about originality and disclosure concerning the use of AI in publishing, Mr Smith and his team have been clear that the technology was utilised as an aid, not a replacement, to his own creativity.

Smiley’s Steam Train Dream is set to be available soon at GSSA’s Ability Café and at selected community events during autumn. The Ability Café, which operates as a café with a cause, is open on Fridays from 11.30am to 2pm at the GSSA’s Community Hub and Activities Centre located at 5 & 6 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge.

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