


All staff day at the Dome
One hour workshop
160 participants



The Longest Book in the
World (Australia at present)
was greatly lengthened by 26
meters by 160 Geelong
Regional Library Staff

Fern Smith the facilitator
greatly thanks the Geelong
Regional Library Service for
their significant involvement
in this project.

I would like to thank Geelong Regional Libraries, the individual libraries, and the fabulous staff who have and continue to support and encourage this beautiful mammoth project The Longest Book in the World to achieve its aim.

Currently it is longest recorded book in the southern hemisphere from a google search in July, its over 200 meters. Ninety-five percent of this project is through workshops at Geelong Regional Libraries.

The white pages are the 26 metres contribution by the staff of Geelong Regional Libraries at the end of 2024





Geelong Regional Libraries are bastions of inclusion giving people the opportunity to read, write and take part in the many events held at each library helping in weathering the storm of social and environmental change.

I have witnessed this through the longest book in the world project

Before pasting into the longest book



Before pasting into the longest book – held down by a bone folder.

- At Corio Library during a school holiday, some children were hovering around the Longest Book table, yet distracted, I overheard - one saying I am hungry I haven't had breakfast. I pointed to the bowl of fruit on the counter. They rushed over and consumed. They came back to the table found their spot and proceeded to contribute to the Longest Book. Quietly a platter of fruit appeared. An example of the observations of the librarians.

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- Examples of importance:
- A Grandmother brought her grandchild to contribute to the longest book. Over the session I discovered they had walked five kilometres to participate as the busses were infrequent and not really on route.

- One day it was looking like a no-show workshop. A flustered woman appeared disappointed there were no other people. I drew her in with showing her the book, page by page. Enthralled she sat down and started to try and put something on paper. I found out she had just relocated to Australia she knew no-one and had nothing to do. Her life unravelled in front of me. She now comes to every longest book session in her area and has contributed meters to the manuscript. Through attending library events in her area, she has made friends and connections.



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- Last one – most people come and sit at the table and say I can't write or draw - after looking at the book page by page they see the diversity of contributors who are aged from 2 to 91 years



The Longest book burst out of its travel bag.

Here is the new prototype carry box before the BIG one is built.