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Genoa weeds be gone

Genoa Township Committee volunteers have recently completed works to remove weeds along the Genoa River funded by the State Government through the East Gippsland Catch-

ment Management Authority. This project treated weeds along the Genoa River downstream of the historic bridge near the highway and compliments previous

works. Planting was undertaken along the riverbanks to increase their stability and reduce the spread of weeds through the Genoa River flood plain.

Cross-country a winner

Last Wednesday, May 10, Cann River P-12 College held its cross-country ... and it was a great day for everyone.

The weather was magnificent and the results just as good.

The preps ran one lap of the

oval, grade ones two laps of the oval and grades two to six two kilometres around the school farm.

Secondary students ran a different course this year, slightly longer at 3.5km but they were up for the challenge. Quite a few parents

also ran the courses.

Results:
Primary: Orange House 42 points; Brown House 22 points.
Secondary: Brown 98 points; Orange 82 points.
Overall: Orange House 124 points; Brown 120 points.

A platform for more angling

A new fishing platform is planned for Bemm River, with East Gippsland Shire Council asking the community for feedback on the location and design.

Bemm River is best known for the recreational angling offered in Sydenham Inlet, with fishing being a major economic activity in the town.

Mayor, Cr Joe Rettino, said

boating on the inlet could be quite challenging and potentially unsafe in poor weather.

"It is important for anglers to have alternatives to boat-based fishing. Council plans to build a fishing platform close to parking and toilet facilities," Cr Rettino said.

"This will give recreational anglers more fishing opportu-

nities in the town, especially during times when it is unsafe to go out into Sydenham Inlet."

The draft design and site plan for the fishing platform are available on council's Your Say website, along with a survey.

Feedback closes May 29, with the fishing platform expected to be completed by November.

Cann retail outlets make roaring start

Cann River Community Centre is a thriving hub for social and recreational activities, as well as serving official roles as the East Gippsland Shire outreach office, visitor information centre, and Centrelink agency.

This year the community centre has opened two retail outlets in the front half of the building, an op shop and a locally made art and craft shop. These are both off to a roaring start, with local artists earning more than \$2000 from the art and craft shop since December.

Craft products range from large-scale quilts to homemade cards and jars of jam, as well as jewellery, photography and soap.

The community centre retail outlets owe sincere thanks to the Friends of Orbost Op Shop for a generous donation that has assisted in setting up the retail displays.

As a Neighbourhood House, Cann River Community Centre hosts a range of services

and activities for community members, including a playgroup for preschool children, computer access and support, a children's sewing class, social morning teas, and hot soup lunches.

The Stitch Kids sewing classes are especially well attended, with around 10 children coming each week to work on a range of projects learning the use of sewing machines, design, and patchwork skills. It is a rare treasure to see the senior women of the small town passing on these time-honoured skills to the youngest community members.

The community centre also hosts an outreach branch of the East Gippsland Shire library, where community members can borrow books, CDs and DVDs. The visitor information centre is well stocked with maps and brochures highlighting local attractions, and is staffed by knowledgeable local volunteers 20 hours a week.

The Centrelink agency is only staffed six hours a week due to limited funding. However, community members can use the Centrelink self service terminal and fax machine anytime the centre is open. This is a crucial resource for the remote community and helps people stay connected and compliant with their payments.

In the next couple of months, with help from a council grant, the centre will be forming a strategic plan for the coming 3-5 years. This will help ensure that this busy hive of activity remains sustainable, responsive, and community owned into the future.

The search is on again!

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