Fleas are planning their summer assault!

Fleas are bad news for your pet as they scratch and bite to relieve themselves from the itch. Fleas can also spread tapeworm to your pet so protecting your pet against fleas is very important. They can also be bad news for humans because they can introduce our homes breeding in the carpet and biting us as well.

Your pet is like a meeting place for fleas. On your pet, they feed and can mate but after this the female leaves your pet and lays her eggs in the surrounding areas. When they hatch, they feed on the excreta of the adult flea before maturing themselves and then the whole cycle starts again.

Pets are not only irrigitated by the fleas but some are also allergic to the saliva of the fleas resulting in flea allergy dermatitis (FAD).

If your pet has outdoor bedding, such as a hessian bed, replace it with one of the nylon beds as hessian is like a magnet for fleas. Wash bedding regularly at a temperature of greater than 60 degrees to ensure that they are killed and use a spray such as environmentally safe Fido’s spray around beds and kennels or other areas that your pet may spend large amounts of time.

Vacuuming carpets and floors boards is essential as flea eggs can remain viable for up to 6 months and the warmest conditions created from heating our homes allows these eggs to hatch throughout the year.

In the past we had to wait for the fleas to appear on the dog or the cat before we could treat them with a flea control product such as powder or sprays. Modern flea control products known as “spot on” products are applied to the skin of the animal between the shoulder blades. In simple terms, the applied solution will travel through the oil glands in the skin of your dog or cat, providing complete coverage for the animal from nose to tail! Your pet does not even need to be bitten by the flea for it to be effective as fleas need only come into contact with the pet and they will be killed. Washing your pet will not interfere with the effectiveness of the product.

These products last for 4 weeks and by starting now, the advantage range of flea products by Bayer, not only will it treat fleas but also break the breeding cycle of the fleas so numbers are kept low now and this prevents a pre-emptive strike.

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TRUNGLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Glee for students

STUDENTS from Mittagong Public School have fine tuned their vocals, with one team winning the Goulburn Regional Choir Eisteddford competition last week.

On Thursday, September 1, the two teams consisting of one seniors group of Years 4, 5 and 6 students alongside the juniors league of years 1, 2 and 3 children took to the stage.

The Soldiers Club at Goulburn saw a range of regional schools participating in the event, with the ‘Highlands’ Tudor House choir also present to compete.

The school band played in the competition and accompanied the two choirs in their sections. Throughout the term, each group was coached by teachers and parents once a week as part of the Mittagong Public Schools Creative Arts Program. Students were able to choose from four activities including drama games, choral reading through plays, musical instruments and the school choir, all designed to encourage and develop new skills outside of the classroom.

The seniors team won the competition, after singing in two sections of the competition. The school has participated in the competition every year, as well as the Macarthur Eisteddford Choir.

Teacher Ms Garrie Olsen said the children have lots of fun, as music is something that will be continued and encouraged throughout the years.

“Music is important as it caters to all children’s needs, it teaches them how to participate group, and ways to socialise.” she said.

Mittagong Public School junior and senior choir combined, singing after their recent win. Photo by Ray Truscott

TRUNDLE DOWN MAIN STREET

STRUTH!

David Ellis

In his continuing search for the more weird, wacky and wonderful in the world of travel, David Ellis says you need to look to the right, to the left and then to the right again more than once when crossing the main street of Trundle in country NSW - its 157-feet, or the equivalent of three cricket pitches, making what locals claim is the widest street in Australia.

And it’s because when Trundle was first pegged out in the late 1800s it was intended that its main street run at right-angles to the then Travelling Stock Route that the town would be built alongside, and which by law had to be at least three chains (60-metres) wide so bullock trains had enough room to turn around and reverse.

But like all good intentions, commerce and council couldn’t get together and commercial buildings started popping-up alongside and parallel with the Stock Route, with in fact the Stock Route becoming Trundle’s main street, renamed where it went through town Forbes Street.

Today, Trundle’s locals joke that you need something from the take-away or the pub to see you through from one side of their main street to the other.

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PET of the WEEK

Jeanette Shaw’s dogs Bo, Portia, Maggie, Curly and Deanna were happy to arrange themselves for this photo. If you want your pet to be Pet of the Week, send in a photograph and a few words to: davidalexander@ruralpress.com or drop it at the office or post to 28 Wingecarribee Street, Bowral.

LisTEN TO 2ST EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING

Bowral Library from 1-4pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Scribes & Scribbles

The Barmaid Singer

Beer, wine and bubbly champagne
The are usual ingredients of a birthday campaign. But whilst attending a function of Paddington elite I had the pleasure to experience an exquisite treat.

A young lady was accommodating our liquid requests When the host asked for quiet from all of the guests. The lady then reverted from serving the throng

And burst into musical lyrics and song.

I listened intently to this glorious voice And remained impressed with her voice, her choice. ‘Would you like opera, jazz or anything similar?’

The room was quite, you could hear a pin drop, And I listened intently to this glorious voice

Scribes & Scribbles

THE ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB of Multivariate Book Fair will be held from Monday September 19 to Sunday October 2 in the Hurley Arcade, Goulburn from 9am to 5pm.

Stocking everything from novels to magazines, romance to sci-ence fiction, CDs to DVDs and everything in between, the annual Book Fair is a must for all book lovers.

Find that book you have been searching high and low for, or try something new.

There will be thousands of books to select from.

Funds raised from the event will go towards helping support Rotary charities and projects, locally, nationally and internationally.

Donations of books will be greatly accepted on site from 9am Monday September 19. For further information please contact Sarah Ruberto on 0419 491 280.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS It is my pleasure to introduce this lovely lady to you?

It was an honour and a privilege to be there that night I had the pleasure to experience an exquisite treat.

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Are the usual ingredients of a birthday campaign.

The nerves and the tension most surely had gone. She got better and better as the evening went on

`Would you like opera, jazz or anything similar?’

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And burst into musical lyrics and song.

I listened intently to this glorious voice And remained impressed with her voice, her choice.

‘Would you like opera, jazz or anything similar?’

An option from a performer that was quite unfamiliar.

She continued to impress with her skills and her smile.

With an audience amazed at her inimitable style.

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