



October 2002

ATTENTION

This months **MASWA** meeting is on **Wednesday, 30th October 2002**

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The location of the September MASWA meeting is the home of Grant Magill. Grant started out slowly and has had his fair share of ups and downs but has never given up and just kept at it with a no fail attitude. His tank is now coming along really well and as you will see he has a knack for growing *Coralimorphs*. In fact his grow like weeds! Being the famous *Coralimorph* farmer of MASWA we will be lucky enough to have Grant give us a talk and demonstration on how to propagate soft corals. A word of warning however - this demonstration will be full on and will show explicit coral mutilation and reproductive techniques! If you are easily offended then please bring a book to read while the demonstration is taking place!

For anyone who is taller than 4ft it is also advisable to bring along a hard hat or helmet as in the middle of the room where Grant's aquarium sits is a very low hanging light fitting that has an affinity for hitting heads!

The meeting commences from **7.30pm SHARP** and the address is **xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx**

NB – for those requiring nourishment on the run before the meeting there is a selection of tasty junk food outlets in close proximity to the meeting.



LAST MONTH'S MEETING

By El Presidente Nathan Cope

Last month's meeting was held at the home of Jan Anderson. Jan has not only moved his 950L aquarium from the front room of his house to his lounge room, but also changed the rockscape from a group of bombies to a miniature canyon. It looks fantastic! Behind the aquarium, Jan has knocked out the wall - which just happens to coincide with a built-in wardrobe in the next room. This wardrobe has been turned into the "fish room" and holds all the equipment such as the protein skimmer and the aquarium's sump. The aquarium is lit by 2 x 250W 6000K metal halides and Philip's TLD blue fluoros. The fluoros are the most intensely blue I've ever seen and Jan says they are incredibly inexpensive (although only come in lengths of 60cm or 120cm).

Two oddities in Jan's aquarium are a Ringtail Surgeonfish that is starting to nibble on soft corals and a small Xenia that Jan bought about 6 months ago that has spread like a weed throughout the tank. Jan later offered several pieces of the Xenia for the monthly raffle.

Last month, the draft of the Fisheries Department's Coral Collection Paper was finally released. It was discussed amongst the attending members and all comments were passed along to Eve Bunbury to consider before the final release is distributed to interested parties.



MASWA Message Board

- **MASWA MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2003**
Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form to rejoin for 2003. Please fill in all the information so we can make sure our records are up to date. Memberships for MASWA are now due for 2003. We will not be carrying unfinancial members for months at a time like in previous years. Membership dues cost \$24 for "general membership" (includes partner or child) and \$12 for "associate/country membership" (for those not attending meetings). If your membership dues are not paid by the January 2003 meeting you will be struck off the membership register and receive no more newsletters – The Lord has spoken!
- **AGM January 2003**
The end of the year is fast approaching which brings us to the most important event of 2003 – our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a very important meeting as it sculpts the future of MASWA for another year. If you think you would like to join the committee and take an active role in the life and times of MASWA please think about this carefully and don't forget to nominate yourself for a position in January 2003.
- **Excursions Anyone?**
Carrying on from the success of excursions held in previous years, MASWA is keen to get this exciting idea up and running again now that the warmth of spring has returned. If you have any ideas for a MASWA gathering be it for a night dive, a snorkel, a reef walk at low tide, trip to the museum or whatever it may be please speak up and make yourself heard.
- **Save the planet and all that good stuff – Car Pooling for U?**
Trying to do the right thing by our lovely planet, Earth, I am going to be attempting to put together a car-pooling initiative for upcoming meetings. If anyone is interested please email or call me and I will put you in contact with people in your area aquatech@iinet.net.au, 0412 079 886.
- **List of SCUBA Divers, please?**
It's starting to warm up so all you lazy divers out there have no excuse anymore! Contact Science Officer Paul Groves and add yourself to the MASWA divers list. The purpose of this list is so that anyone interested in doing a dive can call a few other divers if they want to organise a dive or just to find a dive buddy. If you are interested please call Paul on 0421 803 288 or email him on paul@nw.com.au.
- **Aquarium bits and pieces for sale at long last!!!**
David has finally drained his old aquarium and is ready to sell the tank, cabinet and all the goodies. Dave is willing to sell the whole lot together but will sell the bits separately if he has to. Please email or ring David if you are interested. Contact details: aquatech@iinet.net.au, 0412 079 886.
- **Soft Coral Propagation This Month!**
This month our own *Coralimorph* farmer, Grant, will be showing us the nuts and bolts of propagating our soft corals. If you have any softies sitting around in your tank or sump and would like to donate them to the cause please bring them along to this upcoming meeting for Grant to chop up and propagate.
- **Call for Live Sand please?**
Live sand = good raffle prize! The concept of swapping and adding different sources of live sand is a very good one and MASWA would encourage this sort of exchange to take place. If you have a few spare minutes, a fish bag and a handful of sand why not bring it along for the raffle! (PS I would love some additions of live sand for my new aquarium Ed.)
- **Comet's for Sale**
Nathan received a call from a lady named Jessica who has 3 x Comets for sale @ \$100 each. These particular specimens are quite bold and don't hide very much. If you are interested please give her a call on 9354 7169.



FISHY LINKS & NEWS

- **Ocean Park Online –Aquaculture/Aquarium Attraction in Denham, Shark Bay**
Friends of mine, Ken and Peter have sent me the web address for their business, Ocean Park, in. Their business is an Aquaculture/Aquarium tourist attraction nestled on the shores of Shark Bay. They have a large predator lagoon (tailor, yellowtail kingfish, sharks, rankin cod, pink snapper etc and are planning a 600 000L display to hold smaller more attractive marine life including some coral. These guys are very resourceful and have built this facility to be as environmentally friendly as possible. If you going up that way pop in and catch up with them. They will be more than hospitable (especially if you mention my name! Ed.). The web address is: www.oceanpark.com.au.
- **Oceanarium – Aquarium Collector - Retailer/Wholesaler Online!**
Peter from Oceanarium has an interesting web site about his business including a stock list of what he has. He also has a few interesting articles. Check it out! www.oceanarium.com.au.
- **Amazon “dot” Com – Online Resource for Every Aquarium Book Available!**
If you are tired of paying through the roof for aquarium books specially ordered through local book stores or aquarium shops give www.amazon.com a try. They have every possible aquarium book you could ever hop for.



Reefy Hints and Tips

This month I have a tip that will not only give you more time to watch your aquarium but also stop in its tracks peeling background paint! When most people choose to paint the back of an aquarium they make the mistake of using either an acrylic paint which is not very durable and will start to peel in a short period of time or an enamel paint that's very brittle and cracks and chips very easily. Most people also use a shade of blue for the background which looks great but has one drawback – it shows up any algae on the glass! The solution is to use a durable paint like "pot belly black", available from "Lencote" paints. You may say ew black! Don't knock it before you try it! Black gives the tank great depth and best of all it doesn't readily show up the algae on the glass – less cleaning! I have had a tank with this paint on it for over four years and to date it has not chipped or peeled anywhere! This paint sticks like shit to a blanket (verified by Nathan who performed this experiment with his son Cameron!) and doesn't come off easily at all which when you consider the harsh salty environment its in is a great feat!



Upcoming Meetings

October	<i>Grant Magill</i>
November	<i>Wayne Mothershaw</i>
December	<i>Nathan Cope</i>
Jan 2003	?
Feb 2003	?
Mar 2003	?

MASWA's World Wide Web address

The web address:
<http://www.auscyber.net/maswa/>

General Inquiries

To Nathan Cope
E-mail address: nathan@ingeniousresources.com.au
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To David Bloch
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Phone: (08) 9375 2438 a/h or 0412 079 886 b/h

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To Paul Tayler
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Phone on (08) 9381 7827 a/h or 0419 908 264 b/h

MASWA Membership

Currently MASWA requests an annual \$22 donation from adult members, \$11 from Junior members. This covers the cost of newsletters, drinks, nibbles and other costs associated with the society. Members will receive information sheets and discounts on some products.

Members List

Warren and Valaria Schmitt, *Terry and Valerie Peake*, Tom Devilee, *Jan Anderson, Craig and Lissa Beaufond, David Bloch, Royce Bond, Jason Booth and Jane Thom*, Darren & Raqual Collins, *Nathan Cope, Andy Dolphin, Phillip Dove; Tony Fiorentino, Drew Gately, Paul Groves, Sid Harrison, Robert Harwood*, Simon Hawke and Rose, Frank & Ben Krause, Grant Magill, *Wayne Mothershaw, Victor O'Driscoll*, Phil Searle, *Mark Shewell, Paul Tayler*, Steve Tofts, *Ronald Tan, Greg Weryk*, David Lee, Glenn Fletcher, *Keith Walters, Mal and Steve Hearne*, Ross Hernandez, *Trish & Izzy*, Ray Davis, *Chris Kolzan*

If you are a member and your name is not on the members list please tell the editor David Bloch as soon as possible. Names in italics indicate that the member receives an E-Newsletter (emailed newsletter).

If there is anything you would like to know more about or anything you would like to add to the newsletter, call or send comments to the editor, David Bloch. Remember, this is your newsletter. Additions to the newsletter need to be received by the editor no later than one week prior to the next meeting.



Membership Application

Office Use Only	
* Membership No. / /	* Application Date:
* Annual Membership (pro-rata for remaining months of the calendar year):-	
General - \$24 <input type="checkbox"/>	Country/Associate - \$12 <input type="checkbox"/>

Items below marked with a * are mandatory.

Name (Family Name must be included)*:	
Address *:	
Postcode *:	
Telephone No. (H) *:	Telephone No. (W) :
Mobile No. :	
Email Address :	
I wish to receive the MASWA Newsletter via*: Email <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/>	

Answering the following questions is not mandatory, but it does help the society in preparing articles, presentations and tours for future newsletters and meetings.

How many marine aquariums do you have? _____

Would you like one of the experienced MASWA members to guide you in setting up/improving your aquarium? **Yes** **No**

Is there a particular area of marine aquaria that you really feel you need help with/more info. on?

What are you hoping to gain by joining MASWA?

Date *:	Signature *:
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Please make cheques payable to the MASWA treasurer, **Paul Tayler**.
 Send applications to: **MASWA Membership Applications**
 C/o Paul Tayler
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 Shenton Park WA 6008