



The Living Reef

September 2005 – Special Raffle

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MASWA Meeting Calendar....

September 28th - **Ross Coghill**
8 Oak Court
Forrestfield
Special Raffle

October 26th – **Heath Boucher**
Melville
Guest Speaker

November 30th - ???
FRAG FEST IIX

December
Christmas Meeting

We need a host for November so don't be shy

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MASWA Message Board....

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter please don't hesitate to contact the new Newsletter Editor, Chris Sutton on the phone number or email address listed above. Contributions to the newsletter need to be received no later than 7 days prior to the next meeting date.

MASWA 2005 ARTICLE PRIZE!



Yes this could be yours.

To try and encourage members to get actively involved we have decided to offer a \$100 prize to the person who has contributed the most hobby related articles, cartoons or jokes etc to the MASWA 2005 newsletters. The content must be suitable for general.

The winner will be announced at the **December 2005 CHRISTMAS** meeting.

MASWA DOOR PRIZE!

From now on, we will be having door prizes at every meeting. In order to be in the draw to win the prize, all you have to do is make sure you **write down your name** (and the name of any partner/guest you have brought with you) **on the meeting registration sheet** and then **put on your name badge** (ensure that partners/guests have one too). Once you've done that, see Maria White (Social Coordinator) for your free door prize ticket.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

If anyone has any books, hardware, livestock or any bits and pieces they wish to get rid of, how about donating them to the raffle table? All the monies raised in the raffles go back into MASWA, so the better the prizes the better the raffle and the more we can do during the year.

Top Ten Competition

Top Ten "Things Your Fish Would Say To You If They Could Talk!"

The winner of last Months Competition is

1. **"What the hell are you staring at"**
By Nathan Cope
2. **"Dear Owner, Please put on some clothes when watching us fish as you are putting us off our brine shrimp"**
By Mark Sherwell
3. **"Not that freeze dried crap again"**
By Lee McIntyre
4. **"(Clown Fish) My dad said I should join the circus"**
By Josh White
5. **"Cough Cough, any chance for some fresh salt water over here"**
By Grant Roncevich
6. **"I said buy me brine not get blind"**
By Trevor Abernethy
7. **"Which way to the ocean Left or Right drain hole"**
By Stuart
8. **"No new flatmates thanks"**
By Heath
9. **"No Life huh, its ok you can waste hour after hour watching us "**
By Maria

10. **"I feel like eating out tonight"**
By Ron Tann

Well-done Nathan and don't forget to grab your 6 free raffle tickets at the next meeting

Think you're funny?

[Email](#) or Post an entry on our MASWA Forum for the MASWA's next month's competition is

The Top Ten " Tank Inhabitant You Would Like To Be And Why"

Then before the next newsletter goes to publish we will pick the 10 entries to be published in the Newsletter The winner of Number 1 position will win **6 FREE Raffle Tickets** for the that Monthly Meeting You can check progress of the entries on our MASWA own Forum but you have to be a registered [MASWA /RTAW Forum Member](#) to do this. It's free and easy to do

This is a fun competition that will be ran every month **So come on Email/post your entries and have a go**

MASWA Social Pages

Hi guys,

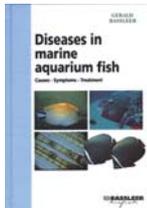
This month is the big raffle, loads of great books up for grabs, tickets sell \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. They are great value books and we normally have a really good turn out.

This month the meeting is at a new members home and what a great way to start off (between you and me the newest members have actually been winning the prizes! No its not rigged it just means that we the established members have to dig a little deeper and buy more tickets. And **no** I can't be bribed!).

Onto those books that you have a chance of winning:



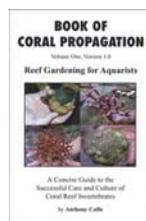
Reef Invertebrates by Calfo & Fener



Diseases in Marine Aquarium Fish by Gerald Bassler



Corals a Quick Reference Guide by Julian Sprung



Book of Coral Propagation Vol 1

Then of course there are the vouchers:
\$50.00 Water change from Ocean Water Supplies
\$30.00 and \$20.00 Vouchers from Marine West
\$20.00 Voucher from Rocky Reef
And of course our door prize (This ones the freebee)



Field Guide to Anemone fishes and their Host Anemones by Faultin & Allen

So as you can see there are great prizes to be won and you know what they say

" You've got to be in it to win it."

So I'll see you next Wednesday with a spring in your step and a jingle in your pocket, oh and don't forget your smile.

Cheers

Maria

June Meeting Rundown...

Last month we ventured to Brendan's home in East Perth. It was great to see a good turnout and to see some new faces and members bringing along their mums.



Brendan

had done a great job on his nano. A nano reef can be more difficult to keep stable than a larger tank and Brendan had achieved this. It also showed that tank size doesn't matter to be a MASWA member it's commitment to the hobby that counts.



Brendan had a DIY overflow that created quite a discussion and some confusion until all was cleared up by Steven when he discovered "the secret missing part" or was that Tony that discovered it? Then maybe Brendan new all along!!!!

Now we are all confused????



Would like to welcome a few new members to MASWA, Grant Roncevich, Trevor Abernethy and Marc Dawson, so make them welcome and take time and introduce yourself and make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

A prize went to Steven Cooperwhite who took out the door prize, Joshua Beeson, Mark Sherwell, Jennifer Nash and Alex Taylor all won vouchers in the raffle. Well done to all but I think Paul was a bit worried as the last voucher Alex won cost him the drive down to Rockingham and lunch, which was more than the voucher. Geez a typical treasurer's way of thinking!!! Overall it was a great meeting cheers Brendan. Thanks for all that attended and see you at the next meeting

Chris

Fact:

World wide, there are 100,000 species of molluscs. Most species (around 75,000) are gastropods.

The most visible molluscs are cephalopods, which include octopuses and squids numbering only about 650 species



Fragfest Rundown

Thankyou once again to all the members who have involved themselves in Fragfest. The Fest is really starting to gain momentum. At Fragfest VIII conducted at Brendan's meeting there were more frags than members to take them home! We had quite a good variance of donated species with Corallimorphs of all colours being well represented thanks to Tony, Paul and Alan. There was plenty of Acropora, Seriatopora and Montipora as well as Pocillopora donated by Brendan and Myself. The LPS corals were a little light on the ground with only Caulastrea being donated by Alan. At the end of the night I was literally throwing frags at people so I wouldn't have to take them home!

Thanks to Brendan and his family for allowing us to hold fragfest in their home.

Fragfest is a great cause but it needs your support. If you have corals in your tank that are doing well, frag them and spread them around. If you have any questions about how to frag particular corals don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will do my utmost to help

Matt

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August Meet Information.....

We are all of to see the Coghill's tank at **8 Oak Court Forrestfield** this month, MASWA's first visit for these newly joined members. Their tank is a 4L x 1.5W x 2H with custom sump/fuge that has been running for about 4 weeks. Prior to that it had a combination of misguided configurations as Ross described it.

Inhabitants are:

3 x Chromis
1 x Coral Beauty
2 x Banana Wrasse
1 x Ocellaris

Hammer Coral
Torch Coral
Heap of Corallimorphs - green, red and purple and some Furries as well
Couple of Brain Corals
Couple of Toothed Corals
A plate coral (MASWA frag)
Sand anemone
Various Zoo's

AND 'The Naughty Boy' - the pygmy reef lobster!

The tank has been running approx 12 months. Ross and Sonya both had freshies experience and had always wanted marines so they decided to go for it. "It's been a very steep learning curve, one that hasn't flattened out yet!" Ross explains

Other tanks in the house include - a 4ft fresh tropical

and a 4 foot turtle tank (turtle being only a couple of inches though) which will also be interesting to have a look at.

We also have a couple of small ponds around the place, imagine my mouth water when I saw Matt's Weis' backyard.

Ross' House is about the third on the left as you turn into Oak St and has a pale cream brick wall out the front.

Don't forget if you would like to bring along a sample of your water, our newly appointed **Water Tester** Stuart, will be more than happy to test it for you. Of course there is always someone around with advice who can help you lower or raise your perimeters.

Formalities to the meeting will be:

President address
Introduce new members
Door prize
Host talk on tank
Special Raffle
General discussion
Wind-up

Don't forget it is special raffle so check out [social pages](#) for details on grabbing some great books in the raffles

Hope to see you all there

Chris

Fact:

Research on a compound eye of a mantis shrimp carried out at the University of Queensland may prove useful in the robotic industry. The shrimp's eye had 16 types of vision receptors, including 12 used for colour analysis. They lie on a central band that move constantly to scan the surroundings

Fishy Links And News

Fluorescent animals surprise Gulf of Mexico divers

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Fluorescent shrimp, crabs that detect ultraviolet light in the sunless depths, and an unseen creature that tumbled a massive camera have surprised scientists diving in the Gulf of Mexico.

Their expedition has turned up an array of creatures that use fluorescence in ways previously unknown to science, the team, a collaboration of federally funded researchers, said on Friday.

More>http://today.reuters.co.uk/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2005-09-02T213505Z_01_MCC277696_RTRIDST_0_SCIENCE-UNDERSEA-DC.XML

New coral reef study off Florida coast to address bleaching

IN THE WATER OFF SUMMERLAND KEY, Fla. -

Hovering above a coral reef, two divers in wet suits examine and measure the dozens of coral beneath them, recording their findings on clipboards and waterproof paper.

The pair are conducting a new, state-funded study to analyze the health of the coral reef off Florida's coast that scientists hope will change the way reefs are cared for worldwide.

The data will show scientists for the first time the health of the entire reef - about 300 miles from Martin County to the Dry Tortugas - and identify the healthiest areas that are least effected by bleaching, the loss of corals' vibrant colour.

More>http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/tallahassee/news/breaking_news/12566436.htm

Wave of marine species extinctions feared

BIMINI, Bahamas (UPI) -- Scientists once thought the oceans were so vast there was little risk of marine species becoming extinct; they no longer believe that theory.

Now Ellen Pikitch, executive director of the Pew Institute for Ocean Science, says the Earth may on the cusp of "a gathering wave of ocean extinctions." Her alarming view is shared by many scientists, including Samuel Gruber, a University of Miami professor who has spent two decades studying lemon sharks that breed in the Bahamas.

But the mangroves that provide food and protection for the sharks are being destroyed to make way for resort development.

More>http://science.monstersandcritics.com/news/article_1043483.php/Wave_of_marine_species_extinctions_feared

The Tao of Marine Aquaria

Tips for Our Hobby and Life Lessons One to Seven

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Lesson Four: Love Hurts

As in any relationship, loss can be painful. I've spoken with dozens of aquarists who, like me, admit to having shed tears at the death of one of their fishes. Virtually all aquarists speak of how they "love" their favourite fish or coral. This is an indication of the depth of their relationship and should be appreciated, not ridiculed. It should also serve to warn us that our hobby has its disappointments and sorrows as well as its victories and joys. Death is an integral part of the experience of life and will come to us all in time. We can learn from the deaths that will inevitably occur in our tanks and grow, or we can let Death beat us by seeing it as only an end and giving up our hobby rather than feel the pain again. Which will you choose?

Love also carries with it responsibilities. Beyond witnessing death, we may have to become unwilling players in the drama from time to time. Our priorities

seem clear when we act to wipe out a pest algae or a parasitic infestation to enhance the environment for our other tank inhabitants. Right and wrong become less clear, however, when you have to brutally exterminate a seemingly harmless crab that has started to prevent your corals from opening or has been nipping at your fish as they sleep. Yet your love may drive you to grind the hapless crab into its crevice with a screwdriver (since traps seldom work). Or you may have to euthanasia a terminally ill fish (the kindest method, by the way, is to put it in a mixture of one part vodka to four parts tank water). How will you deal with it? Will you learn something of value, or be destroyed emotionally? Or will you ignore the entire event as unimportant? After all, denial ain't just a river in Egypt. If you stay in the hobby for any length of time, you'll have the opportunity to see how you react to death. Don't trivialize the experience.

BUY SELL OR SWAP

SELLING Due to Moving House I need to sell

Urgent

1 x 5' Blue Tang
1 x pair Ocellaris Clowns
1 x Schooling Bannerfish
1 x Mimick / Chocolate Tang
1 x Velbet (Black) Angelfish
1 x Keyhole Angelfish
4 x Four Striped Damsel fish
4 x Blue Damsel fish

1 x Cleaner Wrasse

Not so urgent

4' x2' x 2.5' Tank (stand also available)
1 x 1000L Plastic Water cube with aluminium cage
1 x Queen Venturi Skimmer
2 x Eheim Power Filters
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Kevin Walker on 9592 3068 or 0421 643 180

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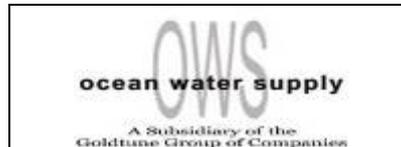
Marine West has generously donated \$50 worth of gift vouchers each month to MASWA.

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