



The Living Reef

February 2006 – Fragfest
Wednesday 22nd 7.30pm

Hi all

This month we seem to have had a big increase of new people wanting to join MASWA. So please make welcome to Carmella Ticehurst, Cody Konior, Chris Wyrewenaden, Kim Williams, Jason Garrad, and Alan Woodman. Please make them feel welcome.

Also a reminder to those who haven't yet paid their memberships to MASWA they are due now, so please catch up with Paul soon and help us give you what you want out off MASWA

You will also notice a section called [REEFING THE AUSTRALIAN WAY FORUM](#) These will be snippets to

interesting and informative posts and will provide a link to it on RTAW. The link to this thread is on the [MASA Forums](#). To view this post and any others you will have to be logged on to RTAW so it may ask you to register. This is free and only a safe guard for MASA and MASWA. If you register please join [MASWA online](#) so you can access the MASWA forms as well. Hopefully some of the information contained in these snippets can help members with Q & A's

Well enough of me rambling on.

Enjoy
Ed

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MASWA Meeting Calendar....

February 22nd – Nick Horlock
5 Kuta Lane Halls Head
Mandurah
Frag Fest IX

March 29th – Chris Kolzan
Ballajura
Special Raffle

May 31st – Taff Dalling
Wanneroo
Frag Fest X

April 26th - ??????
Guess Speaker

We need a venue for April so please 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 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.

MASWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2006 DUE!

2005 is now over and it's time to pay your membership subscription for 2006. We will not be carrying unfinancial members for months at a time like in previous years. If your membership dues are not paid by the March 2006 meeting you will be taken off the membership register and receive no more newsletters and unable to attend any monthly meetings!

For payment options please see the "[MASWA Contact Info](#)" on page 2.

Quiz Night

Yes Maria is organising another quiz night. It will be held on Wednesday 28th June, the venue is **yet to be decided**. This year there will be a ticket cost of \$10.00 per head which will include entry and supper. The prizes, still to be purchased will value approximately \$300.00 and it will be BYO Alcohol. So keep that date free and we will see you there.

Last Months Meeting Rundown...

Last month we all ventured to Elmer's house in Dianella. Elmer's tank was looking fantastic as usual and it is always a pleasure to see it. This time had the added value to catch him feeding the family's favourite inhabitant an octopus. I found this fascinating to watch and I can see why it has become the family pet. Sorry I wasn't fast enough to get a photo.



There is something about large tanks like Elmer's that make you envious.

We had a very large turnout with 24 members and 10 visitors attending. Lucky the tank can be viewed from all sides so at times it was a squeeze but all could have a good look.



Maria had organised for David Attenborough to be our guest speaker but unfortunately he couldn't attend so we all settled for a showing of The Blue Planet which he narrated.

Congratulations to Vicki, Elroy, Joe, Trevor, Brian and Warren for winning raffle prizes.

Hope everyone enjoyed themselves cause I certainly did and thankyou Elmer and family for having us.

FACT:

Shrimps form partnerships with many other animals. One such association is between a shrimp and goby. The shrimp, which digs and maintains the burrow housing both animals, is nearly blind. The goby guards the burrow, signalling the shrimp when it is safe to emerge

Up & Coming Meet Information....

This month we are off to Mandurah to Nick's place. Nick has had his tank, a 5" x 2 1/2 x 2, going for 8 months. He has installed a small side tank as a refugium, which also houses 2 DIY screw pumps. One for tank circulation and one for algae scrubber supply. This tank is planted with caulerpa and lite at night with algae scrubber. Because of the algae scrubber he doesn't use a skimmer but boasts Low nutrient levels, which is controllable with lighting periods over the scrubber. The tank is home to blennies, cleaner fish, brush tail tang, long horn cow fish and a Mandarin. Corals consist of torch, flower pot, elegance, bubble, leather corals, open brains, daisy's and Corallimorphs.

This meeting is also Fragfest meeting so make sure you bring along those corals and frags you would like to swap with other members.

Nick's place is at 5 Kuta Lane Halls Head Mandurah and the meeting starts a 7.30 sharp



Hope to see you all there
Chris

MASWA Social Pages

Hi Guys,

There will be heaps going on this year, mind you look how fast this year is passing, we have some great activities organized so make sure you're a part of it. This month we start a photo competition so those who wear glasses, make sure you bring them to the meetings. The Special raffle is in March with great book prizes valued at around \$300 with other prizes also. April brings a great Guest Speaker; yes I have one teamed up! Can't wait.

A quiz night is also in the works, looking at June, somewhere central to Perth Metropolitan area.

We will be selling tickets for this one. \$10 per ticket which includes your seat and a supper, fantastic prizes up for grabs for those who wear their thinking caps. The last quiz night was great. Well worth the effort.

There will also be another Penguin Island family Day, if it's anything like last year, another great event. So with that to start with I'd say I have my hands full, so for now I say chow see you at the meeting on Wednesday.

Cheers
Maria

REEFING THE AUSTRALIAN WAY FORUM

Topic: [Coral Propagation](#)

Posted: Tue Aug 16, 2005 5:37 pm by FreddyFraggingaz 17 replies

Why is it that we don't see much in the way of propagated stock?

And do people think that with the increased interest in the hobby will result in more restricted collecting laws?

If so would hobbyist prefer to buy propagated stock rather than collected stock?

I understand that the costs of culturing livestock would possibly result in increased prices for such products but surely the long term outcome would be of benefit to our hobby.

Cheers Fred

Posted: Tue Aug 16, 2005 5:59 pm by ben_qld

I would prefer to buy prop stock if it wasn't too much more expensive than wild stuff mainly because I know it's suited to aquarium conditions, and that its saving the reefs.

I think the market in AUS is just too small to justify large scale prop operations, and you would need a large scale operation to be able to get the cheap prices

Ben

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Fragfest

Hi all

I am really bad at writing all these little statements so I am just going to make it short it sweet. Being the new Fragfest Co-ordinator this is my first fragfest. I'm taking over from Matt who stepped down in December. Thanks Matt who did a great job last year.

For all new members and old members that haven't been to a Fragfest its basically where we go to back to Matt's house, take out some wire cutters and frag out his whole tank. Just joking.

But seriously this "fragfest" is done to show all those reefers how to propagate corals from tanks at home. This helps in the preservation of our reefs. Another good thing about Fragfest is that it's like a safety net so if you lose your corals that you propagated and somebody has a frag of it, you can get a frag back of the same coral. Anyway I can't think of a lot but as your new fragfest coordinator I say "let the fragging begin!!!"

Brendan Chua

Fishy Links And News

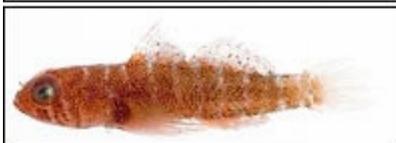
Expedition discovers marine treasures;

Saba Island, Netherlands Antilles

An underwater mountain that forms the world's third-largest atoll has some of the richest diversity of marine life ever found in the Caribbean, according to scientists who recently explored the area.

The two-week expedition in January encountered new species of fish, seaweed and other ocean life at little-studied Saba Bank Atoll, a coral-crowned seamount 250 kilometres southeast of Puerto Rico in the Dutch Windward Islands.

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In a series of dives buffeted by high winds and strong currents, scientists from Conservation International (CI), the Netherlands Antilles government and Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History found scores more fish species than previously known in the region and vast beds of diverse seaweed, including a dozen or more possible new species.

More>http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article_id=16928451030

Reef 'gone in 20 years'

MARINE scientists say global warming could transform the Great Barrier Reef into a bleached maze of dead coral within 20 years.



The warning comes amid bleaching over the summer near the Keppel Islands, which threatens to spread to large sections of the World Heritage-listed reef. Australian Institute of Marine Science coral bleaching expert Ray Berkelmans said the damage - which occurs when warm temperatures rob the coral of nutrition - may mark the start of the reef's demise

More>http://townsvillebulletin.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,7034,18051647%255E421,00.html

Reef shade structures almost a reality

Shade cloth structures protecting parts of the Great Barrier Reef could be commercially available to tourist operators within a year.

Scientists have been trialling a series of devices on Agincourt reef, off Port Douglas in far north Queensland, to prevent coral bleaching caused by warmer water temperatures and sunlight.

University of Queensland scientist Ove Hoegh-Guldberg said researchers and a local tour operator had been conducting small-scale experiments on structures 5m by 5m.

The project had reached "phase two" and larger devices could be commercially available to tourist operators in a year, he said.

More><http://www.smh.com.au/news/National/Reef-shade-structures-almost-a-reality/2006/02/03/1138836393855.html>

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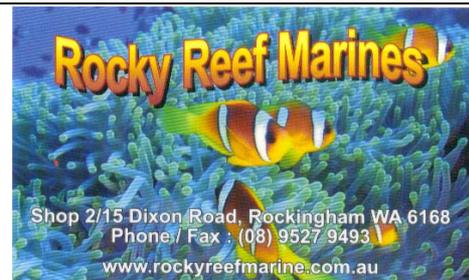
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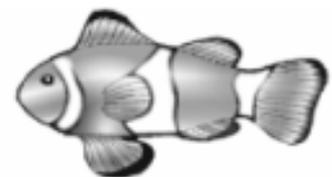
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