



The Living Reef

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Wednesday 26th 7.30pm

Hi Guy's

I would like to welcome Dean Pease, Leon Daymon, Leon Gay and Liam James to MASWA. So members please make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

Also want to congratulate Warren and Rebecca on there marriage since the last newsletter.

Well-done Guy's

Chris and Maria

MASWA Social Pages

Hi Guys,
Last months gathering was the quiz night.
I'm still exhausted, we welcomed along some new faces, in there own very special way they left a mark, thankyou to all for your support. It was a successful evening. Of course there were heaps of prizes, the cakes (I still can't face another).The slices were huge, and the company of course was excellent! Thanks

Cheesecake Shop. Oh you all thought I meant you?
Yeah your company was pretty good too.
Keep your ears open for the next Penguin Island family day(The last one was excellent.)
So I'm just going to sit back this month and enjoy.
See you all next week.
Maria

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MASWA Meeting Calendar....

July 26th – Ross Coghill
8 Oak Crt
Forrestfield

August 30th – Brendan Chua
Frag Fest XI

October 25th – Warren Taylor
Guess Speaker

September 27th - ??????
Special Raffle

November 29th – ??????
Frag Fest XII

We need a venue for September 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.

Last Months Meeting Rundown...

Last months gathering was the MASWA Quiz Night '06 held at the Shenton Park Community Hall.

For all those who didn't come, It was a great night, with loads of laughs, prizes and hot food for all. The only thing lacking was an aquarium, but I'm sure Ross's will make up for that at this months meeting.

Big thanks to Maria, Merylyn and Tony, for putting in the effort to make it a great night for us all.

Congratulations to all who participated. The Brainiac's, I mean the 'Aquaholics' who made a great recovery in the last round, were the overall winners for the night



Minh, Dennis, Heath, Sheila and myself

The "No Names" took the "Better Luck Next Timers" award for coming last. Maybe next year guy's



Toby, Chris, Vanessa, Brendan and Merylyn.

And hows Heaths form, picking up the door prize, a Quarantine tank kindly donated from Veba's



Thanks everyone who participated and I hope everyone had a blast. I know I did

Lee McIntyre

RTAW Reefpedia

This [wiki](#) has been established as an encyclopaedia of reef keeping by the [Marine Aquarium Societies of Australia \(MASA\)](#).

Up & Coming Meet Information.....

This month we venture back to Ross and Soya's home in Forrestfield.

After a major upgrade at the beginning of the year from the 4 foot tank, they now have a 6x2x2 mixed reef. The tank is still a little bit immature but its running pretty well so far with reasonable growth.

Most of the corals transferred from the old 4 foot have recovered and are now growing well. Also upgrading some of the equipment including lighting which is now 2 x 250W MH, filtration is live rock and an Aquamedics Turboflotor skimmer.

Inhabitants include a Scopas Tang, 3 x Yellow Striped Cardinals, 2 x Ocellaris, 1 x Golden Headed Sleeper Goby, 1 x Black Axial Chromis, 1 x Black Dart Thingy and too many corals!!!!

Ross and Sonya have also recently started a Seahorse Tank a few months ago. A hexagonal tank of about 65L with 2X Hippocampus Barbouri and 2 x Hingeback shrimp.

Ross lives at **8 Oak Crt Forrestfield** and the **meeting starts at 7.30 pm sharp**

See you all there

Chris

Fishy Links And New

Great Barrier Reef not 'in danger'

The United Nations World Heritage Committee has accepted an expert report which says world heritage sites such as Australia's Great Barrier Reef are under threat from climate change.

But the UN committee has deferred listing the reef as being in danger.

Usually heritage sites which are not being preserved or are threatened by development go on to what is seen as a black list.

The expert report says the Great Barrier Reef has world's best practice in climate management, but more coral bleaching is inevitable.

The World Heritage Committee also decided member countries need to agree that global warming is a threat to their particular heritage site before listing.

But environment groups are disappointed the committee has not accepted their calls to list sites such as the Great Barrier Reef as in danger from global warming.

Environment lawyer Ilona Miller says the groups wanted the committee to recognise that icon sites like the reef are threatened now.

"Immediate steps need to be taken to address the impact of climate change and in particular the root source - emissions of greenhouse gases," she said. A statement issued by the committee says the causes and the effects of climate change cannot be solved in terms of world heritage properties alone.

More><http://www.abc.net.au/news/items/200607/1685313.htm?queensland>

Researcher Explores the Puzzle Behind the Midgets and Giants in the Deep Sea

Monterey, California (Jul 10, 2006 21:42 EST) How is the deep sea like a desert island? It sounds like a child's riddle, but it's actually a serious scientific question with implications for both terrestrial and marine biology. Biologists have long observed that when animals colonize and evolve on isolated islands, small animals tend to become larger while large animals tend

to become smaller. Recent research led by MBARI postdoctoral fellow Craig McClain suggests that a similar trend affects animals as they adapt to life in the deep sea. McClain will present a summary of these findings today at the 11th International Deep-Sea Biology Symposium in Southampton, England. A full article is in press in the peer-reviewed Journal of Biogeography.



More>http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article_id=10578103946

REEFING THE AUSTRALIAN WAY FORUM

Topic: Effect of tank placement on coral polyping out

<http://www.masa.asn.au/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=167606>

Posted: Fri Jul 14, 2006 4:06 pm by **ItDepends(Dan)** in the Advanced Discussion Forum

I've recently set up a frag box inside my display and have noticed something interesting. I have a frag in the egg crate box that polyps out much more than the parent colony in the display. I've noticed previously that frags I have taken from other peoples tanks generally polyp out less in my tank- I thought this may have been as a result of lower suspended particles or the lack of a DSB in my tank but hadn't given it too much thought.

But- the interesting thing here is that I have two pieces- from the same colony- in the same tank- and the one in the frag box is polyping out much more than the other. The only thing I can put it down to is my tunze may be putting too much direct current on the colonies in my main tank.

To put some pictures around it.



The above is a full frontal- the frag box is up in the top left corner, the other colony is half way down the left hand bommie. The two tunze are 6100's ramping between 60% and 80% of full flow.

Thoughts/observations/similar occurrences appreciated.

Daniel

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](#) and so you can access the MASWA forms as well.

Feature Article

Organisms to Avoid

By ATJ.

There are quite a few organisms available in aquarium stores that are either unsuitable for aquaria or require a lot of effort to keep. This article discusses organisms that should be avoided and the reasons why they should be avoided. It also includes some organisms which require special conditions and this should be taken into consideration before acquiring them.

Please note, this article should not take place of the recommendation to research ALL potential inhabitants before getting them. Any organisms not listed below does not means that those organisms do not have specific requirements.

Summary and description can be found

<http://www.petsforum.com/personal/Trevor-Jones/organismstoavoid.html>

Most sponges
Sponges
Myrionema (hydroid)
Dendronephthya and related genera
Sea pens
Glass anemones, *Aiptasia*
Host anemones
Tube anemones
Goniopora and *Alveopora*

Christmas tree worms
Many cowries
Murex shells
Cone shells
Nudibranchs
Octopuses
Feather stars
Many sea stars
Basket stars
Some serpent stars

Sea apples
Most sharks and rays
Basslets
Batfish
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Some angelfish
Cleaner wrasses
Dragonets
Moorish Idols
Orange-spotted filefish

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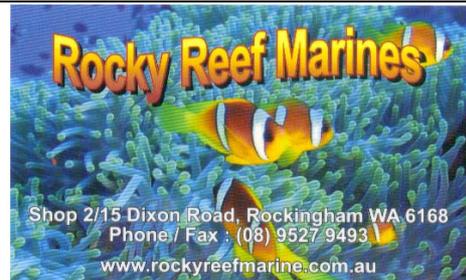
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<http://www.perthaquarium.com.au/>

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