



The Living Reef

May 2008

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th May @ 7:30pm

Hi guys & girls,

This month's meeting will be at one of corporate sponsor's Manta Marine in Malaga. It promises to be a fantastic night with lots of tanks to see plus a few of the behind the scenes tour by our guest Clive and Heidi. Don't forget the specials 20% store-wide discount only for the night for MASWA members! Pencil it down, save it on your phone, but whatever you do, don't miss this one. It is also most appropriate that it is also our Guest Speaker night so I believe our host will have lots to talk about on animal husbandry, etc.

Welcome to all our new members. Hope to see you at this month's meeting, or at one of our other upcoming events this year.

Ronald Tan

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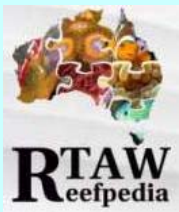
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RTAW Reefpedia

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

MASWA Calendar....

7:30pm, Wednesday 28th May – Guest Speaker Meeting
Host: Clive & Heidi, 2 Carson Rd, Malaga

Wednesday 25th June 2008
Special Raffle meeting
Host: David Sarre, South Perth

Wednesday 30th July
Frag Fest meeting
Host: ???

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Cash: Make cash payment in person only.

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Classifieds

Omnipure OMB-934-10M coconut carbon filter cartridge and 1 micron polyspun cartridge from PSI for sale. \$18 for a set of cartridges (carbon & polyspun) suitable for all PSI RO systems.

Sfiligoi Flite Chiller \$500 with brand new controller. Specification says that it is suitable for up to 500 litres with a temperature draw down of 5°C but to be on the safe side, I would recommend it for system up to 300 litres.

Contact: Ronald Tan - 0414725322 or email hydrocarbon@iprimus.com.au

Your stuff for sale here!

Please try to keep it aquarium related (equipment, fish, corals, etc)

Email a committee member to get your ad shown!



MASWA Message Board....

BUNBURY TANK CRAWL

MASWA will be organising a Bunbury tank crawl on Sunday the 15th of June.

If you have heard about the fame of those Bunbury folks and their fantastic tanks from some of the members who last went down South, you would have known what we are talking about.

They boast a total of 5 or more tanks by last count and they are all fantastic looking. Some would even say their corals are on steroids the way they are growing. There is even a MASA tank of the month amongst them and third place winner for MASA tank of the year.

Details will be forth coming as soon as they are available. So keep this day free on your calender for that trip down South.

NEW FRAG FEST CO-ORDINATOR

Daniel has kindly volunteered to be our frag fest co-ordinator. As soon as this is voted on at our next committee meeting, he will be made officially our frag fest co-ordinator, which we believe is just only a formality.

MASWA TEST KITS **Free water testing**

MASWA members are able to bring along water samples to any meeting and test their water.

This is handy to verify your own test kits, or to try a kit you don't have at home.

The kits are mainly Salifert tests and include pH, Calcium, Carbonate Hardness/ Alkalinity, Nitrate and Silicate.



Chris also brings along his Phosphate Light Meter and MASWA now has a Refractometer to test the salinity of your water.

This is a great free resource so be sure to take advantage of it.

If you are unsure of how to test your water, bring along about 100ml and ask for help (also free!)

DID YOU KNOW?

That Lungfish can stay dormant without water for months and even years.

Read more in the [Lungfish](#) article

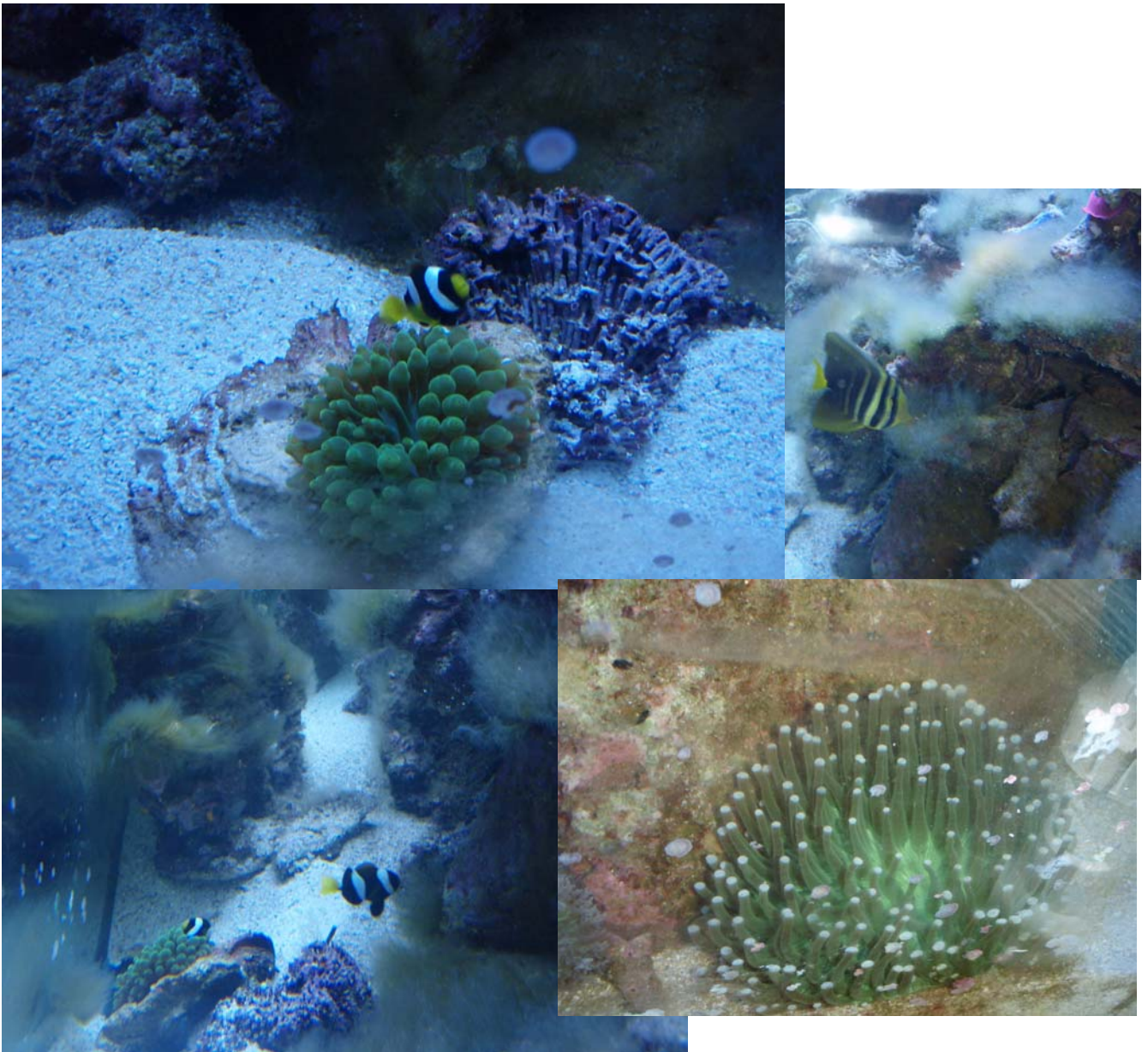


Last Months Meeting Rundown...

April's meeting was at Simon and Cathy's place in Morley. Simon is fairly new into marine tank and has a 4' x 2' x 2' tank situated in his laundry. I guess he place it there because he has too many other tanks in his living area. Maybe we can convince Simon to replace some of his cichlid tanks in his living room with a marine one is the future.☺

Only Daniel brought some frags and that was kindly donated to Simon to add to his collection. There was quite a good turnout for the evening but because our secretary wasn't there, we didn't have the exact number.

Congratulations to prize winners Chris Kolzan, Merylyn Taylor, Adrian, Lee McIntyre, Simon, Chris Stevens, Alex Taylor and Neil. Simon also took the door prize.

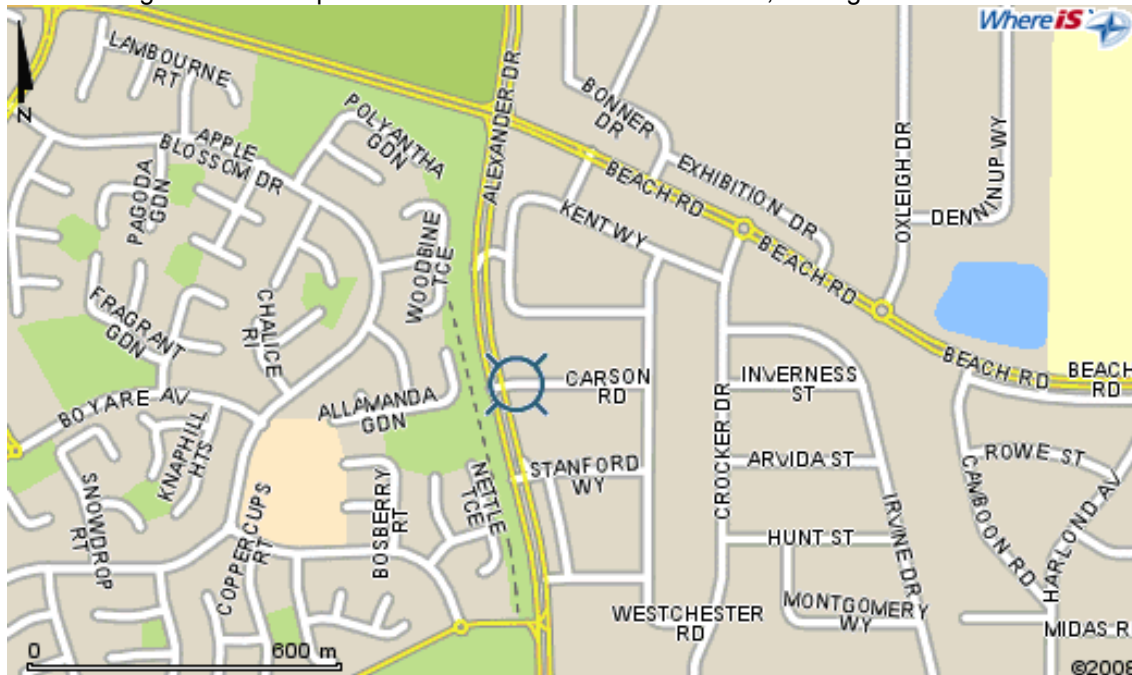


Upcoming Meeting Information....

May's meeting (Wednesday 28th) is at Manta Marine in Malaga. Manta Marine is one of MASWA's corporate sponsors and being a LFS, you will be sure to have a lot of tanks and livestock to see. Clive and Heidi has also put out a 20% store wide discount for MASWA member just for the evening, so don't miss out on this great offer.

The meeting is also our **Guest Speaker meeting** (see "What is a Guest Speaker" box below) and we are sure that Clive and Heidi will have a lot to tell us having been in the trade for quite a few years.

The meeting starts at 7:30pm and the address is 2 Carson Road, Malaga.



Hope to see you all there!

Formalities to the meeting will be:

- President address
- Introduce new members
- Host's Talk on His Tank
- Door Prize
- Guest Speaker
- General Discussion
- Raffle Drawn
- Wind-up

Guest Speaker

We haven't been told what our Guest Speaker will be talking about but as our Guest are owners of LFS, I believe there will be lots of animal husbandry and maintenance in general plus anything thing else you might throw at them.

Fishy Links And News

From 'Reefing the Australian Way' Forum ...

Natural SW versus Artificial SW

This has come up now and again, which is better?
Judge for yourself.

Power Bill \$800?

We've all know about the hit to the wallet when you first receive your power bill. Get set for more pain when the pricing cap is removed next year!

A lesson in electrical theory and RCDs

You can never know too much when it comes to electrical safety.

Is yours bigger than mine?

Guys are always comparing!!!

Commercial Breeding of Banggai Cardinals

The lovely Banggai Cardinals.



Feature Articles

Top Ten Excuses You Use To Talk Yourself Into Going To The Fish Store...

- 10) I did just get my tax return...
- 9) I'm supporting the economy!
- 8) My tank is already stocked; I just want to see what they have. . .
- 1) But honey, the kids said they wanted to go look at the pretty fishies!

Read them all here: <http://reefkeeping.com/issues/2008-05/tt/index.php>.

Natural Filtration Part 2

Still Rockin'

At the same time that last month's column was released there was a thread in the [New to the Hobby Forum](#) talking about curing live rock. It was a lively exchange and various views were presented. One of the threads questioned the need for water changes and using separate curing vats. The objection being that it cost far too much money for equipment and salt mix...

The continuation to last month's article about Natural Filtration from the same author.



Read the full article at <http://reefkeeping.com/issues/2008-05/newbie/index.php>

MASWA Sponsors....

MASWA now has ten commercial sponsors! MASWA sponsors receive an advertisement (for monthly specials, etc) and a banner in the newsletter each month. Depending upon what has been agreed with the sponsor they may offer MASWA such things as member discounts, donations of goods, gift vouchers or special offers.

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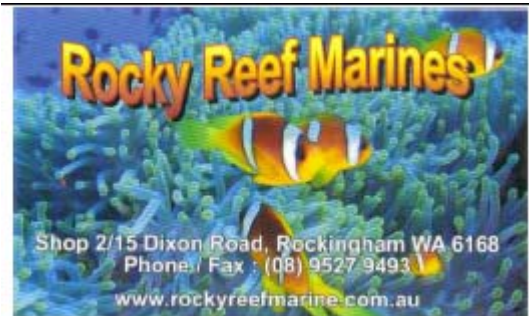
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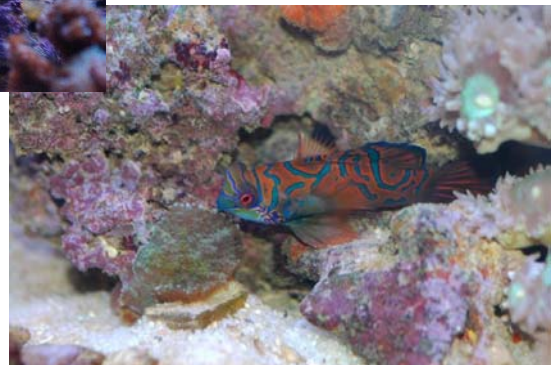
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Eye Candy....

RTAW's Tank of the Month – April 2008....



Check out <http://www.masa.asn.au/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=190048> for the full write up and more pics.

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