

MASWA Newsletter

(September 2000)

ATTENTION: This month's MASWA meeting is Wednesday, **27th September**. Check your calendar, because it could be the day you receive this!!!

This Month's Meeting

The meeting will be held at Steve Toft's house. Steve's will be the first fish-only aquarium (and apparently, its quite large) that we have seen at a host's house, so it should be a nice change from the usual reef setups that we normally see each month.

The address is **21 Tillingdon Way, Morley**. The meeting will begin at **7.30pm**.

Last Month's Meeting

The last meeting was at David Bloch's house. David has a 4'L x 2'T x 2.5'W reef tank that is absolutely spectacular. Most members have seen David's tank before and the newer members had heard rumour about how amazing it is, and consequently, there was a huge turnout - David's dining room was totally packed. It was good to see some new people come along and even some old faces that we haven't see much of late.

Corals of the World

Those people who put their name down to order a copy of Corals of the World, now is the time to pay up. You are:

Greg Weryk, David Bloch, Paul Groves (for Underwater World), Grant Magill, David Lee, Darren Collins, Stephen May, Paul Tayler, Frank Krause, Kevin Horner and Wayne.

Please bring along \$145 to the meeting this week. I don't mind if you pay with cash, personal cheque or credit card. Credit card payments will be made to Reefs Downunder and will incur an extra 4% charge (\$5.80) on top of the \$145, because that is what the bank charges Reefs Downunder to process credit card transactions. As nobody except Australian Institute of Marine Science is making a profit out of this, it is only fair that Reefs Downunder doesn't have to foot the bill for others convenience.

PLEASE NOTE: This order has been charged to my **PERSONAL** credit card and therefore, I have to pay any late fees and interest incurred if the order isn't paid in full by the 6th of October. Therefore, if I haven't received a payment for your order by 6th October, I will be forced to pass on an appropriate portion of these charges to you. So, if you can't make it to the meeting this week, please send your cheque or credit card details to:

Nathan Cope
21A Norton St
South Perth WA 6151

The Credit Card details needed are:

- Credit Card Number
- Expiry Date
- Name on Card
- A short note underneath the above details saying, "Please charge \$150.80 to my credit card (using above details) as payment for one copy of Corals of the World".
- Your signature under the note.

The books have not yet arrived as they are not due to be published until next month, but I expect that they should be here at the latest by the November meeting, but hopefully the October meeting.

Live Sand Samples Please!

As some of you would know, a couple of months ago, I had a “cuke nuke” event which was followed by the slow decay of my system (despite numerous “fixes” being thrown at it) and eventually the complete failure of the system and loss of several fish and corals. This resulted in a 3 day marathon event, with an incredible effort put in by Jan Anderson and Tony Fiorentino (who both came to my aid at extremely short notice), where my tank was torn down and rebuilt. Everything was removed, including sand and water, the rock was scrubbed free of algae. The water was then replaced (thanks to David Bloch for his help at the Underwater World end of this adventure and for Frank Krause for lending me tubs for scrubbing rock in and his amazing “rapid heater” that brought hundreds of litres of water up to temperature VERY quickly) and new “dead” sand added.

The tank has almost stabilised but is basically going through a mini cycling event now. Despite that, everything is looking MUCH better and some corals that I was sure didn't have much time left have virtually come back from the dead.

What I really need now, though, is some life to go into the “dead” sand. So, what I am requesting is that those members who have stable tanks with live sand beds, would you please bring a cup or two (depending on the size of your system) of your live sand along to this week's meeting so that I can dump it into my tank and give my sand bed a good kick start?

Some Cheap Pumps

Reefs Downunder has two pumps in stock that have been used once by customers and then returned. There is nothing wrong with the pumps, they just weren't suitable for what the customers wanted to use them for (one was too strong and the other wasn't strong enough for the applications the customers tried them on).

Reefs Downunder doesn't like to hold a lot of stock on hand and we can't rightly sell these as new items any more, so what we normally do in this circumstance is offer the items at a discounted rate of 20% on our web site.

It occurred to me that I should give MASWA members (excluding the two people that originally bought these items) first shot at these pumps before they are put out to the general public, though. Remember, there is nothing actually wrong with them, they do what they are supposed to do, they are still in their original boxes, are clean, all parts are still with them and full warranty still applies, they just aren't brand new. It will be first come - first served with these two items, so let me know quickly if you want them. You can contact me on 0416 09 2000 or try your luck at the meeting. Here are the details:

- 1 only Laguna 5 Utility Pump (must run submerged)
4850 L/h 55W
Reefs Downunder's normal retail price: \$191.85
This unit is selling for: \$153.45
- 1 only Pond Master 2100 (can run above or below water)
2100 L/h 50W (2 year warranty)
Reefs Downunder's normal retail price: \$136.85
This unit is selling for: \$109.45

If you have something second-hand that you would like to sell through the MASWA newsletter, please let me know and it will appear in the next month's edition.

Raffle Time

Last meeting

Seven prizes were up for grabs at the August meeting; 115mL bottle of Kent "Zoe Marine" vitamin and mineral supplement/food additive, 2 x Grey Nurse shark teeth!, 2 x Lettuce Clips, a 250g jar of InstaKalk calcium hydroxide and a bottle of MelaFix all purpose remedy.

Darren and Rob both took sharks teeth, Frank and Steve Tofts took Lettuce Clips, Debbi got the InstaKalk, Jan took the Zoe Marine and lastly Sid grabbed the Mela Fix

This meeting

This month's prizes are: a 250g jar of InstaKalk calcium hydroxide, 2 x Lettuce Clips, a 115mL bottle of Kent "Zoe Marine" vitamin and mineral supplement/food additive and a 250mL jar of Seachem "MatrixCarbon" unique spherical carbon. A \$2 raffle ticket puts you in the draw to pick one of 5 great prizes!

That's All Folks

Unfortunately, no articles were received for this month's newsletter, so it is a bit bare. Please everyone, send in something to add to the newsletter. It doesn't have to be huge, it just has to be relevant to marine life.

Upcoming Meetings

September 27th: Steve Tofts
21 Tillingdon Way
Morley
October 25th: Grant Magill
November 29th: Fremantle OceanFarm
December 20th: Nathan Cope

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MASWA Membership

Currently MASWA requests an annual \$20 donation from members, \$10 for 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.

Friends in Common

Jan Anderson, David Bloch, Darren & Raqual Collins, Nathan Cope, Andy Dolphin, Tony Fiorentino, Achille Gaglia, Paul Groves, Sid Harrison, Sean Hooper, Frank & Ben Krause, David Lee, Grant Magill, Phil & Caron Melvin, Phil Searle, Ronald Tan, Steve Tofts, Greg Weryk, Rick White.

If you've paid your money and your name is not on this list, tell David! Members on the web should check they are on the web site members list.

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 current editor, Nathan Cope. Remember, this is your newsletter.

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