

# MASWA

## Newsletter

November 2001

**ATTENTION:** This months **MASWA** meeting is on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**. Check your calendar, because it could be the day you receive this!!!

### **THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

The November meeting will be held at AQWA (Aquarium of Western Australia), formally Underwater World. We last held a meeting at AQWA a few years ago and it was a great night. Unfortunately for us this is not a "get in the back" and have a free look at AQWA! We won't have the chance to look at the upstairs displays however we will be shown the pumping and filtration facilities of the main aquarium, check out a surface feeding frenzy in the big tank, look at the plankton harvesting net in Harbour Cove and look at what critters we have hiding the quarantine tanks. As usual there will be a raffle, drinks and snacks.

The address for the aquarium (in case you don't know where it is!) is **91 Southside Drive Hillarys Boat Harbour**. Follow the internal harbour road around until you see the aquarium building then keep on driving around the back. We will be meeting outside the back door just past the overhead black footbridge that leads to Harbour Cove. If you are going to be late please ring up and let me know on 0412079886 as once we are inside you will not be able to contact us. Doors shut at 7.45pm so be on time!

### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

By Nathan Cope

Our October meeting was held at Sid's place in North Beach. It was a great meeting with a good turnout of members. Sid impressed us all with his laid back and relaxed reefkeeping attitude and had us drooling over his Lotus sports car in the garage. We were all impressed by his chest-freezer sump too!

Sid's tank was looking really good and has progressed nicely since we last saw it. His nitrate and algae problems have disappeared and his system has reached a good level of stability. Of interest to a few members was the design of Sid's water return. He has used a pipe running the length of his tank with small nozzles every few centimetres.

As a note of interest – Sid recently found a fire-tail goby in his sump! It had been living there for some time and apparently was in a good condition with a nice fat belly. This fish had supposedly disappeared some time ago!

### **MASWA NEWS**

- We would like to thank those members who paid their yearly membership donation for 2002. Your effort is greatly appreciated. We urge any other members who have not yet paid to do so at the next meeting or else we will send Paul Tayler (our Treasurer) out to beat you up!

Our membership donation remains unchanged from last year at \$22.00 adults, \$11.00 children, and \$12 half-year membership. Please rejoin MASWA as soon as you can as we cannot carry any unfinancial members past January 2002.

- The MASWA committee has been working hard over the last few months to try and develop and organise this aquarium society into something better. Our first step has been achieved. We have come up with a set of MASWA objectives which are:

The Marine Aquarists Society of Western Australia strives to protect and promote the interests of marine aquarists by:

1. Providing a forum where members can exchange information and experiences relating to the keeping and breeding of marine organisms,
2. Encouraging continual improvement in marine aquarium husbandry,
3. Promoting environmentally sustainable collection practices
4. Encouraging the captive breeding or propagating of marine organisms and facilitating their exchange,
5. Promoting a greater understanding of marine creatures and their environments by hobbyists and the public,
6. Promoting, endorsing and supporting legislation, activities or other measures that may benefit the hobby,
7. Opposing and challenging legislation, activities or other measures that may adversely affect the hobby,
8. Notwithstanding the above, encouraging hobbyists and hobby-related commercial entities to adhere to relevant legislation, and
9. Representing marine aquarists at any conference held by associations, government departments or other bodies.

## **THE MASWA GUIDE TO THE PERFECT AQUARIUM**

By Sid Harrison

Thankyou to all who contributed to the first instalment of our MASWA aquarium guide. Your input is most appreciated. The next instalment has arrived. This month we want to know any of your tips, tricks, good ideas, bad ideas regarding marine aquarium/reef aquarium filtration. Any information is useful – no matter how big or how small it may seem to you.

Don't worry about having to type it out or write it up as a report or essay! Jottings or scribbles are all we need! The information can be in any form.

If you have any ideas still on our fist topic – the tank ie, placement, dimensions, size etc please feel free to include those too.

This information can be brought along to the meetings or snail mailed to Sid @ 9 Wilberforce Street, North Beach 6020.

<p><b>Upcoming Meetings</b> November 28<sup>th</sup> : <b>AQWA</b> <b>91 Southside Drive</b> <b>Hillarys Boat Harbour</b></p> <p>December 19<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Meeting – Nathan's place</p> <p>January 2002..... February 2002</p> <p><b>MASWA's World Wide Web address</b> The web address: <a href="http://www.i-focas.ic24.net/maswa/index.html">http://www.i-focas.ic24.net/maswa/index.html</a></p> <p><b>General Inquiries</b> To Nathan Cope E-mail address: <a href="mailto:ncope@ingeniousresources.com.au">ncope@ingeniousresources.com.au</a> Phone: (08) 9367 9251 a/h or 0416 09 2000 b/h</p> <p><b>Membership and Newsletter Inquiries</b> To David Bloch E-mail address: <a href="mailto:aguattech@iinet.net.au">aguattech@iinet.net.au</a> Phone: (08) 9375 2438 a/h or 0412 07 9886 b/h</p> <p><b>Treasury Inquiries</b> To Paul Tayler E-mail address: <a href="mailto:pmtayler@p085.aone.net.au">pmtayler@p085.aone.net.au</a> Phone on (08) 9381 7827 a/h or 0419 90 8264 b/h</p>	<p><b>MASWA Membership</b> Currently MASWA requests an annual \$22 donation from adult members, \$11 from 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.</p> <p><b>Friends in Common</b> Tom Devilee, Jan Anderson, Lissa Beaufond, David Bloch, Darren &amp; Raqual Collins, Nathan Cope, Andy Dolphin, Tony Fiorentino, Paul Groves, Sid Harrison, Robert Harwood, Simon Hawke, Frank &amp; Ben Krause, David Lee, Grant Magill, Phil &amp; Caron Melvin, Wayne Mothershaw, John Ryan, Phil Searle, Ronald Tan, Paul Tayler, Greg Weryk.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>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, David Bloch. Remember, this is your newsletter.</i></p>
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