



The Living Reef
December 2004 - CHRISTMAS MEETING!

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MASWA Meeting Calendar....

Sunday 12th December 2004

Tony Fiorentino

13 Andrews Court, Padbury

X-MAS Meeting

26th January 2005 – **Paul Tayler (AGM)**

23rd February 2005 - ?

30th March 2005 - ?

**Meetings start @ 7:30pm, Formalities begin @ 8:00pm
 unless otherwise stated!**

November Meeting Rundown....

It was fantastic to see a member's tank that we had not seen before. In fact when walking into Bryan's home I mistook his wife's seahorse tank for his aquarium and was somewhat disappointed as I heard lots of good things about this aquarium. Once I got a little closer I spotted Bryan's tank and was pleasantly surprised and relieved!

Bryan's tank is cleverly designed and incorporates a pair of Tunze Turbelle Stream pumps and controller and outdoor sump complete with calcium reactor, protein skimmer, refugeum and coil denitrator. The tank is lit by two 400watt Radium Blue Metal halide lamps. The most striking feature of this aquarium however is the quietness – not a peep thanks to having all the filtration located outdoors! For a deep and narrow tank Bryan has done a great job at arranging the coral and rock. The coral and fish are all healthy and testament to this is that Bryan has not lost a single fish in two years! Like most aquarium owners however, Bryan's tank is not perfect and his letdown is a problem he has with phosphate. The levels are under control now but in the past have been too high.

I would like to thank Bryan for hosting the meeting and especially thank Peter Fullarton for donating some great corals to the raffle table. Thankyou to everyone who came along and hope to see you all at last meeting for 2004, the annual Christmas meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

Cheque: Make all cheques payable to Paul M. Tayler.

EFT: Make all EFT transfers to: **BSB 086 217 A/C # 69355**

1664 (please include your name on all EFT transfers!).

Cash: Make payment in person only.

Postal Address:

Paul Tayler (MASWA Treasurer)

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Shenton Park WA 6008

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter please don't hesitate to contact the Newsletter Editor, David Bloch on the phone number or email address listed above. Contributions to the newsletter need to be received no later than 10 days prior to the next meeting date.

November Meeting Information....

Our annual Christmas meeting will break from tradition this year and move to the home of our treasured *Vice President*, Tony "Uncle Arthur" Fiorentino. Unlike most of us, Tony has been part of MASWA almost since its inception many years ago. He has gone through every phase of the hobby and has built and tried many new wiz bang gadgets along the way.

After many years of tinkering and playing Tony found the Holy Grail for his aquarium earlier this year, a skylight! Since setting this up the inhabitants of his aquarium have thrived and are now looking better than ever.

This year we are forgoing the annual trophies but will still be handing out awards for the King Fragger of the year, the Newsletter Article Prize and a few silly and humorous awards.

To bring the year to an end we are going to hold a huge raffle, one like no other before. With a total prize pool of \$400 this raffle is a little ripper! As an added incentive anyone who has already paid or is going to pay their membership subscription for next year will receive an extra raffle ticket! A door prize will also be given away as usual.

This year our Christmas meeting will be held on a Sunday at 1pm. A sausage sizzle BBQ with drinks and nibbles will be provided. The address of Tony's home is **13 Andrews Court, Padbury**. **Don't forget, the meeting starts at 1pm on Sunday!!!**

MASWA Sponsors....

It's official, MASWA now has **TWO** commercial sponsors with more to come. MASWA sponsors get an A5 sized ad and a banner in the newsletter each month. The advertisement can be used to advertise monthly specials etc. 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.

Advertisements in The Living Reef do not necessarily reflect MASWA's endorsement of any product, service or advice offered by the advertised business. If you would like to advertise in The Living Reef, please contact Nigel Clark (Social Coordinator) on 0412 412 681 or email:

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Reef Online has generously donated several prizes for MASWA to use as we wish throughout the year PLUS an extra 5% MASWA discount on top of the existing 5% MASA discount (ie, MASWA members now get a 10% discount from the Reef Online store.

Web: www.reefonline.com.au



Marine West has generously donated \$50 worth of gift vouchers each month to MASWA.

Address:

Unit 1, 29 McIntyre Way, Kenwick, WA 6107

Tue-Sun 10:00am- 5:00pm

Tel/Fax: (08) 9493-0966

Email: pjwdrw@bigpond.com

Web: www.marinewest.com.au

MASWA Message Board....

GET READY FOR THE AGM IN JANUARY!

Time is getting closer to the most important event in the MASWA calendar, the AGM. The AGM will be run in January 2005 at the first general meeting of the year. This is the first year in which we have run MASWA with a full committee and we would like to see the same happen in 2005. The Positions in the MASWA committee are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Webmaster

Social Coordinator

FragFest Coordinator

Librarian

Science Officer

What does it mean to be a MASWA committee member? For six days a year (every second month) you get to take an active role in the running of MASWA. You also get to sample the delights of Marilyn's cooking (Paul Taylor's wife). The pay is crap - \$0.0 however the social interaction and "stories" you hear are very entertaining!

To be in the committee you need to be nominated either by yourself or someone else, and if no one else is nominated for that position you are elected to that position. If there are other nominees then a vote is taken by the members for the successful candidate for the position.

If you think you have what it takes and are keen to help out then please talk to a committee member at the upcoming meeting and make your intentions known

MASWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005 IS NOW DUE!

The end of the year is quickly approaching and membership subscriptions for MASWA 2005 are now due. 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 January 2005 meeting you will be struck off the membership register and receive no more newsletters! For payment options please see the "MASWA Contact Info" on page 2.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

If anyone has any books, hardware, livestock or any bits and pieces they wish to get rid of how about donating them to the raffle table? All the monies raised in the raffle go

back into MASWA so the better the raffle the better the prizes and the more we can do during the year.

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 Nigel Clark (Social Coordinator) for your free door prize ticket.

MASWA 2004 ARTICLE PRIZE!

To try and encourage members to get actively involved we have decided to offer a \$100 prize to the person who has contributed the most hobby related articles, cartoons or jokes etc to the MASWA 2004 newsletters. The content must be suitable for general audiences (no rude jokes Nigel and Tony! Ed.). The winner will be announced at the upcoming **December 2004 CHRISTMAS** meeting. The race may now be over but there is always next year!!

For Sale, Swap and Wanted to Buy....

FOR SALE:

10 ft tank, skimmer, calc reactor, lights, rock and fish.

Asking Price \$2000

Contact **Terry Peake** at terry@auscyber.net if you are interested.

FOR SALE:

Acrylic tanks – suitable for algal and rotifer culture.

Asking Price ? Make an offer!

Contact **Nigel Clark** on **0412 412 681** if you are interested.

WANTED TO BUY:

Second hand Chiller to fit 250 Litre tank

Contact: **Andrew Brandreth** on **0423 801 552** or email bsa@powerdsl.com.au.



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



As part of the sponsorship agreement with MASWA, Reef Online are offering 10% discount to MASWA financial members on everything in the store. This is not an introductory offer, this offer will be in place for as long as the agreement is in place!

Reef Online prides itself on selling only the best in Aquarium equipment, such as AquaFX Water Filters, Korallin Calcium Reactors, AquaC Protein Skimmers, Salifert Test Kits, and only the best book titles... many of which are not available anywhere else in Australia!



Check us out at <http://www.reefonline.com.au> and see what all the fuss is about!
No web access, no problem... give Natalie a call on 0408 530 934!



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Membership Application / Change of Details Form 2005

Office Use Only

* Membership No.	* Application Date: / /
* Annual Membership (pro-rata for remaining months of the calendar year @ \$2 per meeting):	
General - \$24 θ	Country/Associate - \$12 θ
Pro-rata - \$ θ	

Items below marked with a * are mandatory.

Name (Family Name must be included)*:

Address*:

Postcode*:

Telephone No. (H)*:

Telephone No. (W):

Mobile No.:

Email Address (no Hotmail addresses):

I wish to receive the MASWA Newsletter via*: Email Post

Answering the following questions is not mandatory, but it does help the society in preparing articles, presentations and tours for future newsletters and meetings.

Where did you first hear about MASWA? _____

How many marine aquariums do you have? _____

Would you like one of the experienced MASWA members to guide you in setting up/improving your aquarium? **Yes** **No**

Is there a particular area of marine aquaria that you feel you need help with/more info. on?

What are you hoping to gain by joining MASWA?

Date*:

Signature*:

Payment can be made by:

CHEQUE - make cheques payable to the MASWA treasurer, **Paul Tayler**

EFT - BSB 086 217, A/C # 69355 1664 (please include your name on all EFT transfers!).

Send applications to:

MASWA Membership Applications
C/o Paul Tayler
PO Box 7185
Shenton Park WA 6008

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