



The Living Reef

January 2005 - AGM!

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MASWA Meeting Calendar....

SUNDAY 30th January 2005 – Paul Tayler
333A Railway Road Shenton Park
AGM

February ?

March ?

April ?

Sunday Meetings start from 2.00pm, Formalities begin @ 2:30pm!

It's Been Fun, But It's Now Time For A Change....

By Nathan Cope

As most of you will now know, I have decided to step down from my position as President of MASWA. The reasons are threefold;

- MASWA has reached the goals I set out to achieve when I first took on the role 5 years ago (at that time, my role wasn't official as MASWA had no committee),
- Other commitments mean that the amount of time I can devote to MASWA is limited, and
- I feel that MASWA can probably go on to bigger and better things when piloted by someone with fresh ideas and a new hold on the reigns.

It's amazing to think how MASWA has changed since I joined back in 1996. To begin with, there was no MASWA committee and therefore, no president. There was a man by the name of Andy Dolphin, though, who wrote the MASWA newsletter. As the newsletter editor was the only official role in the society, he was essentially seen as MASWA's president. He handled memberships and payments, found and wrote articles for the newsletter, put it together, printed and mailed it, organized occasional snorkel and dive trips (that frustratingly were never attended by

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more than half a dozen people), coordinated where the meetings would be held and bought drinks and nibbles for the meetings. The newsletter was the biggest workload back then, and even though it was only published every second month, meetings were still held monthly (on Thursday's). There wasn't much to meetings - we just got together as a group of like-minded friends, talked about the hobby and oohed and ahed over the host's aquarium. At the end of 1999, Andy left MASWA (and the hobby) and I took over the role of Newsletter Editor/President.

Since then, some of the more significant and/or memorable things that have become regular parts of MASWA or that MASWA members have experienced or been a part of, are as follows (in no particular order):

- Newsletter being published monthly and the introduction of monthly raffle prizes.
- Name badges being created for each member so that with the increase in membership numbers, we could remember each others names.
- A special raffle with more expensive prizes being held every 4 months and the introduction of door prizes.
- A FragFest every 4 months to encourage propagation of marine animals.
- A formal presentation by the host of each meeting about his/her aquarium.
- The formation of the MASWA Committee.
- The ratification of MASWA's Objects of Association.
- MASWA getting free advertisement through flyers at aquarium stores.
- Annual Christmas parties with sausage sizzles and presentation of annual awards.
- The formation of the Australian online resource, RTAW.
- Official recognition of MASWA by the WA Minister for Fisheries, Kim Chance, in January 2001 as "a well recognized and respected body, with a keen interest in the marine environment".
- Several years of MASWA negotiating with and helping of the WA Fisheries Department in regards to a mutually acceptable solution to hobbyists' collection of coral and live rock.
- A permanent ban on the recreational collection of coral and live rock as a political stunt by the WA Minister for Fisheries in 2004.
- Survival of the hobby after "Finding Nemo" was released.
- Underwater World becoming AQWA.
- MASWA getting sponsors (Reef Online was the first but now we have Marine West and, from this year, Ocean Water Supply).
- Formation of MASA and provision of free web hosting for all Australian societies.

REEFY HINTS & TIPS

If you make your own blended frozen fish food try freezing it in ice cube trays or empty frozen fish food "cube" trays. That way you wont have to break frozen sheets of food and make a mess!

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Cash: Make payment in person only.

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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.

Treasures Report 2004....

Paul is a man of few words but many numbers. Being MASWA's esteemed Treasurer he has diligently worked crunching the numbers of our tidy non profit organisation for 2004 and reached the grand balance of: **\$1310.30**.

This small fortune will ensure the ongoing support of the MASWA members through 2005 with bigger and better raffle prizes and lots of new and exciting ideas and surprises

I was going to include all the figures and other tripe but was totally board out of my mind by it all. If you would like to see our official treasury documentation and reports please feel free to chat to Paul and he will give you a gander.

December Meeting Rundown....

The MASWA year ended in a blast with an aquarium that changed the way most people thought about lighting. Tony's tank looked amazing with the ultimate light, natural sunshine pouring in by the bucket load! In fact the light was bright enough to overpower a 400 watt AB 13000K Metal halide light. Tony's double glazed skylight was a great hit and I suspect he will be getting many enquiring emails and phone calls in the upcoming months!

Being our final meeting for the year and coinciding with Christmas we had a BBQ and lots of food and drink. We also had an extra special raffle draw and door prize and to everyone's surprise our winners were not Dion, Elmer or Nigel! Prizes won included some awesome books, Tunze glass cleaning magnets, gift vouchers, a fishy ceramic thingy (talk to Maria if you liked it) and some nice corals donated by Peter from [Oceanarium](#).

All good things must come to an end and last month our President, Nathan Cope announced that he was standing down from his position at the end of 2004. Nathan did a great job to get us to where we are now and I am sure he will make a great Vice President this year!

Thankyou to everyone who attended and especially Maria and Peter for donating prizes to the raffle, our Sponsors [Marine West](#) and [Reefonline](#) who donated gift vouchers, Mrs Cruella Tayler for organising the drinks and nibbles and last but not least, Tony our favourite joke and story telling handyman cum Vice President for cooking up the snags and providing such a great meeting venue.

REEFY HINTS & TIPS

I am clean out of hints and tips so if anyone has any please send them to the 2005 Newsletter Editor (not me)!!!

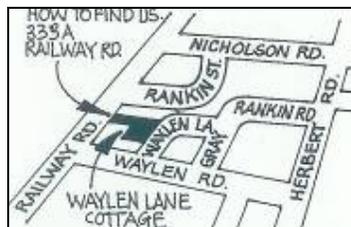
January Meeting Information....

The yearly January AGM has arrived again but that does not mean we won't have any fun at the happy home of Paul, Cruella and Brat Tayler. In fact I hear that Cruella will be cooking up a storm with all manner of goodies and treats to eat!

This year our AGM will be very important as both Nathan and myself will be standing down from our positions. I am unsure as to whether Nathan or myself will take up another position on the committee. The two positions of President and Editor are very important and if they are not filled there is no guarantee that MASWA will be able to go on so think about what MASWA means to you and if you think you have the time and enthusiasm to take on the challenge then go for it.

This year we have a new sponsor, **Ocean Water Supply**. Every month Dion from **OWS** will be donating a water change up to the value of **\$50** to the raffle. This means that we now have even more prizes to win than ever before!

Anyone who has been to the Tayler house before will know that it is a real bitch to find the first time you go there. Please make sure you look at the map below before you embark on your journey if you have not been there before. The house is not accessible from Railway Road. The entrance to the house is on Waylen Lane which runs off Waylen Road. Please don't park in the lane as it is very narrow and may block access to other vehicles. Ample parking is available on Waylen Road. The meeting is on **SUNDAY 30th JANUARY @ 2:00pm**. The address of the meeting is **333A Railway Road Shenton Park**.



Please make the effort to attend the meeting for our once a year AGM. Hope to see you all there.

MASWA Sponsors....

It's official, MASWA now has three commercial sponsors! MASWA sponsors get an advertisement 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: dovetails@primus.com.au.



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



Ocean Water Supply has generously donated a water change to the value of \$50 every month to the MASWA raffle!

Contact Number: 1300 550 171

MASWA Message Board....

AGM THIS MONTH!

The AGM will be run in the upcoming January general meeting. We ran the committee with all positions filled last year and would love to do the same this year too. The Positions in the MASWA committee are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Webmaster

Social Coordinator

Fragfest Coordinator

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

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 MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005 IS NOW DUE!

2004 is now over and this is your last chance to pay your membership subscription for 2005. 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.

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA (Sunday Afternoons)

For those new members who have not been with us long or perspective visitors/members reading this for the first time below is a rough agenda of what happens at a MASWA meeting:

2:00pm: socialise and catch up with friends, introductions of visitors and new members to everyone by social coordinator and other committee members.

2:30pm: opening of meeting, formal introduction by president, welcome visitors and new members.

3:00pm: introduce host, host presentation of aquarium.

3:30pm: draw raffle and if appropriate start "fragfest" or guest speaker talk/presentation.

4:30pm: draw meeting to a close.

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 2005 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 2005 newsletters. The content must be suitable for general audiences (no rude jokes Nigel and Tony! Ed.). The winner will be announced at the **December 2005 CHRISTMAS** meeting.

Spouses Dictionary of Reefkeeping....

By Charles DeVito (with input from wife, Laura)

Charlie DeVito was a regular contributor to the now defunct World Wide Web's Reefkeepers' Mailing List and a member of the Marine Aquarium Society of Los Angeles (MASLA). Charlie specialises in "Nano" tanks. After a couple of years communicating via email, Nathan and his wife Niloufar, got a chance to meet Charlie and Laura when they visited the US in 1998. They say the pair were real cards and as proof, here is a sample of Charlie and Laura's own special brand of marine aquarium humour (some terms may not be so familiar any more as this was written 5 years ago):

Venturi -- a term applied to any piece of equipment that will cost more than the monthly car payment.

"Live" -- a term used to denote high priced rocks, sand and other inanimate matter imported from halfway around the world that in most ways resembles the same matter you can pick up for free in your own backyard.

Metal Halides -- the reason we didn't get the new car.

Vroliki's Angel -- a reasonably priced dwarf angel fish.

Centropyge vrolikii -- a ridiculously over priced dwarf angel fish.

Check Valve -- the very pricey doohickey designed to prevent flooding the carpets with saltwater, which didn't work as the husband isn't a plumber.

Slime Algae -- often, this term has become synonymous with "the other woman". Whenever it is brought up, it becomes the subject of a great deal of time, personal attention and expense.

MASLA -- Masochistic Animal Slaves Living in Agony. Kind of a self-hinder (rather than self-help) group, this is a club where reefkeepers can go to validate the ridiculous expenses their hobby entails with similarly deluded individuals. Gentlemen, the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem.

Very High Output (VHO) -- description of the sounds you made when the husband walked in and proudly displayed the 2" coral fragment he just bought for \$200.

Head -- measure of depth pressure on a pump. As long as the husband is buying \$200 specimens, that's all it will mean, too.

Iodine Additions -- required additive whenever something thrown at the husband in a rage over the flooded carpet gives him a cut.

Vital Gold -- required additive at birthdays and anniversaries to keep you from leaving your husband and marrying your fitness instructor.

Fishy Links and News....

Deepest U.S. Reef Found

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) -- Marine researchers have discovered the deepest coral reef ever found in the United States in about 250 feet of water off the Florida coast.

The discovery in the Gulf of Mexico was announced last month by the U.S. Geological Survey.

It was tentatively identified as a coral reef in 1999 by a team from the University of South Florida. But it took several more years of research to confirm it as a living reef that depends on light filtering down from the surface.

"We were all blown away by this bizarre, flat, living sea floor covered with blue and brown corals and lettuce-like green algae," researcher Bret Jarrett said of seeing live video from an unmanned submersible.

The video revealed a stunning number of fish, both deep and shallow water species: giant red grouper, scamp, damselfish, angelfish, rock beauty, hogfish and bass.

The reef is on Pulley Ridge, a vast area west of the Dry Tortugas, a cluster of seven islands 70 miles west of Key West. The reef is up to three miles wide and runs for about 20 miles.

Shallow-water reefs tend to grow vertically, like those off the Florida Keys. Pulley Ridge coral grows flat because it has adapted to the low light.

"Corals require light to grow, and so they spread out laterally as opposed to vertically," Jarrett said. "They've adapted to the situation, they've maximized the sunlight."

Officials who oversee the gulf are now wondering how to preserve the reef.

The scientists' research has been presented to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which will decide in the coming months whether to restrict fishing or trawling in the area.

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/science/01/02/deepest.reef.ap/index.html>

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

TWO AQWA DIVE/SNORKEL WITH THE SHARK GIFT VOUCHERS INC. ALL GEAR HIRE

How doest a dive or snorkel with a 3 metre plus Grey Nurse shark sound? Come along and have the thrill of your life. There are **TWO** gift vouchers available at **\$80 each!** They are normally worth **\$120 each!** If you are interested please email David @: fishnut@optusnet.com.au.

SALIFERT TEST KITS

Various Salifert test kits for sale. All are brand new and still in date. They will be available at the upcoming January meeting at **\$10 each**. If you are interested please see Simon Hawke.



<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!
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Membership Application / Change of Details Form 2005

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* Membership No.

* Application Date: / /

* Annual Membership (pro-rata for remaining months of the calendar year @ \$2 per meeting):

General - \$24

Country/Associate - \$12

Pro-rata - \$

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:

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