



## The Living Reef

May 2006 – Frag Fest X  
Wednesday 31st 7.30pm

It happens to everyone, the enthusiasm for their aquarium wains and they get stale. This is a normal part of the cycle of owning an aquarium. Fortunately for us that's where MASWA can help. Have you ever come home from a meeting and thought to yourself how good that aquarium looked? Doesn't it inspire you to improve or change your aquarium? I bet the answer is yes. If not then you obviously have the best and most perfect aquarium and if we haven't had a meeting at your place yet we want to! Seeing what other people have achieved and how they have

achieved this is the best way to pickup new ideas and concepts. Nothing beats seeing a really well setup tank and then going home to your algae covered neglected reef with just a spark of enthusiasm and a head full of ideas!

Oh and don't forget your ticket money for the Quiz Night when you are being inspired at our next meeting venue

Enjoy  
Chris

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## MASWA Meeting Calendar....

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Grant Roncevich  
26 Barrington St  
Spearwood  
Frag Fest X  
7.30pm

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night  
Shenton Park Community Hall  
240 Onslow Rd  
Shenton Park  
Tickets \$10 P/P

July 26<sup>th</sup> - ???????  
Guess Speaker

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Brendan Chua  
Frag Fest XI

*We need a venue for July so please don't be shy*

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## MASWA Message Board....

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter please don't hesitate to contact the new Newsletter Editor, Chris Sutton on the phone number or email address listed above.

Contributions to the newsletter need to be received no later than 7 days prior to the next meeting date.

### 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 Maria White (Social Coordinator) for your free door prize ticket.

### Quiz Night

Yes Maria is organising another quiz night. It will be held on **Wednesday 28th June**, the venue is Shenton Park Community Hall, 240 Onslow Rd, Shenton Park. This year there will be a ticket cost of \$10.00 per head which will include entry and supper. The prizes will value approximately \$300.00.

So keep that date free and we will see you there.

## MASWA Social Pages

Hi Guys ,

Fragfest next week, if you want you can roll up your sleeves and give it a go. It's cool to try, and there are heaps of helpers on stand- by, your welcome to bring something you want help with fragging or simply try it on one of ours. Everyone who brings a frag takes one home. Can't wait to see you all there.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks again to last months guest speaker, **Glen Cowan's**, he thoroughly entertained us with his contemporary underwater photo-art, and he supplied us with a beautiful door prize. Thanks again.

For those who missed it Glen has a website <http://glencowans.com/uview.htm>

Awesome stuff, you could still contact him if anyone is interested in future purchases.

The Social quiz night is upon us, don't be shy \$10 guarantee's you a seat and supper.

There are great prizes to be won. **Don't forget the Quiz night is the June Meeting!**

Your last chance to buy your quiz night ticket in person will be at Grants meeting this month.

Don't miss out the last one was a great night, all who attended enjoyed the night. Bring a partner or a friend if you want.

Look for Me at the Meeting for the ticket.

See ya all next week,  
Maria

## AQUARIUM HINTS

Reef aquariums tend to bring out the worst behavior in certain animals. An example of this is the poor innocent little crab that comes in on a piece of live rock. He is hungry so munches on some algae. Before long there isn't any algae left anymore so to ward off starvation he decides to try some coral. Unfortunately for him he picks your favorite purple staghorn coral. By morning ½ of your staghorn coral has been eaten and sitting on the "fleshless" patch is the poor little crab. As you reach for your crab killing spike the little bugger scurries away to safety! So how do I get him out now I hear you ask? The answer is a cheap and simple crab trap! Obtain a clean glass jar (tall jars are better) and put a piece of food (any seafood) in it.

Just after the lights have gone out place the jar in the tank making sure that it is lying at an angle against a rock. Any crabs that are attracted to the food and get into the jar will be unable to escape as the walls are to smooth!

Happy hunting!!!

## Last Months Meeting Rundown...

Last month we ventured over to Lee McIntyre's home. For those of you who know Lee, you'll agree he did a great talk on his tank, which I must say had some nice equipment in place and inhabitants.



It was interesting some of the DIY he had done and the top up system drew some questions from the other member as well, so from the MASWA Committee thanks Lee. We know you like a captive audience now!!!



It was a good meet with a great turn out. Our guest speaker Glen and his wife showed us some great underwater photo's and we all thoroughly

enjoyed your work, Thankyou Glenn and your welcome back anytime.

Once again one of MASWA's newest members, Muhammad won the door prize, a print kindly donated by Glenn. Has anyone else noticed or is it just me, it seems our newest members seem to win the door prizes each month.



Welcome also to Liam O'Hara and Ben McVeigh for joining up with MASWA, so members please make them feel welcome. Also congratulations to Steven, Lee, Chris Wyrewenaden, Warren (again), Heath and Grant for picking up the prizes in the raffle

Towards the end of the meeting we had a great discussion on Calcium Reactor's, about their pros and cons and basic workings. If you have any questions on anything marine related please take the opportunity to ask at the meetings because it also helps fellow members.

Thanks Lee and everyone for a great meeting

Chris

## Up & Coming Meet Information.....

This month Grant Roncevich has kindly invited MASWA to his home. Grant tank (24" x 24" x 24" and 20x15x15 home made sump) is a mixed reef

and is 5 months old. His inhabitants include 2 TB Black Ocellaris, a Royal Dottyback, a Banggai Cardinal, CBS and a Lawnmower Blenny.

Corals include softies (Mushies and Zoos, Xenia) LPS (Buttons, Hammers) SPS (Acropora).

Equipment includes Metal halide lighting, skimmer and DIY auto top up.

All rock and most corals came from his other 6 foot tank which was taken down in late Jan.

This month is also Frag Fest X and because Brendan is away Warren has stepped up to help out. He is organising a "work shop" so you members who want to get some practical advice can join in and have a go. Pete from Oceanarium has gladly donates some corals to frag and if you want to bring your own to practice on, please do so. Also Frag Fest means frag swapping with other members as usual too. Should be fun

**Grant's address is 26 Barrington St, Spearwood and the meeting will be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> and start at 7.30 sharp**



Hope to see you all there and don't forget \$10 for your Quiz Night ticket  
Chris

## REEFING THE AUSTRALIAN WAY FORUM

### Topic: Soft Coral toxicity to Stony Corals (LPS and SPS alike)

<http://www.masa.asn.au/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=160064>

**Posted:** Wed Nov 09, 2005 1:03 pm by **JDub** in the Advanced Discussion Forum

I have got my hands on the fantastic book Corals: Selection, Husbandry and Natural History by Eric Borneman. I have heard many times of the reported toxicity of soft corals esp Sinularia.....

According to borneman:

"Sinularia felxibilis is a particularly toxic species to other reef inhabitants, with strong terpenes.... being detrimental to (at least) some species of Acropora and Porites. Studies have repeatedly shown them to inhibit or stunt the growth of stony corals, potentially causing mortalities. Anecdotaly, its seems that this is even more pronounced in aquariums where repeated reports of stony coral demise (esp. large polyped corals such as cataphyllia, Euyphyllia and Plerogyra species) occur regularly in the presence of multiple, large, nearby or even isolated Sinularia specimens."

This is apparently true for other soft corals such as Sarcophyton etc only to a lesser extent I was curious if anyone on RTAW has experienced what they thought was the result of soft coral toxicity? I have a very large Sinularia and a couple of months ago had a torch (Euphyllia Glaberscens) brown jelly for no apparent reason.

Now I think back perhaps it was a result of this, perhaps not....

The link to this thread is on the [MASA Forums](#). To view this post and any others you will have to be logged on to RTAW so it may ask you to register. This is free and only a safe guard for MASA and MASWA. If you register please join [MASWA online](#) and so you can access the MASWA forms as well.

## Fishy Links And New

### Captain Cook's Endeavour found off coast of America

The ship in which Captain James Cook claimed Australia for the British crown is resting at the bottom of an American harbour, archaeologists said yesterday. The Endeavour ended her days as part of the British war effort against rebellious American colonists in Newport, Rhode Island.

Marine archaeologists say the ship was renamed the Lord Sandwich and pressed into service during the successful defence of the town against the French in 1778. Endeavour was one of 13 vessels scuttled in the harbour entrance to keep the French at bay.

**More>**<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/05/18/wcook18.xml&sSheet=/news/2006/05/18/ixnews.html>

### Study: Global Warming May Have Damaged Coral Reefs Forever

#### Newcastle upon Tyne, UK (May 15, 2006 21:53 EST)

Global warming has had a more devastating effect on some of the world's finest coral reefs than previously assumed, suggests the first report to show the long-term impact of sea [temperature](#) rise on reef coral and fish communities.

Large sections of coral reefs and much of the [marine life](#) they support may be wiped out for good, say the international team of researchers, who surveyed 21 sites and over 50,000 square metres of coral reefs in the inner islands of the Seychelles in 1994 and 2005. Their report is the first to show the long-term impact of the 1998 event where global warming caused Indian Ocean surface temperatures to increase to unprecedented and sustained levels, killing off (or

'bleaching') more than 90 per cent of the inner Seychelles coral.

**More>**[http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article\\_id=41583679201](http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article_id=41583679201)

### Diverse Sea 'Bugs' Revealed on Landmark Atlantic Cruise to Census Zooplankton

Charleston, South Carolina (May 4, 2006 17:27 EST) Census of Marine Life scientists trawled rarely explored tropical ocean depths between the southeast US coast and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge to inventory and photograph the variety and abundance of zooplankton – small sea "bugs" that form a vital link in the ocean food chain – and other life forms.



Though relatively few in number compared with the uppermost ocean layer, scientists were amazed by the variety of tiny animals found at depths of 1 to 5 km (0.6 to 3 miles). Among thousands captured, 500 species have been catalogued, 220 of them [DNA](#) sequenced at sea revealing a number of new species.

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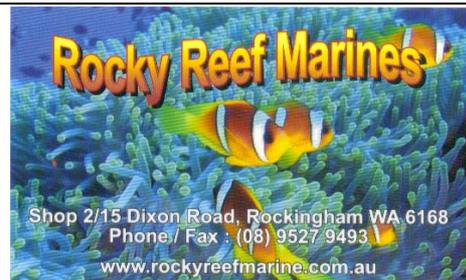
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