

Welcome to the Marine Aquarium Society of Queensland.

We hope you make the most of the benefits now available to you. You will find some wonderful members amongst MASQ who are only too willing to help each other and you. Don't be afraid to ask anything at all but we do appreciate it if you have made an attempt to find an answer to your question yourself. We are, however, only too happy to provide you with links if that is all you need.

First you will notice when you visit the rtaw forums you will have a few new forums visible to you. They are

[MASQ Members only Forum](#)

[The MASQ Library Forum](#)

[MASA Group Buys Forum](#)

The MASQ members forum is for information and questions about MASQ. There are quite a few sticky threads at the top of the forum that you might find of use to you. Please take the time to read them as it will give you more idea of what is now on offer to you. If you feel more comfortable asking all your questions in this forum then feel free to do so but remember that it limits the knowledge base. The MASQ library was started late in 2006 and consists of books, magazines, DVDs and other items purchased with MASQ funds or donated to MASQ. You can find all the library information and rules at the top of the forum along with threads for every item.

Group buying is only available to members of the Marine Aquarium Societies of Australia. It gives you the chance to participate in a Group purchase of items normally not available in Australia and/or locally available items at a favourable discount off the retail price of the items. Typically, commercial supporters of MASA are afforded first option to supply the items sought in the Group Buy.

MASA is made up of several smaller societies which are as follows: MASQ (Qld), MASOV (Victoria), MASWA (Western Australia), MASS (Sydney), MASOG (Orphans group for those that don't really fit into any of the other societies), and the most recent addition, MASRQ (Regional Qld). Each of these societies provides the members to make up the MASA committee and the rtaw moderators.

The current MASQ committee consists of our President, Tony Forsyth (AuS_MaDDoG). Our vice president is David Macnamara (Maquaman) who appears fairly quiet only because he is doing so much work for us in the background. David is also one of our two MASA reps. Tony Fendt (Tone) is our Treasurer and a wealth of helpful advice. Phil Howlett (LuckyPhil) is our Secretary and forum tidy upper.

Other positions that make up MASQ are Membership co-ordinator and you have probably already had communications with Peter Sperling (Turbo). Meeting co-ordinator and business liaison is Russell Hornby (rusty1). We also have a librarian, Dallas Cluff (Dallas)

and Webmaster, Stephen Grant (scuba12steve). Our other MASA rep is Matt Wright (StripetheEel, the cheeky young one) and we have a Senior moderator for the forums, Peter Blagojevic (blags). Lastly we have a newsletter editor, Robyn Wessling (miskairal).

Contact a MASQ Committee Member

You can contact any of us at any time by sending us a pm or by clicking the link above and clicking on the name of who you want to contact.

Emergency List

We have put together a thread of members willing and/or able to help you in an emergency. This might be in the form of advice or just manpower or moral support if things go bad. It also includes people who might have powerheads or extra water you can use in an emergency. If you feel you might be able to help out in some way, add your own name at the bottom.

Newsletters

You can find the most current list of businesses that offer discounts to members through the newsletters. The newsletters are currently put out quarterly, due on the 1st of February, May, August and November. The newsletters also contain a list of shop fronts you can visit. This list is not indicative of what the shops are like nor is it comprehensive by any means. We ask that if you have any more information about businesses, please let us know and we will add them in. You will also find articles in the newsletters both advanced and beginners along with some pictures and information about some tanks run by members.

Meetings and Events

We plan to have meetings or social gatherings every month and you can find out what is coming up by visiting the member's forum. Our goal at present is to have at least one meeting per year at the Sunshine Coast, one at the Gold Coast and the balance around Brisbane and Ipswich. We are also currently hoping to have at least one frag fest a year, a meeting where we will learn how to frag our own corals and receive a frag. The meetings are great places to meet everyone and there are often goodies given out but best of all you get to see another member's tank on most occasions.

MASQ Information for Members

Is a thread at the forum in which you can find the latest information. This list will generally be the most up to date place to find out what is going on.

Feel free to ask in the forum for people willing to have you come and take a look at their tank. This can be extremely helpful before you start out. Everyone has different setups, different stock and stocking rates, different ideas. So getting to see several tanks might just help you get it all together how you want it.

Below are some links to old threads that may be of interest to you:

[**Your Quick Words of advice for a beginner...**](#)

[**Reefing and Associated Hints**](#)

[**New to salt water -advice appreciated**](#)

[**The Building of a Reef Tank**](#)

[**New Big Tank - substrate expensive**](#)

[**MH globes -cause of algae?**](#)

[**Metal Halide Questions**](#)

[**Hitchhikers Guide**](#)

[**List of Foods**](#)

[**Best Foods?**](#)

Don't forget the [**Reefpedia**](#) a work in progress that has some great information.

We hope you enjoy your benefits from joining MASQ. Don't hesitate to offer suggestions or ideas for ways to improve what MASQ can provide for you and the rest of our members.