

MARCH NEWS

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GREAT NEWS!

*This month we are advising of a special promotion on the weekend of 7th and 8th March in support of **beyondblue** – an organization which supports those suffering from anxiety and depression. We hope you will come along and support this worthwhile cause. We will have lots of specials, demonstrations of products from some of our wholesalers and an opportunity for you to win prizes just by giving a gold coin donation to **beyondblue**. Please see the details opposite.*

In other news, the proposed changes in Quarantine procedures, as detailed in last month's newsletter, have been delayed for the time being for further review. Good news and many thanks to those of you who took the time to contact politicians etc. to register your concern. In this instance it seems to have produced results. See details on Page 2.

We are offering some good deals on our regular 'fish and plant of the month' features so drop in soon for the best selection.

As always until next month ... good fishkeeping!

REGISTER FOR OUR NEWSLETTER either in store or email us at:

nielsensmarinemates@bigpond.com

Check out our **Facebook** page which is regularly updated with lots of photos of new livestock and products as they arrive. 'Like us' to receive notification of updates.



COMING SOON

Look out for our brand new, user-friendly website which should be online very soon!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH AND SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH FOR A SPECIAL PROMOTION IN SUPPORT OF BEYONDBLUE.

Beyondblue works to reduce the impact of anxiety, depression and suicide in the community by raising awareness and understanding, empowering people to seek help, and supporting recovery, management and resilience.

In support of this worthwhile cause, we are having a special fund raising weekend on **Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th March** which will extend across our entire facility – nursery, coffee shop and aquarium.

We will have lots of great specials on a range of tanks, chillers, fish and numerous other items. Look out for the **BLUE SPOT SPECIALS** and we hope you may consider donating some, or all, of your savings to beyondblue.

There will be a whole host of specials, prizes and lucky dips on that weekend so don't miss out. Check our Facebook page for updates on what may be available but remember, **these offers and specials will be available only on the 7th & 8th March.**

A gold coin donation will give you entry into a basket full of Red Sea Reef products – 500ml each of Reef Foundation A, B & C, Reef Energy A & B and NO₃PO₄X, valued at over \$150 and kindly donated by **Red Sea**. Of course, if you so desire, a donation larger than a gold coin would always be most acceptable.

Additionally on Saturday 7th between 11a.m. and 2p.m. we will have a representative from **Aqua One** in store to demonstrate some of their products and answer any questions you may have.

Between 9a.m. and 12p.m., also on the Saturday, we will have a display of new and existing **LED lighting** with a rep on hand to give advice and answer questions.

There will also be lots of promotions and specials in our nursery and coffee shop and fun activities for the kids so please come and join us!

Sincere thanks to **Red Sea, Premier Pet and Aqua Blue** for donating some items in support of this fundraiser.

QUARANTINE UPDATE

In relation to our article last month, pleasingly, the Department of Agriculture has announced that it has been decided to delay the implementation of the new fish importation and quarantine requirement for certain ornamental fish e.g. gouramis, cichlids and poeciliids for 13 months, with 1 March, 2016 slated as the new implementation date.

The Pet Industry Association of Australia has led a campaign, along with fish importers, wholesalers and retailers, fish forums, hobbyists and the general public, to place a lot of pressure on the Government to make this announcement.

In the next twelve months, importers will be encouraged to provide sample fish for testing (testing to be paid for by the Government).

Test results will be provided to the country of origin to assist them in ascertaining high risk areas (if any) for the disease.

Results will also be provided to the importer who submitted fish for testing to alert them if their supplier has infected fish.

The delay will also allow more time for exporting countries (mostly Sri Lanka, Singapore and Thailand) to improve their laboratory capabilities and surveillance controls for iridoviruses and will also give time for more dialog between the trade and the Government on the impacts of any new import conditions on businesses and the hobby.

Many thanks to all those who contacted their politicians to lobby for a rethink on this matter. All in all a great result. Even if only temporary, the opportunity is there for a change of mind by Government.

Marine & Freshwater Fish of the Month and Plant of the Month specials are available during the month of March unless sooner sold out.

Beyondblue promotions and specials are available only for the weekend of March 7th & 8th.



NEW LIFE SPECTRUM ALGAEMAX & ALGAEGEL

This food is excellent for use with any herbivore, whether marine, freshwater tropical, cichlid or goldfish. AlgaeMax and AlgaeGel use a wide range of aquatic vegetation including chlorella algae, spirulina, ulva, wakame seaweed and more and differ from most vegetable based foods which are often based solely on kelp.

AlgaeMax is available in a 1mm and 2mm granule/pellet size to suit all fish. Both come in 125g size at \$28.99 each.

AlgaeGel is a unique food which comes as a powder but becomes a gel! Simply mix with hot water, stir, refrigerate for about 10 minutes and, voila – a gel which can be fed chopped up or smeared on rocks etc for grazing fish. Our tests have shown fish LOVE this food! Once mixed to a gel the food must be kept refrigerated so just mix a day or two's feeding at a time. AlgaeGel is available in a 100g jar (which makes a lot of food) for \$28.99.

NEW LIFE SPECTRUM NUTRICELL

This product is Spectrum's new coral and invert food. The powdered food ranges in size from 10 to 80 microns, with around 80% being 50 micron. This size range simulates that of plankton and the product is neutrally buoyant keeping it in suspension to allow optimum feeding. The point of difference with this food is that the beads are encapsulated to reduce nutrient loss and prolong suspension. Available in 40g for \$15.50.

FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH – BLEHERI SWORD

One of the beautiful Amazon Sword Plant family, bleheri are perhaps one of the most popular as they are relatively easy to grow and make an ideal centre plant. Bleheri can reach 30 to 40cm in height and are an impressive sight at that size. Yellowing of the leaves is usually a sign of lack of iron and this can be supplied by aquarium fertilizers and, most particularly, iron based substrates. We have a great selection of small Bleheri Swords available – normally \$6.50 each. **MARCH SPECIAL \$5.50**



AQUAEL REEF CIRCULATOR

Marine circulation pumps just seem to get bigger and bigger with this one turning over 10,000 litres per hour although it is still compact in size and easily concealed in the aquarium. The body of the pump is fitted to a magnetic hanger, so that no suction cups are required and the articulated joint between pump and hanger allows almost unrestricted movement so that the flow can be directed in almost any direction. This 20W pump is extremely efficient with low noise and very little vibration. The low wattage also has the advantage of not increasing water temperature. It has an electronic regulator allowing the flow to be reduced by dropping the wattage and is available in store now for \$229.99.



MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH – CORAL BEAUTY ANGEL

This dwarf angel belongs to the Centropyge family – a family which is deservedly popular with marine aquarists. They can be kept in either a fish-only or reef tank where they are generally safe



with most types of live coral. A beautifully coloured fish, they do vary according to the location they come from with some having much more purple than others.

Coral Beauties are good feeders – quite happy with flake, small pellets, frozen foods and a supplement of seaweed sheets or other vegetarian food.



As with many marine fish, Coral Beauties are generally territorial towards other Coral Beauties. Whilst they can also display some aggression to other Centropyge angels that are later introduced to the tank, they usually settle down fairly quickly and are considered to be a good community fish. All in all they are a fish with a lot to recommend them.

Our regular price is \$45.00

MARCH SPECIAL ONLY \$40.00



SEAWEED CLIP

Not ready to lash out on a magnetic algae clip? This little clip is priced at \$9.99 which positions it between the magnetic and standard clips and has the advantage of a screw clamp to keep the suction cup firmly secured.

FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH – BLACK PHANTOM TETRAS



This stunning little tetra is a must-have for the well planted tropical community tank.

Like most tetras, they like to be kept in a school, but this species also does well in pairs. Males have higher fins and the females are generally easy to spot as they have red on both upper and lower fins. Black Phantoms breed quite readily and are egg scatterers. Generally it is said that they do not guard or care for the eggs in any way, but we have personally seen pairs who do.

Black Phantoms are a peaceful fish which mix well with other tetra species and other small to medium fish.

They are not fussy feeders, doing well on quality dry foods, but will relish feedings of small frozen foods such as bloodworms and brine shrimp.

BLACK PHANTOMS normally \$5.45

MARCH PRICE \$3.99

New! **ACRYLIC HOSE TIDY**

If you have a dosing pump running in your sump, then you will appreciate how messy all of the hoses can become. Here is the answer to your prayers – brand new acrylic hose tidy – does just what it says – tidies your hoses! Only **\$24.99** and worth every cent to eliminate the tangles.



MARINE PURE BIOFILTER MEDIA



This open pore ceramic bio-media is ideal for use in fresh or salt water and in almost any kind of filter. Through bacteria colonizing the bio-media, it removes ammonia and nitrite and lowers nitrates. The interconnected structure of the media ensures water flows through, not around, it and also accumulates less detritus. Use of Marine Pure can reduce filter and tank maintenance and allow higher fish loads. Available in 2 litre boxes of 1.5 inch spheres \$76.99 and 8 inch x 8 inch x 4 inch Blocks (which can be easily cut to size to fit any filter) \$131.99. For an interesting video from Paul Talbot explaining the use of Marine Pure please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MNOYVLm5PI

AQUAEL TURBO FILTER 500 **Ideal for breeding tanks**

This internal filter has a maximum flow of 500lt/hr which can be reduced. It uses only 4.4W and is recommended for tanks up to 150 litres. The filter uses a thick sponge plus a container filled with ceramic material for biological filtration. Other types of media could be used in this container if desired. As the water first passes through the sponge it is ideal for a breeding tank and the babies can not be sucked into the filter. \$59.50

