

JANUARY NEWS

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017 – we hope you have all survived the festive season and are ready for another great year of fish keeping.

This month we are featuring the new Aqua One Brio 35 aquarium. It utilizes 'aquaponics' combining keeping freshwater fish with growing herbs and plants, with fish waste providing nutrients for the plants whilst the plants help purify the water in which the fish are kept. We have one of these 35 litre setups on display in store so be sure to check it out on your next visit.

Also new from Aqua One are the glow-in-the-dark Underwater Friends range of ornaments which are sure to be popular with kids young and old.

As always, we have some great monthly specials on plants, freshwater and marine fish and cichlids so we hope you will find the time to come in and check those out. We will be **CLOSED** on New Year's Day but open all other days as usual, including the Monday, 2nd, public holiday.

Until next month - good fishkeeping!

AQUA ONE BRIO 35

The Brio 35 is the first member of a new family of home aquariums that brings the science of aquaponics to your living environments in a truly elegant design.

The Brio boasts an impressive list of features that makes for a unique experience of having both fresh water fish and growing herbs and plants. It has a lighting system providing highly specific colour

spectrums creating photosynthetic reactions, perfect for growing plants, herbs and flowers.



Inspired by natural eco systems, the "growing green biological filtration system" allows garden

plants to feed on waste coming from the aquatic species, providing a healthy aquatic environment prone to exceptional vegetation growth. While providing a decorative ambiance, the integrated waterfall naturally oxygenates and provides optimal circulation.

The specific colour spectrum LED lights optimize photosynthetic reactions perfect for growing



plants, herbs and flowers

and the automatic timer control allows optimal lighting time exposure specific for each aquatic and garden needs.

The Brio 35 comes complete with filter and filter material, hydroponic clay balls and lighting and is available in either black or white. **\$599.00.**

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**FRESHWATER FISH
OF THE MONTH
SILVER TIP TETRAS**

The tetra family has some beautiful fish amongst it and included must be the lovely Silver Tip Tetras. These little fish have a golden body with black markings on the caudal peduncle and silver tips to their otherwise clear fins and tail. They make a lovely display when kept with other tetras such as neons, cardinals, black neons or, in fact, any of the small tetras. They also mix readily with most small to medium community fish, as they are quite peaceful. Easy to feed, they will enjoy standard dried and frozen foods. Normally \$4.75



NEW YEAR SPECIAL \$3.99.

**FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE
MONTH – BLUE STRICTA**

Blue Stricta is a hardy bunch plant which makes a great backdrop for lower growing plants. It will grow to the top of the water (and above) in most aquariums and can be pinched out at the top to encourage growth low down. The green colouration will vary from dark to lime according to lighting conditions. As with most bunch plants, Blue Stricta grows from a cutting. Although it can be planted in a bunch, good results come from it being separated out and pieces planted close together, but individually. Regularly \$6.50 bunch.



JANUARY SPECIAL \$5.50

**MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH –
COPPERBAND BUTTERFLY**

It is perhaps a little unfortunate, that with the popularity of reef tanks, keeping butterfly fish has fallen out of favour somewhat. The butterfly family has some of the most colourful and beautiful of marine fish but, as in the majority of cases they will



eat live coral, they cannot be kept in reef tanks. An exception to this is the Copperband Butterfly (Chelmon Rostratus) which is usually safe with most corals although it has been known to have an occasional nibble. Why would you then risk having one in your reef tank? Quite simply they are one of the best aiptasia eradicators around. Aiptasia are pest



anemones which multiply at an alarming rate and will

overgrow and smother live corals and inverts. Copperbands will use their long pointed 'nose' to pluck aiptasia from the most inaccessible places and eat them with relish.

Copperbands generally mix well with other fish but can be territorial with other butterflies. They make a lovely addition to 'fish only' tanks but can be fussy feeders if aiptasia are not available to start them off. Try them on fine frozen and live foods or apply a paste of dry food to rock for them to pick at. Regular price \$49.00.

THIS MONTH \$44.00.

**FLUVAL SEA 'AQUASKY' AND
'MARINE AND REEF 2.0' LED
LIGHTS PLUS
NEW! LED LAMP TIMER AND LED
WIFI MODULE**

Last year we gave you information on both of the Fluval Sea LED lights. First was the **Aquasky**, an affordable LED recommended for use in freshwater tanks with low to mid light level plants or fish-only salt water tanks. The Aquasky LED lighting unit comes in three sizes – 18 Watt with 42 LEDs, 27 Watt with 63 LEDs and 35 Watt with 84 LEDs. Each individual LED casts 120° of light dispersion for full area coverage and uniform lighting and are designed to last 50,000 hours under regular operating conditions. The lights have a IPX7 waterproof rating which means that the unit can be mounted close to the surface for better light penetration and will endure regular water splashing. We would recommend wiping down the unit regularly to ensure optimum lighting.

Each unit has an extendable mounting bracket to fit tanks 61 – 91cm, 91 – 122 cm and 122 – 153 cm respectively.



NOW AVAILABLE IS THE FLUVAL LED LAMP TIMER suitable for use with the Aquasky. This will allow you to automate your Aquasky, turning the light on and off and also featuring sunrise, midday and dusk settings. Progressive dimming options are also available to slowly fade in and fade out lighting on start-up/turn off. The timer can control up to 2 LED lights simultaneously and is, in fact,

compatible with any LED with a standard 2.1mm x 5.5mm DC plug connection.

TIMER AVAILABLE NOW \$64.50.

The second Fluval Sea range of LEDs is the **Fluval Marine and Reef 2.0**, a German engineered range of LEDs which provides your corals full spectrum lighting for vibrant growth, colour and health. As with the



Aquasky, these lights feature IPX7 waterproofing, allowing the ultra slim light to be mounted directly above the water surface for better light penetration and efficiency. They can be mounted on the aquarium, on the cabinet/hood frame or suspended, and the extendable mounting brackets allow the lights to service a variety of tank sizes. The full spectrum reef lighting includes the essential actinic blue spectrum with 400, 420, 440 and 460nm LEDs for outstanding blue coverage and optimal coral photosynthetic activity, growth and viewing.

NOW YOU CAN EXPERIENCE WIRELESS CONTROL OF THIS LIGHT FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE WITH THE NEW PRO 2.0 WIFI MODULE.



This module provides wireless and real-time management of your lighting from your Smartphone or mobile device. A free App for Android and iOS is available for download.

The WiFi module can adjust all light settings – sunset, sunrise, break, cloud effect and moon along with the dimming option for gradual illumination so as not to startle the fish. This unit can control up to two 2.0 LED lights simultaneously.

WIFI AVAILABLE NOW \$162.50.

**NEW! UNDERWATER FRIENDS
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK
ORNAMENTS**



Aqua One's Underwater Friends glow in the dark and add colour and movement to your aquarium.

The Underwater Friends range includes beautiful creatures such as stingrays,



freshwater and marine fish and many more. The floating ornaments move with the aquarium current, creating a captivating display.

When used in aquariums featuring LED lighting, the colours are intensified, creating a spectacular and mesmerising display. The Underwater Friends range will absorb light during the day and glow after the lights are switched off!



They are made of durable latex and feature easy suction cup installation. The floating ornaments simulate life-like movement in water and they are suitable for use in all freshwater aquariums.



The Underwater Friends range will be sure to liven up any aquarium, making them the perfect addition!

Priced from \$10 to \$15 each.

**CICHLID OF THE MONTH
NEOLAMPROLOGUS BRICHARDI
(PRINCESS CICHLID)**

This African cichlid originates from Lake Tanganyika and, in the aquarium, grows to around 10cm. It is a graceful fish with beautiful finnage and, unusually, is usually found in schools in its natural environment.

These fish are easy to breed, being substrate spawners, and the entire community, adults and juveniles, will care for the spawn and young, although parents will sometimes eat some of the young to allow room for them to breed again.

Ideally, they should be kept in species tanks, although it is possible to mix them with other carefully chosen Lake Tanganyikan cichlids, particularly if the Brichardi are introduced to the tank last and in with larger fish. They are not fussy feeders and will accept most dried and frozen foods. Normally \$15.50



JANUARY SPECIAL \$12.00.

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