

AUGUST NEWS

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Hope you and your fish are keeping warm and snug in our beautiful winter weather. Don't forget to equalize the water temperature to tank temperature when doing your water changes – remember that fish and inverts do not tolerate big changes in temperature and this is a major cause of diseases such as white spot.

*If you live in the Logan area, be sure to check out the **WATER ALERT** for some suburbs as there may be increased chemical levels in the water supply over the next few months.*

You will see opposite our amazing special on the beautiful Aquareef 400 Marine Setup – a saving of \$300, so if you have been considering a marine setup now is your chance to save big. As always, we have our usual great freshwater fish, plants and marine fish specials of the month, so be sure to check them out. Until next month ... good fishkeeping.

LIVE IN ANY OF THESE LOGAN SUBURBS?

Carbrook, Cornubia, Daisy Hill, Loganholme, Shailer Park, Slacks Creek, Tanah Merah.

From July to September, 2017 the Logan Council will be carrying out water network maintenance on the Kimberley Park and Hideaway Mountain Reservoirs. This will result in increased levels of chlorine and chloramine in the water supply at times and the possibility of cloudy/dirty water. We would advise using an extra amount of good quality chlorine/chloramine remover and/or stand your water for 24 hours before use to protect your fish. It would also be wise to check for cloudiness in the tap water before commencing your water change and run the tap to clear the pipes as necessary or delay the water change until water clarity is improved.

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RED HOT SPECIAL

AQUAREEF 400 SERIES II MARINE SETUP

The Series II AquaReef 400 setup includes a more streamlined, flat front cabinet in high gloss white or black, LED lighting and a restyled refugium type sump which is partitioned at one end for a water reservoir – handy to attach an auto top-up unit if desired. Our regular price has been **\$2299.00**.

NOW ONLY \$1999.00
A MASSIVE \$300 SAVING!!!

AN OLDIE BUT A GOODY - POLYFILTER

Here is a product that has certainly stood the test of time – it has been available for many years but still gives outstanding results – in some cases better than newer products.

Polyfilter is a coated fibrous pad which removes ammonia, heavy metals and many harmful organics from the water and can also be used to remove medications after treatment. It polishes the water to outstanding clarity and is excellent to remove colours in the water such as tannin from wood and yellowing caused by phenols from fish waste. It can be used in either fresh or salt water and can be cut to size or rolled to fit any filter. When it changes to black in colour it is time to replace



the pad. It is great to use in unfiltered fighter or gold fish bowls – just cut a square and drop on the substrate. Remove when it turns black and replace. This is one of the best

products available to remove copper based medications – the pad will turn aqua to dark blue in colour when used. We recommend keeping a separate pad to use in removing medications – just dry out and store in a plastic bag for further use. Whilst Polyfilter will not remove calcium, magnesium, strontium, barium, alkalinity supplements or the trace elements in salt mixes, it is recommended that the pad be removed before adding vitamins and other trace elements and replacing 12 hours after dosing. Always remember to remove before medicating. All in all, a really worthwhile product.

MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH FIRETAIL GOBIES

Firetails are a superbly marked and coloured fish. In groups, they get along well but will eventually start to pair off. When this happens, the pair will often prevent other firetails from feeding and keep them boxed up in the coral. For this reason,



unless a pair can be obtained, it is often best to keep these singly, if in a small tank, although large groups may have enough room to form territory in larger tanks.

Firetails are generally peaceful to other species of fish and mix well with small to medium sized fish. Once settled they are quite outgoing and will be seen darting in and out of the coral. They use their extended dorsal fin in a flicking motion to signal to one another.

Firetails are good feeders, eating most dry food and small frozen food. Normally \$37.00

NOW ONLY \$32.00.

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**SPECIALS IN THIS NEWSLETTER
ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE
MONTH OF AUGUST UNLESS
SOONER SOLD OUT.**

AQUAONE LIFESTYLE 76 FRESHWATER SETUPS.

New in, are these complete setups just right for the freshwater enthusiast. Their slimline profile and stylish looks, along with ease of use, make them suitable for home or office.

Measuring 60cmW x 45cmD x 33cmH, the 76 litre glass aquarium comes complete with a two stage top filter for mechanical, chemical and biological



filtration and all media is included. A 450lt/hr pump ensures good filtration and water circulation. The 16.3W touch LED lighting has a moonlight function with 'blue only' or 'all

lights' (RGB, White and Blue) functions and is designed to promote plant growth as well as intensify the natural colours of your fish.

Also included is a two-toned black and white cabinet providing space to store all your aquarium needs out of sight.

The LifeStyle 76 is now available for **\$400.00** (including cabinet) and is a great price for a complete setup. The tank and cabinet are also available separately.

DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR A LIFESTYLE 76? HOW ABOUT ITS BABY BROTHER LIFESTYLE 29?

This 38cm, 29 litre bench or desk top model comes with a top filter and touch LED lighting, as per the Lifestyle 76 only smaller. The glass tank features curved edges and a low

profile gloss black hood for maximum viewing area. **\$116.99** tank only – no cabinet with this one.



FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH – ASSORTED MALE GUPPIES



Although a common fish, guppies are still amongst the most colourful of all tropical

fish. The males come in a huge varieties of colours and their beautiful flowing tails make them even more attractive. The females, of course, are less colourful but probably have nice personalities.

Because of the large tail, male guppies can be a target for fin nipping tank mates and often the most successful tank for guppies is a species tank with other male guppies. A nicely planted tank full of male guppies is a very colourful display. However it is possible to mix them with small, peaceful fish such as neon tetras.



Guppies are avid feeders and not fussy at all. Flake food can be used as their staple diet although they will appreciate some frozen or live foods such as blood worms or brine shrimp from time to time.



Normally \$6.99 each

AUGUST SPECIAL \$5.00 EACH

FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH - PENNYWORT

Pennywort has mid green leaves which are small and round and it is quite a profuse grower in the aquarium. It will grow from cuttings so if a plant grows too tall it can be lopped off and replanted to form a new plant. Pennywort needs medium



to good lighting but is not too fussy about water conditions. It has a clumping bushy habit so can be used either as a tall background plant

or can be trimmed as a foreground plant. It can be planted, as supplied, in a bunch or separated out to plant as individual pieces. This is a hardy plant and highly recommended.

Normally \$6.99

**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
\$5.99 PER BUNCH**

CHANGED THE CARBON IN YOUR FILTER LATELY?

Carbon works by absorbing waste into the microscopic pores of the carbon. However, once those pores are filled, then waste can leach back in to the aquarium. Years ago carbon (or charcoal as it was sometimes called) was a standard filtration material used in almost every aquarium. Usually a bag of carbon was placed in the filter and forgotten about and as such contributed very little to the cleanliness of the aquarium and could even be detrimental.

Activated carbon can remove many impurities and colours from aquarium water. Firstly, though, one must start with good quality carbon. A good test of your carbon is to see if it passes the 'fizz test'. Good

quality new carbon will fizz when dropped dry into water. If it doesn't, then perhaps look at a different brand.

Secondly, carbon does not last forever. At most, it will last about three months if used continuously, after which you might as well be filtering through gravel. Of course, this will vary according to the tank load etc. There is no easy way to tell if carbon is still active, so replacing it at regular intervals is required. Often a sign that replacement is needed is if the water develops a slight yellow look, as active carbon is usually good at removing this. In some cases, it may be that best results will be achieved by running the carbon for a short time, removing it and drying it out and sealing in a plastic bag for reuse as required.

So, think about how long you have been running your existing carbon and why not try the 'fizz test' on your brand?

PEPPERMINT SHRIMP

Back in stock after an extended absence are Peppermint Shrimp. Best known as eaters of nuisance anemones (aiptasia), these salt water shrimp are also good general scavengers. They are also quite attractive with red striping, but their soft bodies mean they cannot be mixed with toothy fish! Highly recommended for marine tanks.

\$19.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.

