

JUNE NEWS

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Welcome to our June newsletter. Hopefully you found the time last month to come in for our Red Sea and Eshoppes information day and took advantage of some of our birthday specials. Many thanks to the rep who gave up his Saturday morning to do this for us.

This month we are featuring the Viper Pump range. These quality pumps are super quiet and are ideal as sump pumps. They have a three year guarantee and as we have three models to choose from, there is sure to be one to suit your aquarium.

As always we have some great freshwater and marine fish specials (Coral Beauty angels and Black Phantom Tetras) and for the tropical freshwater tanks we also have a great price on the beautiful narrow-leaf scarlet ludwigia plant.

The Serenity Digital Refractometer will be on the wish list of most marine aquarists – ask us for a demo next time you are in store.

Until next month ... good fishkeeping.

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

MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH - CORAL BEAUTY ANGEL

This dwarf angel (Centropyge) 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 \$49.00

THIS MONTH \$42.00

**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 which 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 \$5.80

JUNE PRICE \$3.99



**SERENITY DIGITAL
REFRACTOMETER**

These meters feature a large, easy to read LCD digital screen and read specific gravity, % of salt and temperature.



They have automatic temperature compensation and are extremely easy to use. They read specific gravity from 1.000 to 1.031 and temperature from 1 - 40°C and feature a low battery alarm. We have one in use in the shop and are happy to give you a quick demo when you next visit. **\$129.99.**

**SEAVIEW GEL –
AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO
ATTACH AN AQUARIUM
BACKGROUND**



This is a gel which is applied to an aquarium background and allows adhesion without the use of tapes. Trapped air bubbles can be removed using a credit card or ruler

and because the background will cling to the glass and leave no gap, the image will appear brighter and clearer than when using tape and will be visible from any angle. **\$11.50.**

← **See example opposite.**

Visit www.seaviewinfo.com for instructions on applying Seaview and watch the video to see the effects possible.

NYOS VIPER PUMPS

The Nyos Viper pumps have been especially adapted for the harsh conditions of seawater aquariums, but, of course, will run equally as well in freshwater.

These German pumps feature particularly robust components such as durable high-performance ceramics made from zirconium dioxide. This means that the pumps require minimum maintenance and even the prefilter has a built-in cleaner - rotating it across the face of the prefilter cleans off slime and detritus quickly and easily.

This range of pumps would be ideal as sump pumps or general circulation pumps in any aquarium.

The powerful motors are quiet in operation and silicon feet absorb vibration. The flow rate can be manually adjusted and, unlike most pumps, reducing the flow rate throttles back both the power and impellor rotation, reducing pressure on the pump and preventing burnout. The pumps are low energy and Nyos provides a three-year guarantee on Viper pumps.

We have three models available. Each are a compact 108mm x 76mm x 119mm in size.



Viper 2.0

Flow can be regulated from 300 to 2000 lt/hr.
Maximum head height 2.25 metres.
12.5 – 31.5 Watts power. **\$121.99.**

Viper 3.0

Flow can be regulated from 400 to 2800 lt/hr.
Maximum head height 3 metres.
30 – 55 Watts power. **\$162.99**

Viper 5.0

Flow can be regulated from 1000 to 5000 lt/hr.
Maximum head height 3.1 metres.
32-82 Watts power. **\$261.99**

FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH NARROW LEAF LUDWIGIA

Ludwigia is a natural aquatic plant, most varieties of which originate from South America. It is a favourite of aquarists as it is a hardy, fast growing plant. This narrow leaf variety has red leaves contrasting nicely with the bright green stems.



Dosing with iron based aquatic fertilizers will increase the red colouration. Ludwigia is sold in bunches, and as a cutting plant can be trimmed if growing too tall and the offcuts replanted to form new plants. As with all true aquatic plants, do not dump unwanted plants into waterways where there is a potential for them to become a pest.
Regular price \$6.99.

NOW \$5.99 PER BUNCH.

SPECTRUM FISH FOODS

After somewhat of an absence, we now have selected Spectrum fish foods back in stock.

Spectrum foods are a high-quality food made from the best ingredients. They contain no hormones but are fantastic colour enhancers for all fish. Easily digestible, they feature krill and fish protein and spirulina algae amongst their ingredients and are a balanced and ideal daily diet for your fish.

In stock now:



SPECTRUM CICHLID PELLET (1MM SIZE) 150G.



SPECTRUM DISCUS PELLET (1MM SIZE) 150G.



SPECTRUM MARINE PELLET (1MM SIZE) 80G. AND 150G.



SPECTRUM MEDIUM PELLET (2MM SIZE) FOR FRESHWATER & MARINE FISH. 150G.

GARDEN PONDS

As you will no doubt know, we are located in the grounds of Nielsen's Native Nursery. The nursery stocks everything you could want for a garden pond or water feature.

Liners. The cooler weather is a great time to dig that hole for an inground pond and the nursery stocks several



types of pond liners either pre-cut or by the metre.

They also have an underfelt to cushion the liner against stones etc.

Preformed. There is a vast array of prefabricated poly ponds in all sorts of shapes and sizes along with artificial rock ponds which are very realistic. Matching cascades and waterfalls are also available and will give you the sound of running water in your garden or even on your patio. These are light weight and easy to work with and give you many mix and match options.

Water Features. These are not usually suitable for fish keeping but are a beautiful addition to any garden. Available in many styles.

Pumps and Equipment. Check out the big range of garden pond pumps (solar and electric), fountains, filters and UV sterilizers at the nursery. They have lots of irrigation fittings and tubing to set up the pumps (some of the elbows etc are useful when setting up aquarium filtration also). Water additives available too.

Pond Plants. There is a pond full of outdoor pond plants located in the nursery near the entrance to Lorikeets Coffee Shop. We also have some suitable plants in the aquarium.