

# MAY NEWS

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New to the BiOrb range of aquariums, is the BiOrb Life. These feature ultra clear acrylic front and back with a coloured gloss acrylic wrap.



The BiOrb Life features amazing LED lighting which provides an automatic 24 hour lighting cycle including a natural gradual sunrise, sunset and blue moonlight. Not only does this simulate natural lighting for your fish, but it also provides fascinating night time viewing for the owner.



Currently we have only the 30 litre square shaped model in black but a rectangular (portrait) shape model is available in both 45 and 60 litre. In addition to gloss 'piano black', 'ice white' and 'chilli red' are also available to order in all three sizes. The 30 Litre BiOrb Life Aquarium measures 41cm H x 40W x 23D and comes with built in automatic lighting and all filtration and is priced at \$549. The 45 litre is \$649 and the largest 60 litre is \$715.

## **An Aquarist's Worst Nightmare?**

Recently the Dubai Aquarium, housed in the 1200 shop Dubai Mall, developed a crack in a glass joint and commenced leaking. Sections of the shopping centre were evacuated whilst repairs took place. The fish tank, measuring 50 metres across by 11 metres high and holding about 10 million litres of water, houses some 33,000 fish including numerous sharks. Whilst the mall's developer denied that the aquarium had sprung a leak, phone camera images appeared on the internet showing a stream of water showering out from a crack in the glass. Water spread across the mall concourse

and was seen flowing towards the lower car parking area and basement. The aquarium was successfully repaired without any harm to the inhabitants (fishy or otherwise) and the mall was open for business as normal next day.

Further to this, at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, an octopus managed to disassemble a valve in the aquarium and flood the building with 760 litres of sea water. The octopus grabbed a tube connected to the recirculating system and the water sprayed outside of the aquarium. As this occurred overnight, it was about ten hours before the flood was discovered. A spokesman for the Aquarium said that the valve was now secured with clamps and tape and the octopus would require tools to disassemble it in future!

Makes our home disasters seem small, doesn't it?

## **FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH POTTED AMAZON SWORDS**



Amazon Sword Plants come from, well, the Amazon! There are a wide variety of leaf forms available in this plant

family, ranging from quite broad to very narrow and colours can be various greens to reds. A wonderful feature plant in the aquarium, they can be prolific growers given a little TLC. These potted plants can be buried in the substrate as is or removed from the pot. Normally \$8.99 each. **MAY SPECIAL \$7.50**

## **MAKE US AN OFFER WE CAN'T REFUSE!**

We currently have a small number of discontinued **Tunze** pumps ranging from 12000 lt/hr to 20000 lt/hr which we would be keen to sell. First in - best bargain!

## EHEIM QUICK VAC PRO

Here is a very nifty item which will make maintaining your aquarium so much easier. This sludge remover is battery operated making it very safe to use as it has no power cables to worry about. The suction end is inserted into the gravel and water suction lifts the waste up and deposits it into a super fine mesh cartridge, where even the smallest waste particles are trapped, while letting water back into the aquarium. The cartridge snaps out for easy cleaning. The Quick Vac

is designed to remove dirt particles, waste and sludge without excessively disturbing either the substrate or the beneficial bacteria in the aquarium. It is not recommended for fine sand or gravel but apart from that is suitable for use in either fresh or salt water. Eheim, of course, is world renowned for its high quality aquarium products. Available now in store at the new regular price of **\$99.00**.

## EHEIM EVERYDAY FISH FEEDER

New to our store is the Eheim digital fish feeder. This electronically controlled, programmable feeder allows up to a maximum of eight feedings per day (four daily feedings with two rotations per feeding if desired). A manual release allows for extra feedings if needed. The feeding drum holds 100ml of food, enough for up to 6 weeks' feeding. It has an adjustable slider to let you set desired portions and a unique integrated fan system to keep food dry. The unit runs from 2AA batteries which are included, and features a two level low battery indicator. It can be used with most types of dry fish food (marine,



tropical and cold water) and can also be used as an amphibian or reptile feeder. The see-through feeding drum makes it simple to see the level of food remaining. Ideal and convenient for every day use or simply for holidays, the Eheim Everyday Fish Feeder is a great investment at **\$79.00**.

## FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH ASSORTED GOURAMIS

A larger growing tropical fish which come in many colours, gouramis are a hardy, active fish, easy to feed and keep. Because of their ultimate size they are best not mixed with tiny fish. Although they are not usually very aggressive they can be a little territorial. Normally \$4.70



**MAY SPECIAL \$3.50**

## MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH PYJAMA CARDINALS

As with all cardinals, these are, strictly speaking, a nocturnal fish. However pyjama cardinals adapt well to day time feeding although they prefer a late afternoon/evening feeding. A highly unusual looking fish with big eyes, large spots and strange finnage but they are a very interesting addition to any marine tank. Peaceful community fish.



**GREAT PRICE \$12.00 EACH.**

## RED SEA FLORA BASE

Here is an aquarium substrate especially designed for growing plants. It is a scientifically formulated substrate produced from natural volcanic ash-based soil, combined with other minerals. Flora Base contains all of the nutrients required by plants giving ideal conditions for lasting plant growth. Its soft, porous, granular structure is easily penetrated by growing roots, helping to anchor plants to the substrate while providing access to the nutrients. Available in 5.4kg bags, suitable for a 40 litre aquarium.

Normally \$71.99 **Now \$53.99. 25% OFF!**