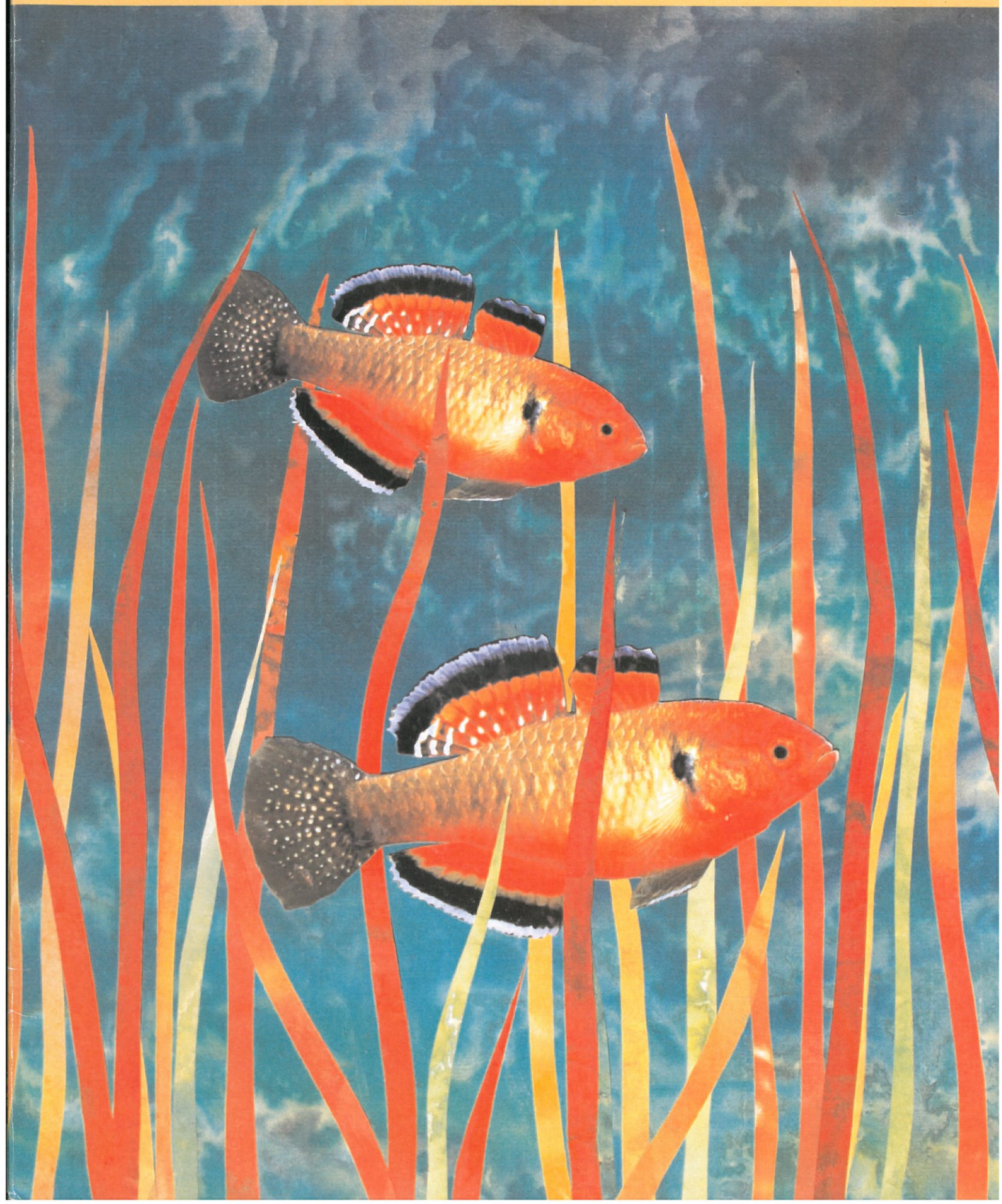


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CONVENTION PROGRAMME

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

- 7.00-8.00 pm Registration.
8.00-8.30 pm ANGFA Inc Annual General Meeting.
8.30-10.00 pm "Fireside Chat" with Gary Lange.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

- 8.00-9.00 Registration.

Morning Programme: (Chaired by Leo O'Reilly)

- 9.00-9.15 Convention Opening.
L. Giles and L. O'Reilly.
9.15-10.15 Adam Kerezy –
"A Desert Full Of Fish".
10.15-11.00 Morning Tea
11.00-11.45 Glynn Aland –
"A Cornucopia of Confusing Crustaceans".
11.00-11.45 Guppy Preschool* – First Session.
11.45-12.30 Adrian Dawson –
"The Secrets of Bowen Exposed".
11.45-12.30 Guppy Preschool* – Second Session.
12.30-1.30 Lunch.

Afternoon Programme: (Chaired by Adrian Dawson)

- 1.30-2.30 Bruce Sambell –
"20 Years of Collecting Fish in Queensland".
2.30-3.30 Keith Martin –
"Rainbowfish of the Queensland Wet Tropics".
3.30-4.00 Afternoon Tea.
4.00-5.30 Gary Lange –
"Western New Guinea Revisited".

Evening/Night Programme:

- 6.30-7.00 Pre dinner drinks.
7.00-8.00 Convention dinner.
8.00-9.30 Heiko Bleher –
"Blue-eyes from Queensland to New Guinea".

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

- 8.00-9.00 Registration.

Morning Programme: (Chaired by Peter Johnson)

- 9.00-10.00 Bruce Hansen –
"Fantastic Fraser".
10.00-10.15 Rainbowfish Group – Ian Baddock –
"Preserving Rarer Fish".
10.15-10.45 Morning Tea
10.45-11.30 Helen Larson –
"Weird Gudgeons".
11.30-12.15 Steve Baines –
"Natures way to Aquascape".
12.15-1.15 Lunch.

Afternoon Programme: (Chaired by Steve Baines)

- 1.15-2.15 Gunther Schmida –
"For the love of rainbows – A look at
Australian Rainbowfish and Blue-eyes".
2.15-3.00 "Open Forum".
3.00-3.30 Afternoon Tea.
3.30-5.00 Heiko Bleher –
"Mamberamo – Expedition Number 4".
5.00-5.15 Convention Close.

Evening/Night Programme:

- 5.30-6.30 Dinner.
7.00-10.30 "Convention Auction".
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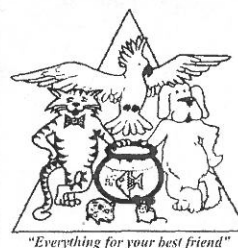
Abstract of talk:

Queensland has a diverse range of crustaceans, from shield shrimp and brackish water prawns to endemic Euastacus crayfish and Wet Tropics shrimp. This talk will outline the species occurring in Queensland and provide information on both the creatures and their environment. With the growing popularity of shrimps as both a display item and a form of algae control, this talk will highlight the huge range of native Australian shrimps that are available. And what's more, you can catch them yourself!

Brief biography:

Glynn was born on Thursday Island and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree (Natural Systems and Wildlife Management). He became involved with ANGFA in 1993 as a hobby to get away from keeping exotic fish, lived up on the Atherton Tablelands and puddle pilfered the Eastern states of Australia as both a hobby and in roles as a technician and a biologist for governmental agencies for a number of years.

Glynn now lives in South East Queensland due to family commitments.



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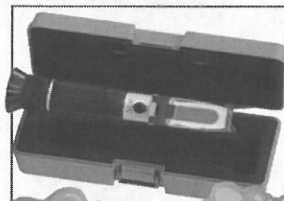
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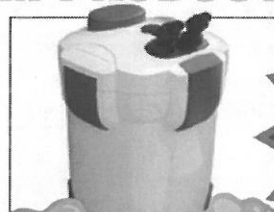
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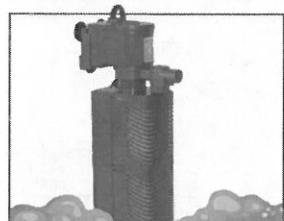
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Steve Baines

Talk – “Natures Way to Aquascape”

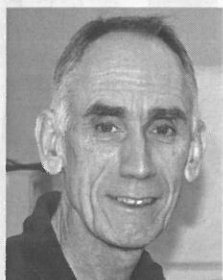
Abstract of talk:

Steve will show you how to create Australian biotypes with minimal effort, using driftwood and native plants found in an around the Brisbane area. He'll show you that it doesn't take lots of money or high technology to create a stunning aquarium.

Brief biography:

Steve Baines has been collecting and keeping fish for most of his life. He has owned fish shops, run a tank leasing/servicing business, set up dozens of displays at environmental centres and universities, and is a regular contributor at ANGFA QLD meetings. Steve creates fabulous tanks and aquatic environments and regularly wins best display awards at shows.

But his passion is to get more people interested in fish, and to ensure they know how to care for those fish correctly.



Heiko Bleher

Talk – 1 “Blue-eyes from Queensland to New Guinea”

Abstract of talk:

Heiko will introduce the amazing variety of blue-eyes to be found in Queensland and New Guinea, including those from the Aru Archipelago, Irian Jaya and PNG. Including many forms/variants/species which have not been seen in Australia before.

Talk – 2 “Mamberamo Expedition Number 4

Abstract of talk:

Heiko will discuss his fourth expedition to the Mamberamo area of PNG. This will include the correct placement of the species in the genus *Glossolepis* – including the variants of *M. praecox*, and the undescribed *Glossolepis*. And you'll hear about the “introduced” disaster on that trip.

Brief biography:

Heiko Bleher is one of the best known aquarium fish collectors in the world. Heiko travels the world seeking new fish, and has had many varieties of fish named after him, including *Chilatherina bleheri*, so beloved of rainbowfish enthusiasts.

Born in war torn Germany in 1944, into a family with a history of collecting aquatic plants and fish, Heiko followed on from his grandfather and mother in developing Frankfurt's largest aquatic plant and fish establishment.

Heiko spent much of his youth in Rio de Janeiro and the Brazilian interior with his Mother and siblings. Fluent in seven languages, he has authored articles which have appeared in more than 100 publications, including *Aqua Geo* which he set up himself to highlight studies of aquatic environments worldwide. His expeditions into New Guinea have provided us with much of the knowledge of New Guinea species we have today.



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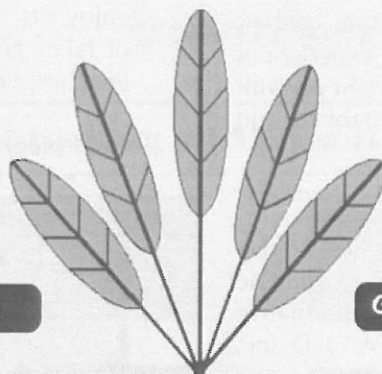


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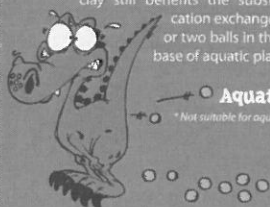
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Adam Kerecsy

Talk – “A Desert Full Of Fish”

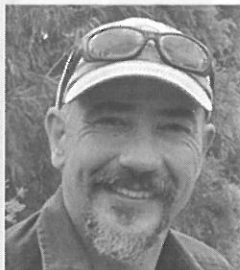
Abstract of talk:

Adam, Bush Heritage Australia & Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, will give this talk in three parts. In part one, he will describe his research in the ephemeral (or temporary) Mulligan River in the Simpson Desert over the last five years and give an idea of how many fish species and individuals take their chances on a flood and swim 300 kilometres into the sand dunes to a very uncertain future.

In part two, he shifts the focus to the unique spring complex at Edgbaston and the recovery project he has been working on for the critically endangered red-finned blue-eye since early 2009. And in part three he will discuss the motivating factors and practicalities associated with writing his natural history book *Desert Fishing Lessons: Adventures in Australia's Rivers*.

Brief biography:

Adam Kerecsy is an aquatic ecologist with *Bush Heritage Australia* and has a special interest in fish of the Australian arid zone. Adam has degrees in Australian history, environmental science, aquaculture and education, and his doctoral research investigated the distribution, recruitment and movement of fish in the isolated rivers of far western Queensland and the Simpson Desert. A significant part of Adam's current work focuses on restoring populations of the critically endangered red-finned blue-eye, a small fish that is endemic to the Great Artesian Basin spring complex on Edgbaston Reserve. Adam's book, *“Desert Fishing Lessons: Adventures in Australian Rivers”*, will be published by UWA Publishing in October 2011.



Gary Lange

Talk – 1 “Fireside Chat”

Abstract of talk:

Gary will show a variety of images from his trips and adventures in an interactive session. This is an informal and interactive session.

Talk 2 – “Western New Guinea Revisited”

Abstract of talk:

Gary has made several trips to fish West Papua (Irian Jaya) in recent years. On his last trip alone, Gary collected four new species of rainbowfish from that area. In this presentation Gary will provide details of that expedition and the fish he collected.

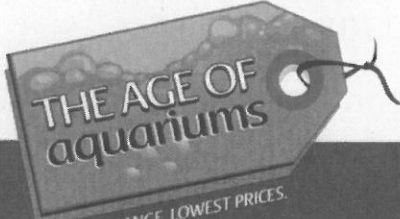
Brief biography:

Gary has been keeping fish since he was 10 and has been associated with the organised hobby for the last 30 years. He is a member of the Missouri Aquarium Society (MASI). He is a grand master breeder in MASI, and has won “Best Fish In Show” on four different occasions, twice with rainbowfish.



In 1987 he started the Rainbowfish Study Group of North America (RSG). He got into fish photography mainly because there weren't many quality pictures of rainbowfish. He has had his photos published in *FAMA*, *TFH* and *AFM* and has published several articles for the *Aquarium Fish Magazine* and *TFH*.

In 2002 he was the first to import eight new rainbowfish into North America from the world explorer, Heiko Bleher, including *G. pseudoincisus*, *M. parva* and *G. doryti*. In 2005 he took the rainbowfish keeper's dream trip – collecting in Papua. He made another trip back in 2008, recollecting a fresh stock of *Melanotaenia praecox* and introducing *Chilatherina alleni* to the hobby. A third trip was made in 2010 in which four new species of rainbowfish were brought back and waiting scientific write up. He is currently running over 90 tanks and keeping over 65 species and locations of rainbowfish and blue-eyes.



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Helen Larson

Talk – “Weird Gudgeons”

Abstract of talk:

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Brief biography:

Dr Helen K. Larson is Emeritus Curator of Fishes, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin. Helen is known to some as the *Goby Queen* or *Gobywan Kenobi*, and reckons that gobies are the most fascinating fishes in the world. Her research interests are the taxonomy, systematics, ecology, and behaviour of Indo-Pacific mangrove and coral reef fishes, especially gobioid fishes (gobies, gudgeons, mudskippers). Helen retired in late 2009 and moved to north Queensland where she works on gobies in association with the Museum of Tropical Queensland.



Keith Martin

Talk – “Rainbowfish of the Queensland Wet Tropics”

Abstract of talk:

The Wet Tropics region of North Queensland is home to at least nine species/subspecies of rainbowfishes and blue-eyes, making it the richest area for this group in Australia. Many species show significant colour variations between, and sometimes within river systems, and there are many spectacular and famous varieties in the aquarium hobby that originate from the Wet Tropics. This presentation will highlight the beauty and diversity of the Wet Tropics landscapes, and the rainbowfish and other creatures that inhabit the area.

Brief biography:

Keith Martin is an Environmental Scientist with a large International environmental consulting firm. He has been based in Cairns for the last 15 years and during that time has undertaken numerous biodiversity surveys across tropical Australia and Indonesia. He has a passion for keeping and photographing Australian native fish, especially the rainbowfish group, and enjoys exploring the streams of the Cairns region, searching for new and unusual rainbowfish types. He is co-author of the popular handbook “*Freshwater Fishes of the Northern Territory*”.



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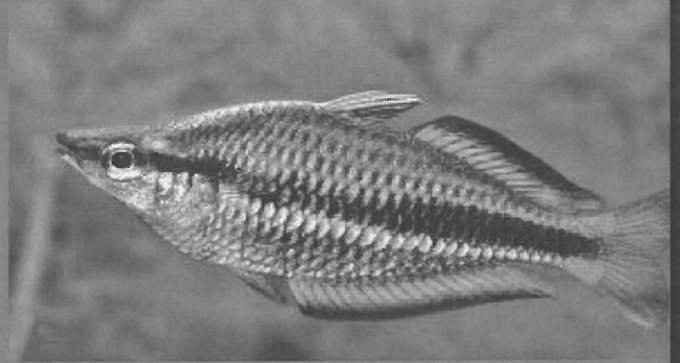
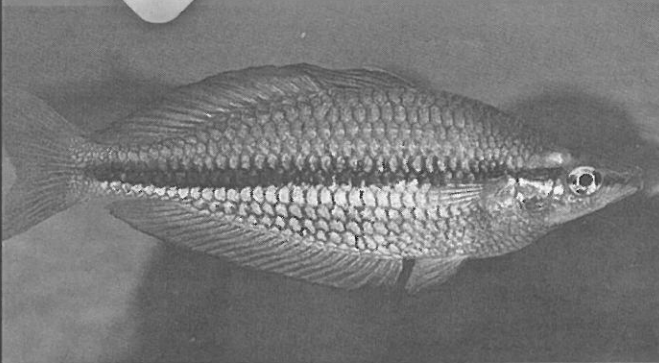
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Bruce Sambell

Talk – “20 Years of Collecting Fish in Queensland”

Abstract of talk:

Bruce will share some of his experiences over the last 20 odd years of collecting fish brood stock from the Queensland bush. Locations from Queensland's coastal streams, to desert water holes, and rivers and creeks of Cape York will feature in his presentation. He'll show a wealth of pictures and video footage from a range of locations in the state, linked to his success in captive breeding programs for fish such as Saratoga and Archer fish

Brief biography:

As with most of us Bruce started off as a hobbyist. He moved into the commercial side of the fishy business over 30 years ago. During this time he has owned 5 retail aquarium outlets, up to three at a time. About 23 years ago he and his family moved to Queensland with the intention of setting up an aquarium fish hatchery, now known as *Ausyfish*. The Ausyfish hatchery has now grown into the biggest of its type, with 123 earth ponds 4 storage dams and a large hatchery complex.

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With such a wide range of species to breed, the brood stock collecting permit of Ausyfish, is a comprehensive list of Queensland's freshwater native species. This has provided Bruce with the opportunity, (excuse) to go into the bush as often as he can to collect new species, and colour morphs, for Ausyfish to breed.



Gunther Schmida

Talk – “For the love of rainbows – A look at Australian Rainbowfish and Blue-eyes”

Abstract of talk:

Gunther will take us on one of his fabulous pictorial journeys to look at all those different looking forms of the various species.

Brief biography:

Gunther is a world renowned photographer. Whether it's his reptile images or fish photos, he always manages to bring out the best in his subject.

Gunther Schmida is in his 57th year of almost uninterrupted fish keeping and has photographed his charges for over 48 years.

For the past 40 years his interests were focussed on native freshwater fish resulting in four books, his latest the recently published “*Wild Guide Freshwater Fishes*”, a small guide aimed not at fish keepers, but rather as an introduction of this unique part of our fauna to the general public.

He has been a member of ANGFA QLD for over 25 years. He was one of the original people attempting to form an ANGFA group in Sydney before that, and is well known to members nationwide.

Now living in the hinterland of the Gold Coast, his interest in native fish is greater than ever and his quest to create superb images of all native fishes and their various forms continues on a larger scale than ever before. Although native fish are his main interest he is also very fond of reptiles, frogs, crustaceans, and all kinds of other wildlife including aquatic and terrestrial plants. He has travelled widely in the pursuit of his subjects.



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