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### **HORTGRO EXCLUSIVE: ADRIAN KUIPER'S SECOND INNINGS**

After an incredibly memorable career as a national and international cricket idol, Adrian Kuiper swapped the red ball for a red apple. And golden ones. Some pink ladies ... Gerrit Rautenbach visited him in Elgin. This is his story.

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## MEET THEMBI XABA - NEW CEO OF THE DFDC

She's a golfer, who is learning to scuba dive. She speaks eight languages, is the mother of a baby boy, and is studying towards her Ph.D. in Business Administration with the University of Stellenbosch Business School. And as if that is not enough she was also recently appointed as the CEO of the Deciduous Fruit Development Chamber in Stellenbosch.

Meet Thembi Xaba who's quiet sophistication cannot hide her bright intellect and steely resilience.

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## AWARD-WINNING CORTINA COMMITMENT

Richard Myburgh started out as a fruit hawker. His business was small but grew quickly. Soon he outgrew the packhouse that he was renting and it was time to buy his own farm.

Today, despite some serious drought challenges, commitment and a strong future vision are just two of the impressive traits that put the Myburgh clan from Cortina Farms a cut above the rest.

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## AGRI'S GOT TALENT: HERE ARE THE TOP TEN

It's the moment we have all been waiting for. After many hours of listening to all our gifted entrants, the Agri's Got Talent team, together with celebrity Frieda van den Heever, are proud to announce the 2018 Top Ten contestants for our competition.

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# DIE KWIK STYG: RSG KLIMAATSVERANDERINGREKES

'n Nuwe weeklikse program oor klimaatverandering en die gevolge daarvan vir mens, dier, die omgewing en die landboubedryf het op 6 April 2018 afgeskop. Die program "Die Kwik Styg" word voortaan Vrydae om 12:45 op RSG uitgesaai en gaan vir 52 weke interessante onderwerpe bespreek met 'n verskeidenheid van kenners as ateljee-gaste. Hortgro se Anton Rabe is op 22 Junie die ateljee-gas. Indien jy Anton regstreeks misloop, luister na wat hy oor die sagtevrugtebedryf se uitdagings sê op **RSG Potgooi**



# FRUIT SOUTH AFRICA STATEMENT OF INTENT

Fruit South Africa strives through its facilitative role to contribute to a growing, profitable, sustainable and equitable fruit industry in South Africa within the context of the National Development Plan and related strategies and policies. Therefore, we the members of Fruit SA, declare our support for, and commitment to, the following values pertaining to Our People, Ethical Behaviour, Freedom of Association, Committed To Transformation, Environmental Stewardship.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

# GREENCAPE MARKET INTELLIGENCE REPORTS 2018

GreenCape recently announced the publication of their 2018 market intelligence reports, covering key green economy sectors: energy services, water, waste, and sustainable agriculture.

Who are they for?

The reports are for investors and businesses who are active or interested in the green economy in the Western Cape and South Africa. These GreenCape's market intelligence reports contain a wealth of information on their respective topics. There is something of interest to everyone, even if it just the City of Cape Town's water augmentation programmes.

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# HORTGRO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM 2018 SUMMARY REPORT

This year's Hortgro Technical Symposium focused on surviving and excelling during a drought. The report covers topics like postharvest defects, rootstock choice, water-saving tips and more. [Read it here.](#)

### ROOTSTOCKS: when the easy choice isn't the best choice

talk by Fredrick Wigt and Dr Paul Steyn summary by Gene McDonald

Despite being the 'industry standard' stone fruit rootstocks for several decades, Marrianna and Kalmar are now being progressively replaced by more resilient rootstocks when certain limitations exist.

**marrianna**

- was significantly outperformed by four other rootstocks when measured against fruit weight and other criteria pertaining to the ease of production.
- its vigor will still be a desired trait in the future as it will be needed to support weight and vigor significantly outperformed by the other rootstocks.
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### THE TRAITS of a successful farmer

talk by Ben Bouyssi summary by Gene McDonald

What makes a successful farmer? It is hard work, entrepreneurial spirit or great foresight? According to kykNET's Megaboere presenter and veteran journalist Ben Bouyssi, it's this and much more.

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### LENTICEL disorders on apples: the impact of cooling on lenticel damage

talk by Dr Ian Crouch summary and illustration by Anna Mouton

Dr Ian Crouch, research and development director at ExperiCo, explained the different types of lenticel disorders on apples and summarized the best practices for avoiding these.

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**ALSO, watch speakers summarise their presentations on our YouTube channel [here.](#)**

## HORTGRO RESEARCH SHOWCASE 2018

Mark your calendars. The Hortgro Science team launched a new initiative to provide context and showcase our researchers' work. Researchers, peer-workgroups, technical advisory committee members, and fruit growers generally don't get the full picture of the research funded through Hortgro Science or within the three programmes—these three days will provide an encompassing image of research and development in our industry.

Crop Protection—September 18, 2018

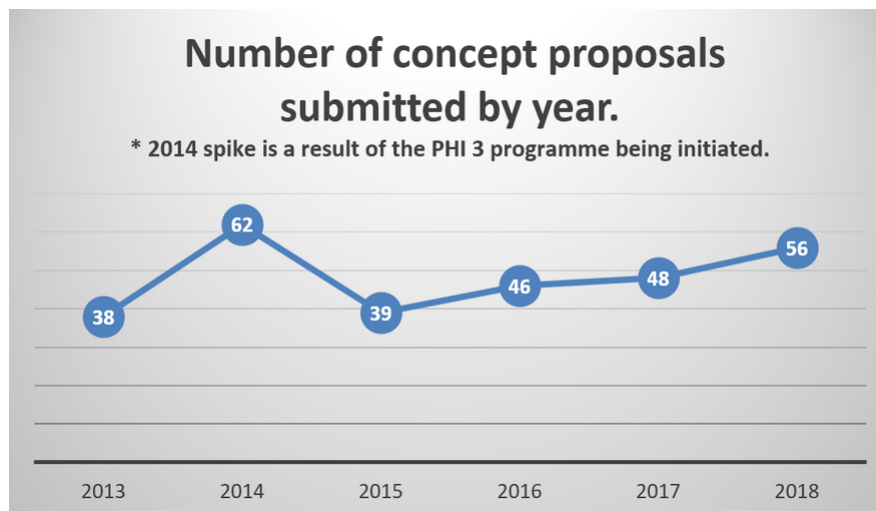
Crop Production—September 19, 2018

Postharvest—September 20, 2018

Venue: TBC

## RECORD RESEARCH CONCEPT PROPOSALS RECEIVED

This Hortgro Science received a record number of concept proposals, 56. See the graph below.



## FRESH QUARTERLY: NEW RESEARCH PUBLICATION

At Hortgro Science we aim to provide growers with solutions and innovative research. The *Fresh Quarterly* wishes to simplify this research, and re-package it into a useful and engaging product. We hope you enjoy our new magazine, and we welcome your feedback. [Read it here.](#)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**3 AUGUST: Agri's Got Talent Gala Evening at Allée Bleue, Simondium. Book through Computicket.**

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### COMRADESHIP & COMMUNICATION

In the month of the annual Comrades ultra-marathon between Pietermaritzburg and Durban (this year the down run which I incidentally unfortunately missed for the 56th year in a row!), it is appropriate to reminisce about the value and role of comradeship in our private and professional lives, the acknowledgement of achievements and the value of relationships.

On a personal level, I was once again reminded this past week of the danger of assuming, rather than confirming and double checking. The impact on a dear and a valued relationship will hopefully be mended as time goes by, but a hard lesson on ensuring that individuals and groups are informed of and understand the rationale and reasoning behind certain decisions and/or actions. In some cases, such relationships have developed over a long period and sometimes under difficult circumstances which led to a unique bond between individuals based on trust and mutual respect. Such relationships are worthy of extra attention and nurturing.

The proverbial bottom-line is once again communication in all shapes, sizes, and forms.

Which brings me to the crux of this message – three years ago Communication in various dimensions was identified as one of the top 4 Hortgro priorities. Since then the Hortgro Communications team has developed a wide-reaching and extremely effective programme under the competent leadership of Elise-Marie Steenkamp. The effective and efficient use of a mix of printed, electronic and social media by the communications team can be hailed as a huge success and is widely experienced and acknowledged in the industry as “boxing” way above their weight. Indeed!

As an agri-sector – and our industry even more so - we are not acknowledging the roles and contributions of individuals and groups adequately. Lets' change that mindset and acknowledge and recognise achievement where it is due. And that certainly includes the acknowledgment and nurturing of relationships on a personal level with respect and mutual trust via effective communication.

Regards

Anton

*"The art of communication is the language of leadership."* - James Humes

*"The single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place."* - George Bernard Shaw

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