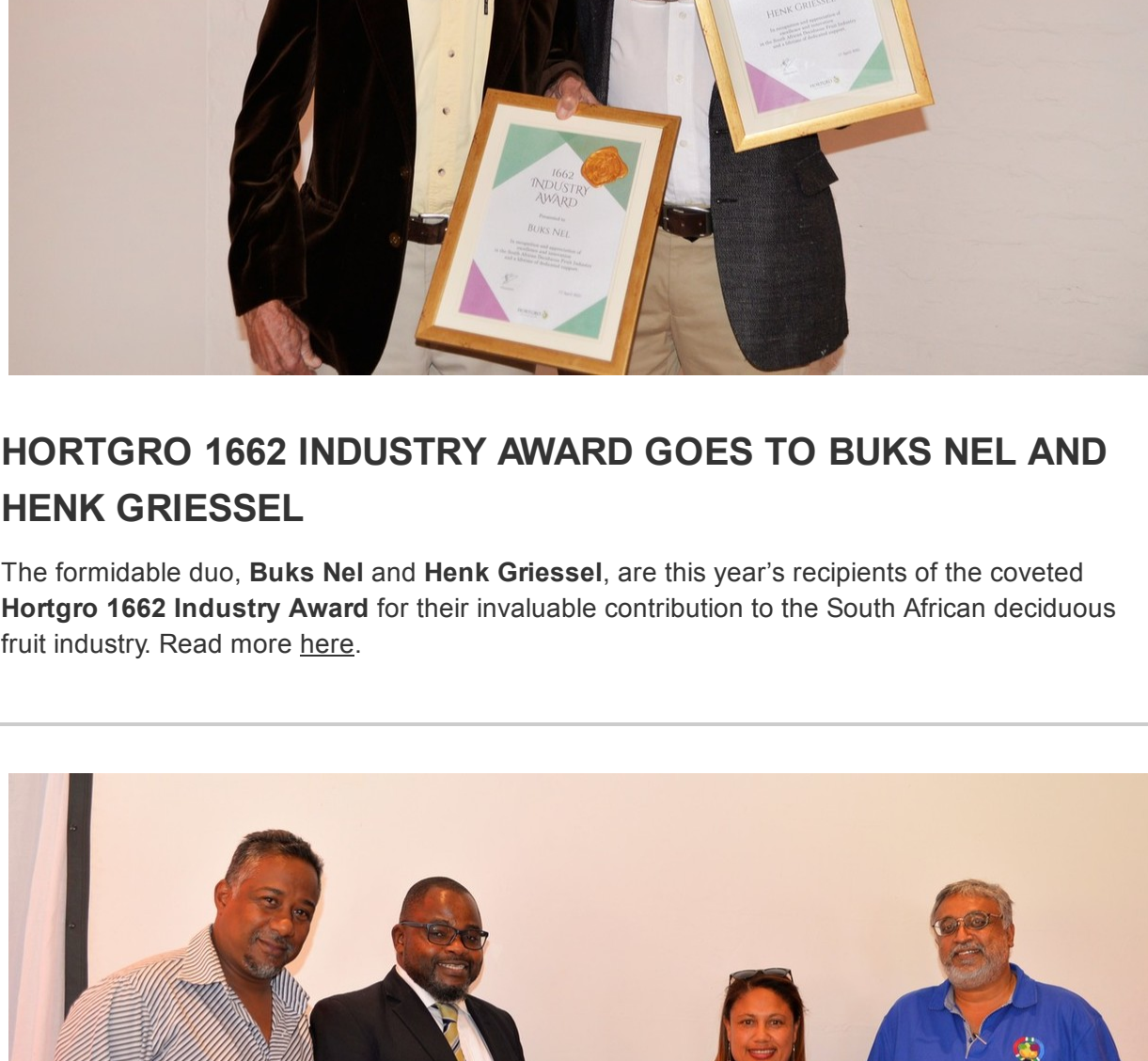


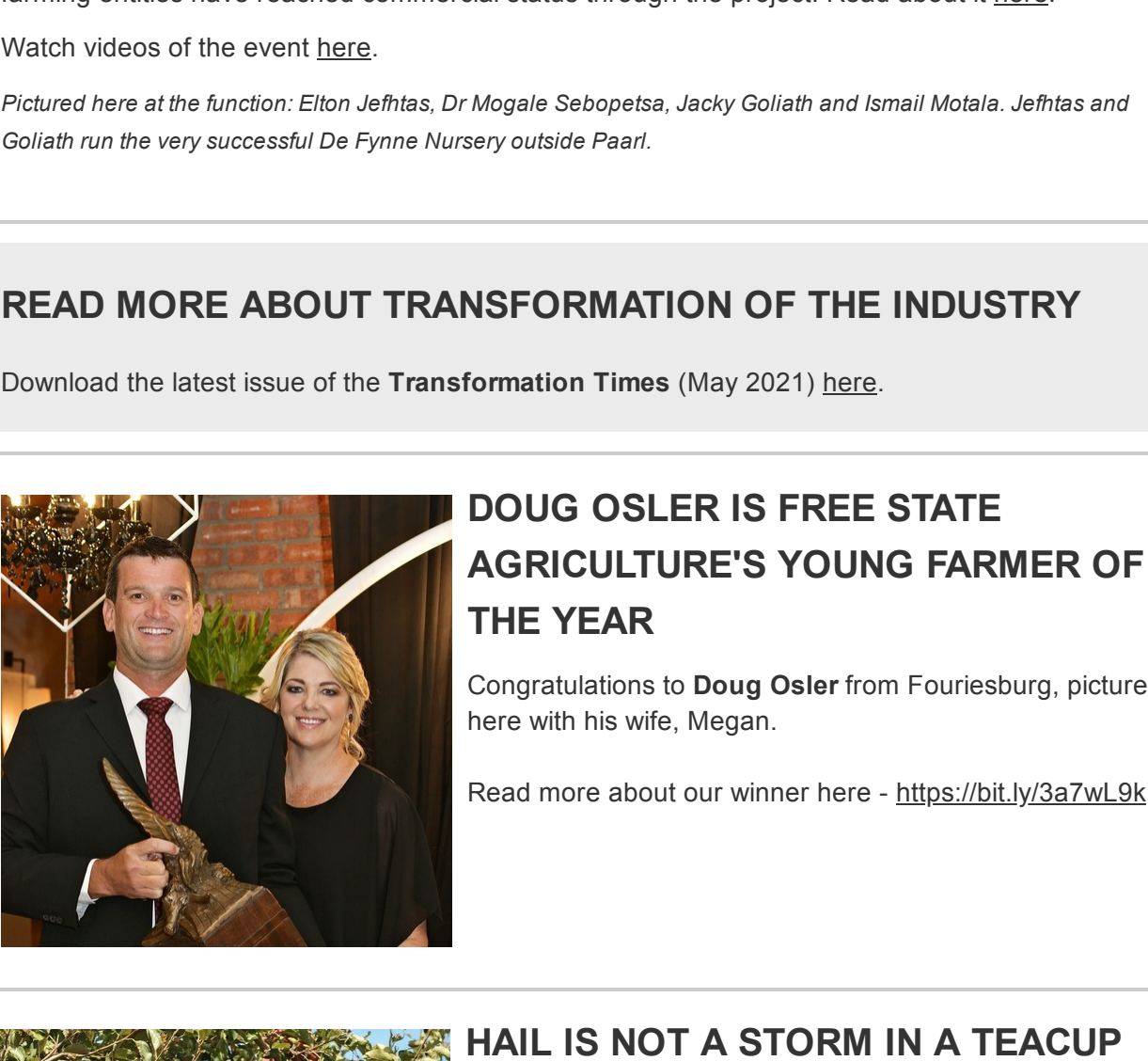
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HORTGRO 1662 INDUSTRY AWARD GOES TO BUKS NEL AND HENK GRIESSEL

The formidable duo, **Buks Nel** and **Henk Griessel**, are this year's recipients of the coveted **Hortgro 1662 Industry Award** for their invaluable contribution to the South African deciduous fruit industry. Read more [here](#).



ECONOMIC REFORM: EMERGING FARMERS REACH COMMERCIAL STATUS

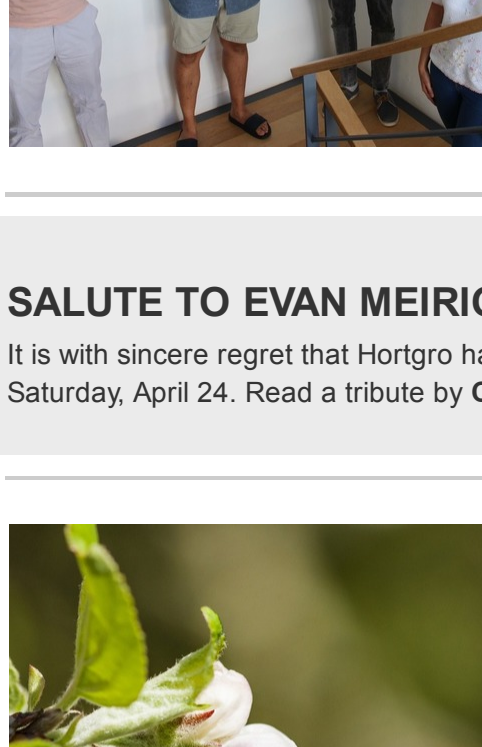
Transformation and economic reform in agriculture are some of the biggest challenges that South Africa faces today. The Jobs Fund Project recently came to an end. The trials and tribulations were celebrated at a function that was held at Houwhoek on 22 April 2021. A total of 21 emerging farming entities have reached commercial status through the project. Read about it [here](#).

Watch videos of the event [here](#).

Pictured here at the function: Elton Jefhtas, Dr Mogale Sebopetsa, Jacky Goliath and Ismail Motale. Jefhtas and Goliath run the very successful De Fynne Nursery outside Paarl.

READ MORE ABOUT TRANSFORMATION OF THE INDUSTRY

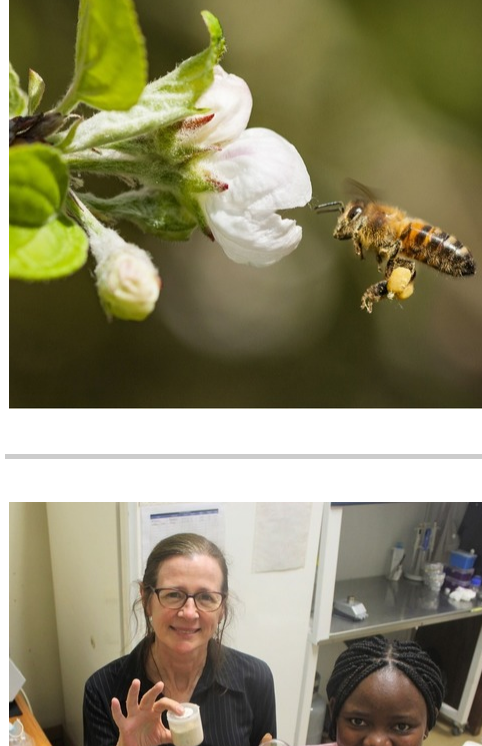
Download the latest issue of the **Transformation Times** (May 2021) [here](#).



DOUG OSLER IS FREE STATE AGRICULTURE'S YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Doug Osler** from Fouriesburg, pictured here with his wife, Megan.

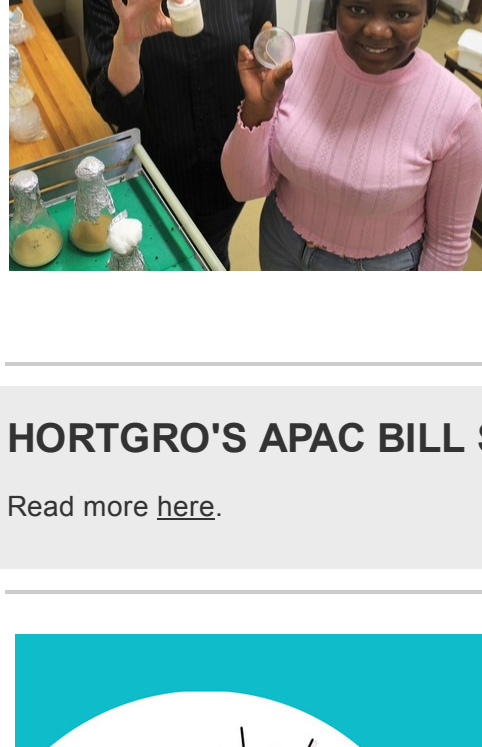
Read more about our winner here - <https://bit.ly/3a7wL9k>



HAIL IS NOT A STORM IN A TEACUP

In January, one of the biggest nightmares for any fruit farmer became a horrible reality in the Langkloof. Hail. **Ricardo du Preez** from Langfontein near Misgund lost 95% of his crop. How does one recover from a disaster of that magnitude?

Read the story by Gerrit Rautenbach [here](#).



LICENSE TO RESEARCH

The future success of the deciduous fruit industry lies in the planting of new and adapted cultivars, says **Iwan Labuschagne from Provar**. In April, fruit tasting exhibitions gave producers a chance to taste and experience new cultivars that are currently being evaluated. Additionally, two important research studies are being conducted to solve industry problems. Read more [here](#).

Watch a video of **Wiehann Steyn** and Iwan Labuschagne [here](#).



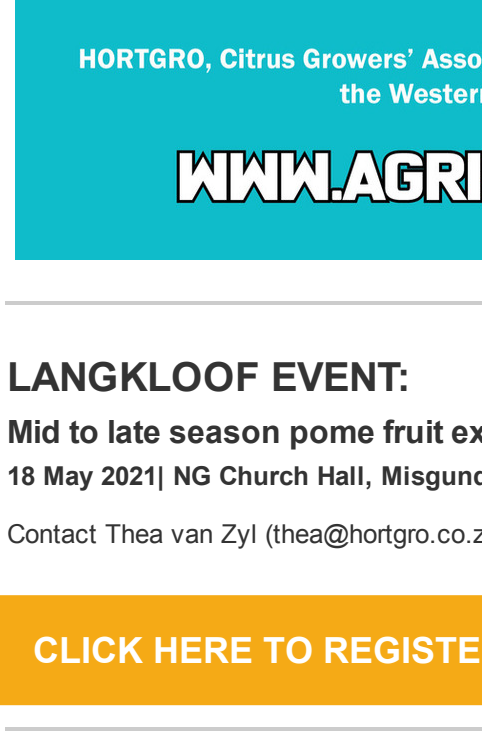
YOUNG AND OLD NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

More and more young people, many of whom have no farming experience, are drawn to the agriculture sector. With youth month around the corner, we spoke to four youngsters that have found an accidental home in agriculture. Read it [here](#).

Pictured here: Mthokozisi Sishuba, Chad van Wyk, Tristan Dorling, and Anika Kock.

SALUTE TO EVAN MEIRION WILLIAMS

It is with sincere regret that Hortgro has learned of the passing of **Evan Meirion Williams** on Saturday, April 24. Read a tribute by **Charles Hughes** [here](#).



POLLINATION AND THE DECIDUOUS FRUIT INDUSTRY

Mariette Kotze shared industry growth projections with Western Cape beekeepers. Pollination is a critical component of integrated orchard management practices. Growers are advised to formally confirm bookings of pollination units well in advance to avoid disappointment and manage risks. Read more [here](#).



BIOLOGICAL PEST CONTROL MEASURES: RESEARCHERS TRANSPORT TINY NEMATODES TO FARMS

A recent MSc Entomology graduate has now solved one of the conundrums that have so far stumped the SU research team's efforts to roll out this natural pest control method for use on local farms: how to store and transport nematodes live, and en masse. Read more [here](#).

Pictured here: Prof Antoinette Malan and Ms Abongile Nxitywa, both from Stellenbosch University.

HORTGRO'S APAC BILL SUBMISSION

Read more [here](#).



LET'S SING!

Agri's Got Talent is a skills development programme and singing competition for agricultural workers in the fruit and wine industries.

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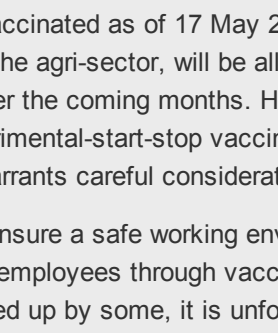
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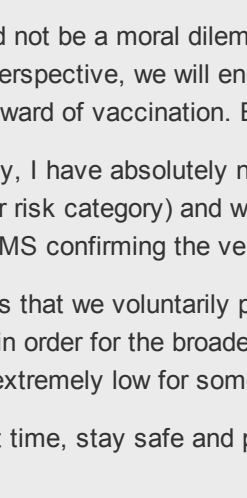
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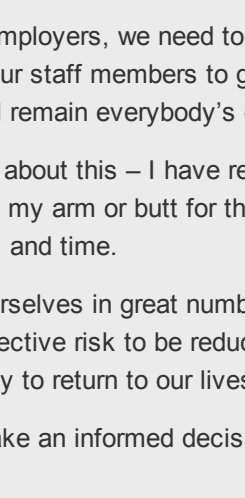
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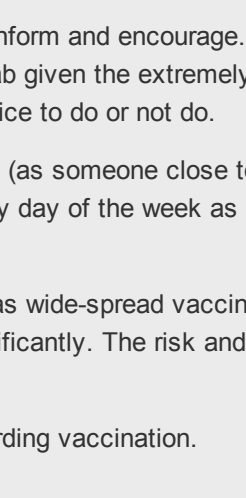
The various chill models and how well (or not) they fit South African conditions

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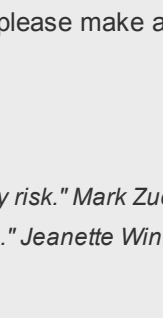
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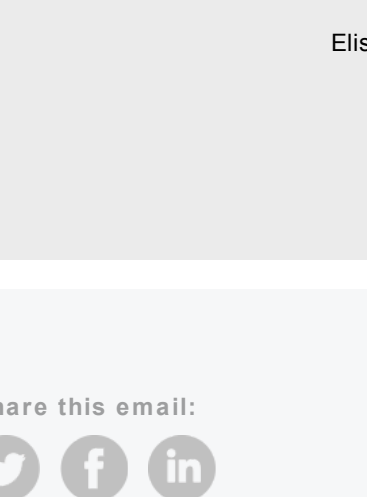
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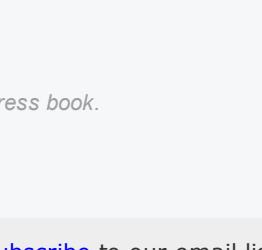
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