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“Once you bid farewell to high standards and discipline you say goodbye to success” Sir Alex Ferguson

JANNIE SPANGENBERG

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Jannie Spangenberg this past week – to Santa and the family our sincere condolences and support from the entire southern African citrus family. Jannie served as a Director on the CGA board from 2012 to 2016. He represented the Northern Cape region and will be remembered for his no nonsense approach and his amazing sense of humor. After some difficult debates Jannie would rise to his feet, and in his beautiful northern Cape accent summarise the issue and provide well-articulated solutions.

The Northern Cape is well known for the region’s hospitality – and Jannie epitomized the warmth and caring of the region. One memory is when Jannie invited the CGA roadshow team onto his boat on the Orange River the morning before we were to fly back to Durban. At 09h00 he had the Jägermeister out and toasts to all and sundry. This was followed by a mad dash to Upington airport and a sobering flight back home.

Jannie will be sorely missed.

CITRUS MARKETING FORUM (CMF)

A reminder to all southern African CMF members that the first meeting will be held (virtually) from 10h00 to 12h00 on Tuesday, 7 March 2023. Members can get the link from Portia portia@cga.co.za

Main agenda items will be the crop predictions for 2023, a market outlook for the year and regulatory guidelines from DALRRD and PPECB.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT – SOLD OUT

The past few years we have been starved of contact with our colleagues as virtual meetings became the norm. With more in-person events starting up there is an evident appetite to meet and mingle again. This is very evident in the citrus industry as the Summit registrations have now hit the venue’s capacity. As such, registrations are now closed, and we can put the finishing touches on what is going to be a GREAT event.

If you have not registered and would like to attend, please contact Tanya tanya@cga.co.za and you will be put on a waiting list in case there are any cancellations.

Paul Hardman indicates that a few openings have arisen for the pre-summit tours – please contact Shelly shelly@cga.co.za, should you be interested.

ROLLING BLACKOUTS

Rolling blackouts are impacting all South Africans, with businesses badly hit as they try to keep on operating as best they can. Much has been written about the impact on the agricultural sector, in particular the impact on irrigated agriculture and perishable products grown for export. Minister Didiza has assembled a task team to assist the sector to respond to this crisis. AGBIZ is playing a leading role in this task team and the CGA is assisting in raising issues from the citrus sector. When it meets on 14 March 2023, the CGA Board will consider the convening of an Energy Crisis Response Committee to identify risks, assess the risks in terms of impact and likelihood of occurring – and determine a response action plan.

