

Bio-Blog

April 2024

Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

It is hard to believe that we are entering our last month of SIT production for the season. Despite a challenging start, we managed to secure sign-ups for enough hectares, enabling us to successfully deliver the SIT programme to over 20,000 hectares during this season. Additionally, we've adopted a distribution methodology more in line with the research conducted in the early 2000s, diverging from the approach of the past 5 seasons. Thus far, the results in all valleys have been good, and grower feedback during recent interactions have been very complimentary towards the entire programme.

Well done to the whole team!

CHEERS, ROB

XSIT Represents at the 2024/25 Western Cape Agricultural Budget Address

The Western Cape Government made a generous contribution to enhance the affordability of our SIT programme for growers this season. Their donation was shared with all producers who use SIT in the Western Cape, regardless of the crop they grow.

We were also honoured by a visit to our facility from Dr. Ivan Meyer, the Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. Sebopetsa, the head of his department, along with a large portion of the agricultural department team.

XSIT was recently invited to attend the reading of the new agriculture budget for 2024/25 in the provincial legislature. Additionally, we had the opportunity to participate in the exhibition outside the venue, which aimed to showcase the projects where the provincial government is partnering with other collaborators. Rob Elfick, Alex Kotze, and Lukhanyo Nkombisa, from the CGA Grower Development Company, attended this well-supported event.

SIT is seen as the base for an Integrated Pest Management approach to managing False Codling Moth, along with orchard sanitation. The big challenge is to ensure the affordability of the programme, making it economically viable for all growers in an area to join SIT. Partnerships, such as the one XSIT has with the WCDoA, are critical in making this a reality, and we look forward to collaborating with this dynamic team into the future.



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Providing Learners with Some Educational Tools for a Brighter Future

The RBX team was active within the Addo community, assisting Nomathamsanga Educare Center with stationery and educational material. We are dedicated to supporting early childhood development and grateful for the opportunity to make a difference.



April Birthdays

Lazani Barnard, Christel Oosthuizen, Ntombentsha Befile, Granville Mentoer, Enrich Scholtz, Peter Basson, Alushka Stoltz, Lee-Anne Carolus, Kyle Goulding, Grayzill van Wyk, Nceba Ngquse, Redawaan Valentyn, Mushe Tshilonga, Brian Fortuin, Zelmary Persens, Ruben Terblanche, Nomazotsho Tatsi, Thando Mngqeba, Tracey-Lee Paulse, Marius Tsobo, Jeanetta Laubser, Patrick Langklaas, Lindelwa Tutu

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