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CURRICULUM VITAE

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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Natal University in Pietermaritzburg 1968-1972
B Sc Agriculture – Horticulture/Agronomy

- Dissertation: “Pruning of Citrus for Maximizing Export Fruit Production”
- Awarded study bursary from the South African Co-Operative Citrus Exchange for 3 years
- Awarded Greytown Lionel Parish Ashfield Prize for Outstanding Work end of 3rd year
- Member of William O’Brien Hall House Committee 1972
- Member of Agricultural Students Council, 1972

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- 1966 Matric at Union High School in Graaff Reinet.
- 1967 Army training at Army Gymnasium, Voortrekkerhoogte. Subsequently spent time in the forces on the Botswana and Rhodesian borders.
- 1972 Graduated BSc (Agric) Hort. from Natal Univ. Held bursary from Citrus Exchange for three years.
- 1976 Extension officer for Citrus Exchange in most Citrus producing areas in Southern Africa.
- 1979 Technical manager/Horticulturist at Pickstones Nurseries and Fruit Farms in Groot Drakenstein.
- 1980 Travelled overseas on foot and train through much of Europe and on to Scandinavia. Then to British Isles where I worked on an apple and hops farm in Kent. I worked on Sde Nehemia kibbutz in Northern Galilee in Israel for 3 months. Spent a few months in North America and Canada travelling by Greyhound and hitching, from New York to LA, San

Francisco and Vancouver, then back via New Mexico, Texas and Florida and back to New York and back to England.

- 1981 Worked as a nursery and farm manager at Paarl Nurseries.
- 1982 Apprenticed myself to Els Gresshoff, a landscape designer in Cape Town and started landscaping for my own account
- 1984 Moved to Joburg and via contacts and friends from Round Table started working as a landscape contractor on tendered and negotiated projects.
During this period amongst other work, I tendered on and successfully completed about 40 corporate, state and private contracts with a value at that time of about 20 million rand. .
- 2000 to 2016 Returned to Cape Town and have continued to design and install landscapes and irrigation systems in addition to my other work.
- Working as a contractor in Gauteng for about 18 years I was either contracted as a main contractor to the client, or subcontracted to the construction company and paid by them. I have a solid understanding of the liabilities and benefits of contracts having employed subcontractors of my own and having worked as a subcontractor to large companies. Superb planning and daily recording of on-site work are absolutely essential for an easy and pleasant outcome of the final account.
- I employed my own top class quantity surveyor on some of my contracts, and it is unnecessary to include his cost at tender stage as he saves far more money with his expertise than his/her cost to the contract.
- I believe many contractors are good technicians but don't know how to handle contractual issues, which is why quantity surveyors exist, and they are far more qualified than lawyers to handle contractual issues and much cheaper.
- 2004 to 2007 Worked as a trainer/facilitator/co-coordinator for Organic Farms Group (OFG), a company specialising in organic urban agricultural training in the townships surrounding Cape Town. During this time I set up and ran about 40 x 6 week projects and about 20 x 2 day short training courses on agriculture and organic agriculture. The work was funded by the Dept of Labour and Old Mutual and was SETA approved and registered.
- 2007 Held a six month contract as co-ordinator of a pilot urban agricultural scheme run by The City of Cape Town and an international foundation (RUAF) dealing in urban agriculture.
- In between contracts I have sustained myself doing Landscape design and implementation.
- 2010 to 2011 Worked as a mentor farmer on a project in Manyeding near Kuruman in the Northern Cape. I lived in Manyeding village adjacent to the site and mentored aspiring farmers in the management and growing of wide range of vegetable and herb crops with an organic slant for David Wolstenholme/Organimark CC.
- 2012 Due to have started a contract working for David Wolstenholme CC in April but contract with Anglo was cancelled
- 2013 Jan – March Carried out a short contract cutting giant bamboo in Kwazulu Natal (Chaka's Kraal area) for David Wolstenholme CC.
- Promised contracts put on hold or cancelled so I have maintained myself doing landscaping and irrigation.
- 2014/2015 Spent three months working as a farm manager on a date farm just outside Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. Due to restructuring and farm politics my contract has come to an end. I learnt a great deal about farming in the desert with total dependence on ground water and in 45C+ temperatures. Our labour was drawn from India, Pakistan, Bengal, Phillipines, Sudan, Egypt, Afganistan and Nepal to name some sources and have again discovered that people are just people and I got on well with them. The Phillipinos were the most well educated with fluent English.
- My age played in my favour as age commands respect in Saudi.
- Since returning from Saudi, I have continued as usual to sustain myself with landscaping, irrigation etc.

Services offered

- Project planning and management in a wide range of projects.
- I have been involved in procurement of materials for all my projects. This included always checking prices of the required specification from different sources countrywide
- Labour management.

- Manager and facilitation of agricultural or horticultural projects as a contractor or a consultant. This often included construction within the landscape.
- Landscape maintenance of corporate projects from irrigation systems to pruning to lawn mowing including hands on maintenance of all kinds of equipment
- Production nurseryman with substantial production and retailing experience. Tree, vege, herbs and many other crops.
- Mentoring farmers and emerging farmers in production methods. I am hands on and lived on site.
- Organic or formal agriculture.
- Design and implementation of domestic and agricultural irrigation systems.
- Design and implementation of garden landscapes.
- Installation from specs from irrigation companies of irrigation systems.
- Have done short training on the Microsoft office suite and am competent at a level of about 75%.
- I am prepared to live anywhere

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