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“May your Christmas be wrapped in happiness and tied with love” Anon

PPECB BOARD APPOINTED

Martli Slabber and Khaya Katoo have been appointed as citrus representatives on the newly convened PPECB Board. Both are citrus growers – Martli grows citrus in the Citrusdal area; while Khaya farms in the Patensie region. The CGA would like to thank them for agreeing to represent the citrus industry on the PPECB Board, and wish them well in their deliberations.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE 1459, 1460 AND 1461

On 2 December three government gazettes were published, to take effect from 1 January 2017. Gazette 1459 covers levies on citrus fruit intended for export; and sets the levy at 68 cents (plus VAT) per 15 Kg carton for 2017; and then increasing by 2 cents per carton per year through to end 2020. Gazette 1460 covers records and returns relating to export of fresh citrus fruit; and Gazette 1461 covers registration of persons involved in the export of fresh citrus fruit. Copies of the Gazette’s are available from justchad@iafrica.com.

STUDY TOUR TO KICK OFF CGA CITRUS SUMMIT

Those travelling from other regions have an opportunity to see some of the Eastern Cape citrus industry by signing up for the Study Tour. Delegates will be collected from the Boardwalk Casino car park at 11h00 on Monday 6th March – in less than an hour they will be in the beautiful Sundays River region. With packed lunch in hand they will visit River Bioscience facilities in Addo, and take a tour of a juice factory before visiting the new, state of the art SRCC packhouse in Kirkwood. This will be followed by dinner and some good East Cape hospitality as you spend the night in the area. Tuesday 7th itinerary includes a demonstration of moth releases with XSIT; visits to local orchards (lunch is provided) before travelling through Addo Elephant Park on your way back to Port Elizabeth. Delegates will arrive back at the car park at around 17h00 (in time to refresh before the Welcome Dinner at 19h00).

The Registration fee of R1 500 (+VAT) covers lunch, dinner and accommodation on 6/3; breakfast, lunch and park fees on 7/3; and all transport from pick up and drop of at Boardwalk Casino car park. Registrations for the Study Tour can be done on the Citrus Summit page of the CGA website www.cga.co.za

‘TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

One of the objectives of the CGA Summit is to leave a legacy in the region where the event is held; two worthy causes have been identified in the Eastern Cape – **Rita’s Versorgingsoord** provides quality care for fifteen elderly residents; money raised will go towards purchasing a new stove, redoing the electrical wiring and providing a water tank to start a garden. **Langbos Creche and Care Centre** is found in an informal settlement near Addo. The centre provides a safe haven for children in the heart of Langbos. Money raised will go towards building a house for orphaned children.

Delegates can donate money towards these causes when registering for the CGA Citrus Summit; in addition any profit made from the Summit will be donated to the two causes. If you have already registered and overlooked the charity option – please contact Robert Miller (Robertm@cga.co.za).



SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS FUND THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE CGA GROUP (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND CITRUS ACADEMY)