

Bio-Blog

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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

Sean Thackeray and I have been very proud to represent our companies around the country at the CGA Roadshows, with the update on our basket of goods expansion and progress towards holistic and accurate integrated pest management offerings to the industry being well received. These Roadshows take place every two years and this year the main focus is the new statutory levy cycle for the CGA that starts in 2025 and will run for four years. Most of the funds raised through the levy, based on an amount per export carton, goes to the CRI for research into all aspects of the citrus value chain. This research has been critical in keeping markets open to South African citrus. New markets and improved access to current markets will be needed over the next few years as we move towards exporting nearly 260 million cartons by 2032, once again this research will be imperative. 20% of the levy goes to the Grower Development Company to help establish new growers while the rest supports the administration and governance of the CGA.

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Industry Insights & Collaborative Growth at the CRI Post Harvest Workshops & CGA Roadshows

CRI Post Harvest Workshops

The River Bioscience team attended various Post Harvest Workshops hosted by the CRI. During these workshops, they acquired valuable insights into the technical aspects of the industry and the CGA's drive towards Vision 260. The highlight for the team was the opportunity to interact with key agents, packhouse managers, and suppliers servicing the various organisations. With a shared objective of effectively managing MRLs, it is clear that by working together, every stakeholder in the industry stands to gain from successful exports.



CGA Roadshows

The various CGA Roadshows bring growers and industry stakeholders together to share information on recent developments and establish a platform for collaborative decision-making. Our team had the opportunity to present, giving growers a better understanding of our role within the industry and our expanding portfolio of products on offer for sustainable pest management.



GDC Project: Ensuring Grower Sustainability

The GDC project, launched in early 2023, centers around ensuring the stability of Development growers in the Kat River Valley. River Bioscience spearheaded an IPM programme aimed at the effective management of FCM. Since its inception, various training sessions and information days have been conducted, where the effective use of CryptoMax in conjunction with Trichogramma has been discussed. Through in-field presence, the RB team ensures and continues to monitor the proper stewardship of these products. Furthermore, this project aligns directly with our company's strategic positioning, by utilising a holistic approach to pest management, ultimately contributing to successful market access.

We Care About the Community

The RBX team was delighted to support various pre-schools with some food supplies to help fill their little tummies while they are at school.



March Birthdays

Jason Olivier, Marshall Pieterse, Karen Basson, Erenst Hugo, Eldunique Fortuin, Franquin A Titus, Kleintjie Swart, Mzukisi Solani, Charlene Scott, Alida Mentoer, Mochelle Snyers, Marvin Fransman, Anorelle Slinger, Nomfezo Breakfast, Nicolaas Syster, Nomalizo Ngomane, Izak Theron, Danrich Basson, Adriaan Ludick

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