



Welcome to the
CFSA
NEWSLETTER

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MEET ANDREA SLABBER

FYNBOS NUTRIENT EXPERT IN THE MAKING



In our Dec 2025 newsletter we informed you of a new project that kicked off titled 'Developing nutrient management strategies for *Protea cynaroides* and *Leucospermum* informed by phenological stages and root dynamics'. The project leader is Dr Aleysia Kleinert from the Horticultural Science Department at Stellenbosch University.

We would like to introduce you to the Masters student, Andrea Slabber, who will be assisting Dr Kleinert with the project. Andrea is originally from Citrusdal and her family farms with citrus. When she's not taking measurements of King shoots and sampling leaves, she likes to draw, paint or read. Together with her brother she takes regular walks in the mountains, and she hopes to make a contribution to a healthy relationship between agriculture and our natural ecosystems.

Andrea, welcome to the industry! We wish you all the best for your studies and hope to see you at the AGM.



FEEDBACK ON TRAINING SESSIONS



CFSA hosted 4 training sessions for our farm workers titled 'Financial Wellness'. The Southern Cape kicked off with their session on 4 Feb in George, followed by Overberg on 19 Feb in Riviersonderend and West Coast in Piketberg on 25 Feb. Last but not least the Boland had their turn in Paarl on 12 March.

Comment from the participants included:

"I have learned how to budget and save some money for the emergency needs. I have also learned to save for the future. I will manage my money better by not spending too much money on luxuries."

"Ek het geleer hoe om met my geld te werk. Hoe om te beplan oor my toekoms."

We thank ProCare for the professional way in which they presented the training and for having travelled to our different regions. The open and interactive way in which they presented the sessions gave everyone the opportunity to be honest and share their experiences without being judged.

CFSA will consider doing more soft skills development like this in the coming months, so if you missed this round or want to request other kinds of soft skill training (like Communication and Conflict Management, Substance Abuse etc), please send an email to manager@capeflorasa.co.za.



REMINDER ABOUT AGM



We want to remind all members that the Annual General Meeting will be taking place on 28 May 2026 at De Meye close to Stellenbosch. It promises to be a day filled with useful information and relevant discussions. And the best part is that it will be 'free of charge' for members. So be sure to put the date in your diary.



PEST CONTROL OPERATORS

DON'T SAY YOU DID NOT KNOW

We trust that by now all members are aware of the legislation stipulating that a person handling restricted remedies must be registered as a PCO (Pest Control Operator). Croplife, a non-profit industry association, has a complete list of Restricted Remedies as well as very useful resources with regards to PCO registration on their website (<https://www.croplife.co.za/CropProtection/RestrictedUseProducts>), so we urge our members to use this as source of information.

You might have heard that Croplife approached the court regarding ambiguity between different pieces of legislation with regards to restricted remedies. The court ruling was that the legislation is ambiguous, but this does not imply that farmers can now stop applying for PCO registration. Croplife and CFSA support the safe use of crop protection remedies and therefore we urge our members to comply with this legislation. If you experience any difficulties in accessing relevant information or connecting with the right parties, please feel free to contact the CFSA office.



INVITE TO ALL VELD HARVESTERS TO REGISTER

CFSA would like to do a special drive to register or update the details of members involved with veld harvesting. We therefore ask all veld pickers to use this link to register or to update their details. The plan is to set up some forums specific to veld harvesting, so if you don't register you might miss out on important information sharing and networking.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcccKpyf2-Vlko0URBNZT-lecHwGScIpBH-bnAQg4ZODw5uew/viewform?usp=dialog>



EXPORT POSTERS

The complete set of export posters are now available at the CFSA office at no cost to members. If you want to place an order, please send an email to manager@capeflorasa.co.za and specify which of the posters you would like.

The available posters include (Afrikaans or English):

Kings, All pins except High Gold, High Gold, Medium proteas, Pink Blushing Brides, White Blushing Brides.

CFSA does not have the capacity to send posters to members, so please collect them from the office or arrange a courier to collect. We will also have the posters available at the AGM.

We have plans to add a Leucadendron poster to the set, so keep watching this space.



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FROM NUIBA BRANDS



We kicked off 2026 with an extraordinary mural by the very talented Fourie Ackermann. The substation next to the Stellenbosch Golf Course was transformed into a striking celebration of Cape fynbos and served as a vibrant backdrop for the SA Golf Open hosted there at the end of February.

This activation reached not only the thousands of South Africans and international visitors who attended the SA Open in person, but also a far broader audience through television coverage broadcast across 28 channels. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the mural now stands as a beautiful and enduring Cape Floral showcase for locals travelling along Route 44 each day.



<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DVQNp-yIRbP/?igsh=MWdyc3J4M2RyajNlNQ==>

Looking ahead, our next photoshoot is planned for early April, where we are excited to capture these floral beauties in yet another fresh and inspiring way.

We are also collaborating with Lisa Carinus (formerly of Okasie Flowers in Stellenbosch), who is creating distinctive and imaginative floral arrangements for us - bringing a new creative dimension to our social media content.



EXCITING NEWS



In addition, preparations for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show are well underway, with the journey to Chelsea beginning with Leon Kluge's much-anticipated reveal on 7 April.



Leon Kluge taking home Gold at 2024's Chelsea Show



HAPPY EASTER

CFSA would like to wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter filled with peace, hope, and special moments together. Please stay safe over the holiday period, and take care wherever you may be travelling.