



# FRUIT FLASH

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## NURSERY EXPANSION

SAPO extended their nursery activities to Greyton from 1 March 2017. A co-operation agreement was signed with Mr Kootjie Viljoen of Oewerzicht.

## SAVING WATER

*A new complex water filtering system, designed by specialists, was installed to change the cooling water used for the nucleus tunnels from municipality water to water in the storage system of our fountain water.*

## BIG BUCKS ROLLING IN



Big Bucks, an apple mutation from the popular Corder Gala varietal, was discovered in 2011 in the Elgin Valley by Buks Nel. In 2015 there was an estimated 120 000 buds on order for Big Bucks. That number has since increased to a whopping 600 000 buds! SAPO Trust is responsible for cutting the bud wood and takes pride in only cutting the best, true-to-type material.

## VISIT FROM THE UK

*A group of 55 young people, consisting of passionate UK growers and suppliers within the horticulture industry, visited SAPO Trust on 3 February 2017 as part of their Under 40s Fruit Growers Conference. The group participated in discussions about the role of SAPO Trust in the South African deciduous fruit industry. They were also introduced to new varieties as part of a fruit exhibition held at SAPO Trust.*



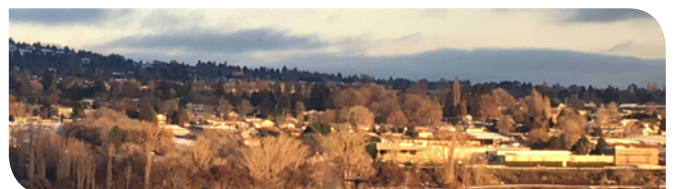
## LEVY UPDATE

Nurserymen and producers; please take note that the Fiestagold levy has been adjusted to R6.55 (VAT exclusive). An updated version of royalties and levies are available on SAPO's website; [www.saplant.co.za](http://www.saplant.co.za)



## TRAVELLING ABROAD

Our Business Unit Manager for Innovation and Support recently returned from a visit to the USA. Burgert attended the International Fruit Tree Association conference in Wenatchee, Washington State. He also visited California, where the newly signed license agreement between the California Table Grape Commission and SAPO Trust was discussed. More information will be announced soon.







## LEARNING THE TRADE

Marthinus Gresse (left) and Andreas Lötze (middle), two of the five personnel who passed their theoretical examination in plant inspection with flying colours at the end of 2016, are currently learning how to distinguish between different varieties of grape, pome and stone fruit in preparation for their practical examination to become qualified plant inspectors.

Here, Divan Venter (right), SAPO's Table and Raisin Grape Technician, shows them how to differentiate between grape varieties in an evaluation block in Wellington.



From left to right: Marthinus Gresse, Andreas Lötze and Divan Venter



## NEW APPOINTMENTS



Jeniley Anthony



Lydia Daries



Samanté Pedro



Nico van der Merwe

Jeniley Anthony was appointed as Receptionist at Fleurbaix Farm on 1 December 2016.

Lydia Daries was appointed as Receptionist and Samanté Pedro as General Worker at Tygerhoek Farm as from 1 December 2016.

Nico van der Merwe was promoted to Supervisor in the Production Unit.



## BRIDE-TO-BE



*Congratulations to Jessica Rochefort who got engaged during December 2016.*



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