

# Bio-Blog

April 2025

Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

## Note from the Managing Director

The end of March brings a close to the financial year for our companies and the end of our extremely busy time in River Bioscience for our products and programmes for this 2025 harvest season. Both companies have had very good years, and the results are a reflection of the extraordinary efforts put in by our whole team. The feedback from customers on the SIT full service offering is very positive and key River Bioscience products have seen growth in most areas. Well done to all for an outstanding effort.

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## Bringing the Industry Together

On 10–11 March 2025, River Bioscience had the pleasure of hosting the CGA Pre-Summit Tour alongside SAFRESCO, welcoming nearly 60 delegates to the heart of citrus country – the Kirkwood region.

The two-day tour offered a valuable opportunity for industry stakeholders to connect, learn, and experience firsthand the innovation and collaboration driving the citrus sector forward. From harbour operations at Ngqura Container Terminal to a detailed walkthrough of the Citrus Foundation Block, each stop on the agenda sparked insightful conversations and meaningful exchange.

Day one concluded with a scenic dinner at Sitrusoewer Camp, where delegates enjoyed citrus evaluations led by CGA Cultivar Company – a highlight for many. Day two shifted focus to the value chain, with site visits to VENCO's processing plant, a tour of SAFRESCO's Riverbend Farm, and an inspiring update at the Ikamva Lethu Transformation Project.

The final stop brought delegates home to River Bioscience's HQ in Port Elizabeth, where we were proud to showcase our facility and share more about our role in supporting the industry's growth, sustainability, and holistic pest management.



**A heartfelt thank you to all involved – your enthusiasm and engagement made this tour a resounding success!**



## Farewell to a Citrus Giant: Thank You, Justin

After nearly 25 years of dedicated service, we bid a fond farewell to Justin Chadwick, who retired as CEO of the Citrus Growers' Association of Southern Africa. Under Justin's visionary leadership, the CGA evolved from its early days into the strong, structured organisation we know today—one that supports and represents growers across Southern Africa and holds a respected voice on the global stage.

His unwavering commitment to grower interests, his calm and pragmatic approach, and his ability to unify and inspire have left an enduring mark not only on the citrus industry, but on all of us who have had the privilege of working alongside him. Thank you, Justin, for your passion, perseverance, and belief in the people behind the produce. Your legacy will live on in every orchard, every harvest, and every future success of this sector.

As we turn the page, we warmly welcome Dr. Boitshoko Ntshabele as the new CEO. We look forward to the next chapter under his leadership and remain confident that with the strong foundation laid, CGA's future is bright.

### April Birthdays

Lazani Barnard, Peter Basson, Ntombentsha Befile, Lee-Anne Carolus, Brian Fortuin, Martin Fransman, Kyle Goulding, Patrick Langklaas, Lindy Martin, Granville Mentoor, Stephanie Minnaar, Thando Mngqeba, Nceba Ngquse, Christel Oosthuizen, Tracey-Lee Paulse, Zelmari Persens, Enrich Scholtz, Nomazotsho Tatsi, Mushe Tshilonga, Marius Tsoho, Lindelwa Tutu, Redawaan Valentyn, Grayzill Van Wyk

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