

# FEB 2016 CAPE GREEN TRADE DAY EXHIBITORS

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Arboreta Nurseries cc	021 864 3857	Trees & shrubs	johan@arboreta.co.za
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Banhoek Nursery	021 880 1853	Wholesale plants	langverwacht@mweb.co.za
CoCT	021 400 9874	Information sharing on water restrictions measures, saving tips, etc	johannes.prins@capetown.gov.za
CPUT	021 959 6482	Horticultural & landscaping students	uhuabam@cput.ac.za
CTFS	021 823 4000	Cape Town Flower Show 2016	penny@ctflowershow.co.za
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Themba Trees	076 403 7456	Trees	www.thembatrees.co.za
Top Crop	033 569 1333	Plugs	ornamentals@superlawn.co.za
Treeco	082 829 5543	Trees & shrubs	info@treeco.co.za
Vertical Veg (Pty) Ltd	082 720 5437	Vertical pocket panels for growing greenery on a wall	www.verticalveg.co.za
West Coast Flora	083 326 0906	Fynbos, Geraldton Wax, Indigenous shade plants	www.westcoastflora.com

# CAPE GREEN TIMES

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I looked back at the 34th Cape Green Times Newsletter that was published exactly 10 years ago, it said..."Summer hit the Cape with vengeance, scorching heat, howling winds and fires all over. Our fire department seems hopelessly inadequate, maybe the green industry can offer them some alternative assistance by recommending fireproof landscaping." And there was an interesting article written by Andrea Durrheim on Fire Resistant Landscaping. Since then, the fire department and Working on Fire have become much better equipped and resourced but they really have been battling with the numerous fires around the Cape this year. 10 years ago, Anthea suggested planting Milkwoods; Goena (Carpobrotus sp); Grewia; Aloes & Agapanthus.

The Cape Green Forum committee held its first meeting of the year this month. The committee meets every 2nd month for 2 hours to come up with suggestions for activities, functions and ideas for the CGF. New members are most welcome to get involved and join the committee.

So far this year we have the Cape Green Trade Day on 24 February at GrandWest, the interesting Boland Tour taking place on

23 March - see alongside. Then on 20 April 2016 we will be doing a site visit to Cavalli Estate from 4 - 7pm. Those who did the tour at the end of 2011 will be amazed at the growth and maturity that these spectacular gardens have achieved in less than 5 years. In winter we'd like to get an inspirational speaker - any contacts out there? Then there's the Sagic/SANA convention in June, so it's going to be a busy 1st half of the year.

Once again, we need to thank those who write articles and place ads in the newsletters, without them these informative newsletters would not be viable. We encourage members to write articles, it's a great way to share information and get your name out there.

2016 Membership fees have increase slightly...they are now R550 for individual members and R1970 for companies per annum. Why not join and become part of the Cape Green Forum community, it's a great way to meet others within the industry and keep informed.

The committee and I wish all our members and reader the best for a happy and successful 2016.

## SMALL SALAD SPACES

*Shadowlands Team*

Residential space in Cape Town is becoming scarce, homes and gardens are becoming more compact, and yet, homeowners still sit in the daily traffic dreaming about fresh garden produce on their dinner tables. With limited time, space and water, we need to re-think our vegetable gardens.

Let's mix it up a little! Let's bring the fresh produce into our existing gardens, plant herbs and vegetables as part of the flower beds, under the trees and shrubs.

Next time you go to the nursery to fill some gaps in the garden or add a little interest - check out the herbs and vegetables. With so many new varieties of herbs and vegetables available in the garden centres, you can add colour, texture and interesting features to your beds - and you get to eat them!

Use Parsley to plant lush borders, edible and a great insect repellent. Rosemary prostratus and creeping Thyme are excellent groundcovers, helping with water retention, flowers for the bees and flavour for your food. Thyme is now available with variegated leaves to bring patches of colour and texture to your beds.

Create small hedges and features with Rose-

mary Tuscan Blue or Lavenders in many colours, textures and sizes. Add lush green splashes with Spinach plants between your shrubs and plant Chilli bushes with their bright green leaves, white flowers and colourful fruit.

Sage bushes with variegated leaves of green, yellow, grey and purple are hardy, water wise and create focal points. Sweet Basil for summer freshness, Perennial Basil to get you through the winter and deep purple Opal Basil will bring interest and flavour to your salads.

Ask your local nurseryman about the many varieties of Tomatoes, miniature Brinjals and Bush Beans. Strawberries for hanging baskets, Blueberries for your pies and Goose Berries for your ice-cream are all waiting for you to take them home and give you food, fun and gardening.

Need some shade? How about a Lemon tree, fruiting Olives or any of the many options of fruit trees to give you protection from the elements? Once your trees are established, use the branches to hang bird feeders, baskets or wind chimes for your very own Garden of Eden.

## TAKE A DAY OFF AND JOIN OUR BOLAND TOUR

*Wednesday 23 March 2016*



Join this interesting 1 day tour of the Boland/Paarl region in the above magnificent Overlander.

Visit the Kraaifontein Dump Site to view Cape Town's waste, then onto Reliance to see how this waste is turned into something of value. Enjoy a delicious lunch at "Tea under the Trees" in Paarl and onto two very different growers for guided tours of their nurseries - Just Trees and De Fynne Nursery.

09.00-17.30 starting at Cape Garden Centre Cost R250 for members and R350 for non members, all inclusive.

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Even if you only have a balcony, don't be afraid to green it up with a large container for a small tree or shrub surrounded by your kitchen basics such as Chives, Parsley, Oreganum, Rosemary or whatever suits your cooking needs. Happy gardening and Bon Appetite !

# EARNING HIS GREEN FINGERS, JUSTIN BONELLO

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get the most sunlight and shade to plant accordingly. For Justin the key to a successful garden is patience. Green fingers are earned over time and there's no such thing as instant gratification. You need to put in the work and avoid shortcuts if you want to see the best results. He says his garden has taught him a lot about life and business. The saying, "you reap what you sow" has taken on a whole new meaning for him. He says you have to put love into what you do if you want to get the same in return.

As well as love and patience, it helps to have great compost. And if you want the best then it pays to get down and dirty and make your own. Justin has several compost heaps at various stages of funkiness. All kitchen waste, garden waste and dog manure goes onto the heaps. He even collects horse manure from a nearby stable to spice up the mix. As he grabs a handful we can see the mix is teeming with bugs and worms, all doing their job of creating nutrient rich fertiliser.

Justin's garden is a pesticide free zone and he's a big believer in letting nature look after itself. Every bug plays its part in the garden and even if some plants get munched on, they have a way of bouncing back stronger. As we stood in the garden we really got a sense of nature just humming along doing it's thing. The beauty about growing organic food like this, apart from the fact that it's cheaper, is that you know exactly what went into the soil because you put it there.

As we left the front garden we wound our way down the garden path dodging chickens, Mavis and Myrtle, on our way to the back. Here we found another sprawling garden that was full of normal vegetation mixed with edibles dotted all over the place. We continued on to greenhouse in the cor-

ner of the garden, Justin's version of a outdoor man cave. Inside we found a simple hydroponic set up that he built out of plastic gutters, water pipes and a barrel of water – simple but very effective. Here he has eleven types of lettuce that grows so vigorously he can harvest from it daily.

The greenhouse is also home to pet project challengers like growing pomegranates, which have just begun to sprout. It also houses bunches of dried plants that have gone to seed so he can replant then at a later stage. Justin's attitude is that he's not prepared to buy things that he can grow himself. I think in this day and age we could all benefit by adopting a little bit of this DIY approach. Justin has successfully put himself back in touch with where his food comes from, but most importantly, he's passing this knowledge onto his kids.

Justin Bonello is a self-made man of many talents. Most of us know him as the barefoot bush cook from his long running TV series, Cooked, as well as the host of the hugely successful, Ultimate Braai Master. With all the time he spends on the road, it's surprising that he has time to do anything else. But four years ago he decided to make a green change and it came in the form of veggie garden. It's taken a lot of blood, sweat and compost to get to where he is now, but he says he wouldn't change it for all the potatoes in Ireland.

Today Justin is the proud owner of a flourishing garden that's able to feed his and his neighbours' families. He's got everything from spinach, kale and lettuce to mieles, pumpkins and beans. He's also got six types of tomatoes, five types of berries, multiple fruit trees, a Hanepoot grapevine, and you know those Irish potatoes I mentioned earlier? He really doesn't need them because he grows his own – both sweet and regular. During the full bloom of December and January, eighty percent of what Justin and his family eat is picked from the garden.

As we stood and marvelled at the abundance, Justin told us of the challenges he faced when starting out. The soil for one was probably the biggest of all. The Cape peninsula has very sandy soil and water tends to sit on top of it rather than be absorbed. He explained how they had to dig down into the earth and add layers of mulch and compost to create ideal conditions for growth. He also explained the importance of knowing your environment before you even dig your first bed. You need to know how much wind you get, and from what direction it blows. You also need to know what areas

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# REGISTRATION OF CYCADS

Lezani Botha - Exclusive Cycads

Certain indigenous species of plants are categorized as critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or protected and any person undertaking restricted activities involving any of these listed species has to be in possession of the applicable legal TOPS documentation.

Restricted activities are specified in the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) and include cultivating, propagation, buying, selling, transporting and importing into or exporting from the country or province. Owners of TOPS need to apply for the necessary permits as soon as possible to avoid being penalized or the plants from being confiscated. All permits issued prior to the new Act have therefore expired and rendered invalid.

The TOPS regulations make provision for the compulsory registration of certain facilities, amongst others nurseries. The latter is defined as any facility where listed threatened or protected plant species are sold or artificially propagated for commercial purposes. All nurseries had to apply for registration before 30 April 2008. This registration is valid for a period of three years and may be renewed.

### Nursery owners

The owner of a registered nursery may apply for a standing permit that authorizes the undertaking of otherwise restricted activities. In addition, the owner may also purchase a book containing nursery possession permits from the nature conservation authority. The nursery possession permit can be provided to customers on site and authorizes a person to:

- purchase listed plants (listed as threatened or protected) from the registered nursery
- transport the plants home (in coordination with the Provincial Legislation) and
- be in temporary possession of the purchased plants

These permits are valid for one year, from the date that the book was issued by the nature conservation authority to the owner of the registered nursery.

### Owners of indigenous plants

Persons who are in possession of listed plants but do not intend to sell or donate these, must obtain a permanent possession permit, at the cost of R200 (per application, not per plant). Although the nature conservation authority may determine the validity period of this permit, it may not exceed 50 years and are valid for a minimum of 7 years.

Any restricted activities that are not authorized by a standing permit or permanent possession permit may only be undertaken if authorized by an ordinary permit. For example, if a person cultivates and sells cycad

seedlings as a hobby, such a person has to apply for an ordinary permit that authorizes the cultivation, propagation and selling of the cycad species involved. These restricted activities are generally valid for only one year. Transport of cycads across provincial borders is underwritten to that specific provincial legislation. It is the owner's responsibility to familiarize himself of the regulation applicable to that Province. In the case where a Nursery Possession permit is present most Provinces (except KZN) allow cycads that do not exceed a trunk diameter of 15cm, or in the case of selected dwarf species where the trunk diameter is less than 7cm, to be transported under a nursery possession permit.

### Landscapers

The National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (NEMBA) affects landscapers in the following way: A landscaper can only apply for a nursery possession permit if they have their own propagation facility that is commercially available to the public. A landscaper can only obtain a threatened or protected species from a client that has the appropriate documentation and then only transport or sell that threatened or protected species once they have the applicable documentation.

When a landscaper buys a TOPS cycad from a registered nursery they need to take their clients full details to the facility to complete the transaction and validate the permit that is issued on behalf of Nature Conservation. Details includes the client's full names, initials, surname, identification or passport number, postal and physical address where the plants are going to be planted or placed..

Nature Conservation can be contacted via email [permits.fax@capenature.co.za](mailto:permits.fax@capenature.co.za)

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## A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARING

Chanel Bessen, ProLandscaper Magazine

The Horticultural industry is one which leaves it's footprint on South African soil in a lasting manor. Because the earth cannot talk, our industry is responsible for being its voice.

Being industry leaders it is our duty and well within our reach to contribute to the bettering of this environment and to creating a sustainable future for this environment. We have the responsibility of not merely exploiting our land, but healing it. This is a notion our landscaping industry should wish to champion!

It is my firm belief, and indeed the belief of Pro Landscaper, that our industry's success does not rest on contractors, designers, suppliers or associations individually, but rather as a culmination of all of these parts. Our belief is that we can reach the desired ideals by education, a competitive market, and sharing our wealth of knowledge to better the industry. Having a forum will act as a reference from which to gain insight and a platform which sparks welcomed debate.

A sense of community and being part of a community of sharing is an asset to this industry. It is in our best interest therefore to take part in this conversation as a community with like interests. We are committed to connecting our industry through up to date knowledge. It allows us to celebrate the landscaping community and to unite its many aspects under one title, encouraging an all-encompassing approach to its members.

I am proud to be one of the founders of a Proudly South African title that aims to create a positive impact on our generation's footprint. The success of this ideal rests on our contributors.