

SA FRUIT & VEGETABLE CANNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Since the last Newsletter of July 2006, Jill Atwood-Palm was appointed as General Manager of SAFVCA on 01 August 2006.

Terry Malone officially retired at the end of August 2006 but will assist on a contractual basis during the transitional period. On 14 August 2006, Terry's farewell function was held in Paarl - an occasion which marked the end of 37 years of loyal service and his valuable contribution to the association and industry alike.

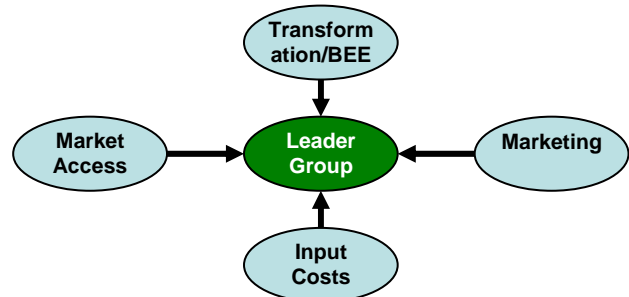


We take this opportunity to wish Terry a well - deserved, restful and healthy retirement.

(Above: Terry Malone with his wife, Roeline)

DTI TASK TEAM:

- A meeting was held on 16/08. The salient issue under discussion was the change in the **funding levels** (i.e. 80/20% to 50/50% split), which has led to the need to re-prioritise the planned projects. This exercise is currently underway and a proposal will be presented to all stakeholders for comment.
- Further, in order to move towards **implementation**, the Task Team will now evolve into the following structure, supported by four main clusters:



SAFVCA will be represented in each cluster - in a leading role (i.e. market access & marketing) and in a participatory role (i.e. transformation & input costs). SAFVCA will also perform the role of secretariat in respect of the Leader Group.

Events/Meetings attended during Aug/Sep 2006

- ❖ **21/08:** Attended **Industrial Partnership Forum (IPF)** Meeting;
- ❖ **28/08:** Attended DTI's **Branding Workshop** i.e. Branding the Country "Alive with Possibilities" Campaign.
- ❖ **30/08:** A delegate from L&AF represented the industry at the **Food Safety Initiative (FSI)** seminar.
- ❖ **05/09:** Attended the **Growers Association's R&D** Meeting;
- ❖ **08/09:** Attended the **Black Management Forum (BMF)** Gala Dinner and Awards Evening;
- ❖ **14/09:** Attended the Department of Agriculture's **CEO's Networking Forum** Meeting;
- ❖ **19/09:** Attended the **Mittal/Nampak Div Food** Meeting at Van Der Bijl Park, Gauteng
- ❖ **20/09:** Attended **Deciduous Fruit Forum** Meeting
- ❖ **21/09:** A delegate from RFG represented the industry at the **EMIA / Exhibition Workshop**

Upcoming Events

- Cape Chamber: *Port Liaison Forum: Sep 2006*
- Wesgro: *Export Development Networking: Sep 2006*
- 2007 EU Application Process: *Oct 2006*
- Fruit Industry Gala Dinner: *27 Oct 2006*
- Export Council: *01 Nov 2006*
- DTI Leader Group: *09 Nov 2006*
- SAFVCA/SAFVCEC Meetings: *16 Nov 2006*

In the News ...

"Extra Early Deliveries fall 14%"
- 2006 cling peach US harvest -
Peach Fuzz Vol. 36 No 8 Aug 9, 2006

"Thailand's pineapple growers opt to plant biofuels instead"

Thailand's pineapple output looks like it may be cut ... (which) may mean price increases for concentrates and canned pineapple.

Foodnews 01 September 2006

"New Zealand duties to protect own pears from China imports"

Foodnews 08 September 2006

"Call for EU Quota Applications for 2007"

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