

Bio-Blog

October 2026

Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

It was so awesome to join the SIT team in Citrusdal for the annual function on Friday. Last season was one of the company's all-round best performances in delivering a full programme of healthy moths, significant information, and in-field support. A well-deserved celebration. The benchmark has now been set high, and it will once again take every member of the team to give their all for us to replicate this achievement. The number of 10-year and even 15-year service awards reminds us of how long the programme has been around and its importance to the citrus industry and the town of Citrusdal.

Cheers, Rob

XSIT Season Is Well Underway

The new SIT season is well underway, and the XSIT team has been busy both behind the scenes and out in the field as another season of sterile insect releases gets underway.

In the lead-up to the season, the XSIT facility in Citrusdal was a hive of activity as the team prepared for the season ahead. From production and quality control to the planning and coordination required for field operations, considerable work takes place behind the scenes to ensure everything is ready for the season. These preparations are an important part of maintaining the quality and consistency of the SIT programme once releases commence.

Grower sign-ups for the new season have also been taking place, with participating growers coming on board and making their plans for another year of SIT. With the programme now underway, sterile moth releases have commenced in participating orchards, with the XSIT operations team carrying out releases as part of an integrated approach to False Codling Moth management.

While the start of a new season brings plenty of work, it also provides an opportunity for the XSIT team to take a moment to celebrate. The team recently held their end-of-year function in Citrusdal, bringing everyone together for some well-deserved time away from the day-to-day demands of the programme. It was an opportunity to connect, celebrate the team and recognise the people behind the work that takes place throughout the year.

As the season continues, the XSIT team remains focused on delivering quality sterile insect releases and working alongside growers throughout the programme. From the facility in Citrusdal to the orchards in the field, every release is supported by a team committed to doing the job well.

Fun was had at the XSIT End-of-Year Celebration!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A time to raise awareness, encourage regular screening and remind one another of the importance of knowing your body. Early detection can make a meaningful difference, so take the time to prioritise your health, attend recommended screenings and speak to a healthcare professional if you notice any changes.

This month, we stand together in support of those affected by breast cancer, remembering that awareness, early detection and support all matter.

October Birthdays

Wayne Thompson, Fano Louw, Dan-Lee Mentoor, Nathan Lakey, Felanchia Bugar, Yenli Gouws, Rockline Jonkers, Siphosethu Mxatule, Wimpie Meyer, Kevin Viljoen, Rhonwinn Dirks, Paula Bester, Luyanda Ndlovu, Karel Olivier, Ntomboxolo Godlo, Neeta Makan, Pieter van Tonder, Magrieta Fransman, Jeannine du Plooy, Carlo Dirks, Nizaak Brink, Ryan Basson, Romeo Roberts, Asanda Maqabase, Elsa Winterboer, Elick Titus, Sbonisipho Manqele

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