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Horticulturist

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My passion started out as a young boy, loving the great outdoors!

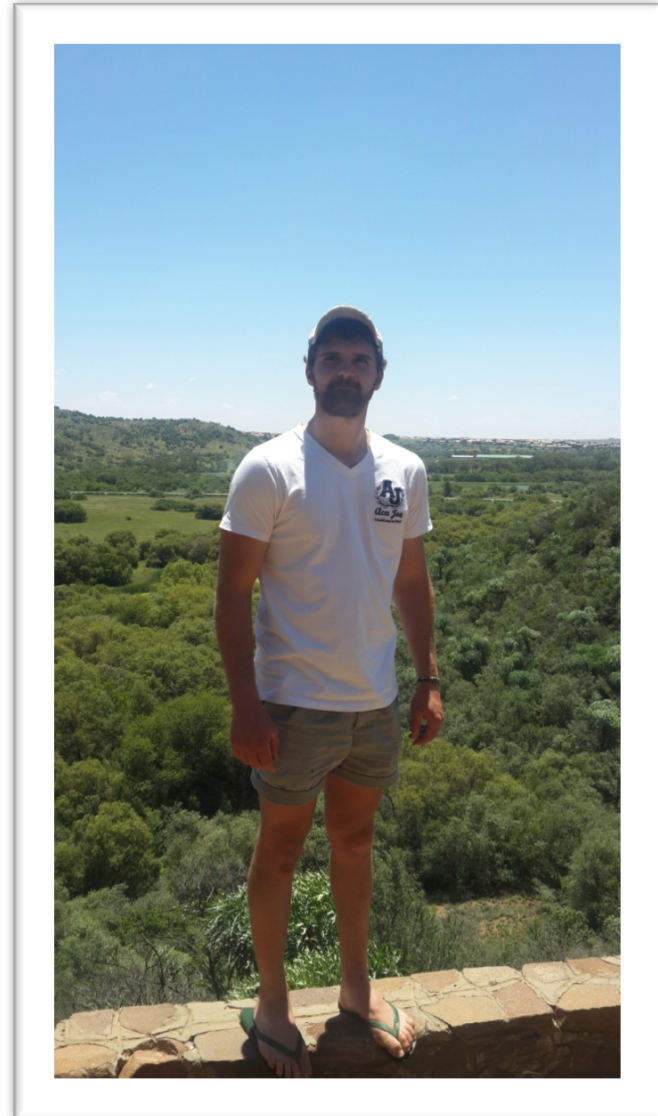


- I observed plants and trees in their natural fields
- Exploring from an early age and going on field trips with fellow students and friends
- I got to know the industry through family who owned a wholesale nursery
- *It's a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together! -*

Studies & Career

- I studied Ornamental Horticulture part time at UNISA
- I did my practicals at various esteemed wholesale nurseries
- I worked at the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens and a well known landscaping company

This gave me the perfect platform to establish myself as a horticulturist



Current Career

Bristle Cone Nursery



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- Growing Medium consists of 80% coco peat
- We make use of A and B Tank Fertilizer System
 - Biggest Single Crop is Osteospermums
 - Over 120 000 between May and August
- We also specialize in form plants & large trees





Daily Work

Responsibilities

- Quality Control of Plants
- Managing day to day labour activities
 - Managing Planting activities
 - Managing Pruning activities
 - Application of pesticides
 - Order Processing



My Passion Outside of Work

- I collect and grow my own plants at home -



MY COLLECTION CONSIST OF MAINLY THE ASCLEPIADACEAE FAMILY

- I collect plants from their natural habitat
- I buy from various propagators in the industry
 - I swop or buy from other collectors

My Future Goals

I would like to explore the field of tissue culture and genetics, plant manipulation and plant breeding.



Australia Exchange

Student GOALS & GAIN

- Broaden my field of expertise
- Gain knowledge of their production systems
- Learn about the mechanization in the green industry
- To get to know their international market trends and the key plant characteristics they focus on

