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Monday, June 18 2017 Onions Australia Levy Payer Day

9.00am Opening by OA Chair Peter Shadbolt

9.10am State round ups

9.30am AgNova - Andrew Glover

9.50am Terranova - Greg Bragg

10.10am Dobmac Machinery – Mark Dobson

10.30am Hort Innovation export strategy - Brad Mills

10.50am EE Muir & Sons - Heinrich Van Der

Westhuizen

11.10am FMC Agricultural Solutions - Peter Werbenec

11.30am Monsanto Seminis – Darren Wood

11.50am Any other business

12.00pm Close

12.15pm LUNCH

Broadleaf Weed Control Options in Onions

working lunch - sponsored by Bayer

1.45pm Onions Australia/PHA biosecurity manual

workshop hosted by David Gale of OA

2.45pm Presentation by Louis de Kock from

Wildeklawer



Venue Rydges Southbank, Brisbane



The Onions Australia Levy Payer Day Meeting will be hosted at:

Rydges Southbank Brisbane

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Louis de Kock Wildeklawer

Onions Australia is honoured to host South African onion grower Louis de Kock as our special guest in Brisbane.

Louis will speak at the Onions Australia Levy Payers' Day on Monday, June 18. The event will be held at Rydges Southbank, starting at 9am.

Louis is one of the world's most successful farmers, having studied at the University of Pretoria.

He was the best Agriculturale Engineering Student for four consecutive years and obtained his B Engineering Cum Laude in 1979. He was appointed as Lecturer at the



Engineering Faculty of the University of Pretoria at the age of 21 in 1979. During this period he developed and patented various electronic optical fruit graders which today, 39 years later, are regarded as state of the art in this industry.

Louis is married to Cora, who practiced as an attorney until the birth of their children Louis, Madelein and Christine.

In 1987 Louis bought a small bankrupt farm by the name of Wildeklawer, growing and developing it into a far larger operation and one of the most technologically advanced Agri enterprises. Wildeklawer is visited annually by numerous groups and individuals from abroad, and grows 4,000ha/year of onions, potatoes, carrots, beetroot, popcorn and wheat under irrigation.

Louis has received many awards, including National Potato Farmer of the Year, Shoprite/Checkers Fresh Produce Supplier of the Year, National Farmer of the Year and Laureate Award from University of Pretoria for outstanding post graduate achievements.

He is also heavily involved in his community, where he organises and sponsors one of the biggest School Sport Tournaments for youth development (involving top schools as well as remote areas in South Africa) using sport for social cohesion, and is a Team Sponsor of the Griqua Rugby team on a national level, to advance the Northern Cape.

Louis has held many leadership roles, including PMA Chairman (Founder member), Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market, Cheetah Super 14 Rugby, Potato Council of South Africa and the Farm Gate Exchange.



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