

AQUAPONIC THINKFEST WORKSHOP

Friday, 15 July 2022

What is aquaponics?

The term “aquaponics” may be used for a system that in a more intensive way combines aquaculture with hydroponics. The idea behind the system is that the plants utilize the waste from an aquaculture system as nutrients for plant production, and the clean water is then returned to the fish. The plants ensure no accumulation of toxic substances in the aquaculture system.

This **ThinkFest** will be a wonderful opportunity to assess what is happening on local Aquaponic farms in terms of research and development. Come and listen to the real experiences of established Aquaponic farmers. What are the opportunities or obstacles in the sector? The afternoon session will be a panel discussion to assess how best to find solutions to the problems faced by the collective.

To register to attend: Visit the website <https://www.aasa-aqua.co.za/conferences/>

(This workshop is open to conference delegates and to those who only wish to attend the workshop, who can register by emailing registration@aasa-aqua.co.za)

Cost: **R500 per person** – including tea/coffee session, lunch voucher and presentations will be made available after the workshop to all Aquaponic workshop participants.

Time: **08:00 to 17:00**

Venue: Room 2002, Mike de Vries Building, Merriman Avenue

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

TIME	PRESENTER	SESSION
08:00 - 08:10	Neale Strauch, Aquaponics Association of South Africa	Welcome by Association Chair
08:10 - 08:45	Carel van Heerden, Green Stream Nutrients, Clanwilliam	Sustainability and Aquaponics
08:45 - 09:30	Henk Stander, Aquaculture, Department of Animal Science, University of Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University Research and Development
09:30 - 10:15	Neale Strauch, City Aquaponics, Pretoria	Marketing aquaponics products in SA
10:15 - 10:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:30	Danie Reinecke, La pieus Aqua, Pretoria	On farm hurdles and successes
11:30 - 12:15	Cobus Pienaar, Full Circle Integrated Agriculture, Grabouw	The good, the bad & the ugly
12:15 - 13:00	Lance Quiding, FinLeaf Group, Hekpoort, Gauteng	What we need to do to make aquaponics a success
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00	Panel with audience participation	Steps to make aquaponics work in SA
16:00 – 17:00	Group/ Individual Discussions, Tea and Networking Session	