



Shortened CV of Andre Pieter Botha

Personal Information:

Born in Balfour Transvaal (now Mpumalanga) on July 5, 1956

Married to Louise, a Librarian, and Information Specialist.

Three children, Jaco a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, Alne working as a Personal Assistant and Carla, managing own companies.

Education and Training:

Matriculated in 1974.

Attended Rand Afrikaans University, Goudstad Teachers Training College, Teachers Training College for Further Education and Unisa. Obtained various degrees, diplomas and certificates from 1975 to 1990 (full time student 1975 to 1979. Part time student from 1980 to 1990)

Experience:

Teacher 1979 to 1983. (National service 1979 – 1980)

Promoted to Head of Department October 1982

Recruited by Germiston City Council to establish a Training Department 1983.

Appointed as Personnel Officer – Training, March 1983.

Promoted to Senior Personnel Officer, Career Planning, Training and Development 1985.

Promoted to Personnel Study Officer 1987. Responsibilities involved development of retention policy to retain staff trained, develop career paths for identified staff with exceptional potential, identify and recruit key area staff and oversee Training and Development Department.

Promoted to Head of the East Rand Training Centre for Municipal Employees 1989.

Oversaw training and development of 18 local councils representing a total of 21 000 employees.

Recruited by Rand Afrikaans University to Manage Sport and to assist in developing academic courses related to Sport and Sport Management 1990.

Lectured undergrad students in Sport Management and Business Management, Business Management for Diploma in Sport Management and Advanced Diploma in Sport Management.

Farming Experience:

Involved in farming from young age. Started own beef herd when student in 1975 by using Sport Bursary to buy weaners.

Became a week end farmer in 1983 by renting a farm in Heidelberg. Farmed with maize, sorghum, cattle, and sheep.

Extended week end farming operations by renting a second farm and expanding on production.

Bought first farm in Heidelberg in 1990. Planted maize, Soybeans, Sunflower, Sorghum, and grass for fodder. Beef, sheep and chicken farming added to the mix to ensure a sustainable income.

Became a full-time farmer, living my dream in 2001 to date.

Committees:

Deacon and Elder in Dutch Reformed Church – 1982 to 2018

Member and chairperson of School Governing Body

Member of Training Council for Local Authorities of South Africa

Chairperson Germiston Simmer Rugby Club

Chairperson of RAU Rugby Club

Member of Transvaal Rugby Union Committee (later Lions Rugby Union) – 17 years

Member of Exco of Transvaal and Lions Rugby

Member and exco member of South African Students Sports Union (SASSU)

Member of Transvaal (Gauteng) Athletics Board

Chairperson of Bloekomspruit Boerevereeniging.

Chairperson of District Farmers Union

Vice President of Agri Gauteng 1997 – 1999

President of Agri Gauteng 1999 – 2013

Member of Agri SA General Council 1997 – 2013

Member of Transformation Committee of Agri SA

Member of Exco of Agri SA 2005 – 2013

Chairperson of Africa Committee of Agri SA

Chairperson of Rural Safety Committee of Agri SA

Experience in Africa

Have practical experience in commercial agriculture in South Africa, Ghana, Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Advised Presidents and Ministers of Agriculture in several African countries with regards to policy, training and commodities.

Developed a upliftment and empowering model (Ndluvu Model) to assist local farmers to transform from subsistence farmers to small scale commercial farmers. This model is been executed in different countries with big success.