



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

**1992:** National Diploma in Horticulture - Cape Town Technicon  
**1988:** Senior Matric Certificate - Point High School, Mossel Bay

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Owner/manager of Garden Gate Landscaping, horticultural consultant at Stellenbosch University, sales manager at Just Trees Wholesale Tree Nursery, sales representative and marketing officer at Weltevrede Wholesale Nursery, owner/manager of 'The Landscaper Un-limited', retail nursery and landscaping manager, training retail nursery manager.

**Sept 2014 to present:** Garden Gate Landscaping.

**July 2011 - July 2013:** The Pink Geranium Nursery Group.  
**Job description:** General manager of retail nursery and landscaping projects.  
**Reason for leaving:** got married and moved to Pretoria with my husband, Henri Minnaar.

**April 2008 - March 2010:** Stellenbosch University - five days/week.  
Contracted as Arne Jansen van Rensburg Horticulture Consulting.  
**Job description:** Tree maintenance; project management of faculty gardens (R1 000 000 per year budget).  
**Reasons for leaving:** End of contract.

**March 2007 - Feb 2008:** Just Trees Nursery - three days/week.  
Arne Jansen van Rensburg Horticulture Consulting - two days/week.  
**Job description:** Sales manager.  
**Reasons for leaving:** Challenging new opportunity.

**March 2004 - Feb 2007:** Weltevrede Nursery (Nonke Plants).  
**Job description:** Sales representative and marketing officer: sales processing and related client relationship management and the

production of all marketing material (shoestring budget to manage).

**March 2003 - Feb 2004:** The Landscaper consulting and design.  
Business moved from Paarl to Stellenbosch/Somerset-West area for personal reasons.  
Business closed due to the drought in the Western Cape.

**June 1998 - Feb 2003:** Arne Landscapes BK trading as The Landscaper Ltd  
(Reg. no.: 2001079152)  
My landscaping company showed steady growth to a two-vehicle, one-foreman and 10-labourer team. In 2001 we reached a high point when accepting a contract with Syfin Properties, the developer of Boschenmeer Golf and Country Estate. We were responsible for all horticultural works on and surrounding the estate.  
**Change of company policy:**  
I could not succeed in establishing a business that does not require my personal, hands-on attention. Motivated by personal preference I closed the construction side of The Landscaper's service and focused on garden design and consultation.

**March 1995 - May 1998:** Crazy Cosmos Nursery (The Pink Geranium Nursery Group)  
Main Road, Paarl (Mr F van Dyk/James Fisk - new business)  
**Job description:** Manager. Design, construction and establishment of new retail nursery with a complementing landscaping division. The nursery did very well and was growing at astounding rate when Mr van Dyk decided to sell.  
**Reasons for leaving:** I discovered a personal preference for landscaping and garden design.

**March 1994 - Feb 1995:** Garden Root Nursery  
27 York Street, George (Ken and Leonie Raubenheimer)  
**Job description:** Training manager, dealing with all aspects of nursery management, clients, staff training, marketing and pricing.  
**Reasons for leaving:** a challenging new opportunity.