

PROFILE/EXPERIENCE

Summary

I have a dedicated and hands-on approach and an ability to adapt and thrive in new environments. This is evident as I have worked and prospered in various positions throughout my career. This experience allowed me to gain a range of valuable transferrable skills that would be advantageous in a wide range of situations.

Key skills

- *Team management*
 - Assisting in the management of a team of up to 14 men on a member's only 18-hole golf course
 - Sole person in charge of course preparation on alternate weekends
- *Highly organized, reliable, and self-motivated with a great ability to execute work independently*
 - On relocation to the UK, I was kept on by my employer in South Africa to manage the intellectual property portfolio for over 2.5 years.
 - I have been promoted to positions with more responsibility on numerous occasions shortly after joining companies (last two and current employer)
- *Sports-turf management*
 - I worked as the first assistant greenkeeper on a private member's golf club carrying out all maintenance tasks on various machinery
 - I was involved in various in-house projects including
 - Installing drainage on fairways and aprons
 - Rebuilding tee boxes
 - Renovating, re-shaping bunkers and/or reinstating the edges by using re-vetted turf
- *Pest / fertilizer requirements of turfgrass*
 - I was the dedicated spray-technician for approximately 4 years using a Toro MP5700 and later a MP5800 boom sprayer
- *Tree maintenance*
 - I was charged with leading the crown lifting of all the old oak trees lining the fairways of the 18-hole course and generally undertook most chainsaw work as it was required
- *Landscaping and irrigation*
 - I have worked as a landscaper on various projects which included installing automated irrigation systems
 - In a golf course setting I was always able to assist the irrigation technician or undertake emergency maintenance when he was not present
 - I designed and installed the new gardens around the clubhouse of Coombe Hill Golf course
- *Professional, friendly, and approachable*
 - Having worked in organizations of different sizes has provided me with the opportunity to improve my relationship management and be open to broader perspectives

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Nov 2018 to Present | <i>Transport for London, London, UK</i> <i>Fleet Technician</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mechanical overhaul of tram subframes▪ Wheel and/or subframe changes of trams▪ General day-to-day examination and servicing of trams |
| Apr 2014 to Nov 2018 | <i>Coombe Hill Golf Course, Surrey, UK</i> <i>Greenkeeper & Spray Technician</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Team management<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ running weekend shifts○ leading various tasks▪ Spraying with boom and knapsack sprayers |

- Drawing up risk assessments and method statements
- Assisting with COSHH inventory list & SSOW
- Drainage installation (fairways and aprons)
- Reshaping areas with a digger
- Use of various tractor-mounted implements
- Tree felling and maintenance
- Hedge-trimming medium or tall (*Leylandii* sp. using a mobile cherry-picker)
- Other tasks such as hole-changing, scarifying, verti-draining, verti-cutting, hollow/solid tining, litter-picking, mowing, blowing, turf-renewal.

**Oct 2011 to
Mar 2014**

Service Graphics, Chessington, London UK

Project Manager

- Signage manufacture and planning for the construction industry.
- Project management focus: product specification, manufacturing methods and production timescales

**Mar 2010 to
Apr 2011**

Keith Kirsten Horticulture International (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg, South Africa

Senior Horticulturalist

- Management of a portfolio of patented ornamental plant varieties
- Import/Export management
- Customer relations & sales management

**May 2009 to
Aug 2009**

Roodepoort Country Club, Johannesburg, South Africa

Volunteer greenkeeper

- Spraying with a boom sprayer
- Maintaining the turf nursery and general greenkeeping tasks

**Jan 2007 to
Feb 2010**

J Elario Landscaping, Johannesburg, South Africa

Landscape Contractor

- Landscape design and installation – including construction of trellises, fences, gates and water features
- Irrigation design and installation – plumbing procedures, wiring installation for electronic control boxes.

**Jan 2005 to
Dec 2006**

Marcel's Motors, Johannesburg, South Africa

Motorcycle Mechanic

- Engine, clutch & gearbox replacement. General maintenance.

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

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| 2021 | Proficient COSHH assessor - Alcumus |
| 2018 | IPAF 1b and 1a , Static and mobile boom (Mobile Elevated Work Platforms) |
| 2016 | BSc (Hons) Environmental Management , University of South Africa |
| 2015 | Certified professional chainsaw operator , (NPTC: medium trees) |
| 2014 | Certified professional spray operator , (PA 1,2 & 6) |
| 2010 | Bachelor of Technology in Landscape Technology , Pretoria Technikon, S.A |
| 2009 | Turf-grass Management Certificate (<i>with distinction</i>), University of Pretoria |
| 2007 | National Diploma Landscape Technology , Pretoria Technikon, South Africa |
| 2006 | Landscape Irrigation Certificate (<i>with distinction</i>), Pretoria Technikon, S.A |

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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| 2016 | Pre-tournament course preparation for the U.S. Open Qualifier at Walton Heath |
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