



Presenters

Wayne Smith

Wayne is another of W.A's no-till agronomist pioneers, he has great strengths in herbicide mixtures and what's on the horizon and he is constantly challenging the status quo.

Wayne has a monthly news letter, Agronomic Acumen, it specializes in what is happening in the paddock, what problems are coming and what to do about it. For more information and free downloads of past newsletters see www.agronomy.com.au.

Wayne is known for being a straight shooter and telling it as he sees it, *this man is independent and well and truly worth listening to.*

Bill Crabtree

Known as "No-Till Bill" for his enthusiasm for no-tillage and the role he played in the Western Australian no-tillage revolution. Bill began his career with the WA Dept of Ag as a researcher into "Minimum tillage for wind erodable soils" in his home erosion-swept (up to that time) town of Jerramungup.

Bill was won the "Landcarer of the year award in WA" in 1996, and in 2006 was awarded the GRDC's 'Seed of Light' for his excellence in communication with regards to no-till and biotech issues.

For some very interesting articles and links visit his web site at www.no-till.com.au.

Topics

Bill and Wayne will discuss value of discs versus tine openers, the role of cover crops, the value of retaining all stubble for every occasion and some global and market issues.

To say that Bill is a passionate advocate of no-till would be a definition of 'understatement'! at the presentations he will talk about the sustainability of no-till in the long term. Bill has the firm belief that part of the mix is GM technology. Bill is well traveled in countries that use GM technology and is a good person to talk to about any fears or concerns that you may have, don't just read the papers, speak to someone who has experience.