

# Refining No-tillage Systems, S.A.



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## Workshop Details

**Dates:** 12th–16th March 2007  
**Time:** Venues denoted am or pm  
**Venues:** **Wirrulla** Sports Club (10am–3pm)  
**Rudall** Sports Club (8.30am–12.30pm)  
**Ungarra** Sports Club (1pm–5pm)  
**Kadina** Farm Shed Museum (8.30am–12.30pm)  
**Balaklava** Golf Club (1pm–5pm)  
**Jamestown** Sir Hubert Wilkins Centre (8.30am–12.30pm)  
**Pinnaroo** Football Club (8.30am–12.30pm)  
**Murray Bridge** Clubrooms at Showgrounds (2pm–6pm)

**Limited Places:** Places are limited to about 30 people—so avoid missing out.

**Cost:** All EP and SANTFA farmers \$22 (GST incl)  
 Non-SANTFA members not on the EP \$44 (GST incl)  
 Prices include GST, workshop, booklet and morning or afternoon tea. To guarantee your place please send a cheque or direct deposit funds by 6th March.

## Further Enquiries

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**Statewide Practical Workshops for Farmers**  
 wanting to refine their No-Till systems

● Wirrulla	Mon 12th Mar	pm
● Rudall	Tue 13th Mar	am
● Ungarra	Tue 13th Mar	pm
● Kadina	Wed 14th Mar	am
● Balaklava	Wed 14th Mar	pm
● Jamestown	Thu 15th Mar	am
● Pinnaroo	Fri 16th Mar	am
● Murray Bridge	Fri 16th Mar	pm

## Presenters

### Bill Crabtree (B.Ag.Sci., M.Sc. UWA)

Known as "No-Till Bill" for the pivotal role he played in the WA no-tillage revolution. Bill began his career with the WA Dept of Ag as a researcher into "Minimum tillage for wind erodible soils" in his home erosion-swept town of Jerramungup. He then extended this work to farmers in Esperance and the rest of the state which led to him receiving the "Landcarer of the year award in WA" in 1996.



Bill spent a year in Canada in 1996, learning how they do no-tillage. While there he co-edited their book *Advancing the Art of Zero Tillage* which is on the ManDak website. He returned to WA as the Scientific Officer for the WA No-Till Farmers Association for a 5.5-year term.

Bill is now a consultant specializing in no-tillage technologies based in Northam WA. His home state now boasts an 80% adoption of no-tillage and no-tillage has dramatically improved WA's production, especially in the recent droughts.

One of the following speakers will appear at the Advanced No-Till workshops.

### Wayne Smith (B.Ag.Sci., UWA)

#### "Years of no-till Experience"

Wayne is one of WA'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 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. Both Wayne and Bill have worked together at initiating the spark that helped fire no-tillage on the south coast of WA in the late 1980's.



## Why Advance no-tillage?

Tillage causes soil erosion. No-tillage with stubble retention stops almost all erosion. Stubble retains moisture and softens the soil through its breakdown via microbes in the soil. This softer soil improves soil aeration, reduces compaction and improves soil water infiltration.

The varied benefits of no-till farming are recognised globally, but it is not a miracle cure for all farming problems. No-till systems are more sustainable than 'conventional tillage' practices in a soil degradation point of view, however, as with any system of farming, there are weak points that can be improved upon.

No-till is a successful farming system that is being adopted all over the world with profound benefits. There are however, some traps for new and experienced players, and problems that other hands have already solved. These seminars will help you avoid traps and solve problems—hopefully some before they happen. The group will also be encouraged to share their knowledge.



Above: Followed degraded soil on left, 20 years no-till in the middle, native prairie on right.

Wouldn't this benefit YOU... ...and YOUR farm?

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Chosen venue:  Wirrulla  Rudall  Ungarra  Balaklava  Jamestown  Pinnaroo  Murray Bridge

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