

# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF SOIL HEALTH

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## Project Summary:

This project is being carried out across the wider South East NRM region, and is being managed by Rural Solutions SA. It aims to engage with growers around topical soil health issues in their regions, and arm them with knowledge of ways that they may be able to improve their soil health and productivity.

There are multiple activity sites / demonstrations where topics are identified with smaller groups and then activities are established specific to their needs.

## Key activities in 2012:

- Western Flat (Ramseys) soil modification work. Site was established in 2009. After 2 seasons, the area that organic matter was spaded into is performing well.
- Wolseley (Matthews'); alternative fertiliser demonstration; no differences were found between soil biology after a 12 month period.
- Lochaber Ag Bureau (Clothiers); Peries Wightman subsoil manuring project
- Dairy sites with Dairy SA based around the Mt Gambier region
- Coonalpyn Ag Bureau Soil pit days
- Coonawarra Grape Growers – historical composting trial sites revisited
- Sherwood – soil modifications in conjunction with additional carbon project

Full results will be published at the end of the project (project ends at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013). Some initial results are currently available on the MacKillop group website

[www.mackillopgroup.com.au](http://www.mackillopgroup.com.au)

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