

Soils, Moisture, Plants and Technology Project

Strategic farming practices for soil,
catchments, water and climate resilience



Resilient **Sustainable** Agriculture
Enhancing Farmer's Skills and Knowledge



Thank you



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**National
Landcare
Program**



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BROKEN**

CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT
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The who and why of the project



- To support local Landcare groups and members
- To trial new technologies
- To look at old techniques for new situations
- To share the outcomes of the trial
- To improve agricultural practices and share knowledge
- Support Landcare networks
- Has the specialist expertise needed for the trial
- Strong interest in regenerative agriculture
- Improve soil carbon
- Improve the farm for future generations



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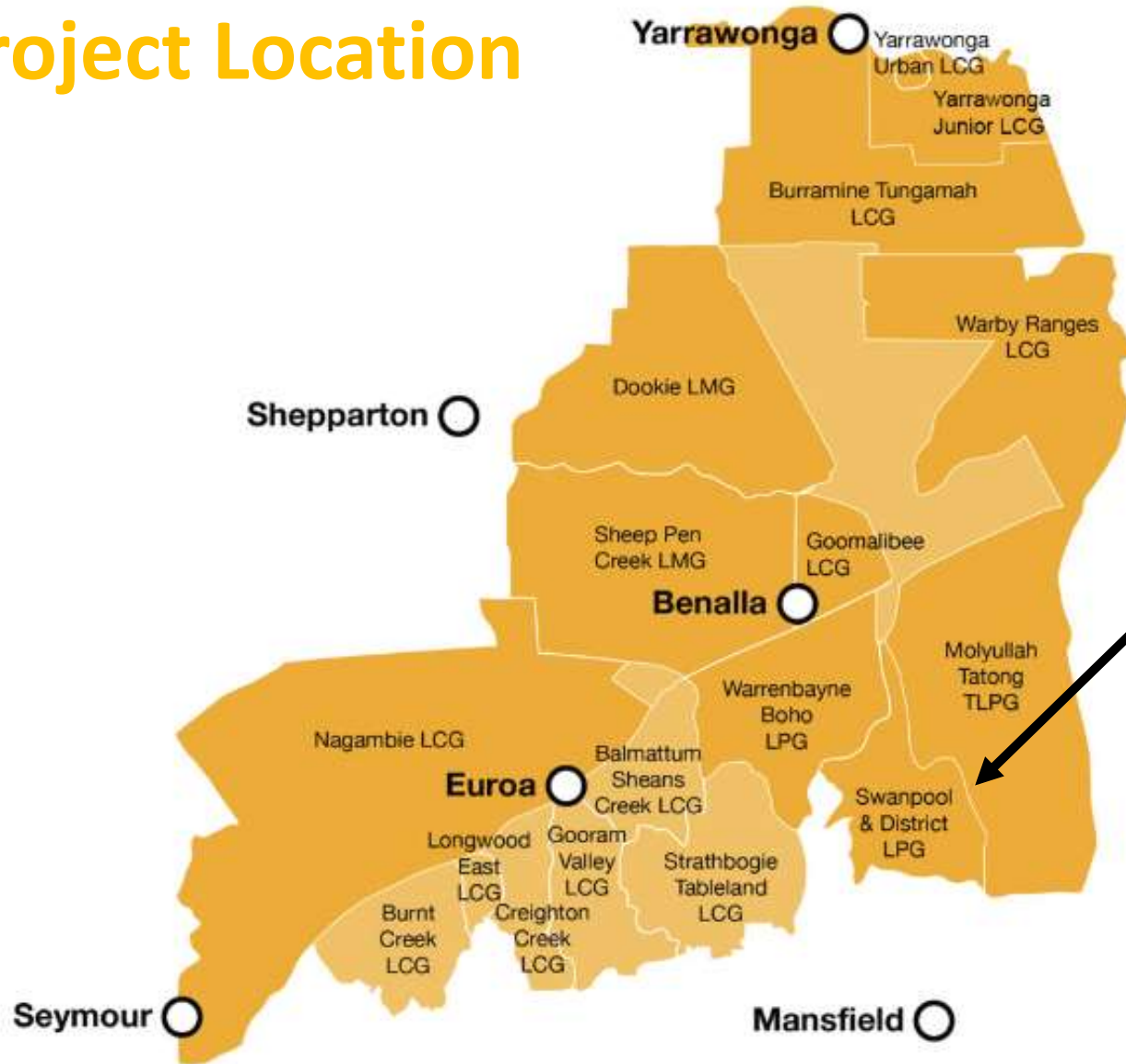
Seed suppliers – AGF Seeds and Smythe Seeds

Technology supplier – Phil Whitten of Farm Monitoring Solutions

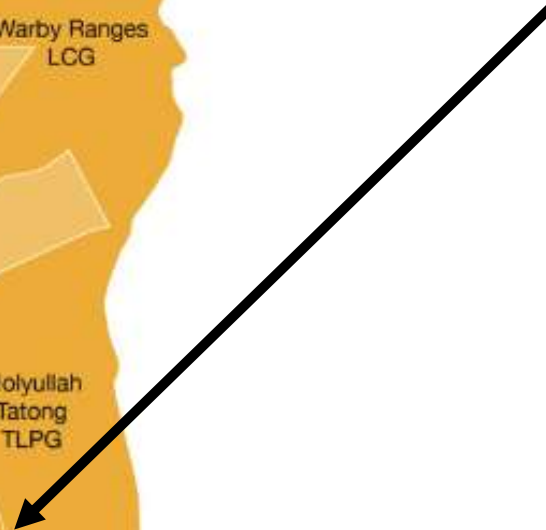
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Project Location



Lima East



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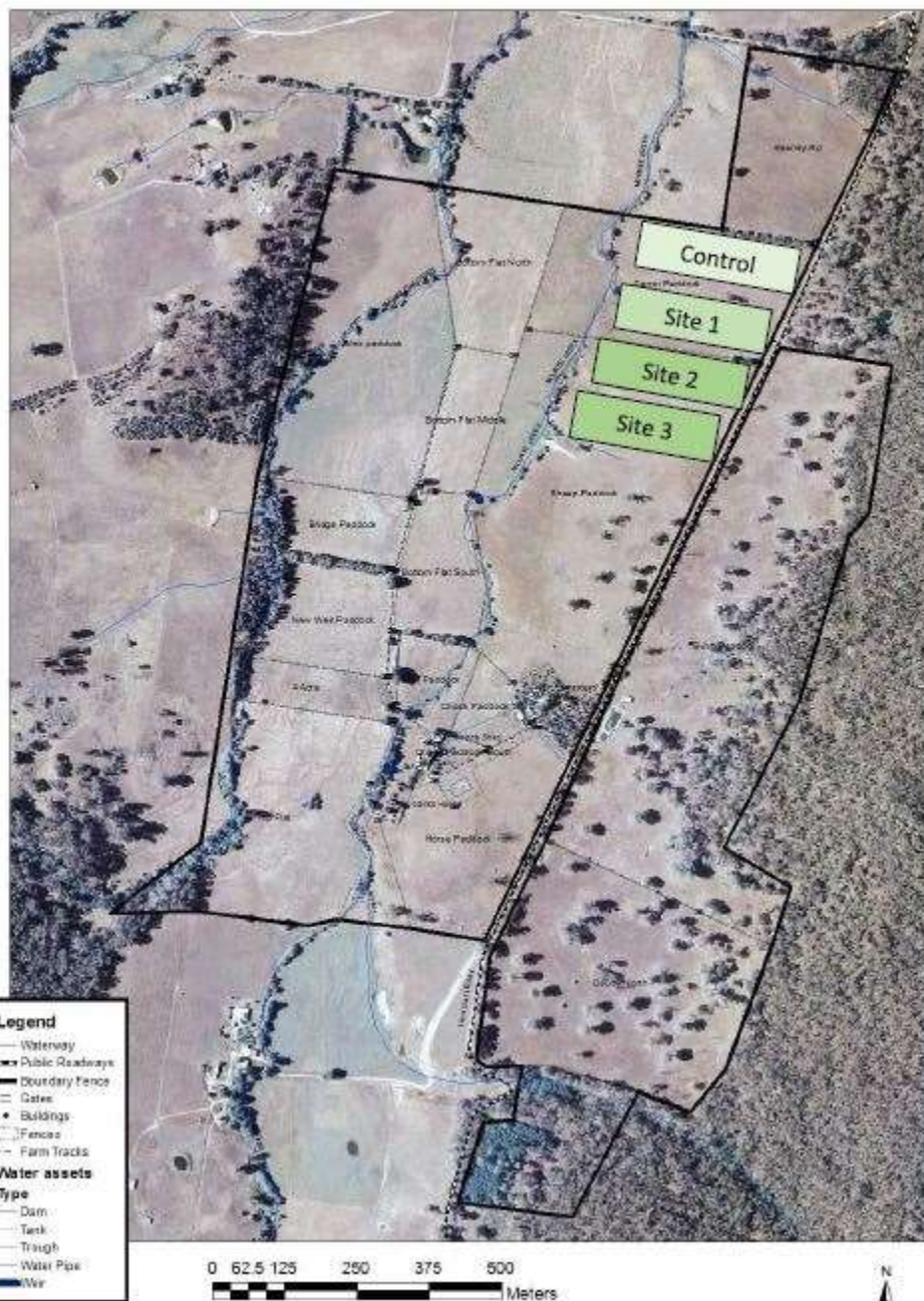
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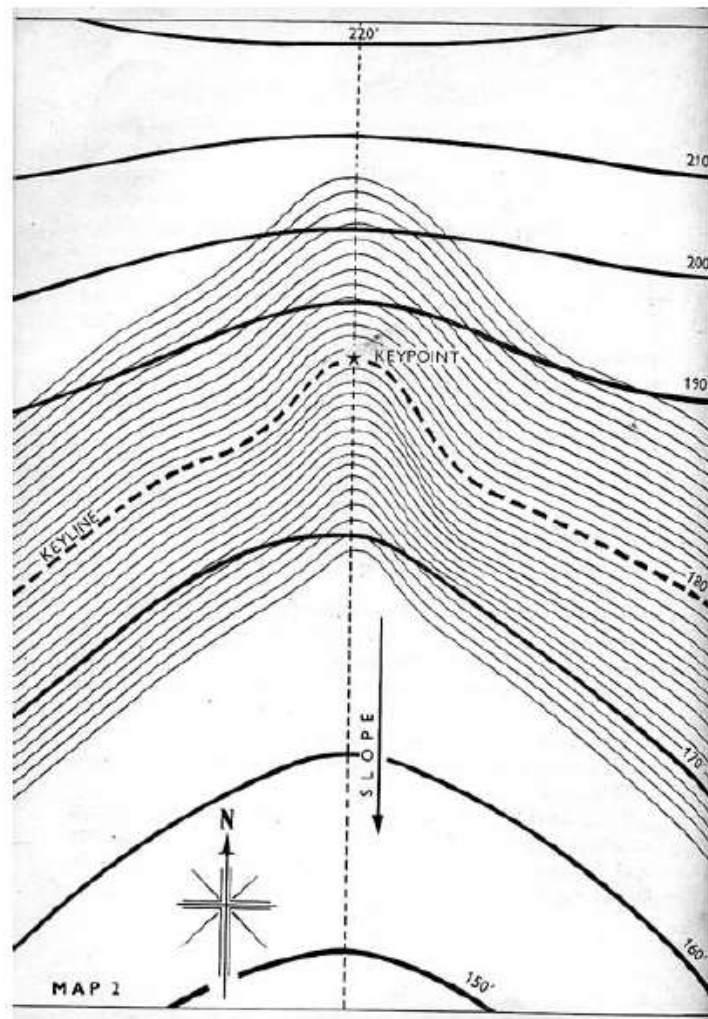
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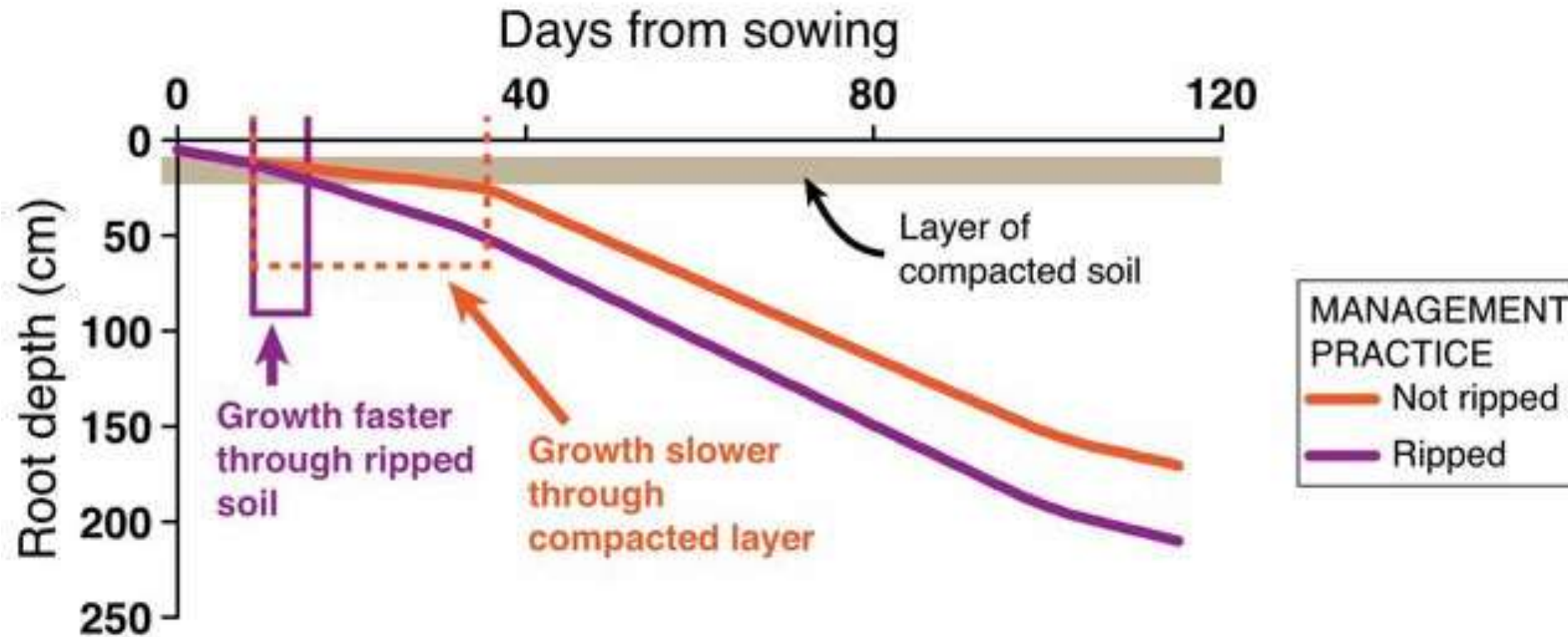
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Using the Keyline



Using the Keyline plough for ripping



Source: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/soil-compaction/deep-ripping-soil-compaction>



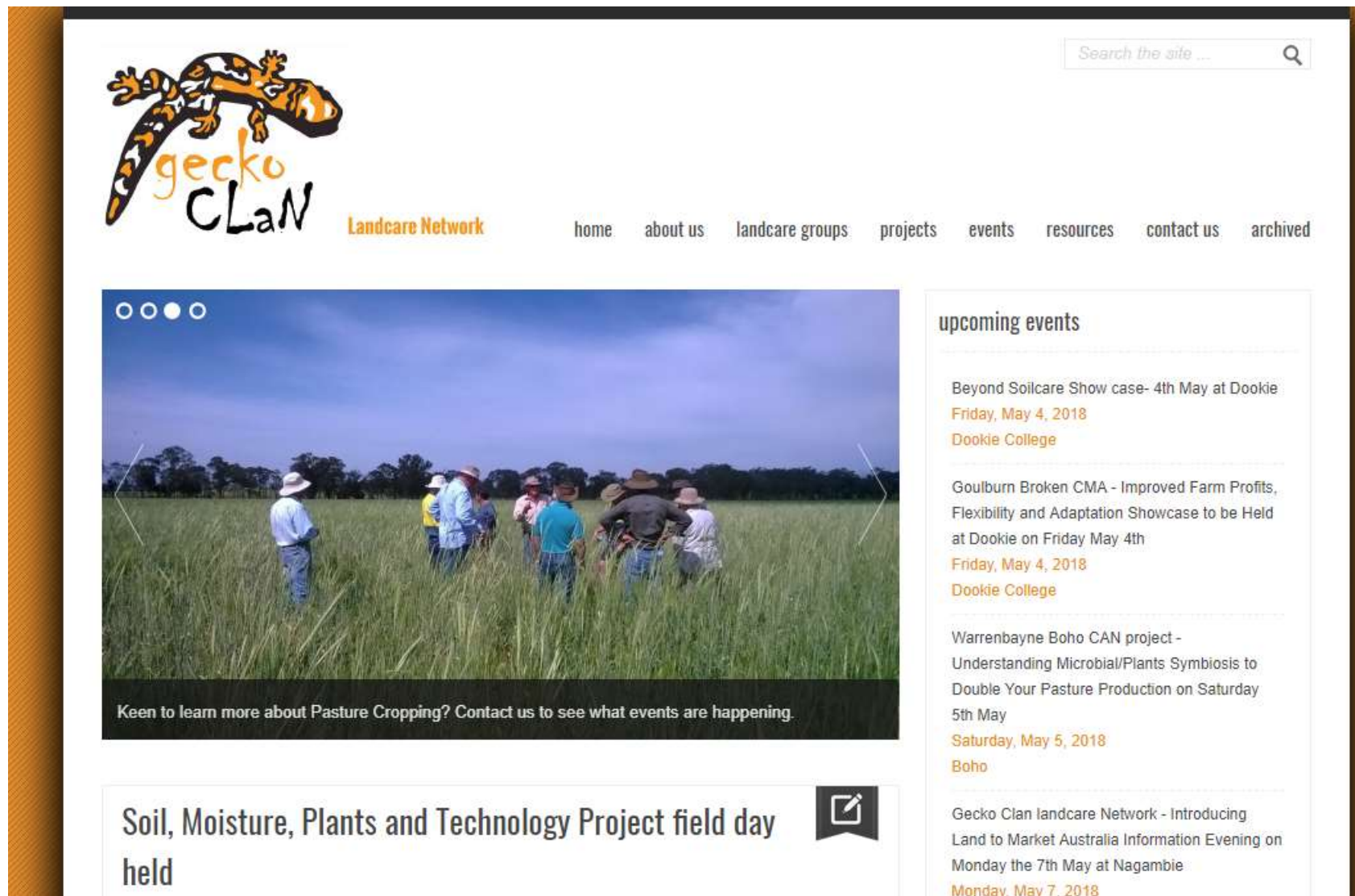
Technology used on the site



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All data available through: www.geckoclan.com.au



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Gecko Clan Landcare Network website. At the top left is the logo featuring a stylized orange and black gecko above the text "gecko CLaN" and "Landcare Network". To the right of the logo is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search the site ...". Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with links for "home", "about us", "landcare groups", "projects", "events", "resources", "contact us", and "archived".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a large photograph of a group of people in a field, with a caption that reads: "Keen to learn more about Pasture Cropping? Contact us to see what events are happening." Below this is a section titled "Soil, Moisture, Plants and Technology Project field day held" with a small icon of a document and pencil.

The right column is titled "upcoming events" and lists three events:

- Beyond Soilcare Show case- 4th May at Dookie
Friday, May 4, 2018
Dookie College
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Soils

The key problem being addressed. Concrete in summer – Porridge in winter



Soils

Surface soil sampling does not pick up subsoil constraints.



Soils



Prior to ripping or treatments for subsoil improvement it is important to understand your subsoil first.



Plants

Tillage Radish and Saia Oats were planted in two of the trial plots.



12 June 2017



13 July 2017



Plants

Chris Walsh from AGF seeds provided advice on the tillage radish and presented at the Field Days.

Advice is to now plant earlier in the season.

We seeded in late May 2017



Results



Better plant response observed in the unimproved pasture ripped plot compared to the control



Results



13 October 2017



Results



The radish and oats performed well

Early plant height observed in the ripped plot



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13 October 2017



Results



Plot 2

Plot 1

6 September 2017



Drone footage of the trial site



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=Xfu5H1TwWhE



Results at www.geckoclan.com.au



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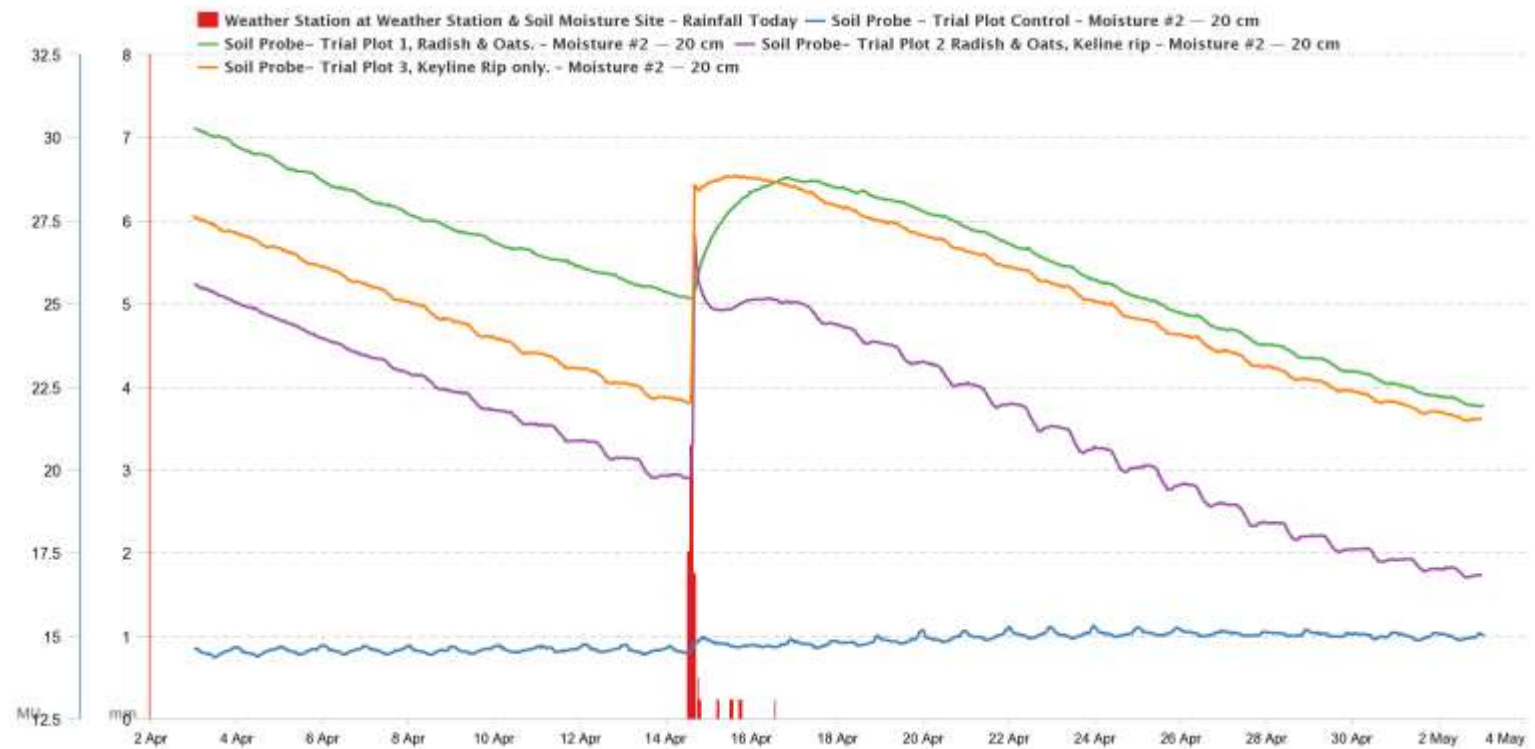
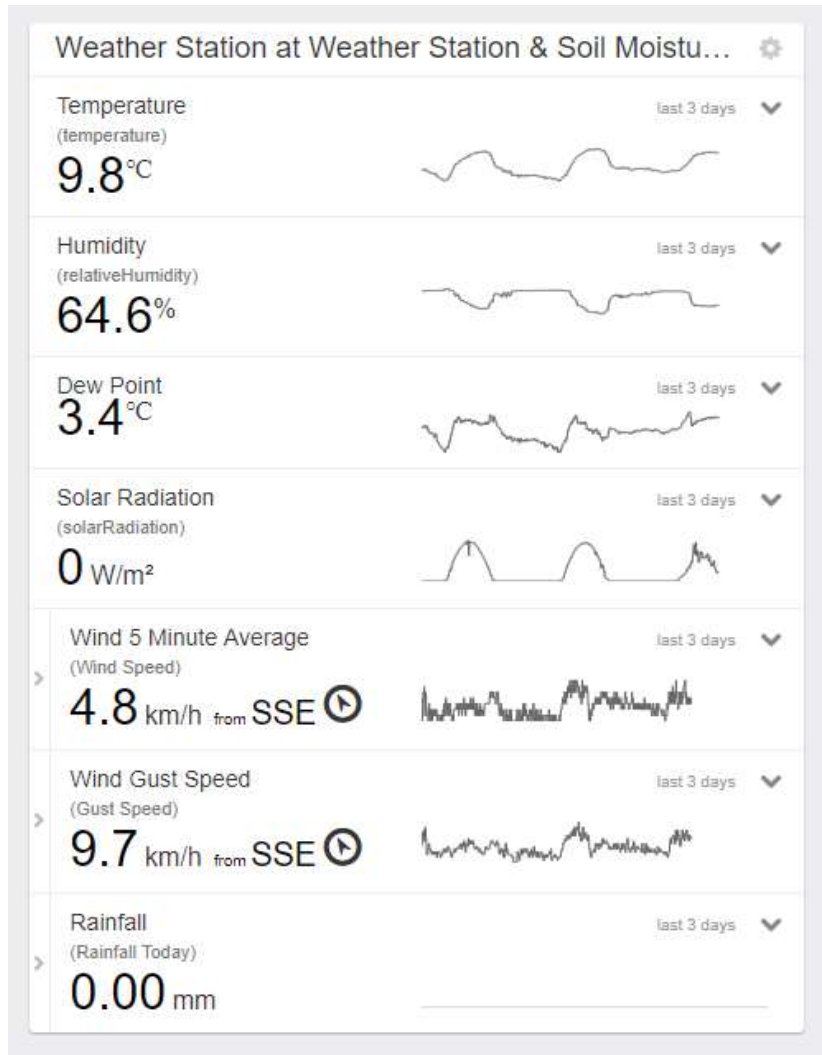
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Results at www.obsrv.it via www.geckoclan.com.au



Sharing the results and lessons

- 2 Field days held
- All information and data available through website or via Kerri
- Gecko CLaN continue to support data collection and monitoring at the Lima East trial site



October 2017



What's next

- Gecko CLaN hopes to establish additional trial sites across the region
- Continue to explore the use of new technologies to support farmer decision making
- Continue to focus Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture
- **Next Gecko CLaN field day on 18 May 2018 in Tatong with a focus on stock handling**



What's next



Continue to:

- Improve the soil
- Improve biodiversity
- Improve productivity

...for the next generation

