



# Creating Climate Smart Communities.

## Multi Species crops with Grant Sims- Field Day.

**Farmers are invited to attend this workshop focusing on multi species cover crops.**

Grant Sims is sixth generation farmer running the family farm in North central Victoria Australia. The farm comprises 8500 acres of dryland and some irrigation.

The Sims farm has been utilizing no-till since the early 80's thanks to Grant's father and uncle. When Grant came back full time on the farm he started looking at ways to improve the life and function of the soil through biology. In 2008 he stopped using granular synthetic fertilizers and started using a biologically made liquid fertilizer. Also at that time stopped using seed dressing, insecticides and fungicides, unless absolutely necessary.

The Sims have a strong focus on diversity and grow cereal, companion, and cover crops, and have expanded their cow calf numbers to integrate in the system. They have seen many positive changes in the health of their soils and plants, and perform on-farm trials to learn and share information, increase profit, and improve the soil for the next generation.

Grant and Ken started up a multi-species seed business Down Under Covers where they use their own experience and consult with world leading experts to design and put together multi species blends to help improve the soils and provide live weight gains to livestock to help farmers become more profitable. In 2015 Grant was awarded the Coles Weekly Times Farmer of the Year.



### Event Details.

**Date:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 12.45pm registration for 1pm start. Finish time 3.30pm.

**Venue address:** Yannathan Public Hall- 227 Heads Road, Yannathan.  
Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2zgN4e9BmhSrpYSDA>

**This event may also include a local farm walk to view multi species cover crops.**

**RSVP Essential by Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> via <https://www.trybooking.com/CYUHD>**

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