

Professor Tim Reeves and his wife, Patricia, were guests at our 2009 AGM held in Naracoorte in September.

He was presented with a MacKillop hat and some Padthaway wine as a thank you from those present. He travelled to India shortly after this event, taking his MacKillop hat on the journey.



**Looking at zero-till drills at the Punjab farmers' fair. My hat is different to the others!**

I was in India to chair a Government of India/FAO Review on the Impacts of Climate Change on Indian Wheat Production. Part of the review was to meet with local farmers – all of whom were convinced that their growing season climate had already changed, and wanted adaptation measures – and hence the visit to the Punjab Farmers' Fair, where the pictures were taken. One of the adaptation measures proposed to combat high temperatures during their growing season is the more extensive adoption of zero-till/stubble retention systems that can reduce canopy temperatures there by as much as 1 to 2 degrees C. In the pictures we are looking at zero-till seeders that can handle sowing through rice stubbles. Their cost is around \$800-1,000 per unit. The review went extremely well and we were able to present our recommendations directly to the Indian Minister of Agriculture, who is now in the process of implementing them! A very good outcome.

Kind regards,  
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