

# Beechwood Biological Solutions Newsletter

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## Australian Government Landcare Award

Last week's NSW Landcare conference in Albury brought us not only inspiration and renewed enthusiasm for our work in sustainable agriculture, but...we're proud to announce we were awarded another Australian Government Landcare Award for Innovation in Agriculture and Land Management..



Jeremy & Cathy receive their Landcare Award

### **Thank You!**

A big thanks goes out to you who've supported us through our difficulties and advocated to exempt Parra Trooper (*Nigrospora oryzae*) from regulation. With the help of NSW Department of Primary Industries, we are working towards obtaining a permit from the APVMA for the use of Parra Trooper in biological control of giant Parramatta grass and giant rat's tail grass

Meanwhile, Parra Trooper is available only as a soil ameliorant. By decomposing dead leaf litter, *Nigrospora oryzae* helps retain nutrients in the topsoil and helps resist degradation of soil organic carbon. Soils with high organic carbon are more resistant to extremes and more productive in the long term