

# Beechwood Biological Solutions Newsletter

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## Welcome to your first Parra Trooper newsletter

With another wet Spring likely, we have been busy refining our production and building up stocks of Parra Trooper.

We were surprised this Winter with fresh symptoms of *Nigrospora* crown rot showing up in Giant Parramatta Grass in the midst of a couple of weeks of heavy frosts at Beechwood.

Spring is when Giant Parramatta Grass dominates pasture and we are already seeing new growth in tussocks that haven't been infected with crown rot.

We're pleased to let you know that we are ready for the coming season, with good stocks of Parra Trooper (*Nigrospora oryzae*) natural soil fungus available. With positive reports from last Spring-Autumn, orders are starting to come in, so if you want to ensure your supply by ordering early, we can hold your order until you are ready to use it.



Crown Rot in Giant Parramatta  
Grass mid-Winter 2016.



This is about as cold as it gets at  
Beechwood. The soil temperature is  
around 6 °C and the tussocks are  
heavily frosted.

## We are exhibiting at the 2nd National Biological Farming Conference in Cairns from October 28-30

(<http://www.facebook.com/biofarmingconference>). We plan to visit land management groups along the way, so if you're north of Beechwood and you would like us to drop in, please get in touch as soon as you can. We'll let you know where we'll be when we have finalised the dates.

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## This month we were featured on NBN news!

Check out the video and article are below.

This month the NBN news crew came out and for a news story on Parra Trooper. Both Cath and Jeremy were interveiwed, here is the video: <http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2016/08/23/parramatta-grass-days-could-be-numbered/>

We will be attending the Biological Farming Conference in Cairns from October 28-30 ([www.nationalbiologicalfarmingconference.org.au](http://www.nationalbiologicalfarmingconference.org.au))



Some exciting news for people with Giant Rats Tail Grass. We have a culture that was isolated from infected GRT growing in a culture dish.

There's still opportunities to get your group on the schedule of talks. Call us on: 0474425150



We've updated our brochure and developed a "quick tips" flier. Please feel free to share these <https://parra-trooper.com.au/links/>

Thanks for your interest and support.

Warm Regards from Cathy and Jeremy.