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Notification for Bushland Managers: Changes to AABR Accreditation and Membership for Bush Regenerators

The Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR) would like to notify all Bushland, Natural Resource and Land Managers of changes to the organisation's accreditation and membership rules that took effect on 3rd October, 2013. This notice is relevant to all organisations likely to employ bush regenerators in the course of their bushland management activities.

AABR is a peak NGO in NSW promoting the study and practice of ecological restoration and fostering effective management of natural areas by qualified people. In the past AABR membership has been a valued recognition of competency as a bush regeneration practitioner. This link between AABR membership and accreditation is about to change.

Changes in AABR membership and accreditation took effect on 3rd October 2013:

- AABR membership is now open to all people with an interest in ecological restoration and bush regeneration
- AABR membership no longer conveys recognition of competency as a bush regenerator
- AABR's accreditation of bush regenerators is now through a separate application process
- All those who were members prior to Oct 3 2013 are now recognised as 'accredited'
- A service is offered to enable employers to gain validation of claims of AABR accreditation. (Email secretary@aabr.org.au)

AABR will continue its valued role in accrediting bush regenerators on the basis of competencies gained through appropriate training and on-ground experience. Membership and Accreditation details are available at <http://www.aabr.org.au>

We ask you to please forward this information to the relevant personnel in your organisation who may be supervising bushland management teams and/or engaging contractors. The key message is that 'AABR membership' no longer conveys bush regeneration competency. It cannot, as membership is now open to all. We now convey that level of competency through AABR ACCREDITATION.

If you have any questions regarding these upcoming changes please contact me at president@aabr.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

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President, AABR