

ecological restoration

Ecological restoration is the intentional practice of assisting the recovery of locally occurring ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged or destroyed, taking into account ecosystem change.

'Bush regeneration' is an Australian term for a form of ecological restoration involving a range of treatments (including the skilled removal of weeds) applied in a manner that triggers natural regeneration of surviving, dormant or nearby species.

AABR draws specific attention to the pivotal role played by natural regeneration—a role which needs to be considered in all restoration projects.

AABR is proud to retain the term 'bush regeneration' in its name to acknowledge the pioneering contribution of this practice to the development of ecological restoration.

For more information visit aabr.org.au to view AABR's Guiding Principles for Ecological Restoration and Rehabilitation and sera.org.au for the National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration in Australia.

The seven 'DO's of ecological restoration:

1. address threats and causes of degradation
2. clearly identify project goals
3. soundly assess sites prior to deciding which restoration approaches to use
4. consider all components of the ecological community
5. skillfully apply treatments, ensuring follow-up and maintenance
6. monitor to see if treatments are achieving their goals, and adapt treatments as necessary
7. develop sustaining partnerships.



Australian Association of Bush Regenerators

working with natural processes

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come and join us!



what is AABR?

We are an association, incorporated in NSW in 1986, with hundreds of members from all over Australia.

Our aim is to promote the study and practice of ecological restoration, and foster and encourage effective management of natural areas by qualified people, based on sound ecological principles.

Our activities are motivated by a deep sense of respect and awe for the complexity, intrinsic values and beauty of locally adapted ecosystems, and a desire to see them conserved in perpetuity—and brought back to health if degraded by human impacts.

Does this sound like you?

AABR has strong links to our many partner organisations in the promotion and pursuit of restoration locally and globally.

what does AABR do?

- offers industry accreditation in assisted natural regeneration—a scheme valued by land managers employing on-ground restoration practitioners
- provides the Bush Jobs service, via the AABR web site
- publishes searchable lists of contractors, consultants and accredited practitioners
- presents talks, seminars, forums and field trips
- publishes high quality newsletters and e-bulletins
- maintains a web site with industry-relevant information about bush regeneration and current events
- produces high quality online videos from field trips, forums and presentations for the regenTV webpage
- advocates to all levels of government regarding ecological restoration



Membership

All interested people are welcome to join. AABR members include bush regeneration professionals, bushcare and landcare volunteers, natural area managers, landowners, policy makers, contractors, consultants, nursery people, local, state and commonwealth government officers—and lots of people who just love the bush and want to see it conserved. [Apply at aabr.org.au](http://aabr.org.au)

accreditation

AABR accreditation is widely accepted recognition of competency as a bush regenerator and increases your employment prospects. It is awarded to those having shown they possess AABR's 12 bush regeneration competencies.

A 'Pathway A' Accreditation application is available for bush-regenerators who feel they have gained the 12 AABR competencies but not completed an AABR-recognised course and have the same extent of field experience (i.e. 500 hours over 2 years) as a Pathway B applicant. A field assessment may be required to confirm the competency of the applicant.

A 'Pathway B' Accreditation application is open to anyone who has completed an AABR-recognised course in bush regeneration and has 500 hours or more practical experience in ecological restoration work (voluntary or paid) under an AABR-recognised supervisor over a period of at least 2 years. [Apply at aabr.org.au](http://aabr.org.au).

regenTV

RegenTV is AABR's online video library showcasing techniques of practical importance and inspirational ecological restoration case studies, filmed at field trips, forums and seminars.

RegenTV provides access to current thinking in a climate-changing world and collates the videos under themes with key words to facilitate searching.

RegenTV also offers learning resources for life-long learners, students and educators. The fact sheets and worksheets draw on the National Restoration Standards to link the case studies with best practice.

RegenTV provides an opportunity for sponsors to contribute to the expansion of the regenTV library and to showcase their projects. [Visit aabr.org.au/regenTV](http://aabr.org.au/regenTV)

why join AABR?

Joining AABR help us promote good work practices in natural areas, and strengthens our industry—AABR membership demonstrates your interest in ecological restoration and provides opportunities to network with like-minded people.

AABR is the main non-government body working to advance bush regeneration in Australia. We have accomplished much promoting ecological restoration and developing the industry, but we need the support of a committed and growing member base to fulfil our goals.

Membership entitles you to discount admission to AABR events, four newsletters per year and discount subscription to the journal *Ecological Management & Restoration*.

What great value! \$35 a year for membership plus \$35 a year to maintain accreditation. Join us today!

