



damaged bush? can we fix it?

The Australian bush can recover from natural events such as fire — this is called “resilience”.

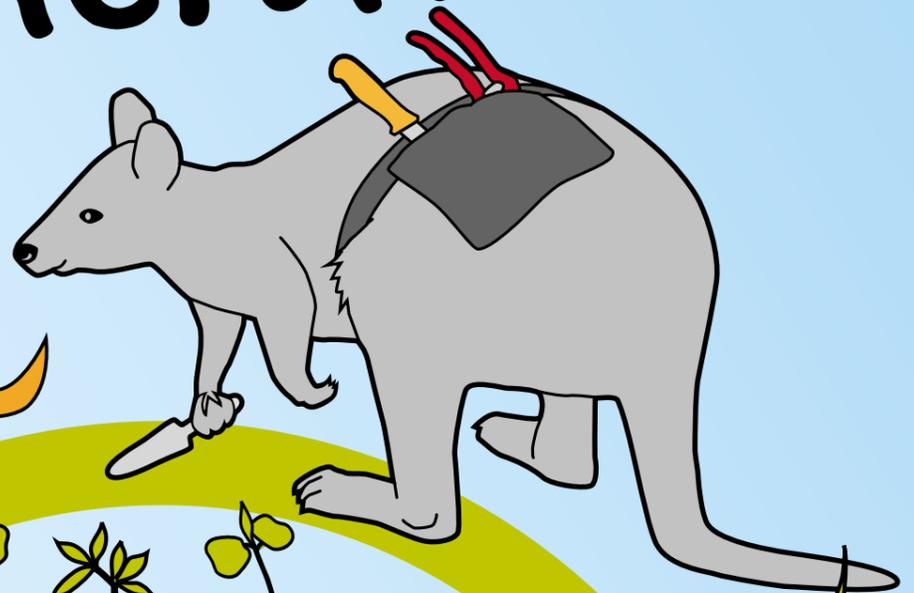
But it’s easily damaged or destroyed by too much disturbance such as rampaging weeds, urban stormwater, overgrazing, or clearing.

If it disappears it’s gone forever. We can’t recreate real bushland by replanting.



bush regenerators can

by working with its natural ability to recover



what can we do?

- understand the causes of bushland damage
- consider how a bushland area is being used by wildlife
- predict how the bush will respond over 5, 10 or more years to different treatments, and how much maintenance will be needed
- identify a range of weeds and native plant species, even at seedling stage
- use a range of different restoration treatments, and select the best method for removing each type of weed.

how about you?

Do you have some bush to repair? Learn how to treat it right!

- do a bush regeneration course. E.G. at TAFE, or
- become a bushcare volunteer and make a difference to your local bush while you learn new skills — many local Councils provide tools, training and direction as part of bushcare programs
- perhaps you can employ a bush regenerator to assist you?

Are you employing someone to remove weeds in bushland? Get the best result by ensuring they are trained and experienced in bush regeneration.



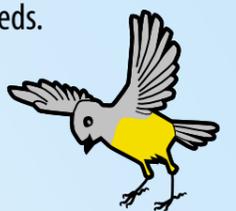
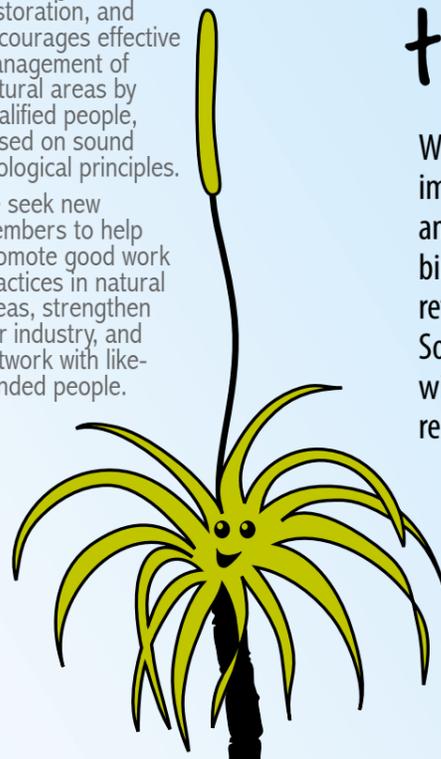
Australian Association of Bush Regenerators

AABR promotes the study and practice of ecological restoration, and encourages effective management of natural areas by qualified people, based on sound ecological principles.

We seek new members to help promote good work practices in natural areas, strengthen our industry, and network with like-minded people.

remember the wildlife

Weedy bushland can also be important habitat for native animals. Possums and small birds, for example, find safe refuge in lantana thickets. So balance the needs of local wildlife with the need to rescue the bush from weeds.



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