

### **Contractors, Consultants & Plant and Tool Suppliers**

Appropriate management of natural ecosystems relies on those managing, working in and giving professional advice regarding those ecosystems having adequate skills and knowledge.

AABR Members have demonstrated competencies in bush regeneration and AABR is happy to list Member businesses on this website.

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**CONTRACTORS:** Bush regeneration contractors offer a wide variety of services, from detailed weeding work using hand tools to major earthworks and creekline reconstruction.

**CONSULTANTS:** Consultants working in the field of conservation, ecological restoration and related areas offer a wide variety of services. These include flora and fauna surveys, development assessment, bushfire risk assessment, preparation of plans of management, ecological monitoring of natural regeneration complementing bush regeneration programs, etc. Consultants who are also experienced bush regenerators bring with them many skills, such as: insights into the capacity for natural areas to regenerate naturally following disturbance, the ability to identify plants at stages of growth, appreciating landscape elements which represent important fauna habitat.

**PLANT SUPPLIERS:** Planting is one of the more common activities performed by bush regenerators. The supply of high quality plants grown from appropriately sourced seed is vital,

not just for the survival of the plantings, but also for the conservation of bushland from which seed is collected and of any bushland near planting areas.

Plant suppliers who are also experienced bush regenerators bring with them many skills which provide for the efficient and appropriate collection of seed.

Three main issues relating to appropriate sourcing of seed and cuttings are: compliance with threatened species legislation, not over-collecting from bushland and "provenance". For more information on these and other issues, go to the FloraBank website at <http://www.florabank.org.au>. The national FloraBank project included the largest survey of the native seed industry ever undertaken and the preparation of guidelines relating to seed supply and planting. AABR recommends that clients requiring plants for their projects ask Plant Suppliers whether they follow the FloraBank guidelines.

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