

Rest

REST and take some time away from the burnt area if you can.

Although the fire may be out, burnt trees and limbs can fall without warning, even for months after the fire event. Look after yourself, your stock / pets, and your community.

Emerge

EMERGE and observe the positive signs of the regenerative power of nature.

Epicormic growth will be sprouting from eucalypt trees and green tips may be evident in native grasses and ferns. Use this time to consider how you can help wildlife. Restore essential assets such as track access and fences. However, make sure you minimise soil disturbance - as it will be highly erodible.

Note

NOTE and monitor the effects of fire and the regenerative processes.

Use photo points to track the changes over time in different vegetation types and levels of fire intensity. Try and identify new seedlings and record evidence of wildlife returning (using tracks and scats). Plants with underground tubers such as lilies may emerge in abundance!

Enact

ENACT a basic restoration plan with realistic goals for years 1-3.

Consider drawing a simple map, noting where perennial /woody weeds may exist, and sites / timing for pest animal control. Retain fallen timber to assist with erosion control and ground layer wildlife habitat. Take note of patches of bush less affected by fire as these could be important for seed collection. Wait to see what shrubs and trees naturally regenerate over the first year before doing any supplementary planting.

Weed

WEED control action will be a high priority during the weed growth phase.

Exotic weeds may emerge with vigour to try to outcompete native plants. Take advantage of the lack of understory growth to control weeds in areas that are normally difficult to access. Follow up control will be important in successive years. Refer to your plan and amend any targets based on realistic goals.

Support

SUPPORT is there if you need it.

We invite you to contact the BCT on **1300 992 688**, and we will put you in touch with your regional Landholder Support Officer. Stay in touch with your local community, Landcare, Local Land Services and other groups that provide the opportunity to share stories and advice.