

Euroa Arboretum Growing Back the Bush

## **GBIS Seedbank Ethics**

As a seedbank, we don't just supply seed, we consider native seed as a precious resource. Native seed is critical to support natural food chains, ecosystem function and is laboriously collected whilst ensuring sustainable harvest. We are invested in the future of our seed, and request it is used thoughtfully to give the best possible benefit to restoring the health of our country. As such, we work to the following principles:

- 1. Our seedbank prioritises projects and seed distribution within the Goulburn Broken Catchment from where our seed is collected (Yorta Yorta and Taungurung Country).
- 2. We are working towards our seed referencing the Traditional Owner lands that they are taken from.
- 3. We will supply seed for the bush food industry if it benefits Traditional Owners directly.
- 4. We adhere strictly to the FloraBank guidelines.
- 5. Projects promoting biodiverse plantings that reflect the appropriate country type, (eg. grasslands, woodlands, forest), will be prioritised.
- 6. We will continue to develop seed orchards to take pressure off wild harvest of seed.
- 7. Where seed of species is low in stock or where supply is challenging, as a customer, you may have upper limits placed on seed orders and given the option to utilise the seed stock for plants as tubestock, rather than ordering seed for direct seeding purposes.