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- A review of the oldest restoration sites in East Gippsland, Victoria:
 - Richard Owen's Nungurner and lower Tambo River sites begun in the 1980s
 - Kalimna Jetty Gully rainforest rescue begun in the 1980s by Margaret Brazalle
 - Kinkuna restoration site established in 1987 by the author
 - The lower Snowy and Brodribb revegetation sites established collectively by local landholders (beginning with Mary McKeown in the 1980s), but then including the Snowy River Improvement Trust (ably and conscientiously tended by Bruce and Elaine Robinson for more than 15 years), Orbost Shire and the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands
 - The Orbost Rainforest Centre's rainforests begun in 1989 (initially tended by the late Will Cramer).
- A review of early rainforest restoration at Murramarang National Park, New South Wales:
 - Subtropical Rainforest on the summit of Durras Mountain is being restored using the Natural Regeneration Restoration Method on an abandoned dairy farm (begun in 1973 with the purchase of the property and its return to the public estate)