

MEETING SUMMARY

The Fifteenth meeting of WHA's Management Committee took place on 14th November, 2018 at a face to face meeting in Sydney, NSW.

Members of the Management Committee are:

- Mark Schipp, Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer (Chair), Appointment of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR)
- Hume Field, individual member elected by the Individual Members (Deputy Chair)
- Charles Milne, CVO VIC, Nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
 - Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria represented by Pam Whiteley
 - Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Section (WDAA) represented by Andrew Peters (chair of WDAA)
 - Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology, a special interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association represented by Chris Bunn.

Other attendees included: Rupert Woods (WHA Chief Executive Officer - CEO), Karen Magee (WHA Administration Manager and Public Officer – Minutes), Trish Hennessy-Hawks (Administration Manager), Tiggy Grillo (WHA National Coordinator), Lisa Keen (Marketing and Communications Consultant). Observers included members of the new Management Committee (Anna Meredith, Robert Johnson, David Phalen) who will commence their duties with WHA from 1st January next year. Ian Thompson (Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer – DAWR) was also present and will take over from Mark Schipp as chair of WHA at the completion of the 2018 AGM immediately following this meeting. Apologies were received from Rodney Vile (Principal Officer Wildlife Emergencies for the Victorian Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning: Invited Member).

This was a routine quarterly meeting of the Management Committee. The last two years of operation has seen the WHA Management Committee prioritise its focus and attention on the ongoing financial stability of the organisation. Now that a new shared funding model has been secured, it was agreed that it was timely to hold a workshop with committee members early in 2019 to look broadly at the current strategic objectives of WHA, including its future direction, mission and scope.

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