

## MEETING SUMMARY

The Sixteenth meeting (MC16) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 via teleconference.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

- Ian Thompson, Australian Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer (Chair)
- David Phalen, Individual Member Representative elected by the Individual Members
- Charles Milne, Chief Veterinary Officer of Victoria and nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Three elected Organisational Members: Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
  - Anna Meredith, Wildlife Health Victoria
  - Andrew Peters, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia
  - Robert Johnson, Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology, and;
- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency.

MC16 was a routine quarterly meeting of the MC and included Rupert Woods (WHA *Chief Executive Officer* - CEO), Trish Hennessy-Hawks (WHA *Administration Manager* and *Public Officer* – PO/Minutes) and Tiggy Grillo (WHA *National Coordinator*). The primary purpose of the meeting was to de-brief and focus on next steps following a small, internal, planning workshop, which was held at the end of February 2019 in Melbourne, and to seek and endorse nominations to a number of positions on MC sub-committees that had been made vacant following elections held last year. The MC agreed to change the next MC meeting from a teleconference to a face to face meeting to progress the priority areas identified during the workshop. Organisational Representative of the Wildlife Disease Association Australasia, Andrew Peters, was elected as deputy chair and will also lead the Audit and Risk Committee, which will comprise all members of the MC. Robert Johnson (Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology) will lead the Remunerations Committee, which will also include the AHC member on the MC as an important representative of the jurisdictions that fund WHA.

Standing items on governance and future proofing were introduced into future agendas and the CEO briefed the MC on two projects under development: a list of priority wildlife health diseases and issues, and a guide to the principles and options for wildlife disease management in the Australian context. It is hoped that these two projects will raise awareness in the broader community of the work of WHA as well as providing tools and tactics to assist in wildlife health response management. The management guidelines will complement standard operating procedures for wildlife health investigations, which are due to be delivered before the end of the year, and the guidelines for the management of an emergency wildlife disease response and other response manuals that are already available on the WHA website.

The next meeting of the MC is currently scheduled for Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 however this date may change to ensure all MC members can attend. For more information please contact your representative on the MC, the CEO (0438 755 078) or WHA Public Officer, Trish Hennessy-Hawks (02 9960 6333).