

MEETING SUMMARY

The Thirteenth meeting of WHA's Committee of Management (Board) took place on 13th June via a face to face meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC: board) are:

- Mark Schipp, Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer (Chair)
- 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:
 - Pam Whiteley, Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria.
 - Andrew Peters, Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Section Chair
 - Chris Bunn, Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology, a special interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association

This was a routine quarterly meeting of the board and included WHA staff: Rupert Woods (CEO), Karen Magee (Administration Manager/Public Officer).

WHA employees were invited to join the MC for an item on the agenda exploring the culture at WHA. A survey has been undertaken, with responses collated from WHA employees, the MC, and some key stakeholder groups (state and territory Chief Veterinary Officer appointed wildlife coordinators as representatives of their Chief Veterinary officer and future funding agencies - below). The discussion was found to be a valuable exercise and a useful learning opportunity for the MC and WHA staff. Overall the survey suggested that WHA has an excellent culture. However, there were some areas that would benefit from further consideration. Preparation of a statement of purpose and one page narrative will help focus future discussions, which will occur as part of the next MC meeting.

The new cost-shared model for WHA with core funding provided by Australian governments, primarily from Agriculture comes into effect from 1st July 2018. The template currently used to report to DAWR (including the FY19 workplan) has been reviewed, simplified and endorsed. This will allow for simplified reporting to the Animal Health Committee and National Biosecurity Committee (NBC), members of which are now funding WHA. A budget supporting delivery of activities as agreed by NBC was also tabled and endorsed by the MC.

For more information on the meeting please contact your representative on the Board, the CEO (0438 755 078) or WHA Public Officer, Karen Magee (02 9960 6333).