

MEETING SUMMARY

The fifth meeting of WHA's Committee of Management (Board) took place on 19 April 2016 via face to face meeting.

Members of the Management Committee are:

- Mark Schipp, Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer (Chair)
- Hume Field, individual member elected by the Individual Members (Deputy Chair) (Apology)
- Charles Milne, CVO VIC, Nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Three organisations elected by the organisational members:
 - Andrew Peters, Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Section Chair
 - Chris Hibbard, Zoo Aquarium Association Executive Director
 - Pam Whiteley, Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria

The meeting included WHA staff and participants: Rupert Woods (CEO), Karen Magee (Public Officer/Minutes), Tiggy Grillo (National Coordinator), Iain East (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources representative), and Consultant Lisa Adams.

The primary focus of the meeting was on developing forward strategies for WHA. A consultant, Lisa Adams, has been engaged with guiding WHA through long term strategic planning, the aim of which is to put WHA on a more sustainable footing. The outcomes of the meeting included agreement on the development of a small number of "end game" strategies for WHA. These end game strategies will describe bodies of work for WHA for the future with clear targets, in the areas of public health, biosecurity, environment their intersection. The MC also agreed that it is important to have a clear narrative for WHA that highlights the value and purpose of WHA. A WHA member survey will be circulated to all WHA members in May, and it is hoped that this survey will return some powerful messaging directly from members about where they see the value of WHA. This feedback will help inform the narrative. WHA funding runs out in the last term of the next federal government. WHA will develop key messaging of its vision for Australia in time for election and incoming government.

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