

MEETING SUMMARY

The eighth meeting of WHA's Committee of Management (Board) took place on 27 April 2017 at the Board Room, George Heights, Mosman.

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)
- 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 Bunn, representative of the Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology, a special interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association
 - Pam Whiteley, Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria.

The meeting included WHA staff and participants: Rupert Woods (CEO/Public Officer), Silvia Ban (Project Support Officer/Minutes session 1 only), and Emma Holmes (Contractor). The main purpose for this meeting was the routine quarterly meeting of the WHA Management Committee, and to discuss a new funding model for WHA and identify next steps. WHA is well placed to secure continued funding from June, 2018 when current funding arrangements conclude, the preferred model being similar to that of Animal Health and Plant Health Australia. Despite this, the MC considered it prudent to develop a contingency plan and the CEO was tasked with bringing this back to the committee for consideration at their next meeting. The MC was also informed of the securing of deductible gift recipient status for WHA, which now allows WHA to also accept tax deductible donations. Members are encouraged to donate early and often!

For more information on the meeting please contact your representative on the Board, or contact the WHA CEO and Public Officer, Rupert Woods (0438 755 078).