

MEETING SUMMARY: 21st September 2022

The Thirty First meeting (MC31) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 21st September 2022 via virtual meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

- Sarah Britton (Chair), nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Cameron Bell (Deputy Chair), Funding Member, Agriculture Victoria
- Individual Member Representative elected by the Individual Members (Casual Vacancy)
- Andrew Pearce, nominee of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
 - Leanne Wicker, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia
 - Organisational Member (Casual Vacancy)
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- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency (Apology)
- James Newman, Invited Active Observer (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water)
- Sharon Kolek, Invited Active Observer (Apology)

MC31 was a routine quarterly meeting. Recent changes to the composition of the MC composition include:

- Resignation of Tamara Riley. The Management Committee thanked Tamara for her valued service to the WHA Committee over the past 2 years.
- Appointment of two invited active observers, James Newman and Sharon Kolek, to fill positions on the committee to 31st December, 2022 after which a new management committee will replace the current committee following elections to commence in October.

WHA is an incorporated association registered under the Associated Incorporation Act (2009) in NSW. As WHA grows and expands its activities, the regulatory body, NSW Fair Trading, will recommend WHA transition to a Public ("For Purpose" or "Not-for-Profit") Company Limited by Guarantee. An update of the Constitution will be required as WHA moves under a new, national, regulator. This is an important step forward for WHA, aligning us more closely with other national peak bodies, such as Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia, that operate under this legal framework. The transition is intended to be completed in 2023 and Members will be updated on the process and legal formalities at the AGM in November.

The Management Committee endorsed the 2022 audited financial statement and auditors report, and directed the WHA annual general meeting to be called for 23rd November, 2022. The AGM will be a virtual meeting. Election of the WHA Management Committee will be held in October and the new committee will commence on 1 January 2023. A call for nominations will be circulated to eligible members early October.

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