

## MEETING SUMMARY

The Nineteenth meeting (MC19) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Melbourne.

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 (Apology)
- Kevin de Witte, Chief Veterinary Officer of Tasmania 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, (Apology) and;
- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency.

MC19 was a routine quarterly meeting of the MC and included Michael Banyard (alternate for Robert Johnson, representing the Australian Veterinary Conservation Biologists), Rupert Woods (WHA Chief Executive Officer - CEO) and Karen Magee (WHA Administration Manager and Public Officer – PO/Minutes). The primary purpose of the meeting was to report on and discuss progress with activities identified as important as part of two planning workshops held earlier in the year including: 're-skinning' the strategic plan, improving diversity within the MC, and progressing a strategic enquiry to help better understand the needs for Australia in the wildlife health area for the future. Financial planning was also discussed, including allocation and use of the total comprehensive income for financial year 2020, and the ongoing management of the WHA Contingency Reserve. The WHA Audit and Risk Committee provided an update and recommendations, and there was discussion around WHA's role in inland waterways' health and accumulation of macrocyclic lactones in the environment.

The next meeting of the MC is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. For more information please contact your representative on the MC, the CEO (0438 755 078) or WHA Public Officer, Karen Magee (02 9960 6333).