

MEETING SUMMARY: 22nd September 2021

The Twenty Sixth meeting (MC26) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 22nd September 2021 via virtual meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

- Sarah Britton (Acting Chair), nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- David Phalen, Individual Member Representative elected by the Individual Members
- Cameron Bell, Funding Member, Veterinary Science with Agriculture Victoria
- Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
 - Anna Meredith, Wildlife Health Victoria
 - Leanne Wicker, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia
 - Phil Tucak, Australian Veterinary Conservation Biologists
- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency
- Tamara Riley, Invited Member, Indigenous perspective. (Apology)

MC26 was a routine quarterly meeting. The Management Committee have now completed the strategic review of WHA. A new business plan and review of WHA systems have been finalised and the next step is to begin operationalising the new strategic vision. Release of the strategic vision is being considered by a Management Committee working group being led by our Communications and Marketing Coordinator. The Management Committee were also briefed on the progress of WHA moving into social media to build awareness and engagement, including a project kickstarting WHA's presence on select platforms including Twitter and Instagram.

A number of proposed Constitution changes were considered by the Management Committee. These changes allow for creation of an independent chair for the Committee, along with a number of lesser changes clarifying language and bringing the Constitution up to date since it's last review in 2017. Voting Members will be provided with a special resolution for their consideration for endorsement of these changes as an electronic ballot in October.

The Management Committee endorsed the 2021 audited financial statement and auditors report, and directed the WHA annual general meeting to be called for 17th November, 2021. Due to COVID-19, this AGM will be a virtual meeting.

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).