

## MEETING SUMMARY: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

The Twenty Eighth meeting (MC28) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 via virtual meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

- Sarah Britton (Chair), nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- David Phalen, Individual Member Representative elected by the Individual Members
- Andrew Pearce, nominee of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- Cameron Bell, Funding Member, Veterinary Science with Agriculture Victoria
- 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
- Tamara Riley, Invited Member, Indigenous perspective (Apology)

MC28 was a routine quarterly meeting. Following acceptance of the 2021 WHA Constitution, and the creation of an independent chair for the Committee, the MC agreed to a transparent process for external chair recruitment to guide this process. Sarah Britton will continue to act as chair until recruitment has been finalised. The MC will be conducting recruitment of the chair role in the second half of 2022, the intention being for the new Chair to commence their role from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

The formal launch of the WHA Strategic Vision will commence shortly. A plan for release has been developed, and the vision will be published and shared through WHA social media platforms and to members and stakeholders shortly.

The Management Committee are conducting a review of the potential future framework for WHA, and have identified the need for a clear narrative that aligns with the Strategic Vision and positions WHA as the lead for Australia's wildlife health strategy. An updated vision of the framework will be brought back to the committee for consideration at the next meeting.

Important sub-committee positions have been raised for nomination from within the committee. Good governance is a key foundation of WHA's framework, and a key vacancy on the Audit and Risk Sub-committee following Anna Meredith's resignation was filled. WHA and the Management Committee would like to thank Anna Meredith for her service to the WHA Committee over the past 3 years.

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).