

MEETING SUMMARY: 24th March, 2021

The Twenty Fourth meeting (MC24) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 24th March 2021 via virtual meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

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

MC24 was a routine quarterly meeting and the first for the newly elected members of the management committee. A variety of internal housekeeping actions were addressed including various policy updates and filling of positions on various board sub-committees made vacant by the recent elections. Ian Thompson remains as chair of WHA following his departure from the Australian government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment and Sarah Britton, the immediate past-chair of Australia's Animal Health Committee agreed to act as deputy chair. There is a great deal happening in the wildlife health area both in Australia and globally. The Committee looked at a range of possible projects that would raise the profile of wildlife health and contribute to improved wildlife health in Australia. A strategy session began a conversation amongst the new committee on development of a strategy plan for the organisation for 2021. The plan will be developed by the CEO and executive and brought back to the committee for consideration at their next 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).