

MEETING SUMMARY: 24th September 2020

The Twenty Second meeting (MC22) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 24th September 2020 via teleconference.

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
- Kevin de Witte, Chief Veterinary Officer of Tasmania and nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
 - Anna Meredith, Wildlife Health Victoria (Apology)
 - Andrew Peters, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia
 - Phil Tucak, Australian Veterinary Conservation Biologists (Casual Vacancy)
- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency
- Tamara Riley, Invited Member, Indigenous perspective.

MC22 was a routine quarterly meeting of the MC. The MC spent time considering and reflecting on wildlife health strategy, and the current situation following the significant events that have occurred this year with bushfires and COVID-19. A broad independent review and development of a national wildlife health strategy will be conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to contribute to considering the future for wildlife health work in Australia. The review will assist WHA clarify its role in assisting in delivering improved wildlife health. A value proposition outlining why wildlife health matters will be undertaken concurrently and development of terms of reference is underway.

The 2020 AGM was discussed and the MC agreed to hold this meeting via an online platform. A virtual meeting could bring broader participation by the members and public and would be a good opportunity to showcase the work of WHA. The AGM will be held on the 18th November 2020. The MC endorsed the financial reports for 2019-20 for inclusion in the papers for members.

The next meeting of the MC is scheduled for Wednesday 18th November, 2020. 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).