

## MEETING SUMMARY

The Seventeenth meeting (MC17) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Sydney.

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 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, and;
- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency.

MC17 was a routine quarterly meeting of the MC and included Rupert Woods (WHA Chief Executive Officer - CEO) and Trish Hennessy-Hawks (WHA Administration Manager and Public Officer – PO/Minutes). The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed draft budget for the 2019-20 financial year and future management of the WHA Contingency Reserve. The MC received the recommendations from the WHA Audit and Risk Committee regarding these items and endorsed the budget and changes proposed for the Contingency Reserve.

Standing items on the agenda included governance and compliance, and the CEO provided the MC with a detailed report of recent activities undertaken by WHA. A key discussion topic was the dissemination of information by WHA and the barriers the organisation faces circulating information within the public domain. The MC recognise that data and events received by WHA can be sensitive and the appropriate approvals need to be sought before releasing and circulating information to wider audiences. WHA are currently progressing documents through these channels in the aim to release them in the public domain and continue to produce them on a routine basis in the future.

The next meeting of the MC is currently scheduled as a teleconference for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please contact your representative on the MC, the CEO (0438 755 078) or WHA Public Officer, Trish Hennessy-Hawks (02 9960 6333).