

MEETING SUMMARY: 25th May 2022

The Twenty Ninth meeting (MC29) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 25th May 2022 via virtual meeting.

Members of the Management Committee (MC) are:

- Sarah Britton (Chair), nominee of the Animal Health Committee
- Cameron Bell (Deputy Chair), Funding Member, Veterinary Science with Agriculture Victoria
- Individual Member Representative elected by the Individual Members (Casual Vacancy)
- Andrew Pearce, nominee of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- Three organisations elected by the Organisational Members:
 - Leanne Wicker, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia (Apology)
 - Organisational Member (Casual Vacancy)
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- Rodney Vile, Invited Member, Environment Agency (Apology)
- Tamara Riley, Invited Member, Indigenous perspective

MC29 was a routine quarterly meeting. Frequency of the Management Committee meetings has increased and are now held bi-monthly. Recent changes to the composition of the MC include the reappointment of Tamara Riley to an invited member position, the appointment of Cameron Bell to the Deputy Chair position, and the resignation of David Phalen. The Management Committee thanked David for his service to the WHA Committee over the past 4 years.

Opportunity was taken to allow the MC to take a deeper dive into current activities of WHA including development of WHA to become part of the World Organisation for Animal Health International Collaborating Centre network as an International Collaborating Centre for Wildlife Health and Biodiversity for Australia and the Asia-Pacific. Steven Unwin (WHA Program Manager) joined the meeting for an introduction to the MC, and to brief the committee on the progress with development of the application to the OIE.

Two important guiding documents were tabled for endorsement: 1) an Ethical Partnership Policy developed to guide decision making on what industries and organisations WHA will consider for partnerships, and; 2) Terms of reference for the WHA Public Fund, which will guide future expenditure of donations from the Public Fund. Both policies were endorsed.

Normal routine business of the committee included review of progress against current and future priorities, and review of strategic and operational risks identified by the WHA Audit and Risk Sub Committee of the Management Committee.

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).