

MEETING SUMMARY

The Eighteenth meeting (MC18) of WHA's Committee of Management took place on 26th September 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.

MC18 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 audited financial statements of WHA for the 2018-2019 financial year and direct the Public Officer to call the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Wednesday 13th November 2019. The location of the AGM was discussed with a change from Sydney to Melbourne agreed to by the Committee. The WHA Audit and Risk Committee provided an update and recommendations regarding the audited financial statements and these were endorsed by the MC.

Standing items on the agenda included governance and compliance, and the CEO provided the MC with an update on work in progress actioning items raised at two workshops held by WHA earlier this year. The strategic plan is being updated to reflect the deliberations of the MC and the MC is focussing on improving diversity within the MC. A key item of discussion was the proposed "Australian Wildlife Health Institute" and the need to better understand what is being proposed, how this fits in with current arrangements and what may be required from WHA in future.

The next meeting of the MC will be immediately prior to the AGM on the morning of Wednesday 13th November. 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).