



# **Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia**

**Annual Report 2014-2015**



## The Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

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Dear Attorney

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD**

In accordance with section 13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*, I submit my report on the activities of the Gender Reassignment Board for the year ending 30 June 2015.

The Gender Reassignment Board is not a statutory authority specified in Schedule 1 to the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Hogan'.

Patrick Hogan  
**PRESIDENT**

**24 September 2015**

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## **Functions of the Gender Reassignment Board**

The *Gender Reassignment Act 2000* was created to allow the reassignment of gender and establish a Gender Reassignment Board (the Board) with the power to issue recognition certificates: to make consequential amendments to the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* and the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1961*; to amend the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* to promote equality of opportunity, and provide remedies in respect of discrimination, on gender history grounds in certain cases; and for connected purposes.

## **Membership**

Person holding office of President:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Persons holding office as Members:

Dr Russell Date  
Mr Grantham Kitto  
Dr Rowena Koek  
Dr Kymberley Wilson  
Dr Lauren Megaw

Executive Officer:

Mr Mark Street (Department of the Attorney General)

## **Registry**

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3020 or via email at [contact@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:contact@justice.wa.gov.au) between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The registry is located at level 6, 565 Hay Street, Perth WA. The Board relocated to this address on 20 July 2015.

## **Staff**

The administration of the Board is conducted by the Executive Officer.

## **Finance and Administration**

The Board is an autonomous body that is wholly funded through the Department of the Attorney General (the Department).

The Department receives all fees in respect of Board matters.

The Board does not directly employ its own staff. Staff are provided by the Department.

## Business Transacted

From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 the Board received 18 new applications, had four applications carried over from the previous reporting period and issued 20 recognition certificates (four certificates were issued on applications received in the previous reporting period).

## Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept in a secure office with limited access. This is done primarily to ensure the privacy of individuals and to restrict access from persons not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

## Statistics

Applications lodged 2014 – 2015	18
Applications carried over from 2013 – 2014	4
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
Applications granted without appeal	20
Applications granted on appeal	-
Applications refused	-
Applications pending	2
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
Applications received for male to female	11
Applications received for female to male	11
<b>Total*</b>	<b><u>22</u></b>

\* This figure includes matters carried over from the previous reporting period.

## Appeal Cases

During the reporting period there were no appeals to the State Administrative Tribunal.

## Legislative change

During the year draft amendments to the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000* were placed before Parliament. The impact of these amendments if proclaimed will be to abolish the Board and have all matters under the Act dealt with by the State Administrative Tribunal in its original jurisdiction. The draft amendments remained before Parliament at the time of preparing this report.