



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of the **Attorney General**

**GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

For year ended 30 June 2011

Presented pursuant to s.13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

Presented pursuant to section 13 *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*

In accordance with section 13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*, I submit to the Attorney General my report on the activities of the Gender Reassignment Board for the year ending 30 June 2011.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Hogan', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Hogan
President
9th September 2011

Functions of the 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:

Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Persons holding office as Members:

Dr Russell Date;
Mr Grantham Kitto;
Dr Rowena Koek; and
Dr Kymberley Wilson

Mr Henry Shawcross (formally resigned as of 22 February 2011).

Executive Officer:

Mark Street

Registry

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3020 or via email at info@sat.justice.wa.gov.au between 9am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The registry is located at level 4, 12 St Georges Tce, Perth WA.

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 receives all fees in respect of Gender Reassignment matters.

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

Business Transacted

From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the Gender Reassignment Board received seven applications resulting in the issue of four recognition certificates.

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 the individual and to restrict access from persons not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

Appeal Cases

In addition to the figures below, the Board issued two recognition certificates in relation to two applications which were previously refused by the Board, as ordered by the State Administrative Tribunal in 2009 - 2010. These matters were upheld by the Supreme Court (WA) and were then appealed by the Applicants to the High Court of Australia. As at 30 June 2011 final determinations High Court had not been made.

Statistics

Applications lodged total	7
Applications granted	4
Applications pending	3
Applications refused	0
Applications for male to female	6
Applications for female to male	1
Applications under sec. 15(2) (a child)	0