



# Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report 2015-2016



## 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 2016.

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 'Patrick Hogan'.

Patrick Hogan  
**PRESIDENT**

**27 August 2016**

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

The Gender Reassignment Board (the Board) was established under Section 5 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*. The statutory functions of the Board are;

- a) To receive and determine applications for recognition certificates; and
- b) To issue recognition certificates in suitable cases.

Recognition certificates identify a person who has undergone a reassignment procedure as being of the sex to which the person has been reassigned.

## **Membership**

President:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Members:

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

Executive Officer:

Mr Mark Street (Department of the Attorney General)

The Board takes the opportunity to thank Dr Rowena Koek for her contribution and support to the Board as a member from her commencement on 4 June 2008 to 31 December 2015.

## **Registry**

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3111 or via email at [sat@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:sat@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 2015 to 30 June 2016 the Board received 21 new applications, had two applications carried over from the previous reporting period and issued 20 recognition certificates (two certificates were issued on applications received in the previous reporting period).

## Statistics

Applications lodged 2015 – 2016	21
Applications carried over from 2014 – 2015	2
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>23</u></b>
Applications granted without appeal	20
Applications granted on appeal	-
Applications refused	-
Applications pending	3
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>23</u></b>
Applications received for male to female	13
Applications received for female to male	10
<b>Total*</b>	<b><u>23</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.

## Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept secure 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.

## Legislative change

During the previous reporting period 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 remain before Parliament at the time of preparing this report.