

**GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

For year ended 30 June 2009

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 2009

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 2009.

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

Patrick Hogan
President
25th August 2009

Functions of the Board

The Gender Reassignment Board was established to allow the reassignment of gender and establish a Gender Reassignment Board with 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
Grantham Kitto - new appointment as at 10 February 2009
Dr Rowena Koek
Dr Kymberley Wilson

Executive Officer:

Alistair Borg

Registry

The Gender Reassignment 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.

Staff

The Administration of the board is conducted by the Executive Officer. In the interests of privacy and security a limited number of staff have access to the information kept by the Board

Finance and Administration

The Gender Reassignment Board is an autonomous body that does not receive any direct funding from Government. It is wholly funded through the Department of the Attorney General.

The Department receives all fees in respect of Gender Reassignment matters.

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

Business Transacted

From 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 the Gender Reassignment Board received five applications resulting in the issue of four recognition certificates. One of these applications was yet to be determined as at 30 June 2009.

One further recognition certificate was issued in respect of an application received in September of 2005.

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

The two applications which were refused by the Board in June 2008 were listed at the State Administration Tribunal for review and as at 30 June 2009 final determinations had not been made.

Statistics

Applications lodged total	5
Applications granted	5*
Applications pending	1
Applications refused	0
Applications for male to female	3
Applications for female to male	2*
Applications under sec. 15.(2) (a child)	0

- * *This figure includes the issue of a recognition certificate for an application lodged in September 2005.*