



**The Gender Reassignment Board
of
Western Australia**

Annual Report 2012-2013

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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 2013.

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 2013

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:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Persons holding office as Members:

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

Executive Officer:

Mr Mark Street (Department of the Attorney General)

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 2012 to 30 June 2013 the Gender Reassignment Board received 17 applications resulting in the issue of 14 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 individuals and to restrict access from persons not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

Statistics

Applications lodged 2012 – 2013	17
Applications carried over from 2011 – 2012	2
Total	<u>19</u>
Applications granted without appeal	13
Applications granted on appeal	2
Applications refused	3
Applications pending	1
Total.	<u>19</u>
Applications received for male to female	12
Applications received for female to male	7
Total.	<u>19</u>

Appeal Cases

During the reporting period two applicants who were refused recognition certificates appealed the Board's decision to the State Administrative Tribunal (the Tribunal). The Tribunal referred the matters back to the Board to reconsider its decision as there was new evidence presented to the Tribunal. The Board reconsidered the applications with regard to the new evidence and granted both applicants a recognition certificate. This is reflected in the 15 applications granted above.

One application for a recognition certificate which was refused by the Board, has appealed to the State Administrative Tribunal, this application had not been finalised during this reporting period.