

**GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

For year ended 30 June 2003

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

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2002**

**Presented pursuant to section 13 *Gender Reassignment Act 2000***

In accordance with section 13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2002*, I submit to the Attorney General my report on the activities of the Gender Reassignment Board for the year ending 30 June 2003.

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

**P.Heaney  
President**

## **Function 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:

Paul Heaney SM

Persons holding office as Members:

Dr Annanth Pullela  
Magdeline Fadjar  
Karry-Leanne Fisher  
Kymberley Wilson

Executive Officer:

John Wilson

## **Registry**

The Gender Reassignment Board is located at level 2, May Holman Centre, 32 St. Georges Terrace Perth, telephone (08) 9425 2773.

The Registry is open to the public on weekdays 9:00am to 4:00pm.

## **Staff**

There have been no changes to the administration staff of the board. The Executive Officer is the only officer involved in the administration of the board and is the only officer that has access to the information, other than the board itself, that is kept by the Board in the interests of privacy and security.

## **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 Justice.

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

## **Accommodation**

The Board relocated the from using the Equal Opportunity Hearing room located at level 2, Hartley Poynton Building, 141 St Georges Terrace and now uses the hearing room located on level 2, May Holman Centre, 32 St Georges Terrace Perth.

## **Business Transacted**

To 30 June 2003, 8 applications were received resulting in 8 certificates being issued. There was a further 1 application approved that had been lodged in the previous financial year that had not been approved at that stage but was subsequently granted this financial year. It had been expected that the number of applications to the Board would increase this financial year however this has proved not to be the case. There has been an increased awareness of the existence of the Board through out the communittee however this has not translated to an increase in the number of applications received.

## **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 to those not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

## **Appeal Cases**

No appeals have been lodged.

## **Statistics**

Applications lodged total	8
Applications Granted	9
Applications pending	0
Applications dismissed	0
Applications for male to female	8
Applications for female to male	0
Applications under sec. 15.(2) (a child)	0