

THE HON. MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

I present to you, the Annual Report of the Supervised Release Review Board (the Board) for the year ending on 30 June 2019, pursuant to section 165 of the *Young Offenders Act 1994 (WA)* (the Act). I note that the Report is not only to record the operations of the Board but also must deal with the operation of the Act so far as it relates to the work of the Board.

His Honour Allan Fenbury Chairperson

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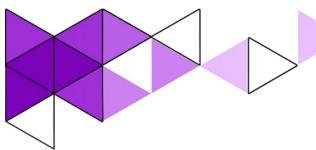
20 August 2019



Board Members from left:

Front Row: Ms Wendy Telfer, Ms Georgia Cera

Second Row: Ms Romy Pritchard, Sgt. Clayton French, Mr Ashley Garlett, His Honour Allan Fenbury.



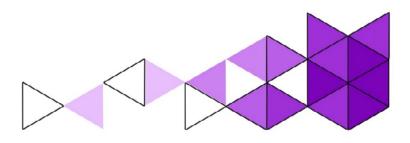
THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

For the 2018-2019 year, the members of the Board were:

- Chairperson His Honour Allan Fenbury.
- Victims' representative Ms Georgia Cera
- Community representative Ms Romy Pritchard
- Aboriginal community representative Mr Ashley Garlett
- CEO's nominee Ms Wendy Telfer
- Commissioner of Police nominee Sgt Clayton French

I offer my thanks for the dedicated work done by:

- The staff of the Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- The Youth Justice Officers (YJOs) and managers in the YJS agencies.
- The Officers of the Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support) (CPFS).
- Youth Education Workers and the Education and Training Providers.
- Psychologists (and, on occasion, Psychiatrists), both at Banksia Hill Detention Centre and in the community.
- The Officers of the Victim-Offender Mediation Unit.
- Those in Non-Governmental Organisations who try to remedy the effects of disadvantage, alcohol, drug abuse and the misuse of solvents.
- Those, such as the people who work with the Wirrapanda Foundation, As One Nyitting, Outcare and Hope Services who act as trainers, mentors and supporters, particularly for young Aboriginal offenders.





The Board has the task to manage the return into the community, under the supervision of the YJS, of those young offenders who have been sentenced for serious or repetitive offending to terms of imprisonment, to be served in a prison, or detention, to be served in a detention centre - the sentence of last resort.

The Board meets on average three times a month at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre to facilitate access to the young offenders, whether male or female.

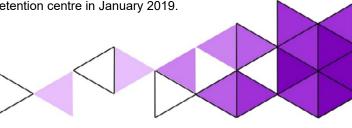
The Act seeks to involve a representative of the adults responsible in law for the young offender, in the process, by requiring the order to be made in the presence, whenever possible, of a parent, guardian, Child Protection Officer, or any other person responsible for the day to day care of the young person.

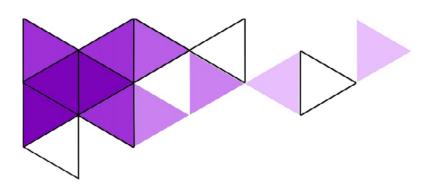
The meetings are attended (in person or by telephone link-up) by the relevant Youth Justice Officer, one or more adults having responsibility for the young person, and any other person involved in the case, wherever possible.

It is regretful to say that this year, as previously, attendance of parent(s), guardian(s), or other responsible adults often does not occur.



Above: Banksia Beans Café opened at WA's only juvenile detention centre in January 2019.





STATISTICAL INFORMATION

- 1. In the year to 30 June 2019 the Board held a total of 69 meetings consisting of 47 sittings of the full Board and 22 sittings by the Secretary.
- 2. The Board dealt with 436 cases involving 172 individuals.
- 3. There were 183 applications for supervised release.
- 4. 150 (82%) were approved and 33 (18%) were denied.
- 5. During the Financial Year, a total of 85 Orders were cancelled (does not include suspended Orders as reported on in previous years) due to re-offending and/or non-compliance. A number of the young offenders involved would, however, ultimately complete the period of supervised release.
- 6. Of the 172 offenders dealt with, 159 (92%) were males and 13 (8%) were females.
- 7. 132 (77%) of the offenders dealt with were Aboriginal persons.
- 8. Of the Aboriginal persons, 123 (93%) were males and 9 (7%) were females.
- 9. Of the 183 applications for supervised release it was not possible to have a responsible adult present in person or by phone link-up in 56 (31%) of cases.
- 10. The annual cost for the Sessional Members of the Board, other than the Chairperson and Departmental Members, was \$74,607 by way of fees for sittings, preparation and professional development.