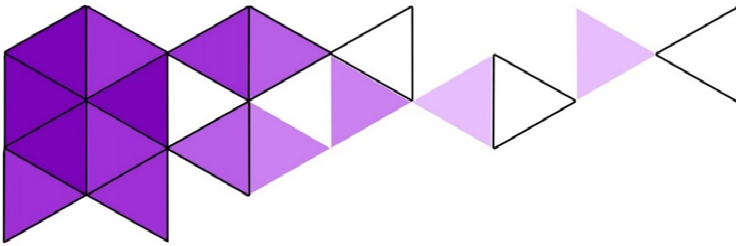




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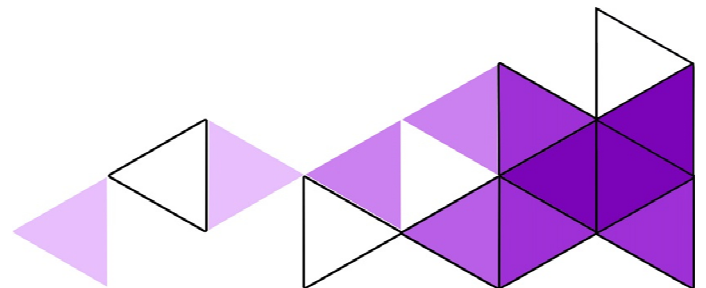


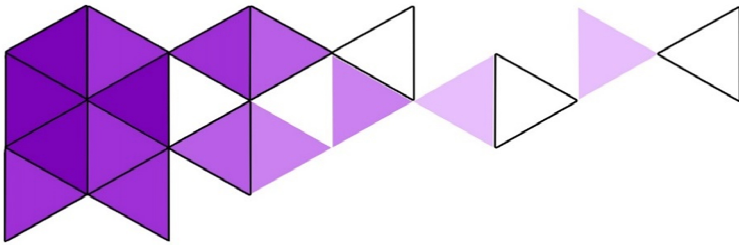
THE HON. MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

I present to you, the Annual Report of the Supervised Release Review Board (the Board) for the year ending on 30 June 2021, 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 must also deal with the operation of the Act so far as it relates to the work of the Board.

His Honour Mr Allan Fenbury
Chairman

19 July 2021





THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

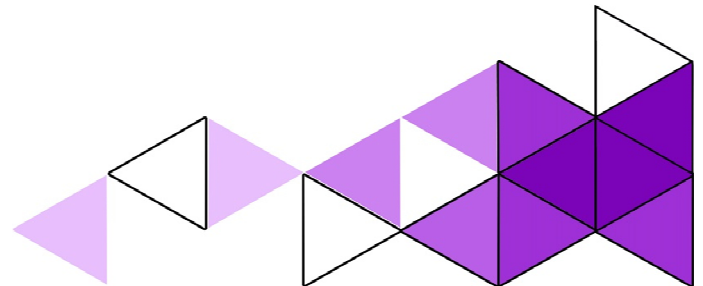
For the 2020-2021 year, the membership of the Board comprised of:

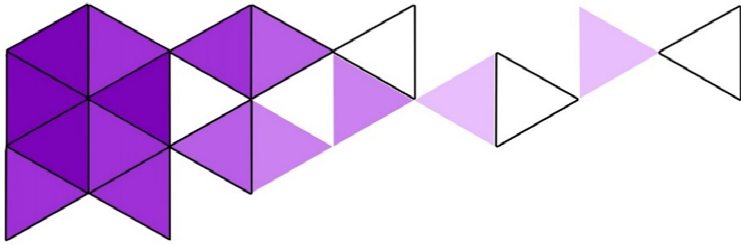
- the Chairman;
- a Victims' representative;
- a Community representative;
- an Aboriginal community representative;
- the CEO's nominees;
- the Commissioner of Police nominees; and
- Alternates to the Victim's, Community and Aboriginal community representatives.

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);
- the Youth Education Workers and the Education and Training Providers;
- the 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 use and the misuse of solvents; and
- those, such as the people who work with the Wirrpanda Foundation, As One Nyitting, Outcare and Hope Services who act as trainers, mentors and supporters, particularly for young Aboriginal offenders.

I would also again, like to convey my personal thanks to the wonderful support staff who are provided by the Department of Justice and the Board Members, in particular for their conduct during the current COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions.





THE WORK OF THE BOARD

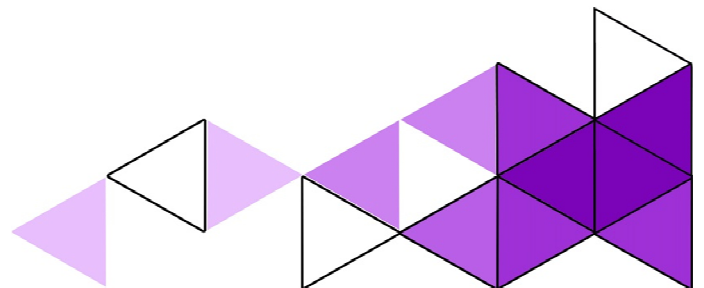
The Board is tasked with managing the return of detained young offenders to the community. These are young offenders who have been sentenced for serious or repetitive offending to terms of detention or in some circumstances, imprisonment. They are released back into the community under the supervision of Youth Justice Services.

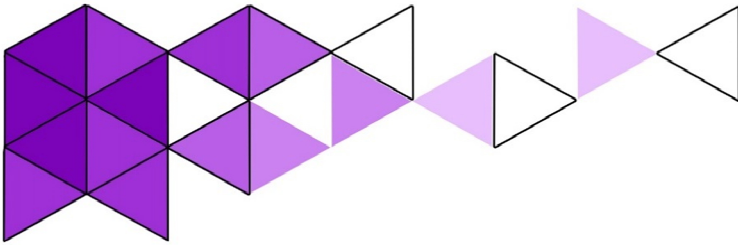
The Board meets, on average, weekly at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre to facilitate access to the young offenders, whether male or female. When granting or denying release, the young offender appears before the Board in person.

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. When the Young Offender is present, he or she is carefully addressed in simple language they can understand.

Regrettably this year, as previously, attendance of parent(s), guardian(s), or other responsible adults often does not or cannot occur. In many instances this is an issue in resources. The centre is located at Canning Vale; meetings commence at 8.30am; some supporters have transport or other familial issues and either decide not to attend or suffer delays and arrive too late. Other familial issues I refer to include parental dysfunction, family breakdown, substance abuse or sometimes alienation.





STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. In the year to 30 June 2021, the Board held a total of 52 meetings consisting of 42 sittings of the full Board and 10 sittings by the Secretary.
2. The Board dealt with 257 cases involving 115 individuals.
3. There were 127 applications for supervised release.
4. 106 (83%) were approved and 21 (17%) were denied.
5. During the Financial Year a total of 59 Orders were cancelled due to re-offending and/or non-compliance. A number of the young offenders involved would, however, ultimately complete the period of supervised release in the community.
6. Of the 115 offenders dealt with, 105 (91%) were males and 10 (9%) were females.
7. 75 (65%) of the offenders dealt with were Aboriginal persons.
8. Of the Aboriginal persons, 67 (89%) were males and 8 (11%) were females.
9. Of the 127 applications for supervised release it was not possible to have a responsible adult present in person or by phone link-up in 29 (23%) of cases.

BOARD REMUNERATION

Information relating to the remuneration of Board Members this year is contained with the Annual Report of the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice provides administrative support to the Board and is responsible for remunerating Board Members where such payment is incurred.

