

Network News – FTM Australia

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Welcome to the February 2008 Network News! The **Network News** goes out to members and interested others regularly by email. To be added to or removed from our mailing list, or to change your email address, please contact FTM Australia on email mail@ftmaustralia.org

Borders Forum – it's all about identity!

Hi everyone, Dion here. I've just started administrating the [Borders Forum](#). This is a great place to talk about gender identity – yours, other people's, or just gender in general!

Transfolk, those questioning their gender assignment, and those of a trans history, often have unique life stories and identities. Often it can be interesting or useful to chat with others about the questions and perspectives we have.

You are welcome at Borders regardless of whether you're young, old, TS, TG, haven't transitioned, transitioned years ago, won't ever transition, etc etc. And you don't need to be a member of FTM Australia! You are welcome to chat about gender related stuff, get support, ask questions...

Come say hi at

<http://www.ftmaustralia.org/borders/>

Best wishes, Dion Reid
Queensland

Borders is supported by FTM Australia

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Did you buy the Little Boy Book in 2007?

IF you bought a copy of the *Little Boy Book* in 2007 – and you intend to buy the *Transitioning female-to-male in Australia*, please contact me.

The Little Boy Book used to be \$25 (now \$15). If you bought a copy of this resource, I'm willing to give you \$10 off the *Transitioning female-to-male in Australia* handbook.

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F2M Personals

IF YOU live in Australia, New Zealand or Australasia - and would like to run and manage F2MPersonals, please contact me.

You would need to be able to market this website (get the word out about this website), 'pimp' it about the various online communities; have some computer ability; and also be diligent in approving new members and screening out undesirables (spammers, etc).

I'm willing to keep providing you with free webspace and pay for the domain

name. If you're in Sydney, I could easily provide you with some training to learn the system F2MPersonals runs on. The support forum for the script is great and the script is extremely powerful. There's heaps of extra goodies in this script I haven't 'turned on', so there's heaps of potential for you to create a really unique, vibrant community.

You'll be able to run it completely your way. If this sounds like a do-able project for you in 2008 and beyond, please contact me.

Otherwise, sign up! – you never know your luck at F2MPersonals. Click here for the registration form <http://www.f2mpersonals.com/>

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The inside story

++Transitioning female-to-male in Australia

THE WEEK starting the 4th of February, I'm expecting to finally have a copy of the handbook. Over the following two weeks (up to February 18), I'll be making final edits with one or two medicos. Once I've adjusted the proof copy FTM Australia will purchase a bulk order of 26 handbooks.

This guidebook will fill a gap in information for the transitioning female-to-male individual. The army of contributors should be very proud with their shared experiences and advice they've produced!

This handbook is **over 600 pages** of information and advice. It measures 15.6cm x 23.4cm as a publishing-house standard book. Interior pages: white 80gsm weight, black and white interior ink. Covers: full colour, laminated 240gsm weight.

For \$25 (add \$5 if you want it posted to you), I'm sure you're going to find it's well worth the cost!

If you want to put an order in for a copy, click here. Or download an order form: <http://www.ftmaustralia.org/publications/orderform.pdf>

Transitioning female-to-male in Australia is written for anyone who wants to learn more about this process in Australia. This friendly guidebook gives you the information you need to take charge of your own process to make your transition as comfortable and healthy as possible.

Transitioning female-to-male in Australia can help you

- Put your gender issues in perspective
- Understand how transition will affect your body, emotions and social world
- Know your treatments options and what is appropriate for you
- Make sense of some of the debates surrounding treatment
- Ask intelligent questions and discuss your alternatives with your doctor
- Manage your public life with partner and loved ones
- Make smarter life-style choices

- Handle your relationships, build a support team and stay well for the long run.

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++Torque & Membership

FEBRUARY'S TORQUE is ready to go out in the post.

Membership of FTM Australia is currently tied to Torque being posted to you in the mail. I'd prefer to put Torque online as a PDF as well as offer people the option to get Torque in the post if they prefer.

If we move to a post/PDF version, I need a way to be able to represent the membership of the FTM Australia network accurately. What can FTM Australia offer 'members' if we make Torque available to anyone? If you have a suggestion how this could be possible – please drop me a line.

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++Your financial support

YOUR financial support continues to be a really important part of the FTM Australia service. You can see the bank account transactions and balance here for 2008 anytime you want to:

<http://www.ftmaustralia.org/members/08/finances.html>

Besides website hosting, there's a steady demand for back issues of our newsletter, internet access, paper, printer refills and stamps.

Over 2008, are there **10 people** who are willing to donate their silver shrapnel (10, 20, 50 cents) to FTM Australia? Those five and ten cents-maybe even twenty cent pieces will add up over the year for the network. When you have filled the container, dump the lot into the FTM Australia bank account.

If ten individuals were able to do this on a yearly basis, that would make a huge difference to our financial situation.

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About FTM Australia

FTM Australia is a membership-based network, which has offered contact, resources, and health information for men (identified female at birth), their families and service providers throughout Australia and New Zealand since 2001.

Today, we remain the largest membership based network in Australia coordinated by Craig Andrews, with the input of members and guided by an Advisory Panel of health and legal specialists. We aim to inform the public of the issues surrounding transsexualism in men (female to male transsexuals). FTM Australia is neither advocacy-based nor can we provide legal advice.

For information about membership of FTM Australia, please contact [Craig Andrews](#) by email or find out more on this page: <http://www.ftmaustralia.org/members/membership.html>

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++ FTMA Resources

FTM Australia has some resources to assist you and your loved ones while you are in transition.

[Health and Service Providers Listing](#) has been built by others in your shoes who have found useful, caring service providers. This list is continually updated by members of FTM Australia. (Free).

[Stand by your Man \(and stay sane in the process!\)](#) is for partners, parents, family, friends, and other supporters. First published in 2003, it has been republished with new additions for 2007. This resource is available as a paperback (15.24cm x 22.86cm).

\$20 AUD (add \$5 if you want this publication posted to you within Australia).

[Transitioning on the Job](#) - Frequently Asked Questions by employers. Available online for you to print and provide to your employer or available from FTM Australia. (Free).

The [Little Boy Book](#) is an 18-page childrens' book to help share with your children their father's life. Photographs on one side and text on the other, this superb educational book was written by a primary school teacher. \$15 AUD (add \$5 if you want this publication posted to you within Australia).

[TORQUE](#) – the FTM Australia newsletter. Loved ones, service providers, friends and family are all welcome to become members of FTM Australia – including men thinking about, planning or undergoing transition female-to-male. Our newsletter is free to members, however, we do have a suggested yearly subscription of \$20.00.

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++Contributions to the Network News

The Network News is a tool for sharing information among our members and communities about new resources, issues, events and additions to our website and you are welcome to contribute.

To send in an event or resource, email mail@ftmaustralia.org.

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