

## INDEX TO THE “RITE OF PASSAGE” DOCUMENTS.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.1

A summary description about the Society. The reasons why this document became in existence. Public attitudes and perceptions.

First attempts summary and answer to Sarah Winter’s request to ask other Societies, groups and organizations, who work in support, and are in the trans–community to join in this program.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.2

An example of the email letters sent out both here in Australia and New Zealand. The ‘box names’, labels, etc and some basic concepts that tend to separate us all.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.3

I “blunder in” further afield overseas to find that all who identify as a member of the trans–community that we are all attempting at this time to find our own identity, as we express our diversity of gender or sexual preference and behaviour and attain some social public recognition, understanding and tolerance. The need for ID or a reference Directory is expressed.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.4

Consolidation and summary of the above 3 documents. Request for some sort of one link method or a database that can be accessed by all. A further need for education in schools regarding gender diversity, and to promote opportunities for discussions about those who dare to be “different”. How diversity, whether sexual or gender based, can and does become a catalyst for other social problems.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.5

Comments on the use and the purpose of trans groups having a register, then to a directory, a starting point. Reiterating this is only one suggestion that may help. There exists too many name descriptions without an explanation of what these names and descriptions really mean or what these organizations and people stand for.

### RITE OF PASSAGE No.6

Follows on with examples that have already been used successfully using our own Seahorse Society limited directory of support groups

in all states throughout Australia and also with some of the contacts made in New Zealand.

#### RITE OF PASSAGE No.7

Final summary of the Directory. Then a statement of the problems faced by male cross-dressers, the public perceptions and misunderstanding of our diversity and identity. This not only exists in the main stream Australian Society, but also within our own trans-community. We exist, as far as our own community goes, but there are not enough numbers of us to warrant involving us in any changes, or mixing. We are neither one thing nor the other - "what identity?" etc.

A final conclusion is presented as to where we see the Seahorse Society moving forward in the future.