



Board Announcement

Transcend Australia Farewells CEO, Jeremy Wiggins

The Board of Transcend Australia announces that after three and a half years of dedicated leadership, Jeremy Wiggins (he/him) has decided to step down as Chief Executive Officer as he moves into an executive role at a national youth mental health organisation.

Under Jeremy's leadership, Transcend Australia has grown from a volunteer-led support group into a nationally funded, community led organisation that has supported thousands of families and their trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse children across the country. Jeremy's leadership has been instrumental in:

- Increasing the profile and supporter base of Transcend Australia, solidifying its reputation as the leading national voice for the families of trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people.
- Winning the 2022 Victorian Pride Award for Improving Health and Wellbeing.
- Establishing a national team that extended vital services beyond Victoria.
- Representing the needs of trans communities and families on the Expert Advisory Group for Australia's first National Strategy and 10-year Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ Australians.
- Diversifying and growing the organisations income to ensure sustainability.
- Strengthening partnerships across sectors to increase knowledge and evidence-based practices.
- Amplifying the voice of trans young people and their families.

Reflecting on his time at Transcend Australia, Jeremy shared:

"I am incredibly proud of being a transgender man and honoured to be the inaugural CEO of Transcend Australia.

As CEO of Transcend Australia, I am deeply grateful to the trans young people who shared their experiences, to the families who trusted us to support them, to the Board for their guidance and support, and to the hardworking Transcend Australia team, our volunteers and supporters. I would also like to thank my own family, who have been an immense source of support to me whilst I held this role and I look forward to spending more time with them.





While I am stepping down as CEO, my commitment to supporting LGBTIQ+ communities remains unwavering - ‘Trans young people are powerful, beautiful and worthy of all the love and joy life has to offer. They should never forget that they are enough. They are more than enough.’

Tara Laursen (she/her), Chair of the Transcend Australia Board, expressed her appreciation for Jeremy’s leadership:

“Jeremy’s dedication and vision have been instrumental in shaping Transcend Australia into the strong and supportive organisation it is today. His impact on the organisation and the broader community has been profound.

Under Jeremy’s leadership, Transcend Australia has empowered thousands of families through vital programs, groups and resources. His commitment to collaboration has increased health access and equity for transgender, gender-diverse, and non-binary young people.

The Board sincerely thank Jeremy for his exceptional leadership, dedication, and passion in advocating for trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse young people and their families. We are incredibly grateful for his leadership and wish him all the best in this next chapter.”

On behalf of the entire Transcend Australia community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jeremy and wish him every success and continued contributions in his new role. Please join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Jeremy for his exceptional leadership and his unwavering dedication to our community.

Tara Laursen (she/her)
Board of Directors, Transcend Australia

