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## Warren Fegan: Transman

### And His Involvement in the Establishment of F.T.M. Connect

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Warren Fegan

**T**his edition of *Polare* features Warren Fegan on the cover. Warren is a twenty-year-old transman who has been involved in the establishment of the Gender Centre's new F.T.M. support group. Warren spoke to Jo Ball, who is the Case Worker at the Gender Centre, about his life and his transition.

*"Wherever I am going, I like not knowing where I am. I don't like following maps, I like finding my own way."*

Warren recently landed himself a job on the railways, a workplace he describes as being a very supportive place to work, so, if you're lucky, you might get to see this friendly young man next time you're catching a train around Sydney. If, however, you're quick you might also see him speeding around the Inner West on his new single-speed road bike that he introduces to anyone who's interested as "Frankie".

Originally a small town boy, Warren recently moved to Sydney and says he likes the place. He likes it because, as he explains, "it is so diverse, you can go to one place in the city and it feels like another country. Going to Parramatta feels very different - like, say, you are in Lebanon, whereas Marrickville feels like a little piece of Greece or maybe Vietnam".

Warren's a man who enjoys the small things in life, for example, he likes going for coffee or as he told me, "on the weekend you can find me sleeping in the park". When he's not lounging in a café or sprawling out in a park you might find him pursuing his other passion, baking.

Warren used to work as a baker but now he does it for love rather than money. When I asked Warren why he loves to bake he intriguingly explained to me that he has "always been fascinated by baking, it's something where you really have to get the method right, the method is crucial. It's not like you can just wing it like most other cooking, which is a challenge to me because I don't generally like following methods ". Warren is particularly passionate about gluten-free baking because, Warren sighs, "gluten hurts my insides". His *pièce-de-résistance* is gluten-free banana bread.

Warren is a transman who wanted to share about his transition that he is eighteen months into transitioning physically and he has recently had his first chest consult. Happily his family are all supportive and he is excited to have come into a very accepting and open community here in Sydney.

Warren explains that he "likes getting lost. Wherever I am going, I like not knowing where I am. I don't like following maps, I like finding my own way." I think that says a lot about the kind of man Warren is. He is involved in the F.T.M. Connect and Still Fierce. F.T.M. Connect is the Gender Centre's support group that meets monthly on the first Friday of each month.

You can stay in touch with F.T.M. Connect either by joining the Gender Centre's Facebook group or you can do it by [sending an email request to Jo Ball at the Gender Centre](#)  and asking to be added to the contact list.

Still Fierce describes itself as a "sex and gender diverse collective, a new collective for trannies, gender diverse, transgenders, intersex, transsexuals, trans peeps, gender-queers, gender pirates and other sex and gender diverse people! Allies and friends welcome!"

You can also [join the Still Fierce Facebook group](#)  or [contact Still Fierce's Creator, Mish Glitter Pony by email](#) 

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