



White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - ACT

September 2016

Thank you for your commitment to preventing men's violence against women

Hi xxx

With the first month of spring having drawn to a close, we are pleased to share with you the many exciting things that have kept us, at the national office, and your fellow Ambassadors busy over the last month. There have been many wonderful and successful national, state and regionally based events, as well as welcoming onboard a number of new, and enthusiastic White Ribbon Ambassadors. As you will see in this edition, the coming months are shaping up to be just as eventful. We hope you will be informed and educated by this month's newsletter content and invigorated to join us all in the gear up to White Ribbon Day 2016.

The Ambassador Re-committal process is continuing, but the good news is that we are nearing the end. A big thank you, to the pre-2013 Ambassadors who have taken part so far and to those waiting to hear from us, we appreciate your patience. Just another reminder, if you came on board as an Ambassador before 2013 and haven't yet recommitted, send us an email at ambassadors@whiteribbon.org.au ASAP and we will fast-track your Re-committal process!

**If you would like to know more about the Trek for Respect initiative featured as our banner image click [here](#).*

Ambassador Q&A with Ernie Walsh



This month we speak with Ernie Walsh, aerospace engineer with the Royal Australian Air Force, whom after hearing the first hand experiences of a female colleague, became determined to play a positive role in violence prevention. Click [here](#) to read the Q&A in full.

Featured Event

Harcourts Walk A Mile In Their Shoes, VIC



The Harcourts Walk A Mile event garnered a fantastic crowd with guest speakers Rosie Batty, Ambassador and former Lieutenant General David Morrison AO and Ambassador Liam Dooley also in attendance. While men walking down the main street of Melbourne in high heels may seem a novelty on the surface, it prompted men to think about how different an experience it is to be a woman in our society.



MEDIA RELEASE

Groundbreaking research into White Ribbon Australia's Ambassadors shows strength of engaging men

27 September 2016: In a global first, White Ribbon Australia has opened its Ambassador program up to researchers, with a team at the University of Wollongong independently evaluating why men become Ambassadors, their violence prevention activities, and the challenges they face in advocating to end violence against women.

To read this media release in full click [here](#).

Ambassadors out and about



Peterson Opio was awarded the James Cook University Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award for the College of Arts, Society and Education

In September:

- 15 Ambassadors were secured for events.
- 2,615 people were reached through registered White Ribbon Events.
- Our largest event was the Melbourne Harcourts Walk a Mile in Melbourne, VIC, with over 300 people in attendance.

White Ribbon Committee Update



Thank you for those who took the time to respond to the recent call for expressions of interest regarding membership to the Capital Region Committee.



We will be welcoming the new members at the research launch on Monday 17 October and hope you will be there to join us.

A shout out to Ambassadors...



David Burns (VIC) who has started *David's Birthday White Ribbon Project*. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Ian Robinson (NSW) the first person to sign up for next years' Trek for Respect. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Tweet Of The Month



Interested? Click [here](#) to read this article!

Remember to follow us and use the hashtag #WhiteRibbon to keep up-to-date with events and discussions

Ambassador Educational Tools

Did you know...?

Between July 2015 and June 2016, the White Ribbon Diversity program ran:

- 2 face-to-face training sessions in CALD communities in QLD and Tasmania
- 7 CALD community forums across QLD, TAS, NSW and WA
- 3 training sessions with Aboriginal and Torre Strait Island communities in QLD, NT and NSW
- 4 forums with Aboriginal and Torre Strait Island communities across QLD, NSW and SA.

Upcoming Events

The Capital Region Launch: *Wollongong University White Ribbon Ambassador Research - Case Study of White Ribbon Australia's Ambassador Program*

Details

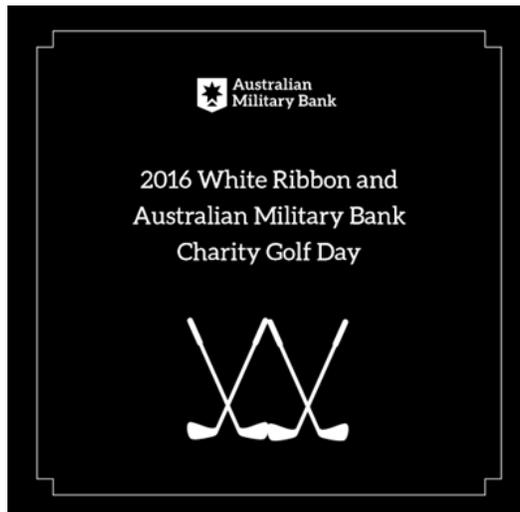
Date: Monday 17 October, 2016

Venue: University of Canberra,
Function Centre Room 24

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Ambassadors will have received an invitation to this upcoming October event. We look forward to having you joining us as Ambassador Kenton Bell and other local speakers discuss the key findings of this research, as well as how White Ribbon can actively support community violence prevention initiatives.

If you have not already secured your place for this event, do so by purchasing a ticket [here](#).



Dear Guest,

Australian Military Bank in conjunction with White Ribbon, invite you to participate in the annual Australian Military Bank and White Ribbon Charity Golf Day.

Date: Friday 4th November, 2016.
Time: 7:30am arrival for an 8:00am tee off.
Cost: \$50 donation to Australian Military Bank White Ribbon Golf Day (details below). Lunch provided.
Venue: Royal Military College Golf Course Duntroon,
6 Calculus Ln, Campbell ACT 2612.
R.S.V.P.: Friday 28th October 2016 to Australian Military Bank
Regional Manager, Andrew Moebus on 0419 560 511 or
amoebus@australianmilitarybank.com.au

Get a **HOLE IN ONE** for your chance to win a **NEW Skoda Fabia***. We will also be hosting an auction on the day with all proceeds going towards the White Ribbon campaign.

Can't play? All donations are greatly appreciated.

Please transfer your donation to:
Account: Australian Military Bank White Ribbon
BSB: 642 170
Account number: 100050873
Reference: Your name, state and White Ribbon



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Breaking The Silence Schools Program



(Right) The White Ribbon wall was from Melaleuca Park Primary School;
(Left) White Ribbon Ambassador and Tenison Woods College Principal David Mezinac

White Ribbon is currently developing a series of videos to support Schools in the *Breaking the Silence* Schools Program. With schools implementing a range of practical White Ribbon activities, we will continue to help White Ribbon Schools roll out a whole of school and community approach to Respectful Relationships.

Would you like to help your local schools to join the Program? Keen to visit schools in your community as an Ambassador? Find out more and contact the White Ribbon Schools Team (schools@whiteribbon.org.au or 02 9045 8444) today.

35x

Indigenous women and girls are 35 times more likely than the wider female population to be hospitalised due to family violence.

Council of Australian Governments. (2010).
National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children 2010 – 2022.
Retrieved from: <http://bit.ly/1mowHQy> © White Ribbon Australia 2014

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the elders, past and present.

Thank you to our partners Hills Ltd for supporting the Ambassador program



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