



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

Hi xxx

We are proud to bring you another edition of our newsletter which is filled with Ambassador activity and opportunities for further campaign engagement. As the months get warmer, we expect that there will be more community driven initiatives, and consequently, more requests for Ambassadors to attend these events. So if you are keen to get involved in these public speaking opportunities, please let us know and we'll keep you in mind as the requests come in.

We thank the pre-2013 Ambassadors who have reached out to us regarding Re-committals. To those awaiting to hear from us, we appreciate your patience as we continue to work through this important process. 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](mailto:ambassadors@whiteribbon.org.au) ASAP and we will fast-track your Re-committal process!

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### Ambassador Q&A with Jericho Sayson



This month we speak with Jericho Sayson about how he combines his professional role with the Australian Defence Force and his volunteer role as a White Ribbon Ambassador. Click [here](#) read the Q&A in full.

## White Ribbon welcomes our new New South Wales Ambassadors

Martin Wilson  
*Author/Keynote Speaker*

Phil Chaplin  
*General Manager, Thorn Group*

Shannon Russell  
*Course Co-ordination Manager, Royal Australian Navy*

Stuart Turner  
*National Property Acquisitions & Development Manager, Viva Energy Australia Limited*

We thank you for committing to actively represent the White Ribbon Campaign in your community. We look forward to working with you as part of our Ambassador network to encourage others to **stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.**

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### Featured Event - Project White Rakhi



White Ribbon Ambassador Akshay Raj (featured top left) and OM Shanti UTS, an Indian students association in UTS, recently initiated a project called **White Rakhi**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this amazing new initiative which is based on the Indian custom of Raksha Bandhan. If you can understand Hindi, then click [here](#) to listen to an SBS podcast about this project.

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### Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



Ambassador Bruce Chan took part in a West Tigers media session early in August. Click [here](#) to watch the video in which he talks about the significance of NRL clubs demonstrating support for the women in league and engagement in the prevention of men's violence against women.



Ambassador John Dooley is currently featured on the Wyong Shire Council's Wyong Alive website talking about White Ribbon social movement. Click [here](#) to read the feature in full.

## Tweet Of The Month



*Congratulation to the Ngukurr Community, winners of the Song Of The Year at the National Indigenous Music Awards. Liam Hall (above) from Ngukurr School accepted the award on the night.*

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

## Ambassadors out and about



*(from the left) Ambassadors Matt De Groot, David Morrison AO, Chris Fletcher-Coles and Dean Widders at the Dangerous Dance Documentary on Domestic Violence Gala Fundraiser in August*

In August:

- 12 Ambassadors were secured for events;
- 16,414 people were reached through registered White Ribbon events; and
- The West Tigers match Activation was the biggest event with 14,246 in attendance.

## Ambassador Educational Tools



As community role models, Ambassadors may sometimes find themselves being approached by victims of domestic and family violence. To ensure that you are able to provide the appropriate response and support, [click here](#) to watch a 1800RESPECT video on how to 'Support a Friend'.

## Upcoming Events

### Call Me Dad (Special Screening) and Panel Discussion

**Panel Members:**

Sophie Wiesner, Director  
Dr Kieran Le Plastrier, Jewish House  
Kay Schubach, Survivor advocate  
Dr Michael Salter, Criminologist  
Andrew O'Keefe, White Ribbon Ambassador  
Denise Archie, Relationships Matter



Ticket details:

**VIP** - <https://fan-force.com/screenings/call-me-dad-event-cinemas-bondi-junction-vip-tickets/>

Includes a meet and greet with the panel and drinks from 6pm

**STANDARD** - <https://fan-force.com/screenings/call-me-dad-event-cinemas-bondi-junction-standard-tickets/>

Includes special screening and panel discussion

***Interested in hosting your own screening of Call Me Dad?  
Click [here](#) for screening license options.***



## Tough Mudder: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Glenworth Valley

(Click the image above to watch last year's promo)

By standing up, speaking out and acting to prevent men's violence against women you are helping drive social change. Join our team and [register for Tough Mudder](#) NSW or join our [fundraising team](#) today. Together we can create a future where all women live in safety.

**We still looking for an Ambassador who is willing to chronicle their experience training for the event, so if this is you, please contact us at [events@whiteribbon.org.au](mailto:events@whiteribbon.org.au).**

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## Breaking The Silence Schools Program



The first wave of *Breaking the Silence* workshops have finished across Australia, with schools learning about men's violence against women and sharing ideas to drive positive social change in the community.

There are many ways to get involved with schools. For instance, Melbourne school teacher Sean Alston will be cycling 1,820km from Byron St in Elwood VIC to Byron Bay NSW in support of White Ribbon, visiting schools and local communities throughout NSW. Follow his journey or get your local community involved to show support by visiting [Byron2Byron](#) on social media.

White Ribbon Schools across NSW spread the White Ribbon message all year round (e.g. Tamworth High School's [White Ribbon Gala Day](#) on 26th August, or Hawkesbury High School's [White Ribbon mural](#)). Has your local school gotten involved with the White Ribbon Campaign? Let us know at [schools@whiteribbon.org.au](mailto:schools@whiteribbon.org.au) today!



**Exposure to domestic violence is a recognised form of child abuse.**

SOURCE: Richards, Kelly (2011) "Children's exposure to domestic violence", Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, No 419. Australian Institute of Criminology

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## Gender pay gap narrows but more work to be done

MEDIA RELEASE - Minister for Women - 19th August 2016

"ABS data released yesterday shows that the average weekly earnings gender pay gap for full time employees has narrowed to 16.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points from a year ago.

Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash said the new data was encouraging but the Government's focus on implementing policies to further reduce the stubbornly high gap is unwavering."

Click [here](#) to read this media release in full.

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

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