



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

Hi xxx

July was another exciting month with our Ambassadors organising, participating in and attending a wide variety of awareness and fundraising events. In particular, there was a flurry of activity on and around Friday 29th July, and on that note, we'd like to take a moment to say a big thank you to all Ambassadors who helped make this year's White Ribbon Night the success that it was. We switched things up a bit this year by suggesting three themes for the evening: feast, film and footy, and it was amazing to see the creativity and enthusiasm of those who hosted and attended events across the country.



This month we bring you another newsletter chockablock with great updates, educational material and a new Ambassador Q&A. We hope you find it as inspirational and interesting a read as it was to put together. Remember, if you have any material to contribute to our next edition, send it through to us.

We thank those of you pre-2013 Ambassadors who have reached out to us regarding Re-committals, and to those awaiting to hear from us, we appreciate your patience as we continue to work through the Ambassador Re-committals. 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!

Ambassador Q&A with Maris Depers



This month we speak with Maris Depers, Psychologist/Drug and Alcohol Counsellor with the Salvation Army, who has extensive experience working with both offenders and survivors of domestic violence. To read the interview in full, click [here](#).

White Ribbon welcomes our new New South Wales Ambassadors

James Hunter
National Managing Partner, KPMG

James Scott-Mackenzie
Business Development Manager, Woolworths

Alex Horder
Lawyer, Minter Ellison

Mark Simpson
Teacher, Gymea Bay Primary School

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.**

Featured Events

White Ribbon Night events across NSW



(Clockwise from the top left) Members from the Rockdale community take the Oath as part of the Advance Diversity Services event; Ambassadors Matt de Groot and Brenton Lawrence at the Mona Vale White Ribbon Night event; Ambassador Michael Farell-Whelan at the Western Bulldogs White Ribbon match; Ambassador Simon Bouda speaking at the Bucket List White Ribbon Night event.

Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



Rob Hunt took on Coogee's Stairway to Heaven in a mammoth 12hr effort to raise funds for White Ribbon's prevention initiatives. Click [here](#) to learn about Rob's personal story which drives his support for White Ribbon.

Ambassador Educational Tools



Be part of the virtual dialogue on the newly launched 'Compendium of Good Practices in Training for Gender Equality' by The UN Women Training Center. An online discussion will be held on Sept 6th, 2016 from 11:00pm until 1:00am Sept 7th (AEST). If you are interested to know more and to register, click [here](#).

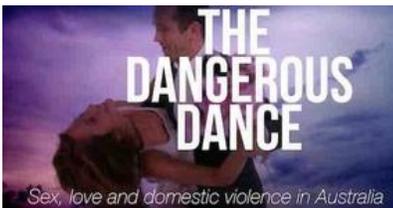
Tweet Of The Month



Australian Formula 4 driver Brenton Grove with the 'In support of White Ribbon' message emblazoned on his racing car. We look forward to working with Brenton on his journey towards Ambassadorship.

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

Upcoming Events - August and Beyond



The Dangerous Dances Gala Dinner: 10th August, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

This gala dinner, features keynote speaker David Morrison, Australian of the Year and a fabulous panel. The aim of the evening is to shift media and public conversation to the causal factors of family abuse and violence and highlight the culture change required to reduce this insidious social issue. For event details

and to book a place, click [here](#).



City2Surf: Sunday 14th August, Sydney

Did you set yourself the new years resolution to get fit and healthy this year? The iconic Sydney event, the City to Surf, is just over two months away and is the perfect opportunity for you to test your fitness. If you're an event veteran or a first timer, why not join the White Ribbon team and run, jog or walk for a good cause? To sign up and join the team click [here](#).

Tough Mudder: 22nd & 23rd October, Glenworth Valley



Click the image above to watch a video from Tough Mudder 2015

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**

Interested to know what other White Ribbon Events will be on in your area? Visit our [Events](#) page to find out!

Breaking The Silence Schools Program



The 2016 Program has kicked off around Australia, with principals and teachers attending workshops to help their school become a White Ribbon School. Thank you to the White Ribbon Ambassadors and Committees who helped local schools to get on board. Stay tuned for more opportunities to get involved!

To find out what *Breaking the Silence* is all about, check out this [video by for Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards](#). White Ribbon Australia received an Award in 2013 for the Program, which continues to grow today thanks to White Ribbon supporters, advocates, and Ambassadors across Australia.

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.



Victorian data shows only 1 in 6 men surveyed would say or do something to show their disapproval if a man told a sexist joke about a woman at work.

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation. (2012). *More than ready: Bystander action to prevent violence against women in the Victorian community*. Retrieved from: <http://bit.ly/XGp7Lp> p.22 © White Ribbon Australia 2014

Homeless, Not Houseless – Violence Against Women Leads to Rising Rates of Homelessness

MEDIA RELEASE - 8 July 2016

Domestic violence is causing rising rates of homelessness for women and children with many unable to live in the houses they have because the risk of abuse is too great, according to White Ribbon Australia. Forced to flee, a growing number of women and children are living in cars, caravan parks, boarding houses, refuges or couch surfing. It is a hidden crisis compounded by winter temperatures.

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

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



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