



## White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - New South Wales September 2016

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

Hi Hikari

With the first month of spring having drawn to a close we are pleased to share with you the many exciting happenings 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 community based events. We have also welcomed onboard a number of new and enthusiastic Ambassadors. As you will see in this edition, however, the coming months are shaping up to be just as eventful. We hope you will be informed and educated by our September content and sufficiently invigorated to join us all in the gear up to White Ribbon Day 2016.

The Ambassador Re-committal process continues, 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](mailto: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 David Beaumont



This month we speak with David Beaumont, a Wiradjuri man and Community Engagement Coordinator (Aboriginal Community Development) for the City of Sydney, about what the role of White Ribbon Ambassador has entailed for him over the last two years. To read the full Q&A, click [here](#).

## White Ribbon welcomes our new New South Wales Ambassadors



**Grant Leslie**  
General Manager  
Balmoral Group Australia



**David Salvestrin**  
Senior Project Officer  
Lung Cancer Australia

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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## Liverpool White Ribbon Committee Update Community Concert

**Date:** Friday 9th December

**Time:** 4:00-7:00pm

**Venue:** Whitlam Centre

This exciting event represents a partnership between the Liverpool Domestic Violence Liaison Committee (LDVLC), Liverpool City Council, NSW Police, Belgravia Leisure Centre and White Ribbon Australia. It aims to engage local youth and the broader community in a celebration of the importance of respect and inclusion for men and women, whilst raising awareness about domestic violence and condemning violence against women and children in all its forms.

Join the LDVLC and the Liverpool community in this collaboration of local services and showcase of local musical talent!

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



*White Ribbon Ambassador and Mildura councillor Mark Eckel was featured in the Sunraysia Daily late in August in regard to his support of the Mildura Working Man's Club undergoing White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation.*

## 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 Torres Strait Island communities in QLD, NT and NSW
- 4 forums with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities across QLD, NSW and SA

## Featured Events

### Hardcourts Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, Sydney



Photos from *The Advertiser* (2nd Sep 2016)  
Click [here](#) to view more photos from the event

The Hardcourts Walk A Mile event garnered an enthusiastic crowd, despite the wet weather, with guest speaker Ambassador Tibor Mokany also in attendance. While men walking through the streets of Campbelltown 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.

## Ambassadors out and about



Ambassador Craig Rigney's selfie with the White Ribbon plaque after the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting.



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 Harcourt's Walk a Mile in Melbourne, VIC, with over 300 people in attendance.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander White Ribbon Reference Group Meeting



(From the left) Denise Andrews from Queensland Mental Health Commission, David Beaumont from City of Sydney and Uieta Kaufusi from 1800RESPECT.

On 23 September the White Ribbon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group convened their annual meeting at the White Ribbon National office in Sydney. The six members group discussed how best to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in the White Ribbon social movement, including through the enhancement of existing campaign material. By continuing to work in collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group, White Ribbon hopes to increase grassroots community participation across Australia.

## 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

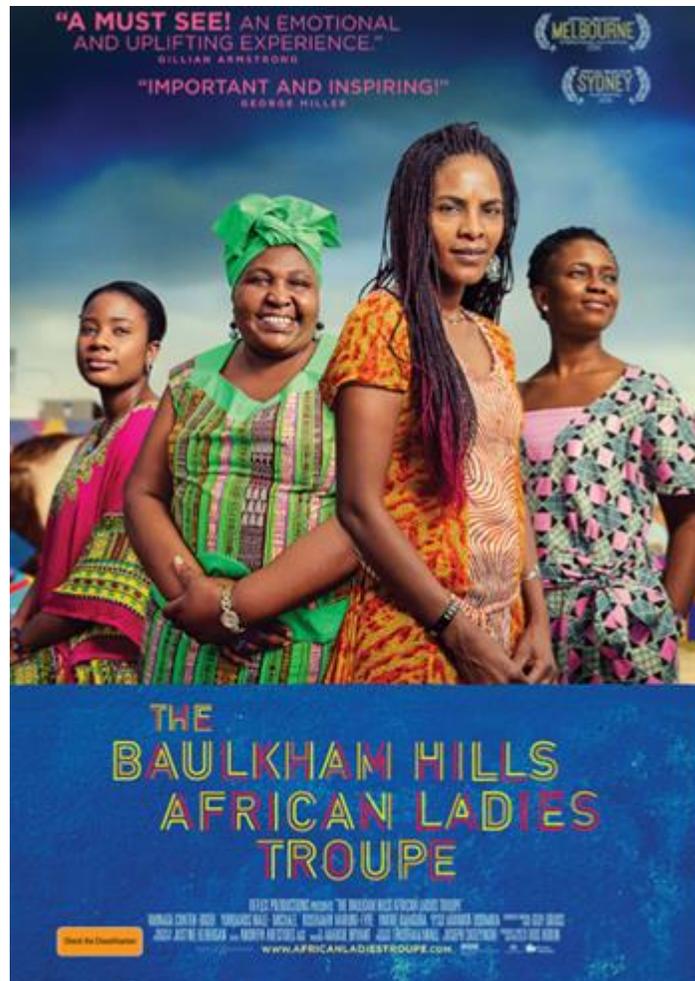


Interested? Click [here](#) to read this article.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Documentary Recommendation: The Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe



Click [here](#) to read more about this powerful documentary

#### **Thursday Oct 6, 6:30pm**

Event Cinemas, Liverpool, SYDNEY

Opening night screening followed by a Q&A with special guests Director Ros Horin and Rosemary Kariuki from the Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe

#### **Friday Oct 7, 6pm**

Event Cinemas, Parramatta, SYDNEY

Westfield Shopping Centre, 159 – 175 Church St, Parramatta –

Special event screening followed by a Q&A with special guests Director Ros Horin and Rosemary Kariuki from the Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe

#### **Saturday Oct 8, 4pm**

Event Cinemas, Castle Hill, SYDNEY

Special event screening followed by a Q&A with special guests Director Ros Horin and Yordanos Hailemichael from the Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe

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

(Click the image below 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.

## NSW Parliament White Ribbon Cocktail Party

**In support of**  
Australia's campaign to stop violence against women  
**White Ribbon**





*You, your colleagues, friends and family are cordially invited to*

*NSW Parliament House*

*Friday 25 November 2016 – 6.30-9.30pm*

*Cocktail Party in support of the White Ribbon Foundation*

*\$135pp – see next page for Booking Form*

**Special Guests**  
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP – Treasurer of NSW & Minister for Industrial Relations  
The Hon Victor Dominello MP – Minister for Innovation & Better Regulation  
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC – Opposition Whip  
Tim Gilbert – Channel 9's The Today Show  
Phil Gould AM – Rugby League Legend and Channel 9 Rugby League Commentator  
Josh Mansour - NSW State of Origin Great and Penrith Panthers  
Clint Newton - NRL Players Club and White Ribbon Ambassador  
The Burgess Family - South Sydney Rabbitohs

Some photos from 2015 by Michael Mannington



Click [here](#) to access the RSVP form.

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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](mailto:schools@whiteribbon.org.au) or 02 9045 8444) today.



**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](#).

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**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/1mowHQu> © White Ribbon Australia 2014

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



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