



**White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - Northern Territory September 2016**

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

Hi xxx

As the first month of spring draws 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 Garry Bennett**



This month we speak with recently approved White Ribbon Ambassador Garry Bennett who explains how his professional experience and personal aspirations led him to apply for the Ambassador role. Click [here](#) to read this Q&A in full.

## Featured Events

### White Ribbon & No More Gala Ball



The White Ribbon NT Committee hosted a fabulous White Ribbon and No More Black Tie Ball on 24<sup>th</sup> September at Darwin's Convention Centre. With over 300 guests, the event featured keynote speakers including award winning journalist Sarah Ferguson, No More's Founder and White Ribbon Ambassador Charlie King OAM, Darwin Olympic Women's Head Coach and NT State Academy AFL Player Alex Billeter and White Ribbon Ambassador, Commissioner of Police and CEO of Fire and Emergency Services Reece Kershaw APM. Speakers inspired the audience with their stories and experience across the sector and their deep passions to make a difference. Funds raised from the night go towards delivering programs and developing resources across the territory to prevent men's violence against women.

## Ambassadors Out and About



*Commissioner of Police and CEO of Fire and Emergency Services Reece Kershaw APM at the YWCA Fun Run 2016*

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.

## 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 Torre Strait Island communities across QLD, NSW and SA

## Northern Territory White Ribbon Ambassador and Committee Roundtable



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we held our Northern Territory White Ribbon Ambassador and Committee Roundtable at Barbara James House.

This was an inspiring session which brought together key Ambassadors and Advocates to discuss progress around the White Ribbon Strategic Framework 2016-2019. This was also a valuable opportunity for community input regarding how best to continue the vital work of the campaign across key areas, communities and services. Additionally, there was reflection upon how the up and coming independent research would shape the future direction of the Ambassador Program.

We look forward to holding a second session in the coming months to develop clear strategic goals and outcomes for working together to create change in 2017.

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### 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 **#WhiteRibbonAmbassadors** to keep up-to-date with events and discussions

## 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](#).

**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.  
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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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