



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 to further the campaign. 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 ASAP and we will fast-track your Re-committal process!

Ambassador Q&A with AJ Masefau



This month we speak with AJ Masefau, an active Ambassador of three years. Click [here](#) to read about what engagement with the White Ribbon social movement has entailed for him, and what he hopes to achieve in the role moving forwards.

White Ribbon welcomes our new Queensland Ambassadors

Marc Fickling
Business Education Manager, Pragmatic Thinking

Tim Mander
Member of Parliament, Queensland Parliament

Michael Jeh
Managing Director, Michael Jeh & Associates Pty Ltd

David Turner
Chief of Staff/Deputy Commander - Combat Support Group, RAAF

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.**

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

Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



In August, Brian Dodds was featured in *The Journal* and spoke about standing up to Domestic and Family Violence. Click [here](#) to read the feature in full.

Ambassadors Out and About



Ken Stephen Medal 2016 NRL player nominees actively supporting White Ribbon: Dene Halatau (Wests Tigers) and Brenton Lawrence (Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles).

Featured Event - Bridge to Brisbane



The White Ribbon Team put in a fantastic effort participating in the Bridge to Brisbane on 28th August, raising both awareness and funds for the White Ribbon movement. Thank you to those who supported us through their strides, sweat and smiles!

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 - 12th September, 2016

White Ribbon Morning Tea (10:00-11:30am) & White Ribbon Regional Forum: Series Two (6:00pm)



Dr Rachael Field



Simon Nickson



James Farrell OAM

Ambassadors will have recently received an invitation to two upcoming events to be held in Queensland on 12th September. Both will be a fantastic opportunity to engage with the White Ribbon Campaign and meet and mingle with your fellow QLD Ambassadors.

Ambassadors planning to attend the White Ribbon Morning Tea at Parliament House, please remember to RSVP to Chiu-Hing Chan: cchan@acgcb.org.au by 9th September,

If you are yet to purchase tickets to the screening of the documentary 'Call Me Dad' as part of the White Ribbon Regional Forum, you can do so by clicking [here](#). Dr Rachael Field, Simon Nickson and James Farrell OAM will be our panelists for the post-screening discussion.



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

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.

Breaking the Silence Schools Programs



White Ribbon Ambassadors and facilitators Ray Pooley (standing left) and Dale Palmer (standing right) engaging with teachers and principals at the Brisbane Breaking the Silence Workshop held earlier in August at Gymea Bay Public School.

The first *Breaking the Silence* workshops in Queensland were held in Brisbane and Toowoomba, with schools discussing men's violence against women and sharing ideas to drive positive social change in the community. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in the lead up to White Ribbon Day.

We have many active White Ribbon Schools who spread the White Ribbon message all year round, such as Tamworth High School who ran their [White Ribbon Gala Day](#). Has your local school gotten involved with the White Ribbon Campaign? Let us know at schools@whiteribbon.org.au today!

QLD White Ribbon Committees Update



In August, White Ribbon QLD Committee Chair, Chiu Hing Chan (sitting first left), and the National office Executive for Community Development, Liam Dooley (standing second left), took a few days to visit some new and emerging White Ribbon Regional Committees along the QLD coast. In support of local initiatives and commitment to action, the tour set the groundwork for establishing White Ribbon Committees in Bundaberg and Hervey Bay. With a visit to the newly formed Sunshine Coast Committee included along the way, they were inspired by the range of ideas and innovative plans for White Ribbon Day 2016, and the campaign as a whole, currently underway.

*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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