



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ambassadors@whiteribbon.org.au) ASAP and we will fast-track your Re-committal process!

## Ambassador Q&A with Lachlan Kennedy



This month we speak with Lachlan Kennedy, presenter and journalist at Channel TEN, who shares insights into the evolution of the media's role in violence prevention. Click [here](#) to read the interview in full.

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## White Ribbon welcomes our new Queensland Ambassadors

Joel Khalu  
*Executive Officer, Basketball Federation of Papua New Guinea*

Todd Vickery  
*Civil Engineer, QGC Pty Ltd*

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

### Family Responsibility Commissioner's White Ribbon Forum/Workshop



*Commissioners and magistrates from five remote Cape York communities joined our Cairns forum to stop violence against women as part of NAIDOC Week 2016.*

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11:00pm until 1:00am Sept 7<sup>th</sup> (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



### Bridge to Brisbane: 28th August

The Bridge to Brisbane is right around the corner but it's not too late to sign up and participate in support of White Ribbon. This year's race features new 10km and 5km courses and caters for walkers, joggers, runners and elite sports wheelchair participants. Funds raised by our White Ribbon Team will go towards our violence prevention initiatives around the country, so to **join our team or to make a donation** click [here](#). For race information click [here](#).

### Creswalk 2016: 29th August, 8:30am - 11:00am

Now in its 13th year, Creswalk is an annual community event organised by the QLD Islamic Community that encourages the community to walk for unity. This year, Creswalk is focus on raising awareness of White Ribbon and domestic violence prevention. All are welcome! For event information and registration click [here](#).



## 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

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

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## 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.

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