



White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - Queensland

September 2016

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

Hi xxx

With the first month of spring having drawn to a close, we are pleased to share with you the many exciting things 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 regionally based events, as well as welcoming on board a number of new, and enthusiastic White Ribbon Ambassadors. As you will see in this edition, the coming months are shaping up to be just as eventful. We hope you will be informed and educated by this month's newsletter content and invigorated to join us all in the gear up to White Ribbon Day 2016.

The Ambassador Re-committal process is continuing, 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 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 Andrew Hamlyn



This month we speak with Andrew Hamlyn, an active White Ribbon supporter and newly approved Ambassador, about his motivations for joining the White Ribbon social movement. Click [here](#) to read this Q&A in full.

White Ribbon welcomes our new Queensland Ambassadors

Michael Jeh
Managing Director - Michael Jeh & Associates Pty Ltd

Andrew Hamlyn
Portfolio Specialist – IBM

Bernie O'Regan
General Manager - Wide Bay Sexual Assault Service

Cameron McKenzie
Partner – Gadens

David Turner
Chief of Staff/Deputy Commander - Combat Support Group, Royal Australian Air Force

Te Haeata Te Huia Tawha
Chairman, QLD Maori Society

We look forward to working with you as part of our Ambassador network to encourage other men and young boys to **stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.**

Featured Events

Harcourts Walk A Mile In Their Shoes, QLD



The Harcourts Walk A Mile event garnered a fantastic crowd with guest speaker Ambassador Lachlan Kennedy also in attendance. While men walking down the streets of Brisbane 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



Peterson Opio was awarded the James Cook University Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award for the College of Arts, Society and Education



Umesh Chandra speaking at a Moreton Bay Boys' College assembly

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.

QLD White Ribbon Morning Tea



Over 50 Ambassadors, Advocates and supporters attended the Morning Tea to welcome the most recent cohort of QLD Ambassadors. White Ribbon CEO Libby Davies as well as White Ribbon Board Member and Ambassador Chiu-Hing Chan provided updates on how the campaign has progressed nationally and in QLD.



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](#).

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

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

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.

QLD White Ribbon Committees Update

White Ribbon Silhouette Tour



Image from the 2015 Brisbane Silhouette display which consisted of 52 female silhouettes representative of the statistics that over 12 month, on average, one woman is killed every week as a result of intimate partner violence.

We are delighted to announce that the Queensland White Ribbon Committee, in conjunction with local committees in Toowoomba, Charlevale, Longreach, Townsville and Cairns, will be hosting two **White Ribbon Silhouette Tours** throughout October and November.

The **Western Queensland Silhouette Tour** will commence on **Wednesday 19 October** and will travel from Toowoomba to Charlevale and the surrounding South West Queensland region before travelling to Longreach and Central Western region.

The commencement of the **Far North Queensland Silhouette Tour on Friday 28 October** will be marked by an event to be hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force 38th Squadron in Townsville. This event will be attended by Former White Ribbon National Chairman, Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie AC and Queensland Chairman, Chiu-Hing Chan. The Far North tour will travel through Ingham, Cardwell, Tully and Innisfail before reaching Cairns.

To get involved, or to find out more information about when and where the displays will be viewable, contact committees@whiteribbon.org.au.

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

Breaking The Silence Schools Programs



(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? Are you 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.

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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