



# Trek for Respect

## Larapinta Trail NT



**White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - Tasmania** **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](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 Andy Van Emmerik



This month we speak with Andy Van Emmerik about the importance of inspiring cultural change for the prevention of violence against women in our communities. Click [here](#) to read the Q&A in full.

## White Ribbon welcomes our new Tasmanian Ambassadors

Matt Paul Smith  
Constable, OIC Lady Barron Police Station, Tasmania Police

Alexander McKenzie  
Associate (Litigation), McLean McKenzie & Topfer

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



### 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](#).

### Launceston White Ribbon Committee Update



The Launceston White Ribbon Committee have been instrumental in bringing about this fantastic community awareness raising initiative which is currently on display in the city's town center. Staff from the White Ribbon national office were recently in Launceston and were thoroughly impressed with this public call for action against all forms of violence.

### 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*

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.

## Featured Event

### Harcourts Walk A Mile In Their Shoes, VIC



The Harcourts Walk A Mile event garnered a fantastic crowd with guest speakers Rosie Batty, Ambassador and former Lieutenant General David Morrison AO and Ambassador Liam Dooley also in attendance. While men walking down the main street of Melbourne 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.

## 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.

## 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

## Breaking The Silence Schools Programs

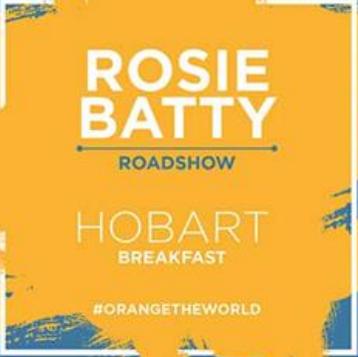


(Right) The White Ribbon wall was from Melaleuca Park Primary School;  
(Left) White Ribbon Ambassador and Tenison Woods College Principal David Mezinec

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.

## Upcoming Events



**ROSIE BATTY**  
ROADSHOW  
**HOBART**  
BREAKFAST  
#ORANGETHEWORLD

#rosiebattypass  
www.rosiebattypass.com

Help us to #oragetheworld in a united approach to end violence against women across Australia.

Join us for breakfast as part of Soroptimist International Australia's bid for a national and united approach to raise much needed funds for Women's Legal Service Tasmania whose female clients experience domestic and family violence and are in need of help. All funds raised by the Region of Tasmania will allow WLS Tasmania to continue to provide advice and on-going help to women across Tasmania.

**WHERE:** Wrest Point, 410 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay

**WHEN:** 6:30am for 7:00am on 19 October 2016

**COST:** \$60.00 per person; \$660 per table of 12

**BOOK:** <https://www.trybooking.com/MCAD>

**ROSIE BATTY**  
2015 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR  
BREAKFAST KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**SUSAN FAHEY**  
CEO OF WOMENS LEGAL SERVICE TAS  
BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER



Click [here](https://www.trybooking.com/MCAD) to book your ticket.



**Dad's Day Out**  
Celebrating Fatherhood

### Dad's Day Out

**FREE fun for men and their families**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
11am – 2pm  
YMCA, Constance Avenue,  
Glenorchy

★ Come and Try Sports ★ Face Painting ★ Games ★  
★ BBQ ★ Family Information ★ Prizes ★  
★ And lots, lots more

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN !



**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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