



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 for further campaign engagement. 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 Neil Stott



This month we speak with Neil Stott, Director of Community Health at Benalla Health, who has been an active White Ribbon Ambassador for over two years. Click [here](#) to read all about what his engagement in the prevention of men's violence against women has entailed.

Featured Event

Ivan Phillips - *Riding Free of DV*



Fellow Ambassadors Ian Barker, Ivan Phillips & Neil Stott at the Benalla event

Early in August, Ivan Phillips rode into Victoria as part of his *Riding Free of DV* awareness campaign in support of White Ribbon. He is currently on a national solo motorcycle ride around the Australian mainland and stopped off in Shepparton and Benalla. During his visit he spoke on ABC Goulburn Murray radio, met with local sporting teams and spoke at an event organised by Ambassador Ian Barker which was hosted by the North-East White Ribbon Committee.

Follow Ivan's incredible journey around Australia via his [Facebook page](#) and please show him your support.

Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



White Ribbon Ambassador Akshay Raj and OM Shanti UTS, an Indian students association in UTS, recently initiated a project called **White Rakhi**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this amazing new initiative which is based on the Indian custom of Raksha Bandhan. If you can understand Hindi, then click [here](#) to listen to an SBS podcast about this project.

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'.



State Committee Update

Save the Date: Ambassadors' Breakfast
7:00am to 8:45am, Wednesday
19th October

We are pleased to announce that an Ambassador Breakfast will be held on 19th October. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with your fellow Victorian Ambassadors. Guest speakers have been booked and other important details are in the process of being finalised. In the meantime, please save this date in your calendar.

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 #WhiteRibbon to keep up-to-date with events and discussions

Ambassadors out and about



Connor Flanagan spoke at a Camberwell Girls Grammar event early in August

**Banner image courtesy of Ambassador David Globe: Defence International Training Centre (DITC) staff and visiting international students pose with the DITC Piggy Bank use to collect donations for White Ribbon.*

In August:

- 12 Ambassadors were secured for events;
- 16,414 people were reached through registered White Ribbon events; and
- The West Tigers match Activation was the biggest event with 14,246 in attendance.

Breaking The Silence Schools Program



The first wave of *Breaking the Silence* workshops have finished across Australia, with schools learning about men's violence against women and sharing ideas to drive positive social change in the community.

White Ribbon Schools across spread the White Ribbon message all year round. For instance, Melbourne school teacher Sean Alston will be cycling 1,820km from Byron St in Elwood VIC to Byron Bay NSW in support of White Ribbon, visiting schools and local communities throughout NSW. Follow his journey or get your local community involved to show support by visiting [Byron2Byron](#) on social media.



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

Upcoming Events

Melbourne Marathon: 16th October



Another great challenge through which you can support the White Ribbon campaign. Choose between a full marathon, half marathon or the 10km, 5.7km and 3km courses. Click [here](#) to join White Ribbon Team.

Tough Mudder: 19th & 20th November, Myrning



Click the image to watch a video from Tough Mudder 2015

By standing up, speaking out and acting to prevent men's violence against women you are helping drive social change. Join our team and [register for Tough Mudder](#) VIC or join our [fundraising team](#) today. Together we can create a future where all women live in safety. **We still looking for an Ambassador who is willing to chronicle their experience training for the event, so if this is you, please contact us at events@whiteribbon.org.au**

Interested to know what other White Ribbon Events will be on in your area? Visit our [Events](#) page to find out!

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.

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the elders,
past and present.*

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