



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-raising and fundraising events. In particular, there was a flurry of activity on and around Friday 29th 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,

Ambassador Q&A with Ajay Ramdas



This month we speak with Ajay Ramdas from Moorabool Shire Council about his support for the White Ribbon movement and his future goals as an Ambassador. Click [here](#) to read the full interview.

send us an email at ambassadors@whiteribbon.org.au ASAP and we will fast-track your Re-committal process!

White Ribbon welcomes our new Victorian Ambassadors

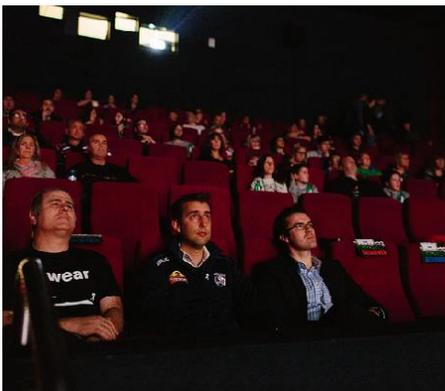
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We thank you for committing to actively represent the White Ribbon Campaign in your community. We look forward to working with you as part of our Ambassador network to encourage others to **stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.**

Featured Events

White Ribbon Night 29th July – Western Bulldogs at Highpoint shopping Centre



The Western Bulldogs put on a tremendous show of support on White Ribbon Night by organising a live stream of the Geelong Cats Vs Western Bulldogs game at HOYTS, Highpoint Shopping Centre. The event was complemented by a pre-game activation with the help of some dedicated Ambassadors, Advocates and supporters. A fantastic effort by all involved!

Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



In light of the panel discussion that arose between Steven Price and Van Badham on the ABC's Q&A earlier in July, White Ribbon Ambassador Tarang Chawla reflects upon the importance of language and the power of words. Click [here](#) to watch his video.

Ambassadors out and about



Brent Howard (middle) not only helped man the White Ribbon tent at Run Melbourne on 24th July, but also ran in the event, twice! What a champion!

The Wimmera Football League and Horsham District Football Netball League White Ribbon Round



In both their football and netball matches the Horsham Saints donned specially designed jerseys in a show of support during their White Ribbon Round matches earlier in July. It was fantastic to see pictures from the event posted on Twitter, including the huge white ribbon symbolically painted on the grass. The event was also attended by White Ribbon Advocate Simone O'Brien and Ambassador Nick Truelson.

As White Ribbon strives to achieve a future where all women are safe from violence, community driven awareness-raising events such as this play a vital role towards attaining positive and lasting social change. We thank the Wimmera and Horsham District leagues, the Wimmera White Ribbon Committee and the community for their proactive show of support.

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 6th, 2016 from 11:00pm until 1:00am Sept 7th (AEST). If you are interested to know more and to register, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Tough Mudder: 19th & 20th November, Myrningong



Click the image above 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!

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



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

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.

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 or 02 9045 8444) today.

Thank you to our partners Hills Ltd for supporting the Ambassador program



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