



# Trek for Respect

## Larapinta Trail NT

White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - Victoria

September 2016

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

Hi xxx

As the first month of spring draws to a close we are pleased to share with you the many exciting happenings 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 community based events. We have also welcomed onboard a number of new and enthusiastic Ambassadors. As you will see in this edition, however, the coming months are shaping up to be just as eventful. We hope you will be informed and educated by our September content and sufficiently invigorated to join us all in the gear up to White Ribbon Day 2016.

The Ambassador Re-committal process continues, 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 Arun Sharma



This month we speak with Arun Sharma, from the original cohort of Victorian White Ribbon Ambassadors who joined the campaign during the inception of the White Ribbon Foundation (now known as White Ribbon Australia). Click [here](#) to read this Q&A in full.

## White Ribbon welcomes our new Victorian Ambassadors



Sean Alston,  
School Teacher  
Oakleigh South Primary School



Brenton G  
Motorspor  
Grove Gr

Adam Beakley  
Chief Petty Officer  
Royal Australian Navy

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.**

## Ambassadors in the media: representing & reflecting the Campaign



White Ribbon Ambassador and Mildura councillor Mark Eckel was featured in the *Sunraysia Daily* late in August in regard to his support of the Mildura Working Man's Club undergoing White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation.

## State Committee Update

### Ambassadors' Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, 19th October

Time: 7:00am to 8:45am,

Venue: Mail Exchange Hotel, 688 Bourke St.  
Melbourne



Ambassadors will have recently received an invitation to this exciting event happening in October. Don't miss this opportunity to meet your fellow Victorian Ambassadors and hear our guest speakers: **Ambassador Glenn Buesnel-May** sharing his inspirational story and **Ambassador Kenton Bell** presenting finding from his White Ribbon Ambassador Research.

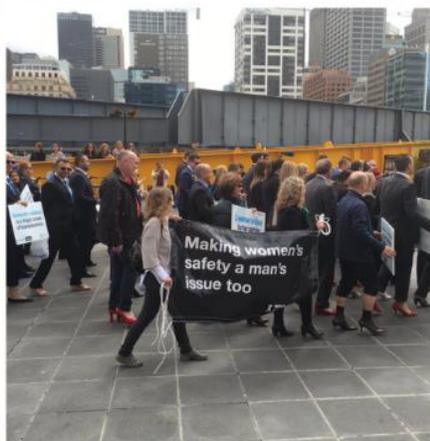
Book your place at the breakfast table by purchasing your ticket [here!](#)

## 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

## Featured Event



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.



Ambassadors Glenn Buesnel-May and Nick Mazzarella, both of whom spoke at the Byron2Byron event in September

In September:

- 15 Ambassadors were secured for events.
- 2,615 people were reached through registered White Ribbon Events.
- Our largest event was the Melbourne Harcourts Walk a Mile in Melbourne, VIC, with over 300 people in attendance.

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

## 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

## 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.

## 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, Myrningong

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.

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## Breaking The Silence Schools Program



(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? 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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**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](#).

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



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