



White Ribbon Ambassador Newsletter - Western Australia

September 2016

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

Hi Hikari

With the first month of spring having drawn 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 Pastor Ernest Nnadigwe



This month we speak with Pastor Ernest Nnadigwe, whom, having worked closely with the African community in WA, brings extensive experience to his role as a White Ribbon Ambassador. Click [here](#) to read this Q&A in full.

## White Ribbon welcomes our new Western Australian Ambassador



Joe Tuakeu Tuazama

President, Organisation of African Communities of WA Inc.

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 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 - Walk A Mile In Their Shoes



PRESENTS

**WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES**  
**FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016**

IN SUPPORT OF WHITE RIBBON AUSTRALIA

This year's Perth Harcourts Walk a Mile was attended by Ambassador Stephen Murphy as guest speaker. While men walking down the street of Perth 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

## Northern Territory White Ribbon Committee Update

### White Ribbon Community Networker

Date: 12th October

Time: 6:15 - 8:15pm

Venue: Fraser's Restaurant

Ambassadors will have recently received an invitation to this upcoming October event. If you haven't already bought your ticket we encourage you not to miss the opportunity to connect with likeminded individuals active in frontline services and the violence prevention space.

Don't miss out, **book your ticket before 3rd October** via [this link](#).



#### White Ribbon Community Networker

Public awareness of the critical need of violence against women to grow, including amongst men. It is now more important than ever the community drive tangible, long term action to create change.

This exciting networking event will bring together stakeholders from across the community, sharing local challenges and effective primary prevention initiatives to engage schools, workplaces and the wider community.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>RSVP</b>
Wednesday, 12 October 2016	Time: 6:15-8:15pm Ticket Price: \$20 Style: Casual Dress Code: Smart casual Food and beverage provided	RSVP by 3 October at <a href="http://www.whiteribbon.org.au">www.whiteribbon.org.au</a> <a href="mailto:events@whiteribbon.org.au">events@whiteribbon.org.au</a>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>More Info</b>	
Fraser's Restaurant Kings Park Esplanade, West Perth WA	For further enquiries, please contact 61 8 9441 6444 or email <a href="mailto:info@whiteribbon.org.au">info@whiteribbon.org.au</a>	

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## Tweet Of The Month



Interested? Click [here](#) to read this article.

Remember to **follow us** and use the hashtag  
**#WhiteRibbonAmbassadors** 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.

## 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 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.



## **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](#).

**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*.  
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***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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