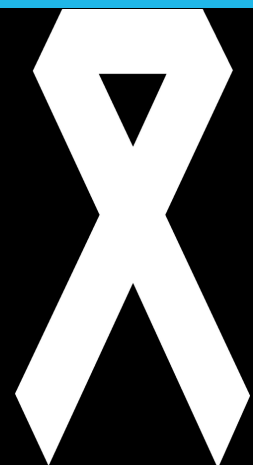


The White Ribbon Review

Issue 3



Welcome to the third edition of The Ribbon Review. Over the past quarter, White Ribbon Australia has continued to grow its reach, strengthen key relationships and build momentum across our prevention work. In this edition, we share updates from across training, accreditation, community engagement, youth leadership and new resource development, along with some of the partnerships and opportunities helping shape our work ahead. Thank you for your continued support and for being part of the collective effort to create safer, more respectful and more equal communities.

A message from Claire Hurst, Director of White Ribbon Australia



Over the past quarter, White Ribbon Australia has continued to strengthen its national presence, deepen sector relationships and grow the reach of prevention across workplaces, schools and communities. From new partnerships and practical resources through to the growth of our Youth Advisory Group and Community of Practice activity, this period has reflected the importance of connection in turning awareness into action.

We have seen strong momentum across the three pillars of our work, Advocate, Educate and Activate. From increasing interest in our training and accreditation programs, to new opportunities to engage corporate and sector partners, and continued development of practical resources and community initiatives, this period has highlighted the breadth of White Ribbon Australia's prevention work. Across all of this, the common thread has been creating opportunities for people and organisations to move beyond awareness and into meaningful contribution.

This quarter also highlighted the value of collaboration in extending the reach of prevention. Following our webinar on technology-facilitated abuse, White Ribbon Australia was invited to present to the Women@Microsoft Speaker Series, continuing important conversations about safety, equality and the role of prevention in workplace settings. We were also honoured to attend the State Funeral of Professor Peter Buckskin AM PSM, where White Ribbon Australia was nominated as the recipient of in memoriam donations in recognition of Peter's long-standing support of our work.

As we look ahead, preparations are well underway for the White Ribbon Australia Breakfast in Perth on 23 October, which will be an important opportunity to bring supporters, partners and the wider community together around prevention. Thank you for being part of this work with us as we continue

building safer, more respectful and more equal communities.

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Sadly, we have said farewell to Nadia with many thanks for her outstanding contribution, and are pleased to welcome Caitlin Tanham to White Ribbon Australia as our new Senior Fundraising Officer.



Caitlin Tanham
Senior Fundraising Officer

National emergency alert test



On Monday 27 July 2026, a test alert will be sent to all mobile devices in Australia.

The alert test is a timely reminder that technology and safety are deeply connected. For many people, these alerts are simply part of public safety systems. For victim-survivors of family and domestic violence (FDV) relying on a hidden safety phone or secondary device, the loud, unavoidable critical alert poses a significant physical safety risk. The siren and vibration could unintentionally reveal the presence of a secret phone or compromise a safety plan if an abuser is nearby.

The only way to avoid receiving a Critical Alert is to turn your mobile device off or switch it to 'aeroplane mode' at least an hour before the scheduled test time in your location, and leave it off for

at least one hour. It is recommended that, when turning it back on, you do so away from home if possible. Children's safety devices should also be considered.

Workplace Accreditation

Our Workplace Accreditation program continues to build strong momentum, with newly on-boarded organisations progressing through workshops and more enquiries moving into the pipeline. Alongside this work, the accreditation team has continued developing Version 3 of the program, with the Program Guide and supporting materials advancing through review and refinement.

We have also introduced new Primary Prevention Conversation Cards into our workshops to spark discussion about gender stereotypes, harmful norms and workplace culture.

Feedback has been very positive so far, and the cards will soon be included in all Workplace Accreditation toolkits, as well as available for separate purchase through our website.



Another important step in strengthening the program has been the introduction of new panel members who bring valuable diversity, insight and sector expertise.



Michelle Wicks



Vicky Welgraven



Angela Gaylard

We are pleased to welcome Angela Gaylard, Michelle Wicks, and Vicky Welgraven AM. Their experience across leadership, governance, workplace culture and prevention, will help us continue to support organisations to build safer, more respectful, and more equitable workplaces.

If you are interested in learning more about Workplace Accreditation or would like to become part of the [Workplace Accreditation Assessment panel](#), please contact workplaces@whiteribbon.org.au

Community of Practice

Our Community of Practice continues to be an important way of building connection, shared learning and practical support across the White Ribbon Australia network. Recent sessions have created space for Community Partners to reflect together on what prevention looks like in action, with one of the latest sessions focusing on being an active bystander.

The strong participation in these sessions reflects the value of creating opportunities for people to learn alongside others who are equally committed to prevention. Community of Practice sessions help keep conversations active, strengthen confidence and support Community Partners to turn their commitment into practical action in their own settings.

This work forms part of our broader effort to strengthen the Community Partner network so it feels more connected, supported and sustainable. Alongside these sessions, work is continuing on new tools and resources that will help Community Partners take action in their workplaces and communities.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Community Partner or Supporter, please reach out to Peter, our Community Engagement Coordinator, at info@whiteribbon.org.au

Meet our newest Community Partners

Meet three of our newest Community Partners and learn what inspired them to get involved.

Makenna

Brisbane, Queensland | Mental Health Support Worker

“Becoming a Community Partner felt like a meaningful way to turn experience into positive action.”

At 19, Makenna is passionate about advocacy, mental health and creating positive change in her community. Her personal and professional experiences have shaped her understanding of the impact family and domestic violence can have on individuals, families and communities.

As a Community Partner, Makenna hopes to get involved in community events and awareness initiatives, connect with others committed to prevention, and help encourage conversations about respectful relationships and safer communities.

Sonja

Marketing graduate | Community volunteer

“The values of respecting women and children should be universal, and I want to do what I can to promote this message.”

Sonja became a Community Partner because she believes prevention needs to be more widespread and visible. With a background in marketing and personal experience of domestic violence, she was particularly drawn to supporting community-led awareness and helping others better understand the importance of prevention.

She is currently volunteering to support another Community Partner who is preparing for a bike ride from the Gold Coast to Melbourne, helping promote the event and extend its reach.

Fenella

Woodgate, Queensland | Commercial pilot and MSc in Pharmacology

“I want to help others who may be experiencing domestic and family violence.”

Fenella brings an extraordinary professional background as a commercial pilot with a Master of Science in Pharmacology, working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Queensland.

Her own experiences of domestic violence have motivated her to help others and use her voice to support prevention. With a passion for public speaking, Fenella hopes to create opportunities to speak across Bundaberg and wider Queensland about White Ribbon Australia's work and the importance of preventing violence.

Our Community Partners help bring prevention into local communities through conversations, events, awareness activities and practical action.

Could you be our next Community Partner? Reach out to Peter, our Community Engagement Coordinator, at info@whiteribbon.org.au to find out how.

Honouring Professor Peter Buckskin AM PSM



White Ribbon Australia was honoured to attend the State Funeral of Professor Peter Buckskin AM PSM, a respected leader, educator and long-time supporter of our work. Professor Buckskin was a previous White Ribbon Australia Ambassador, and his family's decision to nominate White Ribbon Australia as the recipient of in memoriam donations was both generous and extremely meaningful.

With more than 600 people in attendance, the occasion also provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of prevention and the work still needed to create safer communities.

We are very grateful to Professor Buckskin's family, friends and community for their generosity and support during this time.

Their contribution will help continue work that reflects the values Professor Buckskin championed throughout his life, and we are honoured to help carry forward his legacy in this way.

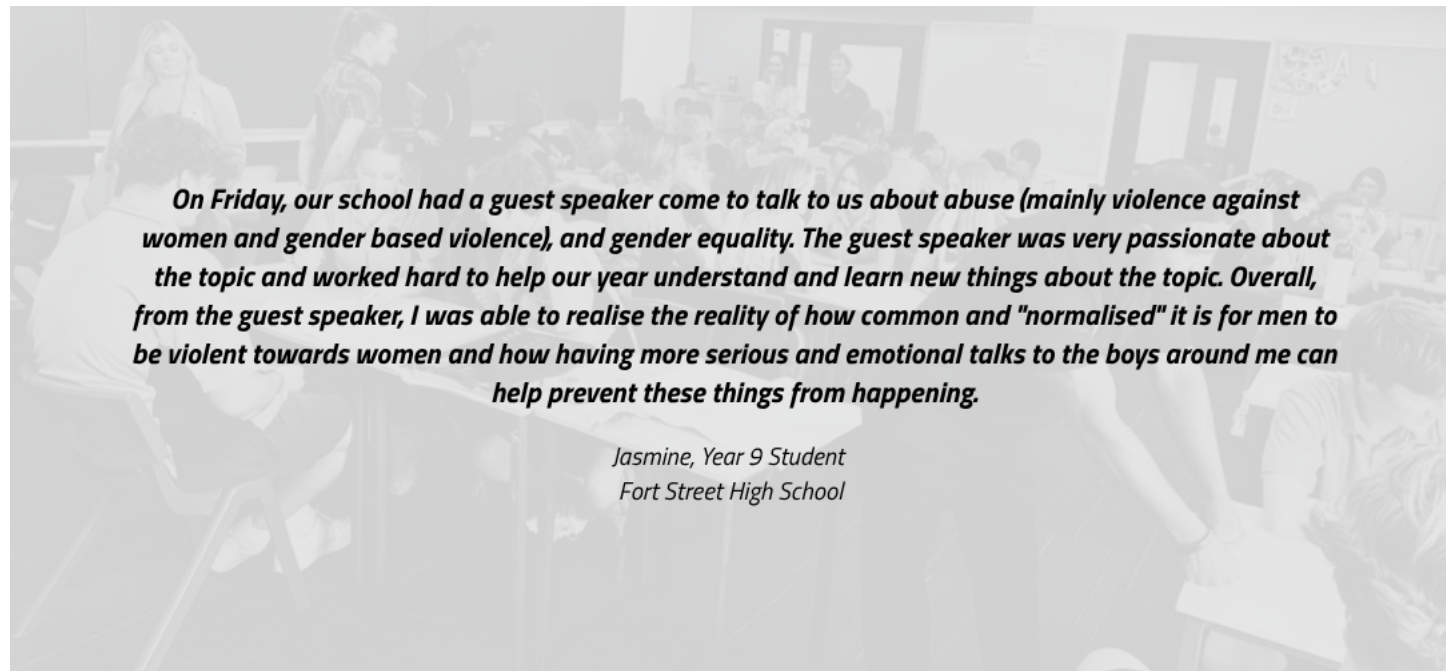
Training and Workshops

Fort Street High School

One of this quarter's training highlights was a recent Year 9 session at Fort Street High School, which received highly positive feedback from students and reflected the strong impact these sessions can have. Student responses highlighted high engagement, emotional connection and a greater awareness of gender-based violence, gender equality and the role young people can play in prevention.

Students described the session as enlightening, engaging and inspiring, with several reflecting on how the speaker helped make the realities of violence against women feel more immediate and understood. Others spoke about the importance of having more open and honest conversations, particularly with boys and young men, to help challenge harmful attitudes early.

We also acknowledge Community Partner Simon for his contribution to the session and the meaningful impact of his delivery. Sessions like this are an important part of prevention because they create space for young people to reflect, ask questions and build stronger understandings of respect, equality and healthy relationships.



On Friday, our school had a guest speaker come to talk to us about abuse (mainly violence against women and gender based violence), and gender equality. The guest speaker was very passionate about the topic and worked hard to help our year understand and learn new things about the topic. Overall, from the guest speaker, I was able to realise the reality of how common and "normalised" it is for men to be violent towards women and how having more serious and emotional talks to the boys around me can help prevent these things from happening.

*Jasmine, Year 9 Student
Fort Street High School*

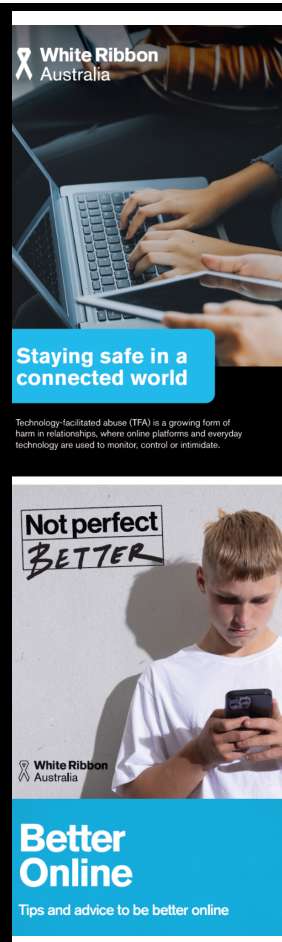
If you would like to learn more about our training sessions, please contact us on
wtraining@whiteribbon.org.au

New resources now available

We have recently released several practical new resources designed to support prevention in everyday settings. Through our **Not Perfect Better** campaign, we continue to grow our suite of Better Guides, including [Better Online](#), [Better with your Workmates](#) and [Better in your Workplace](#), alongside [Staying Safe in a connected world](#).

Together, these resources help turn prevention into practical reflection and action, whether someone is thinking about online behaviour, workplace culture, respectful relationships or how to respond more safely in digital spaces. They are designed to make prevention more accessible by giving individuals, workplaces and communities tools they can use now.

To find more of our Better Guides, head to our website - www.whiteribbon.org.au/not-perfect-better/



Women@Microsoft Speaker Series

White Ribbon Australia was invited to present at the Women@Microsoft Speaker Series, following our earlier webinar on technology-facilitated abuse.

The session shared an overview of White Ribbon Australia's work, the importance of primary prevention, and the role workplaces can play in creating safer, more respectful and more equal environments. These conversations matter because prevention is not separate from workplace culture. Workplaces can influence attitudes, behaviours and systems in ways that help build safety, accountability and gender equality.

Opportunities like this help extend the reach of prevention messaging into settings where leadership, policy and everyday practice can make a real difference. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our work and continue building connections with organisations committed to creating safer workplaces.

If your organisation is interested in a guest speaker event, technology-facilitated abuse training, or other workplace prevention training, please contact info@whiteribbon.org.au.

Lived experience group

White Ribbon Australia has established a new Lived Experience Advisory Group to help ensure our work is informed by the insights, perspectives and expertise of people with lived experience of family and domestic violence.

The group's initial focus is supporting the development of Version 3 of our Workplace Accreditation Program, helping us review and strengthen program content, tools and resources so they remain practical, relevant and grounded in the realities of those most affected.

Over time, the group will also have opportunities to inform other areas of White Ribbon Australia's work, including future campaigns, appeals, resources and broader prevention initiatives. Through consultation and co-design, members will help us test ideas, reflect on good practice and strengthen how lived experience perspectives are embedded across our work.

The establishment of the group is an important step in ensuring our prevention work continues to be shaped by evidence, lived experience and the voices of those with direct insight into the impact of family and domestic violence.

Save the Date

White Ribbon Australia Breakfast, Perth

Planning is well underway for the White Ribbon Australia Breakfast in Perth on 23 October. This important event will bring together supporters, partners, workplaces and community leaders for a shared conversation about prevention, emerging trends, leadership and the role we can all play in creating safer, more respectful communities.



The Breakfast will be a key event in our calendar and an important opportunity to build connection, raise awareness and strengthen support for White Ribbon Australia's work. It will also create

opportunities for sponsorship, profile and fundraising in support of prevention.

We look forward to announcing our guest speaker and sharing ticket details soon!



We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported White Ribbon Australia's recent Tax Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, funds raised will help fund further prevention work that reaches people earlier and supports safer, more respectful communities.

Your support helps us continue important work across education, community engagement, practical resources and awareness-building that challenges harmful attitudes and promotes gender equality. Every contribution helps strengthen efforts to prevent violence before it starts.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in the importance of prevention, and for helping create meaningful and lasting change.

International Day of Charity

International Day of Charity is an opportunity to recognise the role generosity plays in creating stronger, fairer and more connected communities. For White Ribbon Australia, it is also a moment to highlight the importance of long-term support for prevention, not only through donations today, but through the lasting legacy supporters can choose to leave in the future.

A gift in your Will can help ensure that prevention continues for generations to come. It is a powerful way to invest in a future where respect, equality and safety are built into the systems, relationships and communities around us.

By choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you can help create meaningful and lasting change, supporting the work needed to prevent violence before it starts and build safer communities for the

future.

[Learn more about leaving a gift in your Will.](#)

Important Dates

- International Day of Charity - 5 Sept
 - Child Protection Week - 6 -12 Sept
 - R U OK Day / World Suicide Prevention Day - 10 Sept
 - White Ribbon Australia Breakfast - 23 Oct
 - White Ribbon Day - 25 Nov
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Other ways you can support us

- [Donate](#)
 - [Host a fundraising event](#)
 - [Workplace giving](#)
 - [Buy merchandise](#)
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If you have feedback or suggestions for future editions of *The Ribbon Review*, or would like to share your event, fundraising story, or photos featuring White Ribbon Australia merchandise, please email us at info@whiteribbon.org.au.

