



White Ribbon

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It's been a busy two months with events in the far north (Kaeo) and far south (Dunedin). In a little under a months' time White Ribbon New Zealand will be sharing our unique White Ribbon Ride project with attendees at the Global to Local: Preventing Men's Violence against Women Conference in Sydney, Australia. The campaign team are also preparing for this year's ride with a planning session at the White Ribbon Riders Hui. We also welcome a new White Ribbon Chair and thank our outgoing chair, Brian Gardener for the outstanding leadership he has provided over the last two years. Finally, a big thank you to all those who continue to support the campaign by reading our Facebook posts, visiting the website and taking part in campaign activities.



Anti-violence hiki in Kaeo



Rob McCann
White Ribbon Campaign Manager



New White Ribbon Chair – Judge Peter Boshier

The White Ribbon Campaign is pleased to announce that Judge Peter Boshier has been nominated as the new White Ribbon Chair. Judge Boshier brings a wealth of knowledge to the campaign having been a White Ribbon Ambassador since 2011 and a foundation member of the Family Violence Taskforce. In 2004 Judge Boshier was appointed as the Principal Family Court Judge and held that position until late 2012. He continues to hold a warrant and is currently a Law Commissioner with the New Zealand Law Commission advising on aspects of law reform, and lectures at Victoria University of Wellington. Find out more about the new chair.

Brian Gardener

The committee would like to thank Brian for his guidance over the last two years. While he has stepped down from the chair, he continues to sit at the committee table and will continue to play a vital role as the campaign continues to gain momentum throughout New Zealand. Brian has begun a new role at the Ministry of Social Development as a Senior Programme Advisor for the Family Violence Unit.



2012 White Ribbon Report

The 2012 report is out now and outlines what was achieved throughout New Zealand providing a statistical analysis of the media campaign and an overview of the numerous projects. In 2011 after visiting New Zealand, the co-founder of the White Ribbon described the campaign as "...at the absolute forefront of international efforts to engage men and boys to end violence against women". Find out what Chris Green Director of White Ribbon UK had to say.



Best future options being considered for White Ribbon

As signalled in the White Ribbon newsletter in June last year, the Families Commission is looking at a different way to manage the White Ribbon Campaign. The Chief Commissioner told MPs at the Families Commission's Select Committee review that the Families Commission will continue to fund and support the White Ribbon Campaign, but was actively looking at the best future options to transition White Ribbon and ensure its continued success. We will keep you informed as decisions are made.



Sky Commentators Dennis Katsanos and White Ribbon Ambassador Harry Ngata.

All Whites v New Caledonia

When the All Whites met New Caledonia at Dunedin's Forsyth Barr Stadium last month, White Ribbon was there in force. The White Ribbon Riders displayed their bikes, volunteers handed out ribbons, Sky TV presenters – including our own White Ribbon Ambassador Harry Ngata – sported ribbons, and even Ricki Herbert was on the field wearing a white ribbon while celebrating the final result. The win has set the All Whites up for a playoff that could see the team qualifying for a spot in the 2014 World Cup. Find out more about the All Whites involvement with the campaign and for match day photos.

Global to Local: Preventing Men's Violence against Women



White Ribbon New Zealand has been invited to participate in an International Conference in Australia and present on the White Ribbon Ride. White Ribbon Australia CEO Libby Davies says, 'The international conference White Ribbon Australia is hosting in Sydney from 13-15 May will



White Ribbon Australia CEO Libby Davis

bring together key researchers, practitioners, policymakers and activists, from both national and international settings, to showcase research, policies and programmes that work to change men's attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate violence against women.'

'The conference title, Global to Local: Preventing Men's Violence against Women – Research, Policy and Practice in One Space focuses attention on the key conversations that will form part of this conference, including those generated by others working within the global context of the White Ribbon Campaign. White Ribbon Australia is delighted to be hearing from our New Zealand counterparts about their annual successful White Ribbon Ride, which convoys through 86 towns across the North and South Islands, picking up support riders in every region along the way. This input, together with other successful initiatives that work to engage men in primary prevention, will be shared throughout the Conference.' The conference website is here.



Bream Bay Trust, Patriots, Te Ahi Kikoha and the campaign team at the 2012 debrief/planning meeting

The White Ribbon Riders Hui 24-26 May

Each year a number of the rider leaders gather together with the campaign team and participate in a debrief and planning session. We take the lessons learnt from the previous year, find solutions to problems, enhance the good ideas and put together a cohesive plan for that year's ride. This plan is then sent out to communities for consultation. For more information on the Hui or if you are a rider and wish to be involved click here.

White Ribbon Ride – Registration of Interest

This year we are streamlining some of the processes around the White Ribbon Ride. Registrations of Interest (ROI) will be considered by the campaign team and ride leaders at the White Ribbon Hui. To assist us as we draw up the schedule, complete the ROI form now and send back to the campaign team prior to the 21 May. We will then be able to consider your proposed event as we put together the schedule. You don't need to know the details of your event, but we do need to know that you wish to take part and whether other organisations are involved.



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