

# International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and White Ribbon Day

## Did you know...

### Domestic or family violence:

- can happen to anyone
- affects children
- affects the entire community
- extends beyond physical and sexual violence
- may involve overt or subtle exploitation.

Our Nilumbik values aim towards a better tomorrow...we aim to respect each other...to support each other... and to take responsibility.

This year, here at our workplace, we are aiming to raise awareness of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence and White Ribbon Day.

During November your workmates – Shaun Baird, Chad Griffiths, Neil Harris, Gavin Jordan, Tim O'Donnell, Lindsay Round, Pat Vaughan and Patrick Wood – will have white ribbons and wristbands available for staff to purchase to help raise funds for this cause.

As White Ribbon hosts they will also welcome all staff to a breakfast at the Civic Centre on White Ribbon Day.

Nilumbik's White Ribbon Ambassadors and Mayor will also be at the breakfast in support of the event and of staff making their pledge towards this campaign.

Greg Champion from the Coodabeen Champions, also a White Ribbon Ambassador, will provide entertainment.



From left to right, back row: Tim O'Donnell, Gavin Jordan, Neil Harris and Susan Forbes.  
Front row: Lindsay Round, Shaun Baird, Jane Ashton, Patrick Wood, Chad Griffiths and Pat Vaughan.

## Staff breakfast – 25 November

All staff are encouraged to make their pledge to eliminate violence against women.

### Staff White Ribbon Breakfast

**Time:** 8.30am for a 9am start  
**Date:** Thursday 25 November 2010  
**RSVP:** by 3pm, Friday 19 November to Susan Forbes via Susan.  
 Forbes@nilumbik.vic.gov.au or X 3144

Our target is simple...it is that all staff working at Council will make the pledge to ensure these beliefs are embedded within our organisation's culture.

### How can you support the campaign?

- Tie a white ribbon to our white ribbon wire sculpture in the foyer.
- Have a Polaroid photo taken of your hands when you hang your ribbon to the sculpture and attach it to the pledge block.
- Sign your name in our pledge book.

Council will continue its pledge journey at Eltham Festival and Diamond Creek Fair in November, in an effort to get as many people as possible making their pledge and to spread the message to end violence against women for good.

"It must be noted hundreds of thousands of white ribbons are worn by men and women across Australia –

Men at work; men and women in all Australian police forces; men in national and local sporting matches and organisations; men in the media; men and women in politics; men in the defence forces; men and women in capital cities and in rural and regional Australia."

([www.whiteribbon.org.au](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au))