



Benalla Health and Wellbeing Action Group
and
Benalla Family Violence Prevention Network
Proud supporters of White Ribbon Day



Why become a Benalla

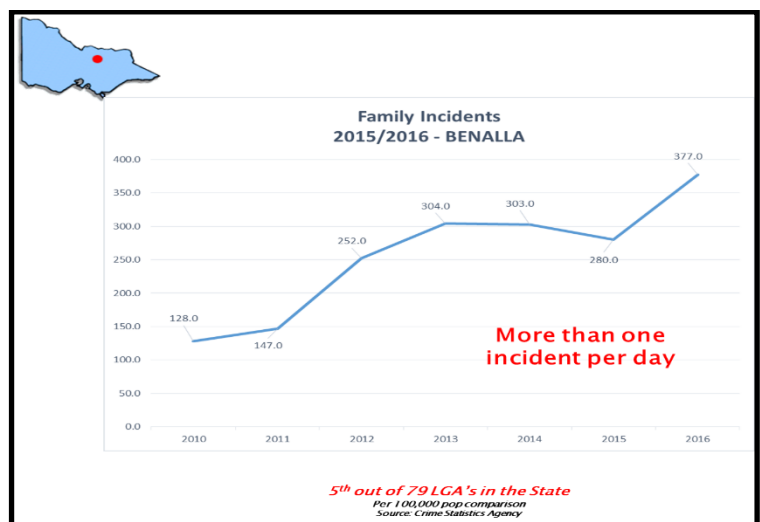
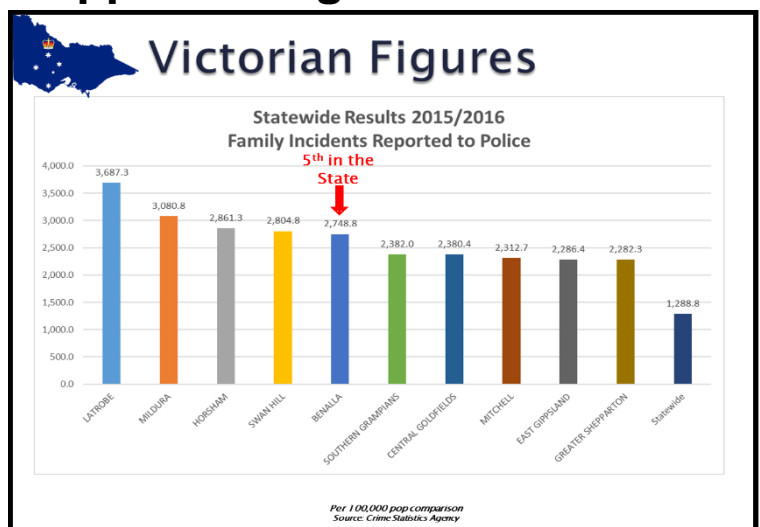
White Ribbon Day Supporter Organisation?

Over the last seven years, the local Benalla Family Violence Prevention network led by Benalla Health and Benalla Rural City has been working hard with the community to raise awareness of the problem, to encourage and empower women and children to report to the Police. The Police themselves have been acting strongly against perpetrators of Family Violence and to support women in their court applications.

Despite all of our hard work, the latest data from the Crime Statistics Agency makes sobering reading in Benalla.

- Benalla has the 4th highest rate in the State with Family Incidents reported to the Police where Children are present.
- Benalla is the 1st highest LGA for Family Incidents reported in the Hume Region and 5th highest in the state.

"Family violence is a harm that affects all Victorians and we need to come together as a community to combat this."
Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence,
Fiona Richardson.



You and your organization can make a difference!



As a White Ribbon Day supporter, you can become part of the solution and not part of the problem. Not a bystander but someone who is prepared to *take action* and *make a difference*. Like everything worth doing, becoming a Benalla White Ribbon Day supporter comes with a cost. It requires commitment, hard work and a willingness to *stand out in the crowd* and say *no to family violence in Benalla*.

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Benalla White Ribbon Day Supporter's commitment:



The Courageous Conversations Charter states:

As a Community member/organisation of the Hume Region we sign this Charter, to condemn violence against women in all its forms and to commit to action that promotes gender equity and respectful relationships:

1. We will model respectful relationships between peers and all members of the community
2. We will speak out about sexism, gender inequity and gender stereotypes
3. We will provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment
4. We will provide a structural and cultural environment that promotes gender equity



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Benalla

White Ribbon Day Supporter

We declare that we will

Support the Hume Preventing Violence Against Women and Children Charter


and


Support the goals and objectives of White Ribbon Day

Barbara O'Brien
Principal

Drew Morrison
President

Neil Stott
Chair Benalla Family Violence Prevention Network





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About White Ribbon



White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women.

Vision

All women live in safety free from all forms of men's violence.

Mission

Making women's safety a man's issue too.

The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community.

Who has signed already?



What do you have to do?

Contact Neil Stott, Chair of the Benalla Family Violence Prevention Network, on 5761 4500. He will arrange a time for an official signing ceremony and the presentation of your own official plaque that you can proudly mount at your organisation.

