



**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?

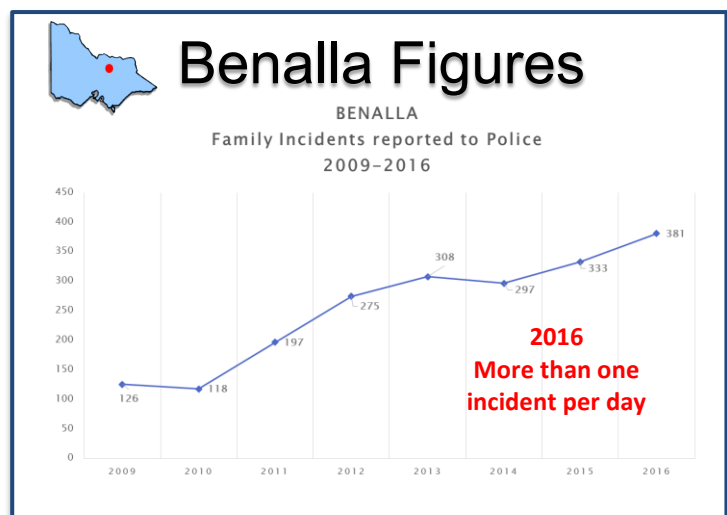
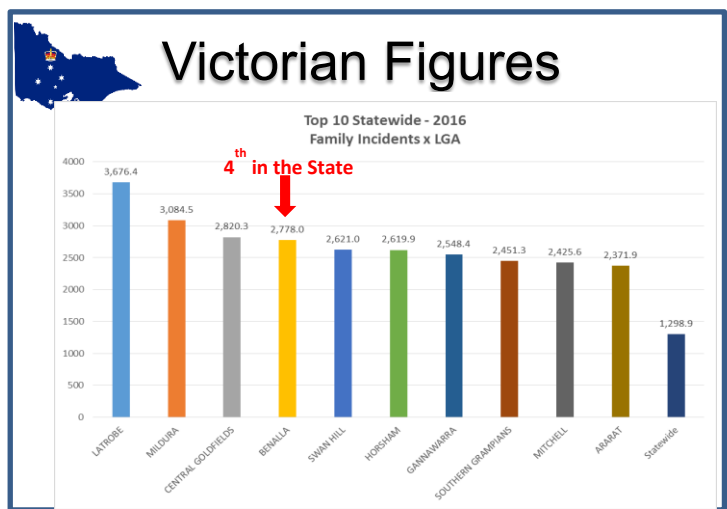
Over the last seven years, the local Benalla Family Violence Prevention network led by Benalla Health and Benalla Rural City has been working hard with the community to raise awareness of the problem, to encourage and empower women and children to report to the Police. The Police themselves have been 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 and 5th where Children are present.
- Benalla is the 1st highest LGA for Family Incidents reported in the Hume Region.

“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 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



About White Ribbon



In support of **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?

**Benalla
White Ribbon Day
Supporters**

In support of
White Ribbon

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.