

## Media Release

### *Legal Team Proud to Swear*



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This White Ribbon Day, 15 male workers at Peninsula Community Legal Centre have sworn never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Brendan Stackpole, Deputy Principal Lawyer and White Ribbon Ambassador, says:

“Staff and volunteers of the Centre are familiar with the huge personal and community cost of family violence, with assistance given last year in almost 1,500 family violence matters.

While there is a perception that women are at high risk of danger in public places, the reality is that they are far more likely to experience violence in their own homes. In fact, an Australian Bureau of Statistics survey found that around 40 percent of women in Australia have experienced violence since the age of 15 and nearly one in six women have experienced violence by a current or previous partner.”

White Ribbon is a male-led campaign to end violence against women. White Ribbon Day is celebrated on 25 November each year, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. For more information about the White Ribbon campaign, or to take the oath, visit [www.whiteribbon.org.au](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au).

Peninsula Community Legal Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free legal services across Melbourne's outer south east. For more information about free legal services, please call the Centre on 9783 3600 or visit [www.pclc.org.au](http://www.pclc.org.au). For information about other local services that can assist with family violence, visit [www.asksomeone.org.au](http://www.asksomeone.org.au) or install the Ask Someone smart phone app.

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