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Council to seek White Ribbon Australia accreditation

Tea Tree Gully Council has decided to progress its stance against violence, harassment and abuse towards women by seeking White Ribbon Australia workplace accreditation.

"We're committed to creating a safe workplace for everyone and have zero tolerance for this behaviour," said Deputy Mayor Lucas Jones.

"I commend the Council for seeking White Ribbon Australia workplace accreditation. Our Council is strongly behind this plan. Violence towards women is a serious and widespread problem impacting our community."

"Achieving accreditation will send a clear message of no tolerance and will complement other actions we've taken to prevent and respond to these types of incidents."

"I am delighted that Council has introduced special paid leave, in addition to existing leave entitlements, for employees experiencing domestic violence."

"We are committed to achieving this accreditation and welcome the opportunity to highlight what Council is already doing to address women's safety and gender equality issues," said City of Tea Tree Gully Chief Executive Officer John Moyle.

"The workplace accreditation will also identify any gaps that exist and provide support to help nurture a workplace culture of response, safety and equality."



Brad Chilcott, White Ribbon Australia Executive Director, is supportive of Council seeking accreditation.

"It's great to see the City of Tea Tree Gully showing leadership and setting an example of commitment to advancing gender equality, a workplace safe from sexual harassment and discrimination, and supporting workers experiencing violence and abuse in their relationships.

"Helping both Council staff and the broader community understand the drivers of men's violence, abuse and harassment of women is one way we can prevent this from happening – addressing attitudes, behaviours and relationship expectations that uphold inequality and excuse disrespect helps build healthy families in our City and empowers everyone to thrive."

The Council hopes that other organisations, such as faith communities, sporting and cultural groups, will also get on board with seeking White Ribbon Australia accreditation to help build a future where women are free from all forms of men's violence and abuse.

Visit whiteribbon.org.au to find out how to get involved.

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