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Stand up and speak out this White Ribbon Day 2015

White Ribbon Day on 25 November will see police around Australia and New Zealand playing their role in the campaign to eliminate violence against women. ANZPAA CEO, Jon White is encouraging everyone, particularly men, to stand up and speak out publicly against men who engage in violent behaviour against women.

In both countries, police will be leading or participating in activities and events with communities to encourage the message of no violence in the family or against women.

“It is sad reflection of what happens in the family home, places where everyone should feel safe, that the calls for service in the context of family violence ranks amongst the most common attended by police. Police are committed to protecting women and children and holding account those who perpetrate violence against them,” says Mr White.

In Australia, one in four Australian women had experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner since the age of fifteen. In New Zealand, one in three women experienced intimate partner violence at some point in their lives.¹

If you know someone who is engaging in violent behaviour against women or is a victim of violence please contact your local Police station or contact your Crime Stoppers hotline anonymously on 1800 333 000 (Australia) or 0800 555 111 (New Zealand).

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