



## **Link Housing pledges continued support to the White Ribbon message**

*Leading community housing provider, Link Housing, will continue to support White Ribbon, despite the recent departure of well respected CEO Tracy McLeod Howe.*

Link Housing is a not-for-profit providing housing to those on very low, to low incomes. The organisation has a 34-year history, with roots in Northern Sydney and metropolitan Sydney.

In their work to house those who are in housing stress or crisis, the organisation has seen first-hand the impact of violence against women.

“A key cause of homelessness and housing crisis is family violence. Many of our residents have experienced violence from partners which has driven them into a situation where they need emergency accommodation or are in financial hardship, fleeing from the violence, often with kids,” says Link Housing CEO, Andrew McAnulty.

In 2016, Link Housing staff, some of whom had experienced family violence themselves, decided they wanted to do something to raise awareness about the issue, and do more to support victims – some of whom were peers, friends, family, or clients.

The organisation became a White Ribbon accredited workplace and now campaigns and spreads the White Ribbon message throughout the year.

Staff are trained to recognise the signs of domestic violence and respond in appropriate ways.

In response to the recent changes, CEO, Andrew McAnulty, said:

“The White Ribbon campaign is an international campaign that has been instrumental in bringing awareness to an issue that impacts so many. We need this campaign to give victims a voice, their lives back, and ensure that our children’s lives are not impacted.”

“The value of the White Ribbon campaign is that it focuses on prevention. At the core, it advocates for gender equality and respectful relationships which is of value to the individual, families, workplaces, and society at large from an economic perspective.”

“Importantly, White Ribbon highlights that men have to take responsibility for standing up against men’s violence to women.”

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### **About Link Housing**

Link Housing Ltd (Link Housing) is a Tier 1 Registered Community Housing Provider (CHP) and Licensed Real Estate Agent 10010626. Formed in 1984, Link Housing is one of the oldest not-for-profit community housing providers in NSW. By the end of 2018, Link Housing will manage close to 4000 homes across NSW. With a vision to enhance lives through community housing, Link Housing designs and delivers programs and services that contribute to positive change for tenants, their families, and the community. Link Housing is recognised as a well-governed and effectively managed organisation, with a dynamic Board and leadership team and a workforce committed to providing the best possible service to our clients and partners.