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LAUNCH OF 'I SEE YOU' SHORT FILM

Glenorchy City Council is holding their White Ribbon Event for 2019 on Council's lawns from 3pm on Thursday 29 November (today).

Mayor Kristie Johnston will launch the Glenorchy Safe Bystander Project: "I See You Mantra" initiative and celebrate the completion of White Ribbon eLearning by over 280 Glenorchy City Council staff members.

"The 'I See You Mantra' is an initiative of the Glenorchy Safe Bystander Intervention Project. This project has been funded by the State Government and is supported by Hobart Women's Shelter. The project embraces the concept that in our city we acknowledge and value everyone and seek to create connected communities where people care for each other," she said.

"A song by Monique Brumby and a short film will be launched today as part of the project.

"Our vision is to ensure Glenorchy is the best place in Tasmania to live, work and play, both now and into the future. We want Glenorchy to be a city where we all care for each other and act together to improve our lifestyle and environment through a strong sense of community."

Mayor Johnston will also present tokens of appreciation to the following people involved in the Glenorchy Safe Bystander Intervention Project.

Helen Hussey has worked with 136 students at Moonah Primary School on the "Peace is Possible" initiative. Students' posters are currently on display in Council's front foyer that contain inspiring words and images that the children created in response to the concept that peace is possible. Helen's project was a great success and schools are looking forward to continuing to work with Helen in 2019.

Edward Gearman is a newly registered volunteer with Council and has been supporting the Glenorchy Safe Bystander Intervention Project through an initiative called 'We Will Stand By You'. It embraces the ideals of respect and the concept that the *standard you walk past is the standard that you accept*; Edward is sharing his life experiences with others to contribute towards positive change in the community.



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Singer/song writer Monique Brumby wrote and recorded the sound track for the 'I See You Mantra' Project. Monique supported Council at this year's Mental Health Week events. The powerful messages contained within the song truly reflects Council's WAVE ACTION initiative - WAVE stands for - We Acknowledge and Value Everyone – this project seeks to create connected communities where people acknowledge each other's presence.

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