

## RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

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Welcome to our latest supporter update!

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### Supporter of the month

Congratulations to Copyright Agency for being named supporter of the month!

Copyright Agency staff recently celebrated Harmony Day by hosting a Racism. It Stops With Me morning tea. Staff members prepared foods from different countries, shared personal stories and made pledges to stand up against racism. The event also formed part of Copyright Agency's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) programme.

Well done Copyrights Agency for hosting a great event!



*If you'd like to be named supporter of the month, make sure you keep us updated about what you're doing. Simply send an email to [antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au).*

*All supporters of the month receive a free pack of campaign merchandise.*

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### Supporter activities

This month we were delighted to welcome several new supporter organisations to the Racism. It Stops With Me campaign. Well done to **Working Women's Centre SA Inc**, **headspace Edinburgh North**, **ICPF Australia - Intercultural Ministries**, and **Real Estate Institute of NSW** for committing to take a stand against racism in their work!

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#### The Real Estate Institute of New South Wales

As the peak industry body for real estate agents and property professionals in NSW, the Real Estate Institute of New South Wales (REINSW) decided to sign-up to the Racism. It Stops with Me campaign after it was shown a report on [Ethnic discrimination in private rental housing markets in Australia](#). The report highlighted discrimination towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from Middle Eastern and Indian backgrounds looking at rental properties.

Following on from a board meeting where board members signed up to take a stand against discrimination, the REINSW is urging all of its members to join the Racism. It Stops With Me campaign.

Great job, REINSW! It's fantastic to have you on board.



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### Indian Christian Prayer Fellowship Australia - Intercultural Ministries (ICPF)

Also joining the campaign this month is the Indian Christian Prayer Fellowship Australia - Intercultural Ministries.

As part of their goal to bridge the gaps between different cultural communities, ICPF have launched a sports club where people from different backgrounds come together build relationships while having fun.

This month, ICPF –Tasmania conducted an intercultural cricket match with members of the Hobart community to support the campaign. Well done to everyone involved!



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### Harmony Day events

On March 21, many of our supporters celebrated Harmony Day (which coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

We've heard some great stories about events that took place all over Australia. Did your organisation take action or have an event to commemorate Harmony Day? [Tell us about it!](#)

Here are some photos from an event held by Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland. (And it just goes to show that sometimes taking action against racial discrimination can be a piece of cake!)



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## Supporter ideas

Do you and your colleagues know your rights when it comes to racial discrimination?

Why not raise awareness in your organisation about the *Racial Discrimination Act*? The *Racial Discrimination Act* is an important law that aims to protect everyone in Australia from racial discrimination and vilification.

You can find out more by watching and sharing this [short explanatory video](#) about the *Racial Discrimination Act*.



And don't forget, you can always find more tips and suggestions on things to do in our [Supporter Toolkit!](#)

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## Useful resources

Last year, to mark the 40th anniversary of the *Racial Discrimination Act*, the Australian Human Rights Commission developed a range of resources aimed at raising awareness about the Act.

The resources include an educational video, accompanying PowerPoint presentation, poster and postcard. These can all be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

To commemorate the anniversary, the Commission also released the [Freedom from Discrimination: Report on the 40th anniversary of the Racial Discrimination Act \(National Consultation Report 2015\)](#).

If you would like to receive hard copy versions of the report or the poster, simply get in touch with us and we will send them to you!

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Until next time!  
The campaigns team