

# RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

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Welcome to our latest supporter update!

## Campaign supporters recognised in 2015 Human Rights Awards

For the first time, this year's Human Rights Awards featured a *Racism. It Stops With Me* category to recognise the contribution of an organisation working to reduce and prevent racism in Australia. We received over forty nominations for this category and selected five finalists, all of which have made an extraordinary contribution to preventing and responding to racism in the community.

Congratulations to the [Tasmanian Students Against Racism](#), winner of the award. Tasmanian Students Against Racism started as a grassroots group with three students in 2008. It has since grown into an education and advocacy group involving more than 250 young presenters and has reached 10,000 participants.

Congratulations also to the other finalists, [Football Federation Victoria](#), [Multicultural Development Association](#), [All Together Now](#) and [Hobsons Bay City Council](#).



Tasmanian Students Against Racism

And congratulations to campaign ambassador, Adam Goodes, who was nominated as a finalist for the Human Rights Medal.

## Resources launched to mark 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Racial Discrimination Act

In November this year, the Race Discrimination Commissioner launched [Freedom from Discrimination: Report on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Racial Discrimination Act](#). The report includes key findings from the Commissioner's national consultations held earlier in the year.

To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Act, the Commission also developed educational resources aimed at raising awareness of the Act and how it can be used to protect against racial discrimination and vilification. These resources include an educational video, promotional poster and postcard. Take a look at the resources on the Commission's [website](#).



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## Commissioner visits Bendigo

In late October, following a return of anti-Muslim protests, the City of Greater Bendigo reiterated its support for diversity and inclusion by responding to voices of division and negativity with messages of social cohesion through the #BendigoWelcomesEveryone campaign.

To acknowledge the work of the Council and wider community in promoting diversity, the Race Discrimination Commissioner made a visit to the regional city to meet with community leaders, council staff and high school students and discuss the importance of diversity.



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## Congratulations CMY!

Carmel Guerra, CEO of the Centre for Multicultural Youth, has received the 2015 Victorian Premier's Award for Community Harmony.

CMY Shout Out speaker, Celia Tran, also received the VMC Ambassador Award.

Congrats Carmel and Celia!





