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**A chance to commemorate lives lost**  
*World AIDS Day Memorial Ceremony*

On 1 December the Positive Living Centre (PLC), part of the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre (VAC/GMHC), will host the annual World AIDS Day memorial event, to commemorate the many lives lost as a result of the HIV epidemic.

Alex Nikolovski, PLC Coordinator, said: "This year's World AIDS Day event promises to be just as successful as in previous years. The evening will include the World AIDS Day Remembrance Ceremony - a candlelit service to remember all those we have loved and lost throughout the HIV/AIDS epidemic. There will also be a collection of Memorial Quilts on display at the PLC throughout AIDS Awareness Week, the PLWHA 'Legends Exhibition' as well as various other presentations, and an opportunity to view an exhibition of Art produced by a number of PLC members."

Alex continued: "This event is open to all, admission is free and bookings are not required. Refreshments will be available on the night. So come along this World AIDS Day, and join us as we remember and celebrate."

The special guest speaker this year will be Anne Mitchell, Director of Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria, with entertainment provided by Jon Jackson and the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus, and Luke Gallagher, acting as Master of Ceremonies, will be hosting proceedings.

The Memorial event is a collaborative effort undertaken by VAC/GMHC, People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria, the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project, the Catholic AIDS Ministry, Straight Arrows and Positive Women.

The event will be held on Wednesday 1 December, commencing at 6.30pm, at the PLC, 51 Commercial Road, Prahran. Anyone requiring further details can contact Alex Nikolovski on (03) 9863 0444. For more information about VAC/GMHC's World AIDS Day activities please visit [www.vicaids.asn.au/world-aids-day](http://www.vicaids.asn.au/world-aids-day).

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