

Media Alert
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The Wayside Chapel celebrates 10 Year Anniversary of Tolerance Room

Tomorrow, Tuesday 5 May 2009, The Wayside Chapel is marking the 10 year anniversary of its Tolerance Room, the first room in Australia to be set up as a safe injecting space for drug users.

Although this room was shut down within hours, it paved the way for a safe injecting room that is still in operation today in Kings Cross and has helped thousands of drug users with their addiction.

Reverend Ray Richmond, the former Pastor of the Wayside Chapel, will speak at the event to remember the action for compassion and healthcare provided by The Wayside Chapel at that time.

Event: 10 Year Anniversary of the first safe room for injecting drug users in Australia

When: 1pm, Tuesday 5 May 2009

Where: The Wayside Chapel, 29 Hughes Street, Potts Point

Who: Rev. Ray Richmond, The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing, Dr Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Service, St. Vincent's Hospital

Media are invited to attend.

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The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Each year thousands of people visit the Wayside for assistance in gaining equitable access to essential health, welfare and related services. The Wayside Chapel is well known for its Youth program and Day to Day Living programs.