

Chronology of The Hive - Ulverstone Cancellation

After our forum was cancelled in Devonport, we tried to hire another venue called The Hive in Ulverstone.

Booking of Studio 1 on 7 April, 2025 10.00 to 12.00 ➤ Recibidos x



Emma Shaw

para hive@centralcoast.tas.gov.au ▼

jue, 27 mar, 13:53 (hace 4 días)



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Good afternoon,

This is to confirm a booking of Studio One made over the counter yesterday for a time on 7 April, 2025, 10.00 to 12.00.

The booking is for a forum to be held by Women Speak Tasmania on the subject of Women's Rights in the Modern World.

Please see the attached flyer for details of the forum.

We have not been able to locate a booking form on your website. Could you please advise on how we can obtain a booking form?

Thanking you in advance,

Kind regards,

Emma Shaw

For Women Speak Tasmania

We received an email, the Hive cancelled our initial booking, when we asked the reason, they initially mentioned that they didn't believe it was big enough to hold our Forum. Later a representative wrote :

“My concerns are around those seeking to disrupt your event and the impact on others in the venue if it was to occur. I have reasonable grounds to believe that the hosting of the forum at Hive will place my staff and venue patrons/tenants at risk. I have responsibilities under the WHS Act 2012 to keep my team safe at all times, and I am exercising those responsibilities”.

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From: "Emma Shaw" [REDACTED]
To: "chris.clark@centralcoast.tas.gov.au" <chris.clark@centralcoast.tas.gov.au>
Cc:
Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 at 3:08 pm
Subject: Re: Women Speak Tasmania - Public Forum
Hello Chris,

Thankyou for your email. Thankyou for calling as well but we prefer to complete bookings via email.

I note that you have a concern that Studio 1 will not be big enough for our needs. Please rest assured that we will not need a bigger room. We have been advised by a member of your staff that the capacity of the room is 36 which will be totally adequate. We have described our event as a public forum but it could also be described as a community gathering. We are requiring attendees to RSVP so we can guarantee to you that our gathering will not exceed the numbers allowed for Studio 1 and therefore will meet your booking limitations in terms of numbers.

We are impressed with the facilities at the Hive and keen to go ahead with the booking as the size of the room and price point available are suitable for our needs.

Our major concern was to secure a booking form and speedily return it to you.

Kind regards,

Emma Shaw
For Women Speak Tasmania

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From: "Chris Clark" <chris.clark@centralcoast.tas.gov.au>
To: "Emma Shaw" [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 at 3:28 pm
Subject: RE: Women Speak Tasmania - Public Forum

Hi Emma,

While I appreciate you desire to continue to use the venue, due to events that have occurred today I hold concerns that you will not be able to manage the size of the event and it will negatively impact visitors and tenants of Hive. **Accordingly, I am advising you that Studio 1 cannot be used for the forum.** Women Speak Tasmania is free to hold the event at other more suitable venues that Council operates.

I kindly request that you remove all advertising for the event referring to Hive as the venue. If you wish to use another Council venue, you have the details below.

Regards,

Chris Clark
Director Community Services
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Cc:

Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 at 4:19 pm

Subject: RE: Women Speak Tasmania - Public Forum

Hi Chris,

Thankyou for your email.

I am confused as to what you are referring to when you say you have concerns 'due to events that have occurred today.'

Studio will be fine. Our event will most definitely not exceed your booking limitations for the room therefore capacity is not a concern so why is there suddenly an issue with our booking? Our event will be a small number of people sitting in the room listening to a speaker. It will not involve any noisy music or other noise so there will be no impact on other patrons of the Hive.

We wish to have Studio 1 as agreed.

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From: "Chris Clark" <chris.clark@centralcoast.tas.gov.au>

To: "Emma Shaw" [REDACTED]

Cc:

Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 at 5:10 pm

Subject: RE: Women Speak Tasmania - Public Forum

Hi Emma,

My concerns are around those seeking to disrupt your event and the impact on others in the venue if it was to occur. I have reasonable grounds to believe that the hosting of the forum at Hive will place my staff and venue patrons/tenants at risk. I have responsibilities under the WHS Act 2012 to keep my team safe at all times, and I am exercising those responsibilities.

I understand you want to promote your platform and have had issues with securing venues in the past. To be clear, the Central Coast Council recognises the right to free speech; however, free speech does not override the right of employees to be safe in their workplace.

Unfortunately for Women Speak Tasmania, there was never any agreement on Studio 1 as Hive did not confirm the booking. As previously advised, you are free to choose another more suitable venue, such as the Ulverstone Civic Centre or Montgomery Room.

I trust that resolves the matter, as I will not engage any further on the use of Studio 1.

Chris Clark

Director Community Services

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