

COLLINGWOOD YARDS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, 25 October 5:00pm

On Monday, 23 October 2023, an incident occurred within the Collingwood Yards precinct at a banner-making workshop involving the use of highly offensive language targeted towards the Jewish community and Israel. We were made aware of this matter on Tuesday, October 24 through social media posts.

Collingwood Yards unequivocally does not tolerate hate speech or antisemitism in any form.

Collingwood Yards was not aware of the nature of the material being produced. We understand this has deeply distressed members of the Collingwood Yards community, including a number of Jewish Australians.

Collingwood Yards supports creative expression and remains committed to promoting tolerance, respect, and understanding. We firmly believe that our precinct is a safe space for all, and every tenant, visitor, and community members deserve to feel safe and respected. We reaffirm our dedication to creativity, diversity and inclusivity, and we are committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Collingwood Yards stands strong against any form of hate speech and is unwavering in its commitment to being a beacon of diversity, respect, and inclusion for all.

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