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NEW LIGHT ON THE HILL WITH LAUNCH OF BOULEVARD AND PUBLIC ART FENCE

On the evening of Thursday 14 June, Council along with project partners DSE and Doncaster Primary School, celebrated the official launch of the Doncaster Hill Boulevard and Public Art Fence.

The feature Public Art Fence, entitled, "Running / Walking (Moving Forward)," was created by artist Warren Langley who congratulated Council for undertaking such projects and recognising the cultural importance of public art.

Brian Tee MP, representing the Minister for Planning, the Hon Justin Madden, was a guest speaker at the event, cut a ribbon and initiating the first official lighting-up of the Public Art Fence.

Mr Tee said that the project was an important step in the delivery of the Doncaster Hill vision, which "epitomises the leadership and vision that communities expect from their local councils."

"It's an exciting project and one that Manningham Council and the community should be very proud of," he said.

The project, jointly funded by Manningham City Council and the Department of Sustainability through a \$235,000 Creating Better Places grant, is part of Council's efforts to improve pedestrian accessibility and create appealing public spaces.

Chair of the project's Steering Committee, Cr Bill Larkin, said "I am delighted to report that this project has been achieved on time on budget with support from all parties.

Boulevard streetscape works between Council Street and the Doncaster Playhouse have created an attractive widened promenade, with avenue tree planting, signage and street furniture to encourage pedestrian focussed activity on Doncaster Road.

The Boulevard and Art Fence also provides a link between two of Doncaster's significant arts and heritage sites, the Doncaster Playhouse and the Old Shire Hall, which is home to the Templestowe Artists Society. Landscaping works on the corner of Council Street and Doncaster Road have created an inviting new courtyard area in front of the Old Shire Hall.

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