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MEDIA RELEASE

DONCASTER HILL PLACE MANAGER FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Manningham Council's vision for Doncaster Hill is moving forward, with the announcement today of \$97,000 funding by Minister for Planning, The Hon. Justin Madden, to appoint a Place Manager to drive the implementation of the Doncaster Hill Strategy.

Doncaster Hill is one of the most important developments in the history of the City of Manningham. It is a 20-year vision for a contemporary and sustainable urban village that will provide a civic, cultural, recreational and social centre for the municipality.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Ron Kitchingman, said the Victorian State Government has been working closely with Council, particularly through the Priority Development Panel.

"Manningham shares the Victorian Government's vision for delivering well-designed neighbourhoods that provide more lifestyle and housing choices for all residents."

"Manningham Council continues to place a high importance on engaging the community and relevant stakeholders as we move forward with implementing the Doncaster Hill Strategy.

"The funding provided by the State Government will allow Manningham Council to employ a Place Manager to create a sense of place for Doncaster Hill and work collaboratively across all areas of Council, and with external stakeholders, to bring the Hill to life," he said.

This position will play a key role in advocating for additional project funding and facilitating the delivery of Doncaster Hill infrastructure works, private sector development and community engagement initiatives.

It is anticipated the funding will be made available in January 2008.

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