

## Final Press Release



# Historic housing first for Manningham

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Manningham Inclusive Community Housing Inc (MICH) has announced an historic and innovative first for Manningham. Bringing together developer, Mirvac and housing provider, Community Housing Ltd (CHL), with important support from the Victorian Property Fund, to develop much needed housing for people with an intellectual disability (ID) in Manningham.

The project comprises two new homes for up to 4 young people with a mild ID and will be built in the new Tullamore Estate. It represents a first step in overcoming a chronic shortage of suitable and affordable accommodation options for people with disabilities. Importantly, the project will provide young people with an ID with an opportunity to live within mainstream settings close to transport and amenities, and maintain and develop connection within their existing work and social communities.

MICH spokesperson, Franco Scalzo, noted that the project is “a much needed, high quality, long term resource for the local community. An example of the necessary co-operation, partnerships, and joint determination between different groups and levels of government to find new ways to fund and develop appropriate, affordable housing for people with an ID in Manningham”.

CHL is a registered not for profit housing association with over 2,000 properties under its management in Victoria and well recognized for its 2014 HIA Special Purpose Housing winning development in Hastings.

As part of CHL’s approach to strengthening communities, priority will be given to people with ties to the local area. Tenants who are successful in securing one of the new properties will pay no more than 30% of their income in rent, which will be equivalent to paying between 60-75% of the normal market rate.

“These units will have adaptable design and are in a spectacular location in the heart of the local community,” Shari McPhail, CHL’s State Manager for Victoria said.

“There is no doubt in my mind that this will be a landmark development in Manningham and symbolic of the strength of the local community.”

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**About CHL:** Community Housing Ltd (CHL) Group is a national and international provider of affordable housing. Its vision is ‘a world without housing poverty’. CHL is a registered Housing organisation in Victoria and Queensland and a growth provider in NSW, Tasmania, WA and SA. CHVL has 9 offices in Victoria with a portfolio of over 2,000 properties under its management.

Its international operations are located in Timor Leste, Chile, and India. Winner of various Industry Awards including HIA and United Nations Association of Australia, CHL has over 6,000 properties under its management across the country.

**About MICH:** MICH was formed by a concerned group of parents and community members to establish appropriate housing within Manningham, for people with an intellectual disability, providing them with the opportunity to maintain a meaningful life within their existing community. MICH believe that a home is not just the house in which you live, and the people with whom you choose to live, but is also the community in which you have chosen to live. A sense of belonging can be found when home is in a broad community where you find ongoing connection to people and places, where you are able to participate and contribute to that community.

**About Mirvac:** Mirvac is a leading Australian property group, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX"). Mirvac's investment portfolio has interests in office, retail and industrial assets, while its development business has exposure to both residential and commercial projects. With over 40 years of experience, Mirvac has an unmatched reputation for delivering quality products and services across all of the sectors in which it operates.

Mirvac's Development Division in Victoria is responsible for some of Australia's leading residential projects including the Yarra's Edge precinct at Docklands, The Melburnian and Harcrest in Wantirna South.

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