

# Doncare lift-offs

**Michael Howard**

DONCARE is steadily replacing NASA as launch central.

Last Friday Doncare launched *The Smart Consumer Guide For Manningham*, which has tips on buying smarter and accessing the municipality's resources.

And this Friday Manningham Mayor Ron Kitchingman will officially open Doncare's new premises at 8 Montgomery St, Doncaster East.

Doncare chief executive Doreen Stoves said both were major milestones for the organisation, which helps families, the aged, youth and disadvantaged.

Ms Stoves said the service's relocation from the Westfield tower to Montgomery St on January 23 had led to more contact with its clients.

"After that move we really feel like we are part of a community," Ms Stoves said.

"When we were in the shopping complex it felt like we were more a part of the business world. Now clients are giving us great feedback. It's certainly widening our net at the moment."

Ms Stoves said the new home was the perfect location to launch Doncare's consumer guide, a 31-page book funded by Manningham Council.

"The guide has been developed for Doncare clients and is a fabulous book, which is helpful in terms of making it



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easier for people on tight budgets," Ms Stoves said.

The booklet covers topics such as managing money, shopping on a budget, has cooking tips, housing information and details on

counselling, family and youth support services and community education services.

The guide is available from Doncare's Montgomery St office. Details: 9841 4215.