

New Flags for a New Hill

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Manningham's Doncaster Hill is sporting a new image with the unfurling of festive new flags by Australian track star and local resident Katerina Dressler, to mark the boundaries of the mixed-use sustainable urban village.

Manningham Council has installed new flagpoles and flags to delineate the perimeter of the 58-hectare site on the top of Doncaster Hill, Manningham's highest point.

Dressler, the 400m National Titleholder from Donvale, was on hand to help Council staff with the installation and to hoist the celebratory flags. The blue and green flags aim to convey the message about Doncaster Hill's focus on sustainability and the newness and innovative approach of the strategy.

"Doncaster Hill is an exciting project for people of all ages living on this side of Melbourne."

"The focus for people of my age has always been the City, but now with the proposals for Doncaster Hill, there will be plenty of things to attract my friends to come out to visit me for a change."

Manningham Mayor, Cr Geoff Gough, said Doncaster Hill is a 'live, work and visit' concept that is based on long term, sustainable growth over a period of 20 years.

"The Doncaster Hill initiative is in response to the community's need for more appropriate housing for an ageing population, an increase in demand for medium or high rise multi unit development and the community's desire to see less unit development across the municipality."

"Residents have been requesting that Council plan and restrict high density residential development to suitable precincts with main roads, aged care infrastructure such as medical services, transport, shopping and community facilities that can be accessed easily."

"We have done a great deal of research into this project and have some very strong views on sustainability. Our research has shown us that we expect an average of 200 new dwellings per year, and with this, it is expected that the number of people in each dwelling will decrease from an average of 2.3 to 2 by 2021. The development will be a long term, gradual process with the population expected to increase to 8,300 by 2021," Cr Gough said.

Manningham Council will launch a new website www.doncasterhill.com in March, to provide updates and detailed information to assist residents and interested parties have a greater understanding of the project.



Katerina Dressler – unfurling the flags