Make a warm gesture

WOMAN URGES RESIDENTS TO DONATE COATS

FAMILIES who give a little can make a big difference to the warmth of children and babies this winter, Aisha Radebe says.

The Moonee Ponds resident is urging the community to get behind St Kilda Mums’ Coats for Kids campaign to attain 2000 coats before the end of July.

For two years Ms Radebe has been a volunteer collector for the organisation, which gathers essential items for mothers and children.

“We live in such a wonderful fortunate country and we’re so lucky to be here,” she said.

“It’s such a sad reality that there are families out there in our own community who have to decide between food or warm clothes. That’s really sad for their kids.”

St Kilda Mums also collects recycled cot, pram, basinet, car restraints and other baby essentials.

Ms Radebe uses her home as a donation point for local residents who find it difficult to travel to St Kilda to drop off items.

“It’s something we can all do as a community for those in need to give a helping hand,” she said.

St Kilda Mums is seeking good quality coats without marks and stains and with working zippers and hoods for children aged from newborn to size 10.

Schools, kindergartens, childcare centres and workplaces are encouraged to hold coat drives in support of the initiative, which runs until July 31.

Email donate@stkildamums.org

AVONDALE HEIGHTS

Julie ready to stomp 7000 charity steps

AN AVONDALE Heights woman hopes to stomp her way to success next month in the name of charity.

Julie Redmond will zigzag up and down more than 7000 steps at the MCG on Sunday, July 5, as part of the national Stadium Stomp.

As a first time stomper, the 24-year-old myotherapist will take part in the event as a member of the A Team, along with the way raising money for the Leukemia Foundation.

Miss Redmond said after completing the Eureka Stairclimb in 2013 she decided she was ready to tackle the stomp.

“The stomp is daunting,” she said. “But it is great to see that the traditional fundraising activities, the fun runs, have expanded into a variety of physical challenges that raise funds and awareness for charities.”

In addition to her usual fitness routine Miss Redmond and other members of her team, including Hillsdale’s Jess Barone, have been undertaking stair training near Boeing Reserve.

Details: stadiumstomp.com.au

PET OF THE WEEK

Sweet as pie

Name: Teicy
Breed: Domestic short hair
Age: One
Temperament: Teicy is a very sweet, but slightly shy.
Would suit: Someone who has plenty of love to offer.
View at: Lost Smith Animal Hospital, 24 Villiers St, North Melbourne
Web: fortunem.com
Melbourne Council ABN: 009439

Loves affection

Name: Archer
Breed: Domestic short hair
Age: Two
Temperament: Archer is a snoozy boy who can be a little reserved initially.
Would suit: A quiet, stable home full of affection.
View at: Lost Dogs Home, 2 Gracia St, North Melbourne
Web: dogshome.com
Melbourne Council ABN: 007APSH

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