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### Mum works to help kids keep warm

Tamara Heath

AS THE mercury plummets, a Coburg mum is on the hunt for winter woollies that can keep little ones warm.

Jill Williams has estab lished a Moreland collection point for Coats for Kids, a St Kilda Mums campaign to distribute 2000 unwanted or unused winter coats to babies and children across Mel-

Ms Williams last year sup ported the group's Cots for Kids campaign, acting as Moreland's collection point.

Ms Williams said she hoped residents would get behind the cause because "every child deserves to be warm".

St Kilda Mums chief executive Jessica Macpherson said many families could not afford warm clothing for their children during the colder

children during the concer-months.
She said the charity wanted good quality second-hand coats with working zips and hoods that were free of marks

and stains.

She said the coats, along with donated clothing, cots, prams, bassinets, car re-

tials, were given to nurses and tais, were given to nurses and social workers across Mel-bourne to pass on to families experiencing hardship. The coat appeal runs until July 31, with a list of drop-off

points and other items suitable for donation available at stkildamums.org.

Details, email donate@

stkildamums.org

# **Push for** bike cash

#### CYCLISTS LOBBY COUNCILLORS

A LAST-GASP plea for cash to upgrade cycling infrastructure dominated discussion when residents fronted Moreland Council for the final time before it releases its 2015-16 budget.

The council received 40 submissions to its draft budget, 15 of which called for more cash to improve bike

more cash to improve bike paths in the city.

Cyclist Dean Tran said more needed to be done to make cycling safer.

"Sydney Rd remains dangerous for cycling and the Upfield (shared) path is in shambles with cracking, narrow sightlines and conserved.

in shambles with cracking, narrow sightlines and conflict with ... other users due to how narrow the path is," Mr Tran said.
"I expect elected officials to show leadership and make changes when there are significant safety issues in place." in place." Bicycle Network mem-

bers threw their support be-

hind the campaign, saying biking infrastructure would reduce traffic congestion.

The council has allocated The council has allocated \$1.4 million in the draft budget for footpath and bike path renewal, \$100,000 for more lighting along the Upfield Shared Path and \$300,000 for construction of a shared path in Glenroy from Loongana Ave to the Moongap Poyde Creek

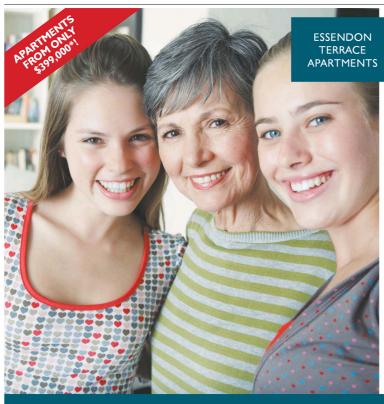
Loongana Ave to the Moon-ee Ponds Creek.
There is also \$800,000 for construction of Brunswick Cycling Club's pavilion and \$700,000 for the upgrade of its velodrome.

A number of submitters requested cash for the Rob-erts Reserve velodrome and pavilion be instead spent on

pavinon be instead spent on north-south bike paths. Submitters also called for funding for the Merlynston Progress Hall, Glenroy Bowls Club, City Oval and

Hosken Reserve.

The council will consider the submissions for inclusion in its budget, which will be adopted on June 22.



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