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CAMPAIGN

Mentoring clinics

Small businesses can make the most of free mentoring clinics offered once a month at **Moonee Valley Council**. The council and SBMS are offering sessions between 10.30am and 2.45pm with general business advice and help on how to overcome issues. The next session is on March 10. The clinics can be booked via mvcc.vic.gov.au/businessesvents or by calling 9243 1054.

Food festival

Ascot Vale's cafes, restaurants and bars will show off a range of food as part of the Tastes of Union Road event on March 12. The free day will include food tastings and children's activities between 10am and 2pm.

Start-up launches

Essendon-based fintech start-up Dragon Bill has launched its online business with the aim of helping small businesses getting transactions paid on time. The company acts as a third party between business and customer. For more details on the business go to dragonbill.com



Janine D'Souza from Caroline Chisholm Society is hoping a Leader Local Grant can help them dish out more newborn nappies to vulnerable mums.
Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO

Cash will keep them covered

NAPPIES NEEDED TO AID MUMS

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A SHORTAGE of newborn nappies is leaving a family support service unable to help vulnerable mothers.

Caroline Chisholm Society welfare case manager Janine D'Souza said the organisation was running low on donations for newborn nappies.

"We seem to have such a shortage of newborn nappies and with so many pregnant women coming through we just don't have the newborn nappies to give them unfortunately," Ms D'Souza said.

Those who come seeking their services are usually given 20 nappies, which is normally used up within days.

The Moonee Ponds organisation is hoping to score a Leader Local Grant worth

\$1000, which would provide them with the ability to dish out more nappies.

"If we had more nappies to give, that would be fantastic. That could go really go a long way," Ms D'Souza said.

"It's really lovely to be able to give someone something tangible but there's also other issues like how you prioritise who gets what and sometimes you feel like you don't have enough to give."

Leader is giving local groups the chance to win \$1000 across each of its 33 paper catchments for projects that benefit the community.

The applicant with the highest number of online votes will win.

Go to leaderlocalgrants.com.au and nominate. Hurry, applications close on Friday.

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