

SUNNYBANK

Corporate clothes call

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THE help victims of domestic violence desperately need could be gathering dust in the back of the wardrobe.

The Women's Legal Service Queensland has put the call out for donations of quality designer and corporate clothing for its much-anticipated annual designer fashion pop-up.

Co-hosted by the Women Lawyer's Association of Queensland, the event aims to raise funds for the service, as well as greater awareness of the scourge of domestic violence.

Women's Legal Service co-ordinator Rosslyn Monro said the centre had experienced a 40 per cent jump in demand in the past year because of the higher profile of domestic violence.

She said the efforts of Australian of the Year Rosie Batty and the release of the *Not Now, Not Ever* taskforce report, headed by former Governor-General Quentin Bryce, had encouraged many more victims to come forward.

"We were already aware we had a high number of calls that could not be answered, which is why we started a new helpline in January," Ms Monro said.

"We can now answer more calls than ever before, and we're fortunate to have secured corporate support and critical and stressful time.

funding from the State Government for the helpline."

Moreton federal ALP MP Graham Perrett said the centre provided an important service for women at a critical and stressful time.

Women can donate corporate and designer clothing, including accessories, handbags and shoes, in excellent condition.

The event will take place on May 20 at Saint Andrew's Uniting Church Hall in the CBD.

POP-UP SALE HELPS WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE

Rebecca Wildermuth, from Women's Legal Service, is calling on southsiders to donate corporate clothes.

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DROP-OFF SPOT AT SUNNYBANK

Drop corporate and designer clothing, including accessories, handbags and shoes to federal MP Graham Perrett's office: Suite 106, Sunnybank Times Square, Sunnybank

GREATER BRISBANE

Donations get shipped off to Fiji

CALAMVALE resident Kistanna Hodgson has packed more than 300 boxes of goods to be shipped to cyclone-devastated Fiji.

Ms Hodgson said she hoped to receive more donations of non-perishable food items and medical supplies.

Thousands were affected after Cyclone Winston battered the island nation last month.

To donate, phone Ms Hodgson on 0431 409 008.

A collection point has also been set up at Middle Park for donations of school supplies for students in Fiji.

Ray White Middle Park agent Susan Bardon plans to take a suitcase filled with supplies when she visits the country later this month.

"We were talking in the office about it ... We've all got young kids and send them off to school with what they need, whereas in Fiji they didn't have much to start with and now they have even less," Ms Bardon said.

Donations can be left at the Ray White office in the Park Village Shopping Centre, 92 Horizon Drive, Middle Park, during office hours.

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