On your marks, get set, inspire

Paralympian hopeful Gabriel Cole credits his former Mercedes College running coach Ellen Bailey for encouraging him to pursue athletics. Cole is now returning the favour, inspiring Mercedes students including Georgia, 13, Isobel, 13, and Jed, 15, to pursue the sport. See Page 4

Picture: MARK BRAKE

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Help keep the homeless warm in winter

**Eleanor Miller**

**WORKING** as a wedding planner, Alice MacFarlane enjoyed her career but always felt something was missing.

So she switched to the not-for-profit sector – becoming the marketing manager at UnitingCare Wesley – and then started up charity clothing drive Hang it up for Poverty. The drive allows people to donate pre-loved clothes which are then distributed directly to the homeless and those in financial difficulty. Miss MacFarlane (pictured) says the idea is to provide warm clothing directly to those who need it. “There are so many people in different situations,” Miss MacFarlane says. “We want to allow them to spend money on food, or put money towards rent or petrol to get to appointments, rather than clothing.”

Hang it up for Poverty has grown steadily since it started in 2012. “It’s been really exciting to see,” she says. “Last year, there were over 10,000 items donated and this year we’re hoping for around 20,000. I think it’s achievable but we’ll see.”

Donations can be made at Westfield Marion on June 9 and 16, from 9am-9pm. For other locations see hangitupforpoverty.org.au.