

Untapped employee source

RETURNING to the workforce is a daunting experience, says local Coomera mum Gillian Watling.

Ms Watling says she was out of work for some time to raise her three year old, but wanted to return to work to be more than just a great parent.

“My self-confidence eroded over time and I felt unemployable until Sarina Russo Job Access highlighted a range of skills I can offer employers,” she says.

“Most parents also have great

organisational and time-management skills and these skills can be directly transferred into the workforce.

“Six months after starting work at National Web Directory, I was promoted from administration assistant to editor.”

Judi McConville, from Sarina Russo Job Access Nerang, says looking for work is tough but the benefits are rewarding.

“In the short term, it’s the satisfaction of earning a salary, being part of a team and increasing your

skills,” she says.

“In the longer term, it’s a chance to establish a career and provide security for your family.

“Parents returning to the workforce are a perfect fit for business because they want flexible hours and have lots of transferable skills – they are really an untapped employee source.”

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Gillian Watling has a range of skills to offer employers

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BALANCING a career with motherhood can be a challenge, but it is achievable, says Australian Institute of Massage graduate Keryn White.

“I have enough time to take care of my beautiful children and run my business from home,” says Ms White.

“I used to think I needed to choose between a happy family and a successful career.”

Ms White is a professional massage therapist after

graduating from the Australian Institute of Massage at the end of last year.

“I can book clients around my family life, thanks to my flexible hours,” she says.

“Being a mother and career woman complement each other.”

College captain Josh Sirett says the Australian Institute of Massage is passionate about creating world-class therapists.

“If you have a passion for health and wellbeing, a career in massage therapy can be rewarding,” he says.

“We have students that set up their own businesses and employers calling every week for our graduates.”

For more information call the Australian Institute of Massage at Helensvale on 5502 6555.