

People in business

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Mums back at work

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Mum at work: Frith Edwards and Kathryn MacMillan outside Kids Kommotion in Cronulla. Kylie Catalano, founder of Kids Kommotion, says that by offering family-friendly hours, her children's clothing store is a better business. **Picture:** Lisa McMahon

FRITH Edwards is one of a growing number of mothers who wanted to return to the workforce on a flexible basis.

The Cronulla resident has two teenage children, and maintaining a balance between work and family life was a priority.

So she turned to local employment company, Nine2Three, which helps mothers find employment with flexible hours.

"I am a fully trained bookkeeper with more than 20 years business experience and I wanted a part-time bookkeeping job in Sutherland Shire," Mrs Edwards said.

Nine2Three found her a position as a bookkeeper at Kids Kommotion, a children's clothing store in Cronulla. Mrs Edwards works at the store three days a week, 9am to 3pm.

Kathryn MacMillan, who established Nine2Three four years ago, said her company had helped more than 100 local mums return to the workforce.

"Today's mothers tend to have more pre-family career experience, making them very desirable job candidates. It's a labor force that's highly motivated and highly trained," she said.

"Employers that offer flexible work schedules, telecommuting and other family-friendly programs can tap into this talented workforce and attract highly skilled staff."

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