

Child-care directory

By Kristen Campise

BETWEEN caring for her two children and returning to the work force, Kaylene Sanders found looking for child care a nightmare.

"It was difficult. The only way to find centres was to look them up in the Yellow Pages, then drive around visiting them with the kids to find out what type of care they provided," Mrs Saunders said.

"There was nothing comprehensive, all the information was static."

After talking to her friend, Donna James, at her weekly mother's group, Mrs Sanders found she was not alone in her dilemma.

The two mothers decided to create comprehensive, child-care directories specifically for St George and Sutherland Shire.

"The websites are a free service which offer in-depth information on all the child-care services in the region," she said.

"Not only do we provide contact details, but also age specifications, class sizes, staff information, services, routines, accreditation levels and any other information parents may need."

Users can register for a mailing list from the website. The list is emailed monthly with the latest information on vacancies and centres in the region.

Child-care providers can register their centre on the directory as a way to showcase their centre to parents.

**Details, shirechildcare.com.au,
stgeorgechildcare.com.au
or call Kaylene on 0422 004 646.**



Bringing parents together: Donna James (left), Kaylene Sanders, with Kids Ella and Taj Sanders.