

Employers tap into mature-aged pool

ANGELA Numans is proof people over 55 are a valuable asset to the Australian workforce.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data, released in June, revealed that while birth rates were rising, the population was continuing to age.

The 55 to 64-year group had increased from 9 per cent to 11 per cent of the population.

Sarina Russo Job Access agrees mature-aged employees are a necessary and valuable asset to the Australian workforce.

"Mature-aged employees appreciate the opportunity to work and will go the extra mile to make a difference to their standard of service," Nundah manager Jocelyn Thomas said.

"With skill shortages being felt across the local business community, mature-aged people are an untapped source of employment.

"As an organisation we are very successful in fine-tuning the right skills, attitudes and experiences that mature job seekers require to impress employers."

This year the company employed Ms Numans, who left her job as a teacher aide



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■ Job satisfaction . . . Angela Numans and Jocelyn Thomas.

when she relocated to Sandgate.

Ms Numans described the job-seeking experience as "daunting".

"I hadn't been out of work before," she said. "It was the first time I'd had to look in an unemployed state."

Ms Numans said she was glad companies such as Sarina Russo took a positive approach. In her role as a vocational officer at Sarina Russo's Nundah office, Ms Numans helps people in the situation she faced earlier this year.