



# Olive still keen to work at 83

MANY people in their 80s are enjoying retirement, living the good life and taking things easy. But not Olive Kane. **Barbara Lynch** reports.

**A**N 83-year-old job seeker from Wynnum West has proved that age is no barrier to seeking employment.

Olive Kane has become the oldest registered job seeker at Sarina Russo Job Access in Queensland after she walked in off the street looking for a job in December.

The pensioner said her only reason for re-entering the workforce was for extra spending money.

"I take a lot of vitamins and they are expensive," she said.

"I wanted extra money and did not want to watch the bank balance go down."

The self-confessed people person is open to any type of work.

"Anything that pleases people I can do," Mrs Kane said.

"I feel as if I can learn all sort of things and the older I get, the better I feel."

Sarina Russo Job Access Wynnum site manager Kevin Chapman said other job seekers should be encouraged by Mrs Kane's story.

"She is truly one of society's workers," Mr Chapman said.

"She's 83-years-old and does not rely on the system," he said.

Mrs Kane has a variety of experience ranging from driving instructor, stationery shop attend-

ant and brochure delivery.

She was a driving instructor in the army from 1942-46 and owned the first driving school in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, from 1964-1966.

Mrs Kane spends her time painting portraits and writing her autobiography.

She loves to garden and walks for half an hour each morning to keep fit.

The 83-year-old is looking for four hours' work a week.

Mr Chapman said he would endeavour to find her a job and her age had no bearing on her gaining employment through Sarina Russo Job Access.



■ Job service . . . Olive Kane explains to site manager Kevin Chapman why she registered for employment.