

Local Knowledge

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COMMUNITY

Therese Kelly first moved to Blackburn 23 years ago and is the chief executive at Taralye oral language centre for children. She shared her thoughts on the suburb with reporter Stacy Allen.

What attracted you to Blackburn?

I like the community feel of the area and found it a really great place to raise our family of four children. The parks and vegetation make it an attractive environment and we are an easy stroll from Blackburn Lake.

What is a highlight of living in Whitehorse?

The shops and cafes have a nice feel. It's not too busy, yet there are major shopping centres nearby.

Best places to eat in Blackburn?

Midori Japanese Takeaway in Railway Pde and Jacaranda Tree Cafe in Blackburn Rd.

When did you start at Taralye?

I'm an audiologist and started working in the audiology clinic in



2004. My mother-in-law is severely to profoundly deaf and sparked a lot of my interest in working with the deaf.

Before Taralye I was with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute for about three to four years.

What do you like about working at Taralye?

It is very much a part of the community.

About 150 children who are deaf are part of the early intervention program and the audiology clinic sees about 6000 children a year.

There are also about 200 children in the kindergarten program from the eastern suburbs community who are not deaf.