



Dulwich Hill publisher Lisa Hanrahan at The Last Drop.

## Time out for a baby inspired publisher

### LAST DROP

**Where:** 538 Marrickville Rd, Dulwich Hill

**How much:** Mezze platter \$15, keftethes \$10, spanakopita \$6.50, marinated grilled chicken salad \$12.50

**When:** Monday to Friday 7.30am-5.30pm, Saturday 7.30am-4pm

**Details:** 9572 9800.

### EAT YOUR WORDS

**Sarah McInerney**

LISA Hanrahan has made the dive into small business ownership by starting up her own publishing company.

The Dulwich Hill resident is co-owner of Rockpool Publishing, which has just released its first book, *The Post Baby Conversation*, written by Alison Osborne.

The subject matter is very close to Ms Hanrahan's heart as the mother of three children, two of whom are toddlers.

She took some time out of her busy schedule to meet *The Glebe* for lunch at local cafe Last Drop.

"I love the ambience here – the food and service was good and I love the Greek element," she said. "It is a good place to come and do a bit of writing. Dulwich Hill is changing and they need a few more places like this around."

Ms Hanrahan is no stranger to change. She became a mother again 14 years after the birth of her first daughter and in the

process made the move from the security of a position at Random House to starting up her own company.

Rockpool Publishing was established in July and will specialise in non-fiction books about family and the mind, body and spirit.

The first book is a guide on how to be a happy couple with children.

"There are no books out there on the relationship of couples after a baby," she said.

Ms Hanrahan said it was having time away from the office while on maternity leave that gave her the head space to contemplate a new business venture.

"Everyone thinks once you have a baby your life stops, but my view point is that you just look at it differently," she said.

"There is a growth in women working from home and starting their own businesses."

*The Post Baby Conversation* will be launched by the NSW Writers Centre at Leichhardt Town Hall at 10am, Sunday, November 25.