



This cappuccino more than fluff on top

It was while running a massage business on the Cocos Islands deep in the Indian Ocean in the 1990s that former Royal Australian Air Force signals operator and linguist Rhonda Elliott also served powdered milk coffee to the small population.

Ten years later and she was on the Sunshine Coast running her own Cafe2U mobile coffee franchise, and the best part of her job is

when a customer turns around after taking the first sip and says, "Great coffee."

"It's a big change now," she said.

"They (her years on the islands) were the days when I just jiggle up and down and make some fluff and pure it over the top and call it a cappuccino."

Ms Elliott followed her husband to the Cocos Islands, an Australian territory located about 700km from

Christmas Island and where real milk cost \$6 a litre, after the RAAF stationed him there.

She first sighted Cafe2U at a franchise expo in Brisbane in 2007 while examining the possibility of buying a business.

Having been drawn to the exhibit by the "in your face" presentation of the vehicles, she started the business in October 2008 and services an area from Mooloolaba to

south of Pelican Waters, and from the coast to the Bruce Highway.

It is the contact with her customers and working outdoors that she most relishes.

"I've lived in every Australian state except Tasmania, two territories and an offshore territory, but moving to the Sunshine Coast in 2002 has been the best move I've made," she said.



FANCY A COFFEE?: Cafe2U Caloundra owner Rhonda Elliott is relishing building a successful business on the Coast.

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