The pitter patter of paws

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WALKING dogs has proved to be a dream job for Mosman resident Summer Butler.

After a successful career in real estate, the 31-year-old missed working with animals and decided to return to the business she started as a teenager.

She had worked for Cremorne Veterinary Hospital (then Warringah Animal Hospital) and Cremorne Pet Centre for years, since she was 13.

Every day after school, on weekends and during school holidays, she kept busy grooming dogs, cleaning kennels and looking after the pet shop.

She soon began a dog walking business around the streets of Cremorne and Neutral Bay.

"I used to take dogs for long walks for $5," she said.

About four months ago, Miss Butler, who is a vet nurse, left her real estate job and started dog walking and pet minding business: Pitter Patter Paws.

With the help of mum Barbara Butler, they walk up to eight dogs twice a day, usually around Tunks Park, Sirius Cove or Clontarf Beach.

They cover the suburbs between The Spit bridge, Kirribilli and Naremburn, and use their doggy van to pick them up.

Miss Butler said she saw a gap in the market, with many people not having time to walk their dog once a day, or have someone to look after their pet during holidays.

She also saw the business as a way of spending more time with her own dogs.

"I spend my days in the park with my mum and the dogs instead of slaving away in an office," she said.

» **Details: pitterpatterpaws.com.au.**

Summer Butler with her own dogs Casper, India and Darcey. Picture: DAVE SWIFT

Protest a sign of times

LARGE steel signs decrying State Government planning laws could be erected all over the North Sydney Council area.

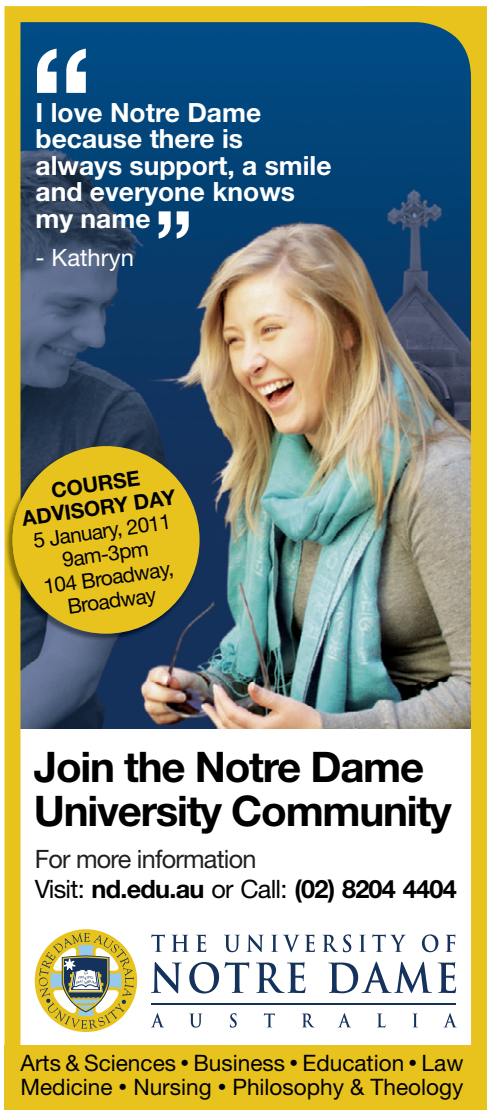
The signs would be placed outside buildings approved under the controversial part 3A legislation, meaning it has been determined by the State Government and not the council.

The 3m high signs would declare that the development was not the council's doing.

The Save Our Suburbs signs were an initiative of former Parramatta lord mayor Paul Garrard in his fight against "inappropriate" government development.

New Parramatta Lord Mayor John Chedid sent a letter to North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery last month to invite North Sydney Council to join the campaign and to use the signs.

At last week's meeting it was decided that council staff should report back on how much their involvement in the campaign would cost.



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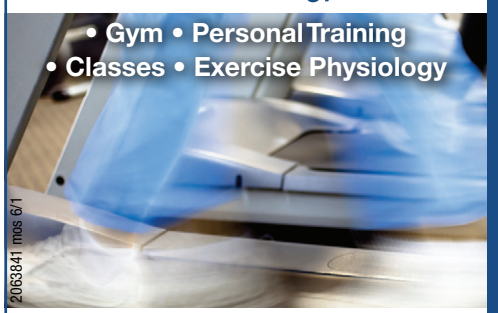

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