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## Getting fit to make babies

Losing weight and increasing fitness can boost fertility and the chance of falling prefnant under IVF, a study has found.

he IVF Australia research found that almost half of infertile participants fell pregnant, proving three brisk 45-minute walks a week and a greater emphasis on health can help you to have a baby.

Proud mum **Penny Georgopoulos** is living, walking proof. The Kingsgrove woman and her husband of 11 years tried unsuccessfully to have a baby for almost a decade.

After three failed IVF attempts, they were told in no uncertain terms to give up as it was "hopeless".

But last year, the selfconfessed overweight 33-year old met IVF Australia fertility specialist Professor Michael Chapman and enrolled in his pilot fit for Fertility program.

She lost 10kg by walking and eating a healthy, balanced diet and then became pregnant on her first IVF attempt.

Every day, she looks at baby **Angelo** and smiles.

"He is amazing", she said of her 2 1/2 month old son.

"I look at him every day and I still can't believe I have a child. Our life has com-



pletely changed - and changed for the better.

"Professor Chapman said "Let's go and do this before we do IVF" and it was the best thing I ever did.

"It made me realise I wasn't the only one - I met people who had similar stories and similar experiences. It really lifted the pressure off and I got really serious about weight loss".

Ms Georgopoulos was one of 15 women who had undergone IVF without success and who took part in the program. Of those, seven became pregnant within 12 months after losing an average of 2.7 kg - a 46% success rate.

Professor Chapman said fertility specialists had known for some years that being overweight reduced fertility, increased the risk of miscarriage and carried increased risks during labour and delivery.

"Fit for Fertility replicated an Adelaide study, on a smaller level in a clinical setting, to see if the same results could be achieved", he said. "While it is known that reducing weight has a positive effect on fertility and conception, the reasons why are not fully known".

The Fitness for Fertility program involved weekly-meetings, which included participants taking a 45-minute walk followed by discussions about aspects of weight control with Dr Neil Pearce from the Sydney Medical Weight-Loss Centre.

The women also pledged to take a further two 45-minute walks between their meetings.

Given the program's success, IVF Australia is likely to run the program again next year.

## Faros Bros fish market expands in Marrickville

FISHMONGERS Faros Brothers in Marrickville has finally landed its prize catch - council approval to move to a larger premises across the road.

The Buckley St seafood wholesaler can now expand its retail business to 90sq m at the old Attiki Yoghurt factory and provide 14 off-street parking spaces for customers and staff.

Marrickville Council finally approved the application last Tuesday after heated discussions between Greens councillors and independent **Cr Dimitri Thanos** - who were for the proposal - and independent councillors Morris Hannah and Victor Macri, who wanted the retail element cut back and a traffic controller employed.

Crs Hannah and Macri argued the move would affect local businesses who used Wilkinson Lane for deliveries.

"The prime use is an industrial zone. This is full-blown retail use," Cr Macri said.

Cr Thanos said the application was compliant and there were no grounds for refusal.

"It's a very large building and we're talking about a very small retail component of the business - about eight per cent of the floor space," Cr Thanos said.

He said a refusal could put the council in the Land and Environment Court, defending a decision to knock back a compliant DA. Greens councillor Max Phillips said "certain councillors" were "trying to nobble" Faros Bros and the plans were an improvement.

"It's a much bigger site, the carpark has more space and you can go in and out much more safely," Cr Phillips said. Council officers recommended the application for approval in July but it was dragged through the council's traffic committee twice, despite no traffic problems being identified. Faros Brothers did not want to comment on the victory.

The retail business will open from 7am to 6pm seven days a week.