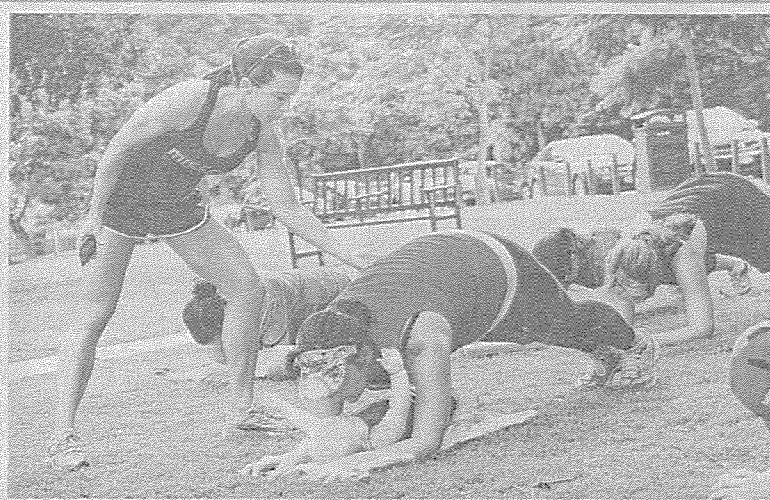


# For runners or cyclists, dawn is a time . . .



Walker is more worried by road conditions than noise levels.



**Solid argument:** Even Kate Beeley's group fitness classes are under scrutiny.

Picture: Dane Beesley

# When any noise annoys us

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CYCLISTS, personal trainers and rowing clubs are being ordered to keep a lid on it after coming under fire over noisy fitness sessions.

While thousands of noise complaints are made each year about roadworks, dogs and renovations, authorities are now facing complaints over cyclists and rowing squads shattering the peace at dawn.

One rowing club has had angry residents arriving on its doorstep after being woken by coaches using megaphones as early as 5am.

And Bicycle Queensland has had to remind its members to pipe down on early-morning rides.

Soaring interest in cycling across the state has seen Bicycle Queens-

land's membership leap 20 per cent in one year to 12,000 members. But it has also led to noise complaints from residents on popular cycling routes.

"This is not a law-breaking thing, it is an etiquette thing," Bicycle Queensland manager Ben Wilson said.

Bicycle Queensland said the Sandgate foreshore and Brisbane River loop, linking the city to Indooroopilly, were complaint hotspots. But Yeronga resident Rae Walker, who lives on the Brisbane River loop, was more worried about dangerous road conditions than cyclist noise levels.

"They (cyclists) come belting down there and there is a stop sign there that they never ever stop at," she said.

Rowing clubs were also receiving complaints, with Brisbane and GPS

Rowing Club secretary Andrew McNicol accusing other clubs of creating neighbourhood disputes by ignoring bans on megaphones before 6.30am.

But on the Gold Coast, where the council is cracking down on noisy group fitness classes in parks, some personal trainers are fighting back.

MissFit PT owner Kate Beeley has been warned by the council she could face a fee to use the park, even though her classes are held at 9.30am and only on weekdays.

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