

PARRAMATTA

Ink-redible way to right a major tattoo wrong

New laser clinic makes bad idea thing of the past

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BROKEN hearts across the nation rejoice.

Those ex-lovers and moments of relationships-past etched onto your body can now be removed as easily as they were once drawn.

Tri-laser technology is now available in Parramatta to provide a fix for those everlasting love notes you would rather not remember.

Laser technician Editt Pall knows all too well the burden of a bad tattoo and has gone in to business to make life a little easier for others to get theirs removed.

"A bad tattoo can really impact your life, your job prospects and your relationships," she said.

She said while most inkings seemed like "a good idea

The research

- ▶ One in five Australians has one or more tattoos
- ▶ For the majority (72%) of tattooed Australians their most recent tattoo was a picture or symbol. For 1 in 5 it was a phrase or a word
- ▶ More than 1 in 4 say they regret getting a tattoo
- ▶ Fifteen per cent have looked into tattoo removal

at the time", the light of day could be a rude shock.

The removal process varies depending on the age and depth of tattoo, a client's age and where it is on the body, but most can be removed in six to 12 sessions.

With the number of Australians opting to get inked

on the rise, our attitudes towards the practice are becoming much more relaxed.

Research by Merrifield shows one in five Australians has one or more tattoos – that increases to one in four for Australian women.

"I think people make more hasty decisions on getting inked because they know they can get rid of it," Ms Pall said.

The clinic has been open in Parramatta for the past three months and Ms Pall said it had been mostly 20-somethings coming through the door.

Tattoo-removal clinics are largely unregulated and those thinking of amending their prior decisions are urged to check testimonials and shop around.



Editt Pall removes a tattoo at the Tattoo Removal Institute in Parramatta.

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