



# BUBS JUST LAP IT UP

A SPECIALISED swim school for babies and toddlers is looking to expand into Townsville. Little Snappers Swim School co-director Mark Dalle Court and his mother Chris Dalle Court established a swim school in Cairns four years ago with a focus on small classes and one-on-one learning. Its success has them looking at two sites in Townsville. Carlie Briscoe (*pictured*) and daughter Hayley, eight months, are among the many satisfied Little Snappers clients. REPORT: Prime Site, page 21.

Picture: Kirsty Lea Photography

prime site

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# New wave school

## Little Snappers keen to teach our water babies

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A BOUTIQUE swim school for babies and toddlers is eyeing off two Townsville sites for its expansion into North Queensland.

Little Snappers Swim School co-director Mark Dalle Court and his mother, ex-professional swimmer Chris Dalle Court, joined forces in Cairns four years ago to establish a

boutique swim school with a focus on small classes and one-on-one learning.

The concept has been popular with families in Cairns, where the Dalle Courts now have a waiting list "as long as they can count."

"We thought we should bring this to Townsville partly as a response to what we got there," Mr Dalle Court said.

"We have experienced owning and operating commercial sized swim centres ... but have found a new trend that families are increasingly preferring smaller more inti-

mate boutique style learning centres.

"People like that intimate one-on-one environment. A lot actually learn a lot quicker."

Mr Dalle Court said there had been a proliferation of child care centres in Townsville's growing outer suburbs but only a handful of swim schools catered to the masses of young families moving in.

Little Snappers' planning applications for separate sites at Rasmussen and Deeragan are currently being considered by Townsville City Council.

Mr Dalle Court said if given the nod in Townsville, Little Snappers would cater for babies as young as two months old up to teenagers.

He said the school offered a free aquatic education program for two and three month olds encouraging parents to introduce their babies to water as early as possible.

"We introduced this initiative 12 months ago and have had an overwhelming response from the community," Mr Dalle Court said.

"We have had several hundred newborn babies come through this program."

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## Bali flights hit turbulence over executions

# DEATH ROW BACKLASH

ANTHONY GALLOWAY

THE executions of drug smugglers Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran (*below*) are stalling the commencement of flights between Townsville and Bali. Townsville Airport is ready and Jetstar has said it wants to launch flights this year, but the *Bulletin* understands the controversy over the executions has delayed negotiations.

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DADDY'S GIRLS:  
Johnathan  
Thurston with  
Charlie Grace and  
Frankie Louise.  
Picture: FACEBOOK



## Thurston takes shiner to newborn

NO AMOUNT of cheap shots could wipe the smile off North Queensland Cowboys star Johnathan Thurston's bruised and battered face this week after the arrival of his second daughter.

Thurston and fiancée Samantha Lynch welcomed Charlie Grace into the world at 8.50am on Monday. She was 2.95kg.

Charlie is the couple's second child, joining big sister Frankie Louise, who was born in June 2013.

Thurston was sporting an impressive shiner after being viciously targeted by the Newcastle Knights last weekend, but that didn't stop him proudly showing off his family's newest addition on social media websites yesterday.

In a post on Facebook, Thurston said Frankie seemed unimpressed by her little sister.

"Frankie was intrigued for a while but then decided her new Mickey Mouse teddy was way more fun!!" he posted.

Cowboys coach Paul Green said Charlie's arrival would give his champion playmaker healthy motivation after the team's disappointing start to the season.

"Knowing him like I do, he takes losses pretty hard and if you sit and dwell on it, it can get on your mind," he said. "It's a pretty exciting time for him and his family and I reckon it will be a good thing for him."

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