



## Mark Dalle Cort, 33 ►

When retired footballer Mark Dalle Cort finished his professional rugby league career, his passion for creation and development led him to establish Little Snappers Swim School.

The former Dragons and Cowboys player believes that the greatest joy in the world comes from teaching a child to swim for the first time.

“It creates a sense of accomplishment and confidence in a child that is beautiful to see,” says Mark.

With educating children at the forefront of what he does, Mark operates under the philosophy of teaching from the heart. With a motto of Love, Laugh, Swim, Mark and his wife Mai have franchised Little Snappers, and have three new swim schools opening in Townsville and Gladstone this year.

Attributing his achievements to his drive to keep moving forward, Mark believes that success can be judged on many different levels. “I believe true success is having a well balanced life. Life balance is something that can be overlooked on the road to success,” he says. With plans to continue growing the Little Snappers franchises, and forming a not-for-profit group to provide free swimming lessons for underprivileged children domestically and internationally, Mark is inspired by the people around him who fearlessly chase their dreams.

**“Anything is possible. If you have a passion and believe in something, put one foot in front of the other and just do it,” he says. CL**