

# Your support is helping to change the lives of our tiniest patients

During a 20-week pregnancy scan, Carla and her partner Mick received the overwhelming news that their baby boy Ethan's spinal cord was failing to develop properly in the womb.



A distressing diagnosis of spina bifida followed, but Carla and Mick vowed to never give up on their precious baby boy.

The couple travelled to Brisbane from their hometown of Yeppoon for multiple medical appointments at Mater Mothers' Hospital. They remained positive after Mater doctors said they could operate to help improve Ethan's mobility and the chances he will be able to walk independently in the future.

Ethan was just 24 weeks' gestation when doctors made incisions into Carla's abdomen and uterus, enabling them to reach her unborn baby's lower back to repair the spina bifida.

Baby Ethan was born on June 22, just three weeks after the surgery was performed, weighing just 1.29kg.



"Families usually discover the diagnosis of spina bifida at their routine ultrasound scan but until 2016, when Mater first performed the ground-breaking surgery, parents had to wait until the baby was born for their child to be operated on."

 Dr Glenn Gardener, Director Maternal Fetal Medicine

Above: Dr Glenn Gardener - Director Maternal Fetal Medicine, is currently the only specialist in Australia and New Zealand performing fetal surgery for spina bifida.







"For a period there it was touch and go for Ethan, but he's showed us how strong he is... he really is my miracle baby" Carla said.

Carla said while it was too early for doctors to give Ethan the all-clear, he had already shown he has full movement in his body

Carla said Ethan also suffered from hydrocephalus, a build-up of fluid in and around his brain often associated with spina bifida. After 11 weeks of around-the-clock care at Mater Mothers' Hospital, Carla and baby Ethan have now joined their family back

Thank you for your support of Mater Prize Home – you truly are changing the lives of patients and their families – just like Carla and Ethan.

**Top:** Carla and Mick meet their precious baby boy. **2nd from top:** Ethan during his stay at Mater

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When Miss D picked up the phone and found out the lifechanging news she said;

"This is a joke. I'm not processing this at all...I'm shaking. I don't know how to put this into words. Oh my gosh... this is ridiculous. I've just had the hardest year too. Thank you so much!"

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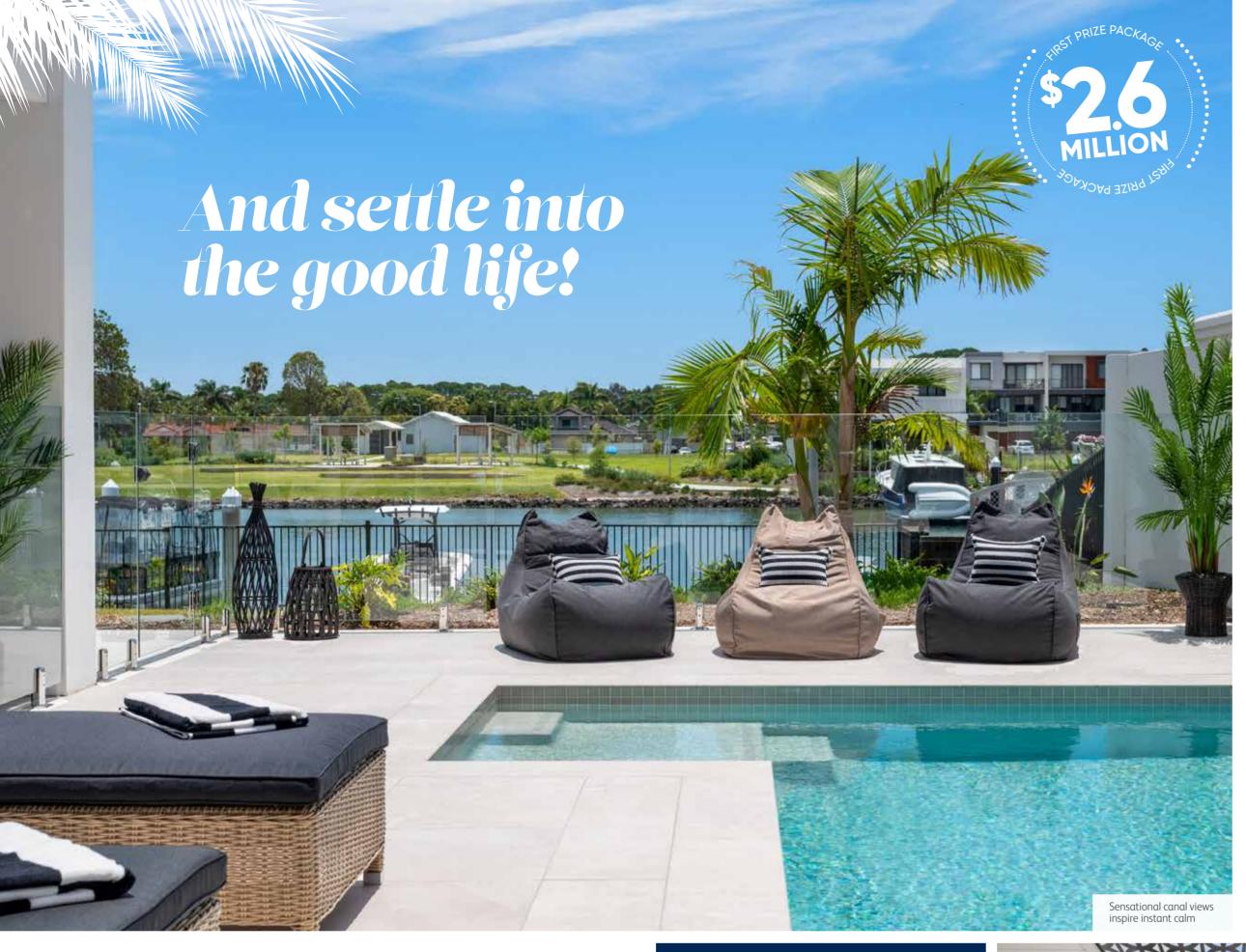






















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