

Xade Borwick – A True Lifesaver!

For those of you who don't know Xade, Xade is in the Under 9s Canberra/Broulee Nippers. Recently, Xade displayed maturity and courage beyond a lot of adults, in saving the life of a toddler at a Canberra pool.

Xade's mum, Ailsa, recalled that Xade approached her at the pool and said "Mum, I think I'm a hero". Needless to say Xade had his mum's full attention!!

Xade had come across a toddler lying under the water – he observed that no one was watching, and subsequently picked her up and helped her get to the edge of the pool.

The toddler's mum had not been watching due to being distracted by the mobile, and upon noticing the toddler coughing and spluttering at the edge of the pool, was none too pleased with Xade!! Even though Xade explained what had happened, the embarrassed parent scooped up their little one and headed off without acknowledging the incredible act Xade had just done. It's important to note that this parent was a member of the public visiting the pool – this did not occur during a Nippers session.

The area of the pool where this occurred was out of sight of the Lifeguards and Xade relayed the information to the pool manager to help prevent this happening into the future. They were very grateful for the information. Xade's quick thinking and actions have saved a life, and he has displayed behaviour that all of us at the Canberra/Broulee Nippers should be very proud of. It also reinforces the importance of what the SLS Australia does with the Nippers, and how the Nippers program like what we have at Canberra/Broulee can give kids like Xade the confidence to step up and do extraordinary things. On behalf of the Canberra/Broulee Nippers, we are very proud of you Xade!!