

Shane Roberts

What do you wish you hadn't wasted so much time worrying about as a dad?

I think before kids you worry a lot about your ability to be a parent and certainly question yourself on whether you will be a good Dad. The reality I think is that you can only be true to who you are, not become someone else. The most important thing is to always give your love and to not be scared to show your kids that, at times, you too can be emotional and vulnerable.

What dreams do you have for your kids?

My greatest dream for my kids is that they lead a healthy and happy life and continue to be active and learn. Whatever path they choose, I hope they are continually challenged and that they never simply accept the status quo.

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patient as a Dad and I am continually learning to be aware of my emotions and feelings and those of my girls as this is really important in building strong and understanding relationships with my daughters.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

I'd love to be camping with my family back in my homeland, New Zealand - looking down on a right hand point surf break. Surfing all day with the kids and then

chilling at night around a fire, eating great food and enjoying the region's red wine with Tracey.

What is your favourite thing to do with your kids?

I love being in and around water with my kids; swimming, surfing, water-skiing or paddling. I grew up learning to love the water and this is something I really wanted my kids to be passionate about and thankfully they are. I love seeing my girls challenge themselves - they're really in to their local surf club, swimming and water polo and I just love

watching them have fun.

What's on your Father's Day wish list this year?

To be honest - nothing. I just love that each Father's Day the girls always go out of their way to make the day special, with hand-made cards and gifts, helping me out and just hanging out with them at home is awesome. However a cheeky ticket to an Indo surf camp would also be well received!

What is the biggest change you found within yourself when you became a dad?

Growing up in a male dominated family, with only a brother, I now find myself with three girls in my life; my wife Tracey and our two daughters Maia and Lila now 15 and 13.

Perhaps this has brought about a softer side to me that I never really knew existed. I have certainly become more



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