



Shark caught in Lake Macquarie

ACTIVITY: Fishing
CASE: [GSAF 1882.04.15](#)
DATE: Saturday April 15, 1882
LOCATION: Lake Macquarie Heads,
New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Unknown

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, April 18,
1882

ENVIRONMENT: Lake Macquarie it is the largest coastal salt water lake in Australia, and has a substantial opening to the sea.

NARRATIVE: A group of three or four men were fishing when one of them fell overboard. A little bantering passed between them, during which the man who had fallen in replied that he would swim ashore. Shortly after he took off his jacket it was believed a shark dragged him under and he was never seen again.

INJURY: Presumed fatal

SPECIES: Shark involvement was suspected but not confirmed.

SOURCES: Newcastle Herald Monday April 17, 1882.
The Mercury (Hobart, Tasmania), Tuesday April 25, 1882.

INTERCOLONIAL TELEGRAMS.

**[From the Melbourne papers.]
NEW SOUTH WALES.**

April 18.
A report from Lake Macquarie Heads states that
a fisherman there was seized by a shark on Satur-
day last from alongside his boat.