

Sandringham Beach, Victoria, Australia



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 1914.06.10](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday June 10, 1914

**LOCATION:** Sandringham, Victoria, Australia

**NAME:** Croxford

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 43-year-old male from Windsor and the father of 11 children. He was a very strong swimmer.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, June 8, 1914

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**TIME:** Afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** See press clippings.

**INJURY:** Fatal

**SPECIES:** Not recorded

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## **MAN KILLED BY A SHARK**

### **IN SIGHT OF HIS WIFE.**

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**MELBOURNE, This Day.**

A man named Croxford was bathing at Sandringham in the presence of his wife, when the latter was horrified to see a large shark seize and draw down her husband, who was not seen again.

# SWIMMER SEIZED BY A SHARK.

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WIFE WATCHES TRAGEDY.

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HER WARNING CAME TOO LATE.

Melbourne, June 10.

This afternoon Mr. Croxford, aged 43, an auctioneer, of Windsor, was taken by a shark while bathing off Sandringham beach. The unfortunate man's wife witnessed the tragedy. Mr. and Mrs. Croxford visited the beach early in the afternoon, and after strolling about Mr. Croxford went in for a swim. He was a very strong swimmer, and he went out a long way from shore. He got back safely, spoke to his wife for a time, and re-entered the water for another swim. Mrs. Croxford was watching her husband, and she says that when he was about 100 yards from the shore she saw a dark object, which she recognised as a shark, dash towards him. She shouted to her husband, but unfortunately it was too late, for he instantly disappeared beneath the water, and was not afterwards seen. The deceased man was the father of 11 children.