

ACTIVITY: Diving for pearl shell
CASE: [GSAF 1928.02.20](#)
DATE: Monday February 20, 1928
LOCATION: The attack took place near Barrow Point, Queensland, Australia.
14°22'S

NAME: Wanewa
DESCRIPTION: He was a Torres Strait Islander, one of the divers from the lugger *Marion*.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: New Moon, February 21, 1928

NARRATIVE: See press clipping below.

INJURY: Fatal.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

SOURCES: Townsville Daily Bulletin, Tuesday February 28, 1928, page 10; Victor M. Coppleson (1958), page 242



Photograph: Kerry Trapnel

Barrow Point, Cape Melville National Park, north of Cooktown

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Note: The date listed by Coppleson is thought to be simply a misprint; a search of Australian newspaper records failed to locate a fatal attack on a diver named Wanewa in 1933

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