

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: GSAF 1929.09.01
DATE: Sunday September 1, 1929
LOCATION: Ross Creek, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.
19°14'S, 146°50'E

NAME: Edward William Hobbs
DESCRIPTION: He was a 42-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, September 3, 1929

ENVIRONMENT: Cattle from North Queensland are prepared for export a few miles out of the city and offal is discharged into the river, attracting large numbers of sharks.

NARRATIVE: Edward Hobbs slipped and fell from a wharf into the water. He was immediately bitten by a shark.

INJURY: Fatal. Both legs were severely injured. He was rescued, but died shortly after he was lifted into the boat.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: Argus (Melbourne), Monday September 2, 1929, page 7; Victor M. Coppleson.Q7 (1933); Victor M. Coppleson (1958), pages 90 & 237; Alan Sharpe, page 96



ATTACKED BY SHARK.

TOWNSVILLE MAN KILLED.

Falls From Wharf Into Water.

TOWNSVILLE (Q.), Sunday. — Terrible injuries were received by Edward William Hobbs, who fell from the wharf near the Harbour Board office into Ross Creek and was attacked by a shark at almost the moment he struck the water. The shark tore the flesh from both Hobbs's legs below the knee. Hobbs died shortly after he had been lifted into a boat.