

ACTIVITY: Surfing / swimming

CASE: [GSAF 1975.01.19](#)

DATE: Sunday January 19, 1975

LOCATION: Alamonta Beach near Coffin Bay, South Australia

NAME: David Barrowman

DESCRIPTION: He was a 17-year-old male from Whyalla.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, January 21, 1975

NARRATIVE: The teen was swimming to retrieve his surfboard when he disappeared.

INJURY: Fatal. His body was not recovered.

SOURCES: Adelaide Advertiser, Monday January 20, 1975; Sydney Morning Herald, Tuesday January 21, 1975, page 11, John West

SA surfer missing: shark attack feared

ADELAIDE, Monday. — A 17-year-old surfer who disappeared while swimming on South Australia's west coast on Sunday may have been attacked by a shark.

One of three young men who tried to rescue David Barrowman has told

police he heard a cry of "help shark," before he disappeared.

The youth, of Whyalla, disappeared while swimming to retrieve his surfboard at Alamonta Beach, near Coffin Bay, about 48 km north-west of Port Lincoln.



Coffin Bay, South Australia