

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1996.02.04

DATE: Sunday February 4, 1996

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Tasman Sea at Ned's Beach on Lord Howe Island, 375 miles [600 kilometres] east of New South Wales, Australia.

31°5'S, 159°1'E

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He was a seven-year-old male from South Australia.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, 100% of the Moon was illuminated.

TIME: Afternoon

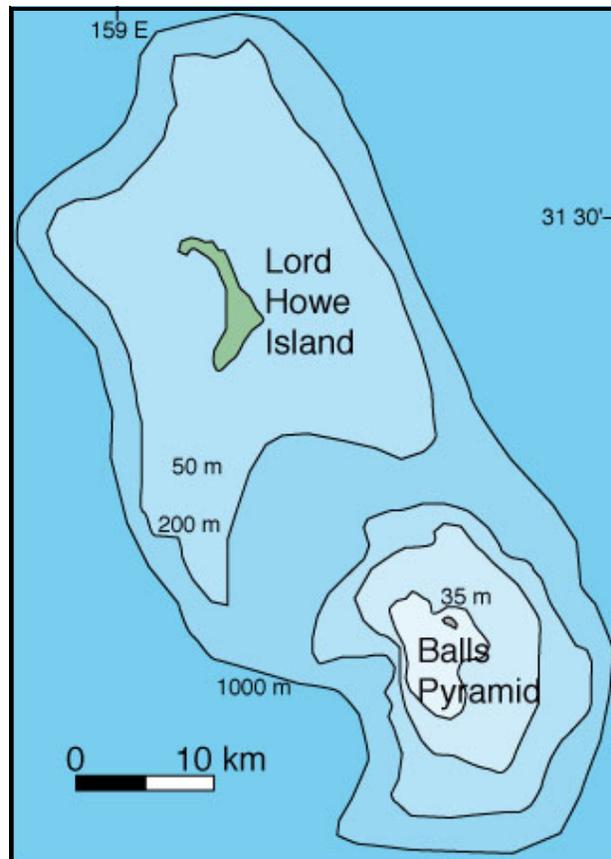
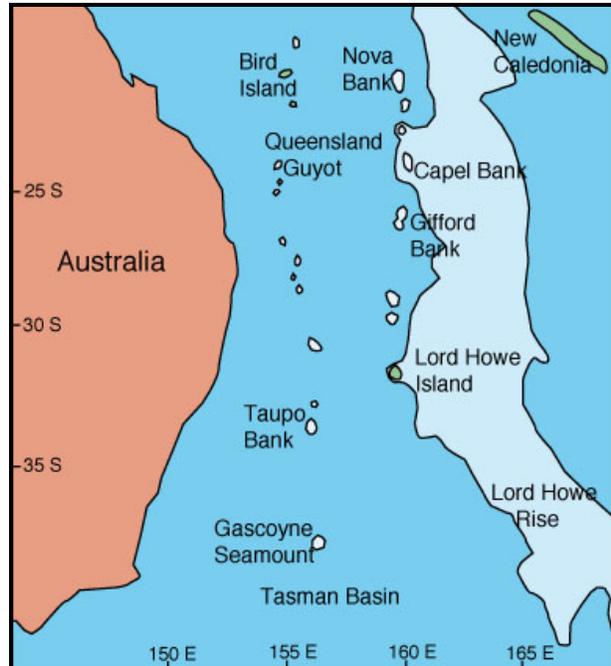
NARRATIVE. No details. Shortly before the boy went swimming, he built a shark as part of a sandcastle building competition, an annual event on the island.

INJURY: The boy's ankles were injured. According to Judy Mortlock, Executive Officer of the island's governing board, the incident was not serious. "It was a very minor incident," she said.

TREATMENT: His injuries were treated at the local hospital and he was flown to Sydney the same evening where he received further treatment at Sydney's Children's Hospital.

SPECIES: Unknown. The incident was reported to involve a "reef shark".

SOURCES: Daily Telegraph, Monday 5 February 1996, page 9; The Advertiser, 6 February 1996, page 2



Shark attacks boy

A South Australian boy is recovering in Sydney's Children's Hospital after being attacked by a reef shark ~ only minutes after he sculpted a shark for a sand castle competition.

The boy, 7, who has not been identified, was attacked when swimming off Ned's Beach, on Lord Howe Island, east of Sydney.

He was treated at a local hospital for bites to his ankles before being flown to Sydney.

SOURCE: Advertiser, Tuesday February 6, 1996, Page 2