



Photo by Jess Long.

Rhianna Brown with her father Jeff who was bitten by a shark on Monday morning.

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2014.12.29.b

DATE: Monday December 29, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place at Bherwerre Beach near the entrance to Sussex Inlet, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Jeff Brown

DESCRIPTION: A male from Sanctuary Point.

BACKGROUND

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: "I had just caught my first wave and was laying in the water with the board when I felt something grab my ankle," he said. "I knew it was a shark. I shook my leg but it didn't let go so I kicked it with my right foot and cut that foot on its teeth. Then it let go and went away."

Mr Brown said he didn't feel any pain. "It was really weird, I always imagined if I got bitten by a shark it would be more like a dog attack," he said. "But it was quick, and it was all happening down below the water where I couldn't see it. I was just kicking it off with my feet. It's probably the best way to get bitten by a shark. Then after it let go I was a bit worried it might come back."

INJURY: Lacerations to both feet.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Shortly after he made it to shore his brother-in-law and sister arrived with a first aid kit. They bandaged his wounds before taking him to the Sanctuary Point Medical Centre where he received more than 20 stitches in his right foot as well as stitches in his left foot.

SPECIES: Mr Brown's daughter saw the shark swim away and thought it could have been about two metres long. "We don't know what sort of shark it was but it had a pretty big fin on it," Mr Brown said.

SOURCES: South Coast Register, December 29, 2014

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