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**ACTIVITY:** Surfing  
**CASE:** [GSAF 2016.09.05.a](#)  
**DATE:** Monday September 5, 2016  
**LOCATION:** Injidup Point Beach, Western Australia.

**NAME:** Fraser Penman  
**DESCRIPTION:** A male from Perth  
**SURFBOARD:** A Firewire-Mayhem board.



Photo: Fraser Penman/Facebook

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The air temperature at Injidup was 53°F.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 13% of the Moon was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea surface temperature was 62°F.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Injidup Point near Yallingup is a fairly exposed point break that has fairly consistent surf. Known as Beach WA 705 Injidup Point in the Margarets River area is an unpatrolled beach. It is located on the rocky northern side of Cape Clairault and faces north, with only moderate refracted waves reaching the shore. The waves breaking over the rock and reefs from a lefthand break known as Injidup Point. The 350 m long beach has formed from dunes sands, which have blown the few hundred metres across the cape, and drape an essentially low, irregular granulite shoreline. The beach terminates at a low rocky point. Further down south, another shark was spotted just 50 metres from shore at Kelp Beds Beach near Esperance. There's been over 60 shark sightings off WA's coast in recent weeks prompting the Department of Fisheries to close a stretch of coastline in Perth's northern suburbs due to what it called "an unprecedented number of sightings over a sustained period of time and in a small stretch of water".

Red Bull conducted an interview with surfer Mick Corbett who witnessed the incident and related the following: "The thing is, half-an-hour before this two guys paddled in because

they reckon they saw a shark. We paddled out and saw dolphins come by and thought, aw it must have been dolphins. But then the dolphins pissed off and literally five minutes later the guy [*sic. Fraser Penman*] got nailed by the shark. He was saying that he'd seen dolphins a few days before and they were acting weird – that they were just sitting inside the packs that were surfing. And it's a pretty popular beach to surf – it's not like it's far out or anything. It's right there, next to the beach."

**TIME:** Late afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** Fraser Penman was surfing with his brother, Logan, when a shark charged his surfboard, knocking him off the surfboard. Logan instantly paddled across, yelling 'punch it' and threw his board to his brother. Fraser was assisted ashore. A Department of Parks and Wildlife spokesman said. DPW installed a sign advising of "recent shark activity" but the stretch of beach was not closed on Monday night.

**INJURY:** The surfer was not injured but his board was ripped in half.

**SOURCES:** Perth Now, September 5, 2016

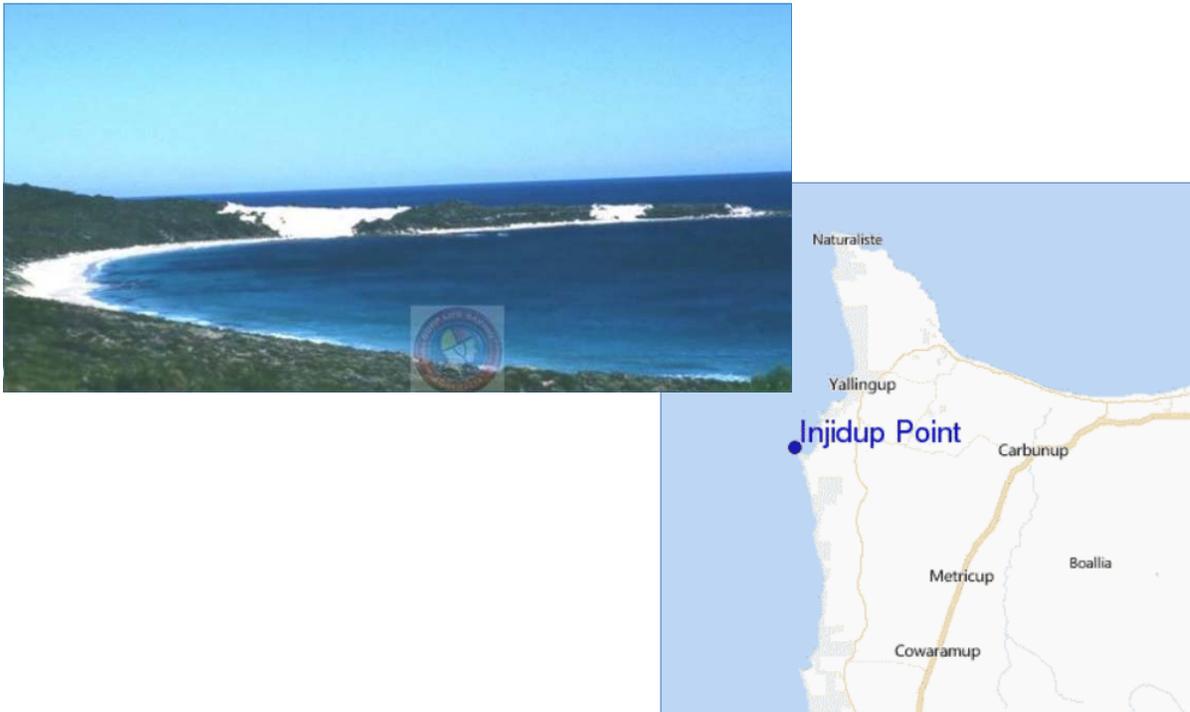
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*Special thanks to surfer Lily Kumpe for sending the following article:*

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*Fraser Penman's surfboard*

