

**ACTIVITY:** Spearfishing  
**CASE:** GSAF 1962.03.25.a  
**DATE:** Sunday March 25, 1962  
**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Norah Head, New South Wales, Australia. 33°16.9'S, 151°34.7'E

**BOAT:** A fishing boat owned by Dennis Kemp

**OCCUPANTS:** On board the boat were 21-year-old Ernest Thring, 18-year old Neville Hopkins, 22-year-old Carolyn Hayes, her husband 26-year-old Maurice Hayes and 18-year-old Dennis Kemp were in the water at the time of the incident.



Winsome Bonham

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, March 21, 1962. Third Quarter, March 29, 1962

**NARRATIVE:** Dennis Kemp and Maurice Hayes speared a 30-pound kingfish when they noticed the shark circling and signaled to the boat to pick them up. "We scrambled aboard, letting the kingfish dangle in the water," said Kemp. "A second later we felt a terrific bump on the side of the boat. All of us were thrown overboard. We tried to climb back into the boat, but it began filling with water. The shark had bitten a hole a foot wide — big enough to put my head in. So we clung to the boat and the shark continued to circle us. Once it came within 10 feet. Luckily, we were only 200 yards from Bird Island. So we waited until our overturned boat drifted closer to the beach." Fishermen in a rowing boat took three of the divers into their boat and another boat came out and took the remaining two divers on board. Fishermen later salvaged the holed boat.

**INJURY:** No injury to occupants.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** According to the divers, the incident involved a black whaler (bull shark) or bronze whaler shark about 15 feet in length.

**SOURCE:** Sunday Mirror (Sydney)  
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# Surfers Driven From Water By Bluebottles

**SYDNEY, Sunday. — Ambulance-men treated hundreds of Sydney surfers to-day in one of the worst bluebottle invasions in recent years.**

Worst hit beaches were Maroubra, Queenscliff, Curl Curl, Dee Why and Coogee.

Maroubra and Queenscliff each reported about 500 cases treated for stings.

Doctors at Eastern Suburbs Hospital and Manly District Hospital were kept busy.

At Maroubra five people ran screaming from the surf covered with bluebottles and were rushed to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Doctors allowed them to leave after treatment for minor shock and stings.

In spite of the bluebottle hazard thousands of people went to the beaches.

Crowds of up to 15,000 were reported at Manly and Bondi.

A strong rip at Avalon carried six people out about 100 yards and four lifesavers rescued them.

None of the six were harmed.

## 100 Yards

A five-year-old girl was carried out 100 yards in a rip at Freshwater but was rescued.

An 18-year-old youth was injured badly when a surfboard hit him at Dee Why.

Surf club members took him to a local doctor's surgery where he had several stitches inserted in his head.

The only shark alarms to-day were at Coogee.

Two sharks were sighted out to sea but the beach was re-opened quickly.

A big school of sharks closed Manly beach for more

than five hours yesterday.

At Norah Head, near Gosford, yesterday, five people swam for their lives after a 15ft. shark tore a large hole in the bottom of their plywood boat.

The shark, a bronze whaler, attacked the boat and almost lifted it out of the water.

The five people on board, four men and a woman, were spearfishing when the incident occurred

## 2 POLISH FILMS ON SHOW

Two continental films which normal distribution channels refused to handle will be screened at Albert Hall to-night and Tuesday night.

The films, both Polish, with English sub-titles, will be shown by Mr. Natan Scheinwald, who imported them.

To-night's film, "Eve Wants To Sleep," received good notices by English film critics.

It is a mischievous comedy, full of disrespect for authority.

The film tells the simple story of a girl who seeks nothing more than a bed in a quiet place pending the opening of her college next day.

Encounters with sundry police officers and criminals combine to build up for a grand finale.

Ashes and Diamonds, to be