

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1986.02.01

**DATE:** Saturday 1 February 1986

**LOCATION:** Jan Juc surf beach,  
Victoria, Australia.

**NAME:** David Adams

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 29-year-old  
male from Torquay.

**BACKGROUND**

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 40  
metres

**TIME:** 06h00

**NARRATIVE:** David Adams was  
paddling when the shark when the  
shark circled, then rammed his  
surfboard, knocking him into the  
water. As he remounted his board,  
his leg brushed against the shark.  
"When I was getting back on the  
board I felt my leg hit it," he said.

. He clung to his board as the shark  
swam underneath him. "I was up  
on the board and only dared dip  
part of my hands in the water for  
fear of being taken." The surfer  
reached shore without incident.

**INJURY:** No injury.

**DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT:** There were four teeth marks on the surfboard.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a 3.5 metre bronze whaler shark. After this incident, patrols from the Jan Juc Surf Lifesaving Club searched for the shark. A club official said their inshore rescue boat and local shark cat would maintain a constant patrol in the area. "The Westpac helicopter has made several runs over the beach early this morning and our inshore rescue boat was also out early," he said. "It's most unusual to sight a shark down here and although we've had one reported sighting we're not sure it's correct."

**SOURCE:** Sun, Liz Thomson, Monday 3 February 1986, page 4

