



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 1996.02.26

**DATE:** Monday February 26, 1996

**LOCATION:** The incident took place 30 kilometres from the sea in the Parramatta River at the Charles Street Wharf, New South Wales, Australia.

33°49'S, 151°18'E

**NAME:** Darren Good

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 24-year-old male, a plumber.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** First Quarter, February 26, 1996. It was a Waxing Crescent, 28% of the Moon was illuminated.

**TIME:** Night

**NARRATIVE:** Darren Good had partaken of alcoholic beverages when friends bet him \$80 to swim to a pole 30 metres from shore in the river. He dived naked from the wharf, completed the swim, but on the way back he bitten by a shark. He won the bet.

**INJURY:** The shark bit his left leg and right testicle/scrotum. He sustained an arc of puncture wounds on the dorsal and ventral aspects of his left thigh, and a right scrotal laceration.

**TREATMENT:** The testis was replaced, and the wound was debrided and sutured. The injuries required 50 stitches to repair, and he remained in Westmead Hospital for several days. The wounds cultured positive for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Aeromonas caviae*. He was treated with a 5-day course of cefotaxime, flucloxacillin and metronidazole given intravenously, followed by oral ciprofloxacin and doxycycline, and made an uneventful recovery.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The incident was thought to involve a bronze whaler whaler shark.

**SOURCES:** Daily Telegraph, February 29, 1996, p.4; Daily Telegraph Mirror, February 29, 1996, p.5; Courier-Mail, February 29, 1996, page 2; Royle, Jennifer A. M.B.; Isaacs, David M.D.; Eagles, Gillian M.B.; Cass, Danny M.D.; Gilroy, Nicole M.B.; Chen, Sharon M.B.; Malouf, David M.B.; Griffiths, Christopher A.M., R.F.D. (1997) *Infections after shark attacks in Australia*, The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal: Volume 16(5) May 1997 pp 531-532

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