



Pincushion Island

Matthew Watt

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 1997.07.27](#)

**DATE:** Sunday July 27, 1997

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Pincushion, just north of Maroochydore Beach, Queensland, Australia.

**NAME:** Neil Davey

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 19-year-old male.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, July 27, 1997

**TIME:** 14h25

**NARRATIVE:** Neil Davey was surfing with friends when he was bitten by the shark, but was able to swim ashore unaided.

**INJURY:** The surfer sustained a gash on his leg.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** He drove himself to the Maroochydore Medical Centre for treatment where his injury was repaired with 20 sutures.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. The curator of Underwater World on the Sunshine Coast, Ashley

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Scivyer, said the surfer had probably been bitten by a whaler shark.

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