

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: **GSF 2002.12.20**

DATE: Friday December 20, 2002

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Coral Sea off Golden Beach at Caloundra, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Bayne Doyle

DESCRIPTION: The swimmer is an 11-year-old male.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, December 20, 2002

DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE: Waist-deep

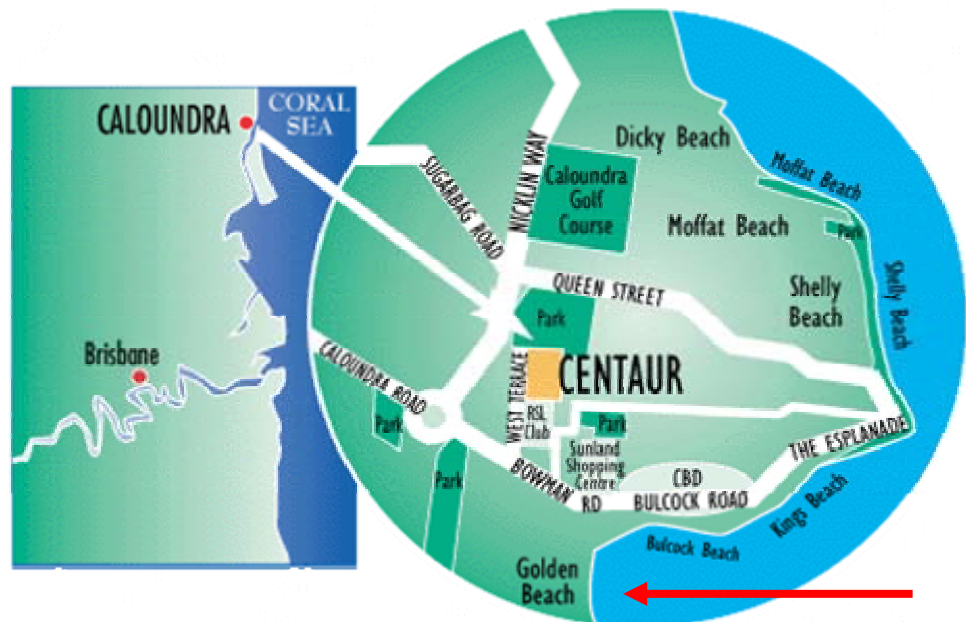
NARRATIVE: Bayne was swimming with his mother Nicola Meyer and other children when he felt something clamp on to his foot. Bayne said he did not see what bit him as everything happened so quickly. He kicked free and ran to the shore.

INJURY: His foot was lacerated.

FIRST AID: "Mum wrapped a towel around my foot to stop the blood," said Bayne.

TREATMENT: His mother took him to Caloundra hospital. According to the press report, Bayne was in shock when he arrived at hospital. He was given morphine for the pain and antibiotics to stop infection, and his wound was repaired. "I got 17 stitches in one cut and five in the other cut," said Bayne.

SPECIES: Shark involvement is unconfirmed. Doctors at the hospital are unsure if the injury was caused by a small shark or some other marine animal. His grandmother Gloria Meyer said it was probably a small shark because of the size of the cuts. "Whatever it was had very sharp incisor teeth," Ms Meyer said.



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