

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming  
**CASE:** [GSAF 2003.02.11](#)  
**DATE:** Tuesday February 11, 2003  
**LOCATION:** Coogee Bay, near Sydney, New South Wales, Australia,

**NAME:** Tom Plumridge  
**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 24-year-old male from Town Lane in Wooburn.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, February 17, 2003  
**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** "Fairly close to the beach"



**NARRATIVE:** "I was swimming when I felt something with my hand and then the shark went for me a few times," said Plumridge. "The next thing I remember I was wading back through the water faster than I thought humanly possible but it felt like I was running but not moving."

**INJURY:** The swimmer sustained puncture wounds on his heel, legs and buttocks.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** "When I got to the beach, a South African man came to help me, and the next thing I remember was being in hospital," said the swimmer.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** According to the press, the incident involved grey nurse shark.

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