

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2005.09.23

**DATE:** Friday September 23, 2005

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Scarborough Beach in Perth, Western Australia, Australia.

**NAME:** Brad Satchell

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 44-year-old male from Western Australia.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, September 25, 2005.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 120 metres

**TIME:** Morning



**NARRATIVE:** Brad Satchell was surfing when he saw the shark heading straight at him. Initially, he thought it was a seal. "I can remember I was actually smiling, but then it just changed and I thought wow this thing is going to have a go at me," he said. "Probably two or three foot before it tried to attack me, I turned my board on the side to use it as a shield. I lifted my body out of the water and I just got my fists and I remember what I'd read in the paper – I just started punching and I connected with its head." Afterwards, the surfer paddled to shore.

**INJURY:** No injury

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Mr Satchell believes the shark may have been a bronze whaler, more than one metre in length.

**SOURCE:** ABC-Perth, Saturday, September 24, 2005,  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/items/200509/1467514.htm?perth>

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