

ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: **GSF 2006.03.15**
DATE: Wednesday March 15, 2006
LOCATION: Bondi Beach, Sydney,
New South Wales, Australia.
33°54'S, 151°14'E

NAME: Blake Moclair
DESCRIPTION: He is a 15-year-old
male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: There were a few
showers in the morning, but by
afternoon the sky had cleared. The
wind was from the north at 10 to 15
mph. The air temperature was 83°F,
dewpoint 59°F, barometer 29.74
inches and steady, humidity 40%
and visibility was 6.21 miles. Sunset
was at 19h13.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea
surface temperature was 23°C and
mean low tide occurred at 15h40.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50
metres

TIME: "Just before 5:00 pm [17h00]
AEDT"



NARRATIVE: Blake Moclair was on his board when the shark nudged him. "I just saw its fin, I thought it was a dolphin and then it turned at me," he said. "I just pushed my board away and I turned around, I grabbed my board and paddled in. Like I thought it was going to get me and I was paddling heaps quick, but I just thought I wanna get in."

The pool manager at the Bondi Icebergs Club, Chuck Kucharewicz, saw Moclair emerge from the water. "A young guy on his surfboard was yelling out 'shark', paddling and he clambered up the rocks like the Road Runner," he said.

INJURY: No injury

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT: No damage

SPECIES INVOLVED: According to witnesses, the incident was thought to involve a bronze whaler shark, two metres or more in length.

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<http://.au.news.yahoo.com/060315/21/y8vf.html>

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