

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2007.06.05](#)

DATE: Tuesday June 5, 2007

LOCATION: The incident took place at Shelly Beach at Crescent Head on the Mid-North Coast of New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Jack Moir

DESCRIPTION: He is a Crescent Head Primary School student.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 18h00, Port Macquarie recorded air temperature of 54°F [12°C], dew point 51°F [10°C], humidity 86%, sea level pressure 30.22 in [1023 hPa] and no wind. By 20h00, air temperature was 59°F [15°C], dew point was unchanged, humidity was 66%, sea level pressure was 30.25 in [1024 hPa] and wind direction was West at 8.1 mph [13.0 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, June 8, 2007

ENVIRONMENT: Migrations of fish such as mullet, pilchards and bream at this time of year attract large numbers of sharks. Crescent Head surf shop owner Peter Cornish said the sharks had been seen in the area, but the last time there was an attack off Crescent Head was decades ago when a man who was snorkeling was bitten by a shark.

TIME: Sunset

NARRATIVE: No details. A friend said Jack was keen on surfing and would often go searching for waves with his friends after school.

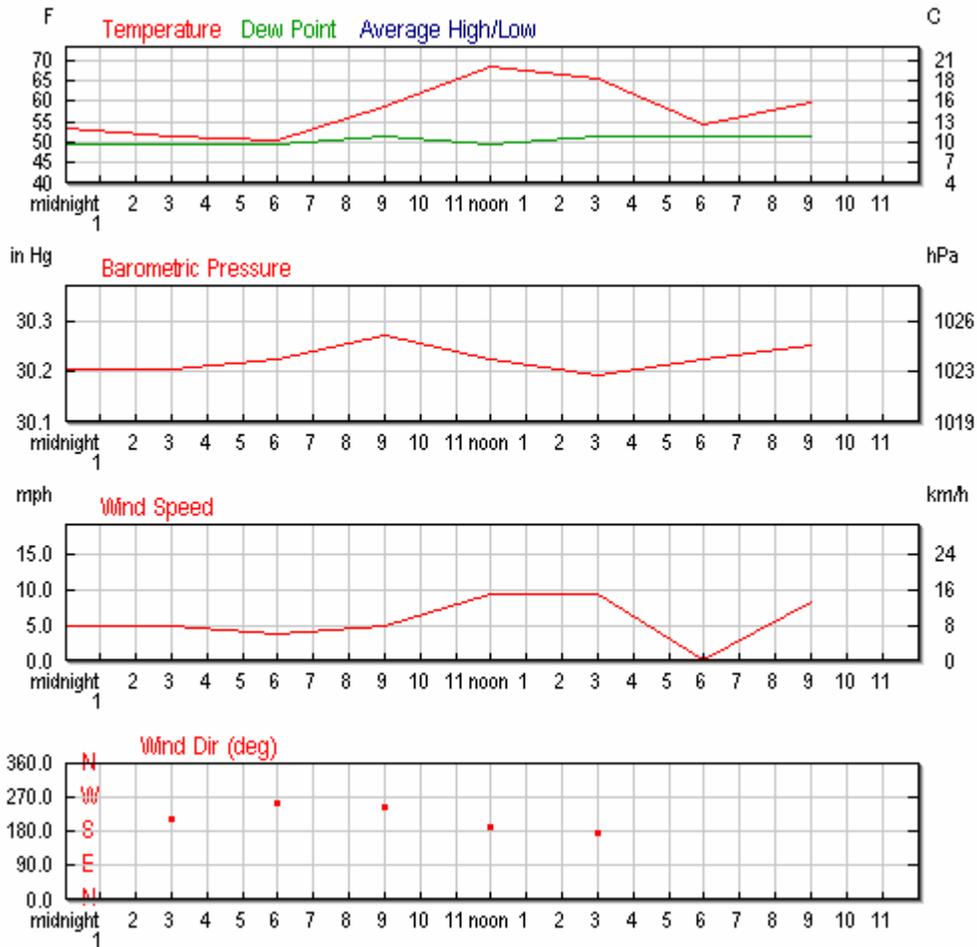
INJURY: Lacerations to ankle and leg.

TREATMENT: The surfer was taken to Port Macquarie Base Hospital where he underwent four hours of surgery. More than 100 sutures were needed to close the wounds.

SPECIES: It was thought the incident involved a bull shark or a bronze whaler, the most common species on the Mid-North Coast.

SOURCE: Samantha Williams, Daily Telegraph, June 7, 2007





Weather at Port Macquarie on June 5, 2007