

ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: **GSAF 2008.02.07**
DATE: Thursday February 7, 2008
LOCATION: Horseshoe Bay, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Fiona Casey
DESCRIPTION: She is a 14-year-old female and was wearing a wetsuit.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: New Moon, February 7, 2008

ENVIRONMENT: At 18h30 on the same day surfers at Horseshoe Bay spotted another shark as the sun was setting. This time the shark really spooked the three surfers who all hastily exited the water.

NARRATIVE: Fiona said she was paddling back out to the break after catching a wave when she felt something hit her arm hard. She lashed out and hit the shark with her elbow, but didn't leave the water after the incident. "I was scared but the waves were just too good," she said.

INJURY: She was not injured as her wetsuit protected her from abrasions from the shark skin. However, she was reportedly shocked and received a lame arm after the incident.

SPECIES: The shark was said to be one metre in length.

SOURCE: The Macleay Argus;
<http://swimatyourownrisk.com/2008/02/12/close-call-for-aussie-surfer/>

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