

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2008.10.11

**DATE:** Saturday October 11 2008

**LOCATION:** Lake Macquarie off Wangi Wangi, New South Wales, Australia.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 15-year-old male from Arcadia Vale.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 15h30, Richmond recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 6.2 miles [10 km]. The air temperature was 71.6°F [22°C], dew point 44.6°F [7°C], humidity 38%, sea level pressure 30.21 inches [1023 hPa] and wind direction was North at 4.6 mph [7.4 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** First Quarter, October 7, 2008. Full Moon, October 25, 2008

**TIME:** 15h30

**NARRATIVE:** Three teenage boys, from Arcadia Vale were spending their last day of the school holidays on the lake. One of the boys was being towed on a surfboard behind a tinny that his mate was driving. Warned by one of the boys aboard the tinny that a shark was approaching, the surfer rolled off his board. The shark leapt from the water and bit the board. The surfer swam several metres to the boat, climbed in and watched the shark swim away.

**INJURY:** No injury

**DAMAGE:** A chunk 47 cm in diameter was missing from the board.

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**SOURCE:** The Newcastle Herald, Sunday October 12, 2008

<http://www.theherald.com.au/news/local/news/general/boy-tells-of-shark-biting-surfboard-in-lake/1331418.aspx>

