



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2009.03.19.a](#)

DATE: Thursday March 19, 2009

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Tasman Sea at Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, Australia

NAME: Bernadette Davis

DESCRIPTION: She is a female from Tomakin, North Broulee.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was overcast.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter

SEA CONDITIONS: Underwater visibility was reduced because of thick weeds in the water.

ENVIRONMENT: At the time of the incident there were no lifesavers on duty.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 07h45

NARRATIVE: Bernadette Davis and her partner were alone in the water. She was paddling out and swam over the shark, which came up from behind to bite her surfboard. She initially thought she had run into a rock until she looked back and saw the shark biting her board.

INJURY: The surfer was not injured.

DAMAGE TO SURFBOARD: The shark bit the nose of the surfboard, leaving tooth marks.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: The Canberra Times, March 20, 2009

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/encounter-with-shark-doesnt-deter-surfer/1464637.aspx>

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