

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing  
**CASE:** GSAF 2012.02.06  
**DATE:** Monday February 6, 2012  
**LOCATION:** Wurtulla. Queensland, Australia.

**NAME:** Nick Ferguson  
**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 29-year-old male.

**BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 12h30, Brisbane recorded partly cloudy skies and 6.2-mile visibility. The air temperature was 86°F, heat index 93.4°F, dew point 73.4°F humidity 66%, sea level pressure 29.50 inches, and wind direction was NNE at 10.4 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 96% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, February 8, 2012.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Wurtulla is located north of Caloundra.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 50 metres

**TIME:** "Lunch time"

**NARRATIVE:** "I had just pulled my legs up when something big hit the back of my board," said Nick Ferguson. He said he felt something rough brush one of his knees as the board's tail came back down into the murky water.

**INJURY:** The surfer was not injured by the shark.

**DAMAGE TO SURFBOARD:** When the surfer reached the beach, he discovered that his board was damaged. A fin had been sheared off.

**SOURCE:** Trevor Hockins, Sunshine Coast Daily, February 7, 2012, <http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2012/02/07/shark-scare-for-surfers/>



*Nick Ferguson and his board. Note the missing fin.*

John McCutcheon