

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2013.11.12](#)

DATE: Tuesday November 12, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Trigg Beach, Perth, Western Australia.

31.8719°S, 115.759°E

NAME: Shaun Daly

DESCRIPTION: He is a 19-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 15h00, Perth recorded clear skies. The air temperature was 84.2°F, dew point 59°F, humidity 42%, sea level pressure 29.83 inches (falling) and wind direction was SW at 16.1 mph

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 71% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, November 10, 2013.

ENVIRONMENT: Trigg Beach is one of Perth's most popular beaches for board riding, catering mainly to surfers and body boarders.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 metres

TIME: 15h00

NARRATIVE: Shaun Daly had been surfing for about an hour when he decided to take a break and let current take him out further. He was sitting on his board when a shark nudged him. "Its head brushed my legs, it was real smooth, it didn't care, it had no fear. They've got rough skin and I felt the skin and it was like sandpaper on my feet and then I just looked. Automatically I knew (it was a shark), and I was like oh, boy. I looked down and I saw this massive head. I've seen a few sharks at work (on the Great Barrier Reef), but this was a big boy. As it was going down it must have nudged my board because I didn't see the dorsal fin . . . after that I just started paddling to shore."

Authorities closed Trigg beach for an hour as they tried to determine if the shark was still in the area. The Westpac Surf Life Saving helicopter could not find the shark. Water Police and the Department of Fisheries are investigating Mr Daly's account. Mr Daly said. "I know what happened out there, so they can think whatever they want."

INJURY: No injury

SPECIES: The surfer believes the incident involved a four-metre white shark.

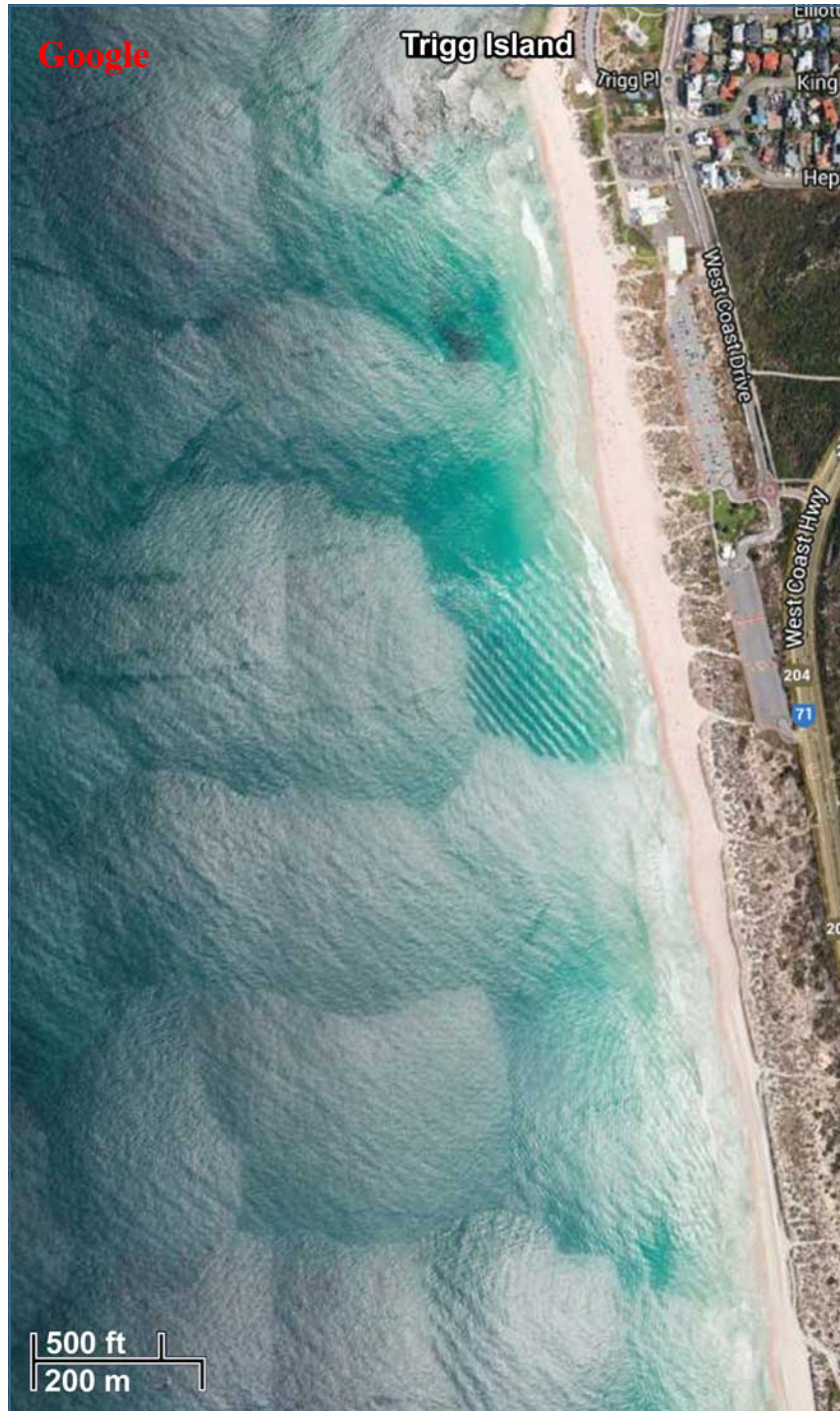


Shaun Daly



Trigg Beach

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