



ACTIVITY: Paddleboarding

CASE: [GSAF 2015.04.11](#)

DATE: Saturday April 11, 2015

LOCATION: McKenzies Beach, Malua Bay, New South Wales, Australia.

35°48'14.46"S, 150°13'36.71"E

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: Male

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 62% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, April 12, 2015.

SEA CONDITIONS: Underwater visibility was poor.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 metres

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: Shortly before 07h00

NARRATIVE: Surfer Peter Forsyth was coming in on a wave when he heard the man cry out. He believes the man had been standing in waist-deep water, ready to jump back on his paddle board when the shark struck. "The shark grabbed him. He tried to kick it off with his other foot. It was latched onto him and he kicked it off."

Lifesavers closed McKenzies, Rosedale and Malua Bay beaches.

INJURY: Two puncture wounds to left ankle.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Forsyth, who is also a lifesaver, and another surfer, Danny

Freeman, helped the man to shore. They washed the man's wound and used a towel and gaffa tape as an improvised pressure bandage. The man refused the offer of an ambulance and drove himself to hospital. The injury did not require stitches and he was later discharged.

SPECIES: Not identified

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ABC Net, April 12, 2015

