

*Bondi Beach, Icebergs ocean pool in foreground*



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2015.12.21.b](#)

**DATE:** Monday December 21, 2015

**LOCATION:** The incident took place about 40 metres from Bondi Icebergs at the south end of Bondi Beach, New South Wales, Australia.

**NAME:** Dean Norburn

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 43-year-old estate agent. He has been surfing for 30 years.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 07h00, Sydney recorded a clear sky. The air temperature was 75.2°R, dew point 64.4°F, humidity 69%, sea level pressure 29.89 inches and wind direction was ESA at 5.8 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 76% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, December 19, 2015.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 50 to 60 metres

**TIME:** 07h00

**NARRATIVE:** Dean Norburn had been in the water with two mates and another surfer for half an hour when he finished catching a small wave ahead of them. "We were just past the break and as I was paddling in a little bit, I slowed down and went to sit up on my board and was paddling with the board in motion. As I did that I pushed my two hands on the rail to arch my back and look up," said Norburn. "The next thing this thing has brushed me and landed on my surfboard. Then it swam off towards my other mate and swam underneath his board and then swam off." Bondi Rescue Lifeguards confirmed the incident.

**INJURY:** No injury

**SPECIES:** The shark was said to be six feet in length. One of the other surfers who saw the shark believed it was a bronze whaler shark.

**SOURCES:** Daily Telegraph, December 21, 2015

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/six-foot-shark-jumps-onto-surfers-board-at-bondi/story-fni0cx12-1227685289908>

The Telegraph, Wednesday December 23, 2015

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/australiaandthepacific/australia/12063430/Man-tells-how-shark-jumped-on-his-surfboard.html>