

## Crocodile attacks.

### A. Let's take a serious look at crocodile attacks and crocodile attacks incidents in Australia, year by year.

I cannot say that each and every record re crocodile attacks is 100% accurate but I do know that many crocodile attacks have not been adequately recorded and are thus, not represented here.

I would appreciate any assistance in regard to crocodile attacks and in particular any advise on correction or further information as is available. Thanking you in advance. Crocodile attacks and more.

P.S. An incident is “one of those crocodile attacks that didn’t quite happen”.

## 1865

### 1. 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865. James Hume was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Lower Burdekin River near the bluff Qld. Non-fatal.

A young man was attacked while bathing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7058

## 1867

### 2. 20th January 1867. Young aboriginal girl killed by crocodile at Crocodile Creek Qld. FATAL.

*An Alligator. At about noon on Sunday, the 20th, a young gin or piccaninny was bathing at the Crocodile Creek when she suddenly disappeared. The blackfellows from the camp close by the spot commenced howling and yabbering the noise! Was heard on board the Brig Craig Ellachie, which was lying at anchor off the ballast ground, about half-a-mile from the Railway Wharf and one of the seamen put off in a boat to ascertain the cause of the disturbance. The blacks told him that while the piccaninny, was bathing, she was snapped up by a large alligator, and carried off. One of the blacks further said that he saw another monster rise alongside the bank near the old slaughter yards.—*

Bulletin, 22nd January.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Leader (Melbourne, Vic) Sat 9 Feb 1867

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**1869**

**3. 1st June 1869. A Kanaka (worker) attacked at the Norman River Qld. FATAL**

The man was attacked when unfastening a rope at the water's edge.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4778

**1870**

**4. 16th May 1870. A man named Fitzhenry was attacked Burdekin River Qld. Non-fatal.**

The man was bathing when attacked.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4777

**1871**

**5. 1st January 1871 Mr. Graham was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Alligator Creek, Qld. Non-fatal**

Mr. Graham was attacked while crossing a river on horseback. The attack occurred near St. Helen's cattle station.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5030

***A Fearful Predicament.***

*A very startling adventure happened the other day to Mr Graham, of St. Helen's cattle station whilst crossing Alligator Creek, about four miles from his homestead in the Mackay district of New South Wales. He was riding at the time with Mr Royds. After going a short distance through the water, his companion, who was standing on the banks of the creek, saw an enormous crocodile rising out of the stream just in front of Mr Graham's horse, and at once called out to warn him. Mr Graham instantly raised his legs, but the huge animal reached high enough to take within its capacious jaws the right foot stirrup-iron, and part of the leg of the astonished horseman, who, as might easily be imagined, had to exert all the strength he possessed to prevent himself being dragged off his horse. Providentially, the stirrup became fixed in the mouth of the crocodile, and after some minutes of agonising desperation to get his imprisoned member free, Mr Graham had the satisfaction of seeing his formidable assailant release his hold and disappear in the water. Except some injuries to the leg, and the tearing of a leather gaiter, no other results have attended Mr Graham's narrow escape of being either crippled for life or be killed by the saurian.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Ballarat Star (Vic) Wed 11 Jan 1871

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## 1872

6. *16th May 1872. Trooper William Davis was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Darwin Harbour. FATAL.*

Davis was swimming when he was attacked.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5033

## 1874

7. *1st March 1874. Harry attacked by a saltwater crocodile Herbert River Qld. FATAL.*

Harry was standing in 2-3 feet of water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5034

8. *6th March 1874. Porter was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Euri Creek near Bowen, Qld. FATAL.*

A 15 year old boy was washing rope at the water's edge.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-5035

## 1876

9. *15th September 1876. A man named Boby White was attacked near Maryborough Qld FATAL.*

MORE INFORMATION PENDING

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite: 100-7079

## 1877

10. *15th June 1877. Mr. Matthews was attacked by saltwater crocodile Barron River Smithfield Cairns Qld. FATAL.*

Bathing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite: 100-7060

## 1878

11. *15th June 1878. Porter killed by a saltwater crocodile Burdekin River Qld. FATAL.*

Man crossing river

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7078

***12. 15th June 1878. John Fitzgerald saltwater crocodile creek around the Mulgrave River Qld. Non-fatal***

Man sleeping alongside other workers.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7059

***13. 20th July 1878. An aboriginal man attacked by saltwater crocodile near lighthouse Townsville. Qld. Non-fatal***

Fishing alongside three other men.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7056

**1880**

***14. 17th February 1880 Edward Freshney attacked by saltwater crocodile mouth of the Daintree River Qld. Non-fatal.***

Swimming

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7053

***15. 3rd March 1880. A police trooper attacked by saltwater crocodile Burdekin River near Jarvisfield Qld. FATAL.***

Fishing or hunting

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-7055

***16. 15th April 1880. A male child was killed by a saltwater crocodile Palm Creek south of Ingham Qld. Non-fatal.***

Reeling in a fishing line.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-7057

***17. 1880. A man getting cedar was attacked by a saltwater crocodile on the Mulgrave River Qld. Non-fatal.***

***About 1880, "Three cedar-getters on the Mulgrave had a rare experience when camped at night. An alligator came out of the river, selected the middle man and proceeded to walk off with him." This article went on to say, "The victim grabbed a small tree and cried out for help. One companion bolted, the other friend fired a full charge of shot into the crocodile.***

***"It released its intended victim and retired to the river. The victim was taken to Cairns Base Hospital with a frightfully lacerated thigh, but after six months' treatment under Dr Myers, left cured."***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: From the Canberra Times 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

## 1881

### *18. 15th February 1881. Ah Pan killed by saltwater crocodile Barron River Cairns Qld. FATAL.*

Chinese market gardener was crossing the river with a produce basket.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5036

## 1883

### *19. 19th February 1883. Arsin killed by saltwater crocodile Herbert River Qld. FATAL.*

A laborer named Arsin was killed while bathing at the Colonial Sugar Company's wharf.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7054

## 1884

### *20. 1884 (CIRCA). Donald McAulay killed by a saltwater crocodile Mulgrave River Qld. FATAL.*

(Ed. Some may say that this is purely speculative but I have included this case due to the fact that it is not the only case where judgements have been reviewed).

**WAS McAULAY killed by a crocodile?**

*In the 1926 Special Jubilee supplement of The Cairns Post an article appeared under the heading:*

*What happened in 1884-85 — Cannibalistic natives*

*Word was received of the murder of Donald McAulay, a selector on the Mulgrave River.*

*The body was found floating in the river, dreadfully mutilated, one arm and one leg being hacked from the body, and the head nearly severed from the trunk. It was thought from the mutilation that cannibalism had been practised. Comparing this description of the remains of Donald McAulay with that of the remains from several other crocodile attack victims, we could easily assume the local natives were possibly wrongly accused and thus — unjustly punished.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

## 1886

### *21. 24th February 1886. Margaret Gordon killed by saltwater crocodile Cattle Creek Waterview Run near Ingham Qld. FATAL.*

15 year old female killed by saltwater crocodile while collecting water from creek.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5038

**1889**

*22. 30th November 1889. Joseph Jackson attacked Murray River north of Cardwell Qld. FATAL.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5039

**1891**

*23. 12th December 1891 Johnstone River opposite Goondi North Innisfail Qld. Non-fatal.*

Javanese man injured while bathing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-7052

**1893**

*24. 17 January 1893. James Mason killed by saltwater crocodile Barron River Strathford Cairns Qld. FATAL.*

*10 year old James Mason was attacked and killed by a saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) while bathing alongside his parents within the Barron River at Strathford during the evening hours; the boy's body was later seen within the crocodile's jaws.*

A FEARFUL DEATH!

*On Tuesday evening last a terrible fate befell James Mason, aged 10 years. The father, Mr J E Mason of Stratford and his two bright healthy sons were bathing in the Barron River. They were in about 2 feet six of water. The sandy muddy spot was their favourite spot. They thought they were safe from crocs in the shallow water.*

*Suddenly came a splash. The mud was stirred up and the water lashed. The father's surprise turned to horror. He could not see his eldest boy, Jimmy. He threw the other child on the bank and dived where he had seen the splash. He found the boy and grasped his legs. Something more powerful was pulling the boy away. Then the father realised that a croc had taken his boy from his very side.*

*A few minutes later the croc rose to breathe in the middle of the river. In those fearful jaws was one leg of the unfortunate child.*

From Cairns Post, 21 January, 1893.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5040

*25. 15th June 1893. An aboriginal man killed by saltwater crocodile Bloomfield River Qld. FATAL.*

The man was hunting bandicoot along the river bank.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6474

## 1894

*26. 31st August, 1894. A Chinese fisherman killed by saltwater crocodile Barron River Qld. FATAL.*

*A Chinese fisherman was apparently attacked and killed by a saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) along the Barron River. The article refers to it as the "Parron River", but this is likely a misspelling.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite.100-5041

*27. 14th October 1894. Aboriginal man attacked by saltwater crocodile at the Twenty Nine Mile Lagoon N.T. Non-fatal.*

18 year old swimming

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4814

## 1897

*28. 15th February 1897. Nixon killed by saltwater crocodile Mossman River Qld. FATAL?*

Man swimming to opposite bank.

(Ed. CrocBite records the incident as “OUTCOME: FATAL” but in the detailed section entitled “BODY”, the record shows “but managed to escape”.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5043

*29. 17th April 1897. Woman killed by saltwater crocodile Barron River Qld. FATAL.*

Bathing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5042

## 1902

*30. 1st March 1902. Mayeda attacked by saltwater crocodile at stream presumably near Mossman Qld. Non-fatal.*

Japanese man fishing in waist-deep water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5044

## 1903

### *31. 1st January 1903. An aboriginal child was killed by a saltwater crocodile at Endeavour River near Cooktown Qld. FATAL*

Child camping or sleeping alongside family was killed.

(Ed. It appears that the spelling of name “Endeavour” is incorrect in CrocBite).

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5045

## 1904

### *32. 4th February 1904. Mubbleburra attacked by saltwater crocodile Frances Bay Darwin. N.T. Non-fatal.*

The man escaped with severe injuries.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5046

### *33. 15th March 1904. Police Constable Parker killed by saltwater crocodile Wyndham W.A. FATAL*

The man was attacked and killed by a 4.3 m saltwater crocodile.

*At Wyndham a policeman was patrolling the beach, when an alligator (as the man-eating crocodiles) are called in the north) seized and ate him. ....*

*Two or three weeks later Jacob Keuhl caught an alligator in a snare, and, on opening its belly found buttons from the policeman's tunic and fragments of his uniform.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4815

### *34. 15th June 1904. Unknown man attacked by saltwater crocodile Logan River south of Brisbane Qld. FATAL.*

Swimming 3.8m killed in the river.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5263

### *35. 1904 (CIRCA) Sub-Inspector R. A. Johnstone was on his horse when attacked by saltwater crocodile the Herbert River, Qld. Nonfatal.*

*Sub-Inspector R. A. Johnstone, horse attacked under him while swimming the Herbert River,*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: From the Canberra Times 9/07/88 Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield



## 1905

### *36. 1st March 1905. Man killed by saltwater crocodile Murray River Qld. FATAL*

The man was preparing to jump into the river.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5047

### *37. 1st June 1905. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile King Leopold Ranges W.A. FATAL.*

The story is of a gold hunting expedition but it led to the man's death.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4853

## 1907

### *38. 1st December 1907. An aboriginal boy was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Point Torment W.A. Non-fatal.*

A boy was fishing when he was attacked. His body showed seven wounds inflicted by the crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4853

## 1908

### *39. 15th April 1908. A man was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Fitzroy Crossing W.A. Non-fatal.*

The man, a resident of Broome, was looking for shellfish when he was grabbed by the crocodile. He struggled free.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4852

## 1909

### *40. 15th February 1909. Lennie attacked by a saltwater crocodile Klondyke Lagoon Ayr, Qld. Non-fatal.*

The aboriginal man, named Lennie, was fishing in two feet of water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-5060

## 1912

### *41. 7th April 1912. Amelia Healy attacked by a saltwater crocodile Raglan Creek Qld. FATAL.*

The attack took place only 300m from the Raglan Hotel north of Gladstone Qld.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-7051

## 1914

### *42. 1st August 1914. Japanese man attacked by a saltwater crocodile Broome WA FATAL*

Man fishing on the side of his boat.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100 4851

### *43. 1914, Lucy Feldt attacked by a crocodile Forrest Beach Ingham Qld. Non-fatal.*

*Lucy Feldt was seriously bitten in the surf at Forrest Beach.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

## 1915

### *44. 7th April 1915. Malaysian man killed by a saltwater crocodile Redbank Creek. FATAL*

60 year old man was collecting bark.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-5061

### *45. 29th May 1915. Alamarayu attacked by a saltwater crocodile Victor Creek Melville Island NT Qld. FATAL*

16 year old woman was swimming across a creek while waiting for a canoe.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-4790

## 1916

### *46. 1st June 1916. Aboriginal man killed by saltwater crocodile Forrest River WA. FATAL.*

Man killed but the details are missing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100 4840

## 1917

### *47. 1st March 1917. Man killed by saltwater crocodile between the ocean and Entrance Island Qld. FATAL.*

A dinghy sank and the man was swimming when attacked.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5063

**48. 19th March 1917. Aboriginal woman killed by saltwater crocodile Barron River Cairns Qld. FATAL.**

The woman was collecting water. The woman hung onto a sapling until she was rescued but one of her arms was twisted off and she died the next morning.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5062

**1919**

**49. 1st February 1919. Aboriginal boy attacked by saltwater crocodile Forrest River WA. Non-fatal**

A group of aborigines had been harvesting eggs in shallow water. The boy had the presence of mind to reach into the crocodile's mouth and seize the palatal valve. The boy had severe lacerations but recovered.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4854

**1920**

**50. 15th October 1920. Gunner H. Davies killed by saltwater crocodile near Honeymoon Bay WA. FATAL.**

Report by COMMANDER H. T. BENNETT D.S.O. RN.

*During my five years' command of the surveying ship Geranium it was my good fortune to visit Napier Broome Bay on three occasions. Previous to my taking over the command the ship had been employed making a new survey of the bay and in 1920 during these operations had the misfortune to lose an officer, the gunner, Mr H Davies. This officer had landed during the week-end with the intention of shooting crocodiles. Failing to return by nightfall search parties were organised to scour the country, and the help of the monks was immediately sought and given. Nearly a week passed and there could be found not a trace. To make matters worse the ship while steaming along the coast of the bay struck a rock and was severely holed. This misfortune put all further search out of the question as far as the ship was concerned for Commander Lewis had a difficult proposition before him to save his ship. She had to leave immediately for docking and proceeded to Sydney. The monks then carried on with the search and three weeks later some natives found his mutilated body in long grass near the river. He had been attacked and killed by a crocodile, the Drysdale River being full of these reptiles. The body was buried by the monks in their little cemetery close to the mission station.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Brisbane Courier 3/12/32

The man was shooting crocodiles

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4839

*51. 25th October 1920. Andras Peter Peterson killed by saltwater crocodile  
Walder's Creek Qld. FATAL*

The 50 year old man was walking from Marconi Station to Normanton.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4839

**1921.**

*52. 1921 CIRCA. Two men, Longfield and Billy Nettle killed by saltwater  
crocodiles Temple Bay Qld. FATAL.*

### Adventures with Crocodiles

**T**HREE men, named Longfield, Billy Nettle, and Billy Warren, were prospecting at Temple Bay, and had sunk a shaft near a creek where crocodiles were numerous. Warren went to Thursday Island for rations, and on his return his two mates had disappeared. All he ever found was a boot with a foot in it; all else had gone to the crocodiles.

SOURCE: SYDNEY MAIL.

**1921**

*53. 1921 CIRCA. An aboriginal woman killed by saltwater crocodiles Temple Bay  
Qld. FATAL.*

Shortly after the deaths of Longfield and Billy Nettle, an aboriginal woman was killed on the same creek.

Some Pascoe blacks were camped near the same creek, and one of the women was cut in two by a crocodile, which took away one half and left the other. The men waited for him to come back, and they killed him with spears and ate him, their explanation being, when translated, "He ate our woman, and we eat him; that makes us square!" This big crocodile (*C. porosus*), which grows to a length of 25 feet, is numerous and very dangerous along all that east coast. I saw sixteen in a 14-mile trip down the Pascoe.

SOURCE: SYDNEY MAIL.

## 1922

### *54. 12th February 1922. Harry Fielding attacked by saltwater crocodile Calvert River N.T. Non-fatal.*

The man was crossing the river on horseback.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6488

### *55. 1st May 1922. Farmer Harry Summerfield attacked by saltwater crocodile Adelaide River N.T. Non-fatal.*

The man was standing at the river's edge.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5262

## 1924

### *56. 6th January 1924. Charles League attacked by saltwater crocodile at a tidal waterhole one mile from Five Mile Creek Cardwell. Qld. FATAL.*

Swimming in a waterhole alongside 3 other men.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6472

*His body was recovered and the crocodile was shot. It was 13 feet in length.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Northern Champion (Taree, NSW) Wed 20 Jan 1932.

### *57. 19th July 1924. Stanley Andrews attacked by saltwater crocodile Weavers Creek Daintree Qld. Non-fatal.*

#### **ATTACK BY CROCODILE.**

*A Mossman resident tells a thrilling story. Mr, Stanley Andrews recently met with a very unpleasant experience when returning home along the Daintree Road, over Weaver's Creek. It was after dark, and the tide was high. His horse had to swim part of the way.*

*Just as it landed a crocodile snapped at it, making a grab with its claw, pulled the stirrup iron off and badly ripped the horse's side. With the wild plunge it made it tipped Andrews fair on the crocodile's back.' Both Andrews and the crocodile got a surprise, but he was able to get to the bank before the crocodile could seize him. The horse also made for the shore, but was again badly ripped before getting on dry land. It recovered under treatment.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Queensland Times 19/07/24

**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Cairns Post Qld Tue 8 Jul.1924.**

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**1925**

***58. 21st December 1925. Frederick Easton killed by saltwater crocodile Walcott Inlet W.A. FATAL.***

The man was crossing inlet – swimming with two aboriginal men.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4831

**1927**

***59. 1st January 1927. Mailman Dave Edgar attacked by saltwater crocodile 200 miles out of Derby W.A. Non-fatal.***

Edgar was on horseback when he had half of his foot bitten off. He rode 200 miles with a bit of his foot in a saddle cloth and the severed toes wrapped in a newspaper.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4855

***60. 22nd February 1927. Clara attacked by saltwater crocodile Clare Crossing Daly River N.T. Non-fatal.***

***ATTACKED BY BIG CROCODILE***

***LUBRA'S EXPERIENCE AT DALY RIVER.***

***DARWIN. '22-2-27.— Clara, a lubra, had a thrilling experience with a crocodile at the Clare crossing of the Daly River. She was riding a horse across the river when suddenly a huge crocodile rose and pulled the animal from under her. Clara swam for her life and reached the bank safely but the horse with saddle and bridle disappeared. The horse's body was later found planted under a large log.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Evening News Rockhampton 22/2/27

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**1928**

***61. 15th June 1928. W.A. Turnbull attacked by saltwater crocodile Hicks Island Cape York Peninsula Qld. Non-fatal.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6493

**1929**

***62. 24th January 1929. Douglas attacked by saltwater crocodile at Cairns Esplanade Bathing Enclosure Cairns Qld. Non-fatal.***

Sustained injuries due to an attack by “bay” crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6479

(Ed. To be checked against records.)

***63. 1929. A 44 year-old Italian canecutter was attacked by a saltwater crocodile the Herbert River at Hawkins Creek Qld. Non-fatal.***

***1929, a 44 year-old Italian canecutter, swimming in the Herbert River at Hawkins Creek;***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

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***64. 25th January 1929. Kevin Conlon attacked by saltwater crocodile Esplanade Cairns. Non-fatal.***

***BATHER MAULED.***

***BITTEN BY CROCODILE.***

***Attack in Shallow Water.***

***CAIRNS (Q). Jan. 25.—***

***While bathing with two companions in one of the esplanade enclosures about 10.45 o'clock last, night Kevin Conlon (24) was suddenly mauled by a crocodile. A large piece was bitten out of his hip and two deep seams and three or four smaller ones were made along his back. The fact that he was only about a dozen yards from the shore and the water was only about 18 inches deep was chiefly responsible for his escaping with his life. The three bathers immediately rushed for the shore, where Conlon collapsed. An ambulance was quickly on the scene.***

***It is understood that the wounds are not dangerous, but Conlon is also suffering from shock.***

Also, more clear in the Cairns Post

25/01/1929

***The Crocodiles Victim.***



*Inquiries made last night elicited the satisfactory information that Kevin Conlon, the victim of the crocodile attack on Thursday night, was doing well. He was comfortable after attention by the doctor and the hospital staff. Between 20 and 30 stitches had been inserted, but shock was almost as serious as his physical injuries. Dr. Langan said that the hip laceration was not so serious as at first was supposed; but the wound seemed to be the deep mark of a tooth, and the back injuries appeared to be from the slicing blow of the saurian's claw. Yesterday opinions were freely expressed that the attacker was a shark, but there remains little doubt that it was a crocodile.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Cairns Post 26/1/29

24 year old Kevin Conlon was attacked by a saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) while bathing with two other men in an enclosure along the Cairns Esplanade at around 10:45 PM. He was apparently 10 yards from shore and in 18 inches of water when the crocodile attacked him.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6479

## 1931

*65. 1931. A Malay fisherman was attacked fishing from a boat Seymour River, north of Ingham. Qld. FATAL.*

*A Malay fisherman disappeared only a short distance from where this attack took place, only a year before. He was last seen fishing from a boat. Later his tracks were seen on the sand together with the claw marks of a crocodile. It was surmised he had fallen prey, as no trace was ever seen of him again.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88

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## 1932

*66. SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The C May 1932 .An aboriginal woman was killed by a saltwater crocodile Bynoe Harbour Darwin N.T. FATAL.*

*A few days ago, we believe an alligator in Bynoe Harbor reversed the above performance by upsetting a blackfellow's canoe with a sweep of its tail, and devouring the greater part of its solitary occupant -an unfortunate lubra.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Northern Territory Times and Gazette 30/05/32



SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88 as 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

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**67. 4th January 1932. Betty Doherty killed by saltwater crocodile Seymour River Halifax. Qld. FATAL.**

**HUGE ALLIGATOR.AT SCENE OF TRAGEDY.**

**SEARCH FOR CHILD CONTINUES.**

**INGHAM, January 8.**

*The search for the body of little Betty Doherty, who was taken by a monster alligator a few days ago, continues on the banks of the Seymour River, nine miles north of Ingham. To-day, when one of the search party arrived near the scene of the tragedy he saw a large saurian, 14ft long, on the fine sand of the river bank, just under the shade of the mangrove where the children were playing at the time of the tragedy. Evidently it was looking for further prey. Disturbed by the searcher, who was unarmed, it turned back to the water. After swimming about 10ft it turned its triangular nose towards the onlooker, and remained on the surface for a few minutes. For next Sunday a party has already been formed, including well known hunters, Messrs. G. N. Carr and A. A. Shaw, who intend to try to trap the saurian.*

**SNAPPING. CROCS. HORRORS' OF NORTH**

*Now in Sydney is Mr. JV Clarke, who, during a lifetime in the N.T. outback, has heard of many crocodile horrors, rivalling that on the Seymour River, near Ingham, on Monday when a reptile tore Betty Doherty, aged four, from her brother's arms. She was either eaten or buried in the river mud.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Worlds News Sydney NSW 16/3/ 32.

4 year old girl playing alongside other children

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-6471

**68. March 1932. "crocs." Just recently a child was taken by one of the monsters, the specimen being afterwards shot.**

The child is not identified here, perhaps Betty Doherty, or the suggestion being that the child was of aboriginal descent.

*An indication of the strength of crocodiles was given a few years ago. Mr. A. Colton, of Gorgango Station, purchased several Suffolk Punch stallions. When they arrived from England they were turned out adjacent to Lake Iris, but a crocodile seized one of them by*

*the nose, dragged the stallion into the lake and drowned it. Mr. Cotton put about a pound of strychnine in various parts of the stallion's body and left it in the lake. A few days later, after it had been seen that the crocodile had had a meal off the body, the monster left the lake and made overland for the Proserpine River.*

*The tracks were followed, and about three-quarters of a mile across the plain the crocodile was found dead.—E.G.S.*

The Worlds News Sydney N.S.W. 16/3/ 32

**69. 1st March 1932 woman killed by saltwater crocodile Bathurst Island Tiwi Islands N.T. FATAL.**

Sitting in a canoe between two people. She was pulled from the canoe and killed.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6473

**70. 15th August 1932. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Yarabah Mission near Cairns Qld. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6481

**1933**

**71. 2nd May 1933 three men from Mt Larcom attacked by saltwater crocodile mouth of Munduran Creek Qld. Non-fatal.**

**CROCODILIAN SCARE**

*Three well-known residents of Mt. Larcom recently had an exciting encounter with a crocodile. Returning with a catch resulting from a successful day's fishing, they were attacked by a large crocodile near the mouth of Munduran Creek where that stream empties into The Narrows, opposite Curtis Island (says the Rockhampton 'Bulletin'). After having failed to enter the small boat containing the men and the fish, the reptile tried to capsize the party, which attempt also was unsuccessful. At this juncture the fishermen decided that the shore would offer greater safety and a course was hurriedly steered towards land. To their surprise, the creature followed them through the water up to the landing point. The crisis was reached when the crocodile showed signs of a land attack. Tragedy was with little difficulty averted, however, and the incident was soon after regarded in the light of a comic touch "at the end of a perfect day."*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Maryborough Chronicle 2/05/93.

**72. 9th March 1933. Sisters Mary and Thelma Adams killed by saltwater crocodile. Alligator Creek. Mackay community of Pindi Pindi. DOUBLE FATALITY.**

FLASHBACK: The monster crocodile that killed two girls

*IT'S hard to imagine the horror of a monster five metre crocodile attacking two schoolgirls as they rode across a creek on their way to school.*

*But in 1933, that's exactly what happened in the small rural Mackay community of Pindi Pindi.*

*As debate raged this week about whether a crocodile spotted off Eimeo Creek and Slade Point should be moved or culled, the historic account of the crocodile tragedy is chilling.*

*Sisters Mary and Thelma Adams left home to ride their horse to school on March 9, 1933 but they never arrived, the Daily Mercury reported at the time.*

*The girls, aged 10 and 6, had to cross Alligator Creek, a tributary of Blackrock Creek on their way to school and the horse's return home, wet and trembling, caused alarm and prompted an immediate search.*

*Thelma's body was soon found in the creek and at first it was thought the girls had been thrown from the horse after it had taken fright for some reason.*



*But Mary could not be found and a large search party was organised, led by Constable Gallagher, of Kolijo. By this time people believed something terrible had happened.*

*The girls' horse was brought to the scene and its nervous reaction led to the theory that a crocodile had lunged at it during the river crossing, the girls had been thrown off and Mary had been taken by the reptile. After days of fruitless searching, dead wallabies baited with strychnine were set in the creek.*

*On Friday, March 17 one of the carcasses had gone and the body of a 15-foot (five metre) crocodile was found floating about two miles away.*

*It was retrieved and cut open to reveal the remains of a child and clothing, which later was identified as that worn by Mary.*

*The incident horrified the people of the Mackay district and when another large reptile was sighted at Town Beach soon afterwards they were on high alert.*

*There had been numerous reports of attacks by large crocodiles since the start of European settlement in the region, and many had been shot, but the girls' deaths were the first attributed to a crocodile.*

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Mary was killed by the crocodile but it is not clear how Thelma died.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6491

***73. 15th September 1933. Charlie killed by saltwater crocodile swimming Daly River NT. FATAL.***

Aboriginal man named Charlie was swimming across the river.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6483

***74. 15th January 1933 Jimmy Breezer killed by saltwater crocodile Stewart River. Qld. FATAL***

Man left to spear flying foxes.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6484

**1935**

***75. 1st January 1935. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Victoria River NT. FATAL.***

An aboriginal man was bathing when attacked.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6485

***76. 30th January 1935 attacked by saltwater crocodile Chinaman's Bay Cairns Qld. NON-FATAL***

The man was checking on a fish trap when he was attacked by a 2.4m long crocodile. He sustained injuries to his right leg.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6480

***77. 15th June 1935. Girl killed by saltwater crocodile near a peanut farm Daly River. NT. FATAL***

A 4 year old aboriginal girl was bathing alongside her brother

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6470

**1936**

**78. 15th June 1936. An aboriginal child attacked by saltwater crocodile on a tributary of the Mitchell River Qld. Non-fatal.**

The boy was sleeping.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6490

***Boy Saved From Crocodile's Attack.***

***MOUNT ISA (Q.), Saturday.— Taken by an 18 -ft. crocodile as he slept beside a tributary of the Mitchell River, a native boy was saved by rifles of three white men, who kept up an incessant fusillade, and the spears of dozen of natives, who ran screaming after the attacker.***

***The boy was dropped when a dozen native spears entered the soft belly skin of the crocodile. A stream of bullets ended the reptile's life, though one of the white men, Andrew Hay, was injured by its sweeping tail.***

***The black boy is expected to recover.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Mail 28/11/36

**79. 1936 (circa). A German sailor killed by a saltwater crocodile Ord River W.A. FATAL.**

***BY KIMBERLEY TRACKS.  
Scenes in the Cattle Country.  
By G. G. Gregory.***

***A Crocodile Tragedy.***

***A little later, I awoke with a start, senses alert, listening to the eerie bush sounds. Thoughts of crocodiles beset me. I conjured up the story we had heard at Wyndham of the German sailor who deserted his ship and wandered in land to seek .work:- One evening, camping by the Ord, he found the vicious mosquitos would not let him rest. In desperation, he clambered down to a shallow pool by the river, and lay in it with a handkerchief over his face. While asleep, a crocodile attacked him, and tore off a portion of his leg. He fought the crocodile back, and, managing to escape crawled to, and lay by, the road. Next day he was picked up by a stockman, but died from loss of blood before medical assistance could be procured.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The West Australian 21/11/36

## 1937

### *80. 29th June 1937. Chin Huey killed by saltwater crocodile Wyndham W.A. FATAL.*

A 58 year old man fell off jetty

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4825

### *81. 13th August 1937. Ahearn attacked by saltwater crocodile Wyndham W.A. Non-fatal.*

The 45 year old man was swimming when attacked by a 5.2 m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4817

### *82. 18th August 1937. Charlie attacked by saltwater crocodile King River W.A. Non-fatal.*

The man was swimming and pursuing a crocodile when attacked by a 2 m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4816

## 1938

### *83. 4th March 1938. Malayan man attacked by saltwater crocodile Darwin N.T. Non-fatal.*

#### **MALAY MAULED**

*Crocodile's Attack DARWIN, Monday.*

*A MALAY member of a crew of a pearling lugger was horribly mauled by a crocodile while casting a net for fish. An aborigine beat away the monster. It appears that Malay was only up to his knees in the water when the crocodile seized him by his thigh.*

Night Attack 100 Yds. From Darwin Railway Station

DARWIN. March 6.

A Malay member of the crew of a pearling lugger was badly mauled by a crocodile 100 yards from the Darwin railway station late on Friday night. ]

He is in the Darwin Hospital in a serious condition. His right arm may have to be amputated. His thigh and leg were also mauled.

The seaman, who is from Koepang, is named Petreus. He was casting a net for fish in water up to his knees, when the crocodile seized him by the thigh, and attempted to drag him into deep water. He beat it off. and was staggering to the shore a few yards away when It returned to the attack and grabbed him by the right arm.

The victim's frenzied screams brought an aborigine running to his aid. He flung himself on the crocodile, which, scared by the noise, released his hold and disappeared. In the meantime, other Malays had reached the scene, and carried Petreus to safety. From the extent of. the teeth marks, it is estimated that the crocodile was about 12 ft. long. Two crocodiles, one nine and the other 10 feet long, have been caught in the vicinity within the past few weeks.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Advertiser S.A. 4/03/38

#### MALAYS SAVE MAN FROM CROCODILE'S ATTACK

From Our Special Representative

DARWIN, Saturday. — A Koepang native was seized by a giant crocodile in the shallows of Francis Bay last night. He had one arm shockingly mauled before be managed to escape. He was pulled out of the water by fellow Malays, and carried to Darwin police station, about half a mile away.

*84. 7th March 1938. Jacoet attacked by saltwater crocodile Frances Bay Darwin  
N.T. Non-fatal.*

#### ANOTHER ATTACK BY CROCODILE DARWIN.

Tuesday.

Close to the spot where a native was seized last Friday, another native was attacked by a crocodile In Frances Bay last night. Fortunately he had only been washing his feet in shallow water, and managed to draw away in time as the monster dashed at him. He ran away screaming.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Labor Daily Sydney. 9/03/38

#### MAN-EATING CROCODILE

#### KOEPANGER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Another crocodile attack occurred near Gregory's pearling station on Monday night. , While washing clothes on the water's edge shortly after sundown, a Koepanger heard a sudden swish in the water near him. It is claimed he saw a crocodile. He jumped back just in time and rushed up towards the crews quarters, shrieking loudly: His companions raced down towards the water armed with sticks and searched for the saurian, but it had disappeared. It is believed this is the same one that attacked the Koepanger named Pedro last week, and for which efforts to capture it have so far been unsuccessful. On Tuesday night the same crocodile is believed to have been seen at Clark's pearling station in Frances Bay. Lugger crews living at the station attacked the monster with stones and lumps of iron. They had no gun and it escaped. Francis Bay, a favourite prawning spot, is now taboo

to most prawners, and until the saurian is captured they would ; undoubtedly be courting danger to continue activities.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Northern Standard Darwin 11/03/38

DARWIN Tuesday.

A Malay boy named Jacoet narrowly escaped being seized by a crocodile last night about half a mile from the scene of attack on Friday night, when 'another Malay, named Petreus was badly mauled. Jacoet went through the mangroves which fringed the shore of Francis Bay about half a mile from the railway station, and was washing his feet in shallow water when the crocodile dashed at him. Instinctively, he leapt backward. He states that he heard the jaws of the crocodile snap together as they missed him. His frantic screams brought other Malays rushing from their huts. The crocodile had meanwhile disappeared. Petreus who was severely mauled about the arms and thighs, is progressing favourably in Darwin Darwin Hospital.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Sydney Morning Herald 9/3/38

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***85. 1st November 1938. Aboriginal man attacked by saltwater crocodile Synott Creek W.A. Non-fatal.***

The aboriginal man was sent with a message about a stranded bomber.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4828

## **1939**

***86. 1939 CIRCA. Station Manager killed by saltwater crocodile Bradshaw's Creek Victoria River District N.T. FATAL.***

*Just before the war, a station manager on a property, on Bradshaw's Creek, (off the Victoria River) was lying on the lawn, in front of the house, 50 yards above the river. Inside, his wife was resting under the nets. She heard a scream, and dashed out to see a huge 'gator, with her husband in its mouth, waddling down to the river. She followed, screaming and beating at its tail with a towel, which she had snatched up as she rushed from-the house. That was the last she saw of her husband.*

This was also reported in a similar fashion by another newspaper.



*More daring still was the crocodile who left the river and fifty yards away took the station manager of Bradshaw's Creek, who was lying on his lawn in front of his house. His wife heard him scream and looked out and saw him carried away never to be seen again.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: News Sydney NSW 16/3/32

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### **87. THE ATTACKS ON ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE SIMPLY NOT RECORDED.** **Anecdotal.**

It seems that, particularly in the case of the aborigines, numbers of crocodile attacks simply go unreported – *“Amongst natives of the Daly and Alligator rivers you will meet many with stumps where arms once were.” Lacking utensils for holding water, natives dip their hands into the rivers, and many an arm has been lost this way.*

*"How do you get away from an alligator?" Mr. Clarke was asked.*

*"Run" said Mr. Clarke. "No good firing a rifle at him- he'll ignore your shots, and get you. ; "Still, he's a coward, and if you can beat a kerosene tin at him, he'll probably turn tail. But if he once chasing you, run like blazes and climb the first tree.*

*"Don't change your course-if you swing on one side, he'll swing his tail round and get you. There's a river crossing at Bradshaw's, leading to the station, where the man was killed, and an old alligator has patrolled it for 10 years. No one dare cross without first bombing the water with dynamite or else getting a mob of natives to shout and beat the water with sticks."*

*(Note.-We have made a number of inquiries but Mr. D. Clarke cannot be identified. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to assist.'*

*Ed. "N.S.").*

### **88. 17th March 1939. Maude killed by crocodile South Alligator River N.T. FATAL.**

An aboriginal woman Maude, the wife of Bamboo Charlie, who was Tom Cole's best crocodile hunter, was taken by a saltwater crocodile while crossing the river. She was camped with Tom Cole, her husband, and other aboriginal people at Tom Cole's camp Ingarabba, which was at that time located on what is today the site of the current Ranger Station. Maude was swimming across the river, just where the concrete bridge is now, when the crocodile came up from behind. They shot the crocodile and found Maude's bones inside the dead crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Books by Tom Cole.

## FURTHER NOTES.

17 March 1939 .

Diary note 20<sup>th</sup> March 1939 states

“Lubra taken by alligator three days ago.”

Appears on Ingarabba Station South Alligator River.

SOURCE: RIDING THE WILDMAN PLAINS. TOM COLE. PAGE 197

## RE LUBRA.

### What's the meaning of the word Lubra in Australia?

lubra (plural lubras) (Australia, now racially offensive) A female Aboriginal Australian.

[lubra - Wiktionary](#)

[en.wiktionary.org/wiki/lubra](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/lubra)

The date, three days earlier than the diary note, matches up with the death of Maude. This story is told in more detail in another of Tom Cole's books.

Lennox. History Grant Talk, Northern Territory Archives Centre, 22 June 2016.

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### ***89. 15th June 1939. Ginger Palmer attacked by a saltwater crocodile Adelaide River. NT. Non-fatal.***

He was trying to retrieve the crocodile he had shot.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6486

## 1940

### ***90. 19th March 1940 Amos Baker attacked by saltwater crocodile Saltwater Heads near Mossman Qld. Non-fatal.***

While fishing a 55 year old man was attacked by 2.7m crocodile. Severe injuries.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6477

### ***Crocodile Attack re-unites victim with Family***

***Now rapidly recovering from the effects of having been shockingly mauled by crocodile at Saltwater Head, near Mossman, last month, Amos Maker, 55-year-old cane cutter, is happy in the knowledge that through the accident he has found his family again.***

*Baker became separated from his two daughters 10 years ago, when they were small children. Neither they nor he knew of each other's whereabouts until Miss C. M. Baker, of Bundaberg, read of the accident, immediately communicated with the Mossman hospital, and found it was her father who had been the victim of the attack. Baker is now sufficiently improved to tell the story of his experience.*

*"I was dragging a net at 9 p.m. when I heard my dogs barking excitedly," he said. "Previously I had ordered them away, because dogs attract crocodiles, but they disobeyed me. One of the dogs leapt into the water and swam towards me. He seemed terrified. I took no notice, but shortly after noticed a black object swimming towards me. I thought it was one of the dogs until it was about five feet away. My blood froze as I realised it was the head of a crocodile.*

*'I was about eight yards from the shore at the time. In a flash it was on me. I managed to get a grip of its head with my left hand, and punched at it frantically with my right. The crocodile lashed out with one of its claws, and ripped down my chest.*

*'Although rapidly weakening from none loss of blood, I managed to gouge my thumb into one of its eyes. The crocodile turned suddenly and disappeared.*

*I stumbled out of the water, keeping to my feet only by the realisation that if I fell back it would come again.*

*'Police Sergeant Rinaldi and Mr. Goodrich must have heard me crying for help when they were fishing in mid-stream. Goodrich helped me for a quarter-mile to my hut, where the ambulance came to take me to hospital. I know I have been critically ill, and although I am feeling much better my sleep is made hideous by dreams of crocodiles'.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Courier Mail 12/8/40

### **CROCODILE ATTACK**

**BRISBANE, Thursday:** *Frightfully mauled by a nine-foot crocodile, while pulling in a fishing net at Saltwater Head, near Mossman, Amos Baker, 55, canecutter, is now in Mossman Hospital in a critical condition. His right side and chest were severely lacerated, affecting his lungs, and his face and arms and the lower part of his body were lacerated and several ribs were fractured. Baker was 50 yards away from his mates when he was attacked.*

## 1941

### *91. 30th November 1941. Jimmy Kilarooks was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Shoal Bay N.T. Non-fatal.*

The man was clearing a fish trap when he was attacked by the crocodile. He was rescued by a man with a tomahawk. The wounds required 39 stitches.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6475

## 1942

### *92. 27th November 1942. Ellen Elizabeth Ah Kee killed by a saltwater crocodile Mulgrave River near Deral south of Cairns Qld .FATAL.*

*About 7pm on Friday, November 27, 1942, in the Mulgrave River at Deeral, some 30km south of Cairns, a tragic crocodile attack took place. Ellen Elizabeth Ah Kee, of Chinese-South-Sea Island extraction and only 12 years old, was gathering mussel shells in company of her sister Myra, 10, and her brother, Arthur, 9, as well as a close family relative, Georgina Olsworth, 35.*

*They were all in water less than a metre deep near the Deeral bridge. Ellen called out, "Oh Myra," and was gone in a swirl of water. The remaining members of the group immediately left the water. While looking back towards the river for Ellen they saw the top portion of her body come up out of the water — then disappear again. The commotion attracted the attention of Mr George Stroud who attempted to stalk and shoot the crocodile — it was soon too dark and the police were notified by telephone. The following morning George Stroud, Frank Giddins and Alex Lamperd started to search for the body. Three hundred metres from the attack site, at the mouth of a small creek, they found the trunk portion of a body. Twenty metres up this creek the spot was found where the body had been smashed up. Here they found a piece of human skull and some clothing caught in the overhead branches of trees — evidence of the method a crocodile uses when shaking its victim apart. A further 20 metres up this creek, a leg with some clothing attached was discovered. The crocodile was not sighted. The remains were later identified as those of Ellen Ah Kee. The postmortem certificate stated death was due to violent injuries which severed the neck and trunk.*

*While researching this case the conclusion was drawn that the crocodile responsible was possibly captured by the late Hughie Lewis, using a carbide bomb and bullock's heart. This capture would have occurred some time after the fatality, and no human remains were reported from the stomach contents of the animal. Ellen's surviving sister, Myra, stated the crocodile was never caught and "probably died of old age".*

*A point of interest — while researching newspapers, the paper of the day gave this attack report equal column space with Darwin being bombed by the Japanese. Both incidents were reported on the same page.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: From the Canberra Times 9/07/88 Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

13 year old girl collecting mussels alongside her brother.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6478

**1944**

***93. 15th June 1944. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Coomalie Creek NT.  
Non-fatal***

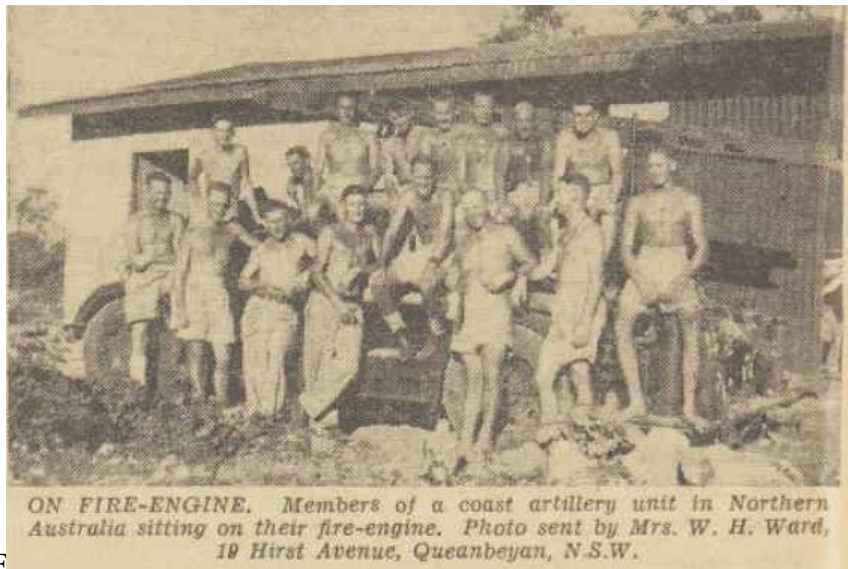
Man was swimming in a tributary of the Adelaide River.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6489

***94. 1944 Sat 7 Oct Man attacked by saltwater crocodile while fishing. NON  
FATAL.***

A serviceman was attacked by saltwater crocodile and saved by another serviceman who jumped in and held him.

Cpl. E. Willis, LACS A. Staib, F. McKenzie, Cpls. J. Bennett, F. Poole, all R.A.A.F., and Cpl. K. Clarke, A.I.F. Photo sent by Mrs. R. H. Thomson, Rainbow Street, Sandgate, Old.



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***ON FIRE-ENGINE. Members of a coast artillery unit in Northern Australia sitting on their fire-engine. Photo sent by Mrs. W. H. Ward. 19 Hirst Avenue, Queanbeyan, N.S.W.***

***Serviceman saved from crocodile***

***A serviceman, in the north, risked his life to save a member of his unit from a terrible death.***

***^ The two men were fishing when a crocodile seized one by the leg and dragged him into the stream.***

***His companion immediately jumped into the water to his rescue.***

*Sig. G. Bourke tells of this dramatic incident in a letter to his sister at 330 Danks St., Middle Park, Melbourne.*

*THERE was a little excitement up here at the week-end. A fellow from a unit in the area was taken by a crocodile.*

*"Fortunately he was saved by a comrade, who jumped into the water after him and pulled him from the jaws of the croc. From what I can gather from the stories going round, the two were sitting on a log by the edge of a stream fishing and flashing a torch in the water.*

*As soon as they turned the torch off, the croc, grabbed the fellow by the upper part of the legs and pulled him into the water. Fortunately the water was shallow, or else the croc, would have had him under water in no time.*

*As soon as he saw what had happened the other chap immediately jumped into the water to help his stricken comrade. He grabbed him and hung on to him until the croc, let go.*

*By this time others had arrived at the scene, and they were able to frighten the croc away.*

*The croc only had his captive by the fleshy part of the legs. If he had got a grip on the bones there would have been little hope of retrieving him from the croc's powerful jaws.*

*The crocodile got away. They estimate that he was from ten to twelve feet long. The victim was unconscious for a day and a half in the hospital. He could not have his wounds stitched for nearly a week, as the bite of the crocodile is septic, and the wounds inflicted by it automatically become poisoned.*

*The fellow that went in and saved his mate did a very brave thing in my opinion. The croc could quite easily have taken him as well.*

*It is said that he has been recommended for a decoration. I don't know if this is right. He certainly deserves it. The same chap saved another fellow from drowning earlier in the year.*

SOURCE: The Australian Women's Weekly (1933 - 1982)

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**1946**

**95. Feb 1946. William Nunn and Glenn attacked by crocodile Annan River Qld. Nonfatal.**

*Other exciting times were spoken of in Cooktown's bi-weekly Press. Alligators came into the news, because when William Nunn and a boy named Glenn were crossing the Annan near Keating's on horseback they were chased by an alligator. Their horses were too fast for the alligator, where-upon it turned and attacked the dogs. The "Herald," enlarging upon the danger caused by the presence of alligators in both Annan and Endeavour rivers,*

*told its readers that "Mr. Harris had recently cut open an alligator and in its stomach had found pebbles of a total weight of half a hundred pounds."*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Cairns Post (Qld) Sat 2 Mar 1946

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## 1947

### *96. 15th February 1947. Eric Swanson attacked by a saltwater crocodile at No. 1 Wharf Cairns Qld. Non-fatal.*

A 22 year old man was swimming

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6482

### *97. 29th April 1947 Darwin boy attacked by saltwater crocodile Fannie Bay Darwin N.T.. non fatal.*

#### ***Boy Fights Off Crocodile: Attack On Boat***

*DARWIN, Monday.-A 14-year-old boy had a narrow escape from serious injury when his small sailing dinghy was attacked by a large crocodile at Fanny Bay, near Darwin, yesterday. The boy, William McNab, of Fanny Bay, son of the well-known Northern Territory policeman, Detective McNab, was sailing his boat when the crocodile came to the surface not far away. It came to within several inches of the dinghy, rocked it with its tail, and appeared to be trying to capsize it. Although it made several vicious attacks, the boy fought it off with the aid of an oar, shouting in an attempt to frighten it away.*

*Now that troops have left the Darwin area, large numbers of crocodiles are returning to their old haunts in the mangrove swamps and some of the less frequented beaches and bays around Darwin.\_*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW : 1888 - 1954) Tue 29 Apr 1947

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### *98. 29TH April 1947. Aboriginal woman attacked by saltwater crocodile Darwin N.T. FATAL.*

#### ***ATTACKED BY CROCODILE***

*For the first time for many years crocodile attacked a canoe containing natives at Darwin. It grabbed a lubra and disappeared with her. The other occupants swam ashore.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Barrier Miner 29/4/47



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## 1948

### **99. 15th March 1948 Mickey attacked by saltwater crocodile Fitzroy River near Luluigui Station W.A. FATAL**

A 30 year old aboriginal man named Mickey was swimming – killed.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4352

### **100. 22nd June 1948 William McLennan Howard River N.T. Non-fatal.**

William was dragging a fishing net when he was attacked by a 1.5m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4323

### **101. 25th October 1948. Fred Whitelaw attacked by saltwater crocodile Berry Springs N.T. Non-fatal.**

#### ***Attacking Crocodile Dead***

*DARWIN, Monday.-A crocodile which was about to attack Fred Whitelaw, 23, administration employee, in a creek near Berry Springs, 40 miles from Darwin, yesterday, was shot dead by Whitelaw's companion, John Carlile. Whitelaw had failed to stop the crocodile with three shots from his revolver. The two men were shooting fish in about five feet of water. Whitelaw had hit a fish and had entered the water to retrieve it. As the crocodile approached, he hit it with two shots of the three in the magazine, and then threw the weapon at the reptile.*

*Carlile shot the crocodile from the bank with a service rifle. Whitelaw said: "I never before got out of the water so quickly. John had a free night on the beer on me."*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Daily News Perth 25/10/48

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate 26/10/48

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## 1949

### **102. 23rd February 1949. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Hart's Crossing, Ord River, W.A. FATAL.**

A group of aborigines were attempting to cross the Ord River and were in the water when attacked by a 4.0m saltwater crocodile

Good story FROM CROCBITE

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4826



## 1950

**103. 15th March 1950 Mickey, a Liverpool River man attacked by saltwater crocodile tributary of the King River Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.**

23 year old man swimming when attacked by a 4.3m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Croc Bite 100-4321

**104. 15th September 1950. Gerry Randall attacked by saltwater crocodile NT. nonfatal.**

While harpooning crocodiles with inexperienced aboriginal helpers Randall, ex RAAF fighter pilot, a 37 year old man fell into water provoking an attack.

Although he suffered severe injuries to an arm he shot the crocodile dead.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6487

The Daily News: 27/7/50

## 1952

**105. 23rd September 1952. Baby Beheulah Pootchemunka was attacked by saltwater crocodile Archer River Qld. Non-fatal.**

2.4m crocodile pulled the 10-month old baby (and her mother) out of canoe.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4275

**106. 23rd September 1952. Eva Pootchemunka, mother, was attacked by saltwater crocodile Archer River Qld. Non-fatal.**

2.4m pulled the mother (with her baby) out of canoe.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4276

**107. 15th January 1952 C.H. Stuttuward attacked by saltwater crocodile near Townsville Qld. Non-fatal.**

The boat capsized and the crocodile attacked Stuttuward. Another man present, Carl Lupi, shot the 4.6m crocodile .

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4320

## 1953

**108. 2nd February 1953. Johnny Curamalayo attacked by saltwater crocodile Howard River. N.T. Non-fatal.**

A 3.7 crocodile attacked an aboriginal man, Johnny Curamalayo, while he was fishing with a net. He required 30 stitches to one leg.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4274

**109.      September 1953. Hugh Henry attacked by crocodile Townsville Zoo, Townsville Qld Non-fatal.**

**BRISBANE: Tuesday:** A 60 year old aborigine, Hugh Henry, broke free from the jaws of a 15 foot crocodile at the Townsville Zoo today, with the aid of a reaping hook.

*Henry, who is an employee at the zoo, is now In Townsville hospital in a grave condition.*

*He was gathering grass on the edge of a pool at the zoo, which contained four crocodiles, between ten and 15 feet in length, when one of the larger reptiles seized him and dragged him into the pool. The aborigine's cries for help were heard by Clifford Robinson the owner of the zoo, who threw him a reaping hook. Henry then attacked the crocodile and managed to drag himself to safety.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Cairns Post 23/09/1953

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019. CrocBite do not include attacks in Zoos.

**1954**

**110.      6th July 1954. Rally drivers attacked by saltwater crocodile at Giru, 30 miles south of Townsville, Qld Non-fatal.**

**TOWNSVILLE, Wednesday:** A huge crocodile viciously attacked three trial competitors at Giru, 30 miles south of Townsville, late last night. The man-eater rushed the men when they left their car near a swamp. The men, "Duck" Anderson, Ray Anthony and Verge Zaccu beat off the monster with sticks and stones. The men, who form the crew of one car, were shaken by their experience.

*Anderson said they thought the crocodile was a log in the swamp until it moved. Then the 10-foot monster rushed them. After fighting it, one of the crew started the motor of the car and he crocodile scurried back into the swamp. Creeks and swamps near Giru are infested with man-eating crocodiles. Drivers and cars are to-day facing the severest test so far on the tour--the 613-mile horror section from Townsville to Mt. Isa. First cars left Townsville at 7.12 a.m. and are scheduled to reach Mt. Isa at 2.14 a.m. tomorrow.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Goulbourn Evening Post 7/7/54

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**1959**

**111.      24th April 1959. Tommy Brian attacked by saltwater crocodile Edward River Gulf of Carpentaria. Qld. Non-fatal.**

30 year old was spear fishing in waist deep water when attacked by 3.3m. Brian escaped with injuries.

**1967**

**112. 15th August 1967. Batinarra was attacked by saltwater crocodile at Yirrkala near Nhulunbuy N.T. Non-fatal.**

An aboriginal man was hunting along the billabong edge. He claimed the crocodile was 20 feet in length.

**CROCODILE ATTACK**

*DARWIN, Wednesday. - An Aboriginal mission native, Batinarra, poked his rifle down the throat of a crocodile as it was about to drag him under the water of a billabong today. Batinarra is now in hospital in Darwin with a badly lacerated left arm and chest.*

*He said he had been stalking a bird and did not notice the 20-foot crocodile until it grabbed him.*

*"He grabbed me near the shoulder and tried to pull me under the water", Batinarra told doctors. The crocodile had opened his jaws to make another bite when I poked my rifle as far down his throat as it would go".*

*It had made a series of plunges, coughed and spluttered and disappeared in the water with the rifle still in its throat.*

*Batinarra scrambled to the bank of the billabong where he collapsed from loss of blood.*

*His condition is satisfactory, but he is being detained as a precaution against complications.*

**113. 1 Dec 1967 CROCODILE ATTACKS CLOSE TO DARWIN**

The following report, which appeared in 'The Northern Territory News,' serves as reminder to persons travelling the Territory to beware of swimming in Territorial Waters.

Crocodiles mate at the beginning of the wet season near Darwin, and like any animals the female species are apt to attack if any persons get too close to their breeding grounds.

The report reads: 'I saw a dark shape and then it opened its mouth, I jumped up, screamed and ran.

Sergeant Ted Briggs, of the Darwin RAAF Base, said this describing an attack on him by a big crocodile at Tumbling Waters, 40 miles from the city recently.

At the time of the attack his four children were swimming in the lagoon, only 100 yards away.

'We had been down to Southport to visit the old Chinese ruins,' he said, 'we decided we would have a swim before returning to Darwin.' 'We went to the upper lagoon, and the children dived in to cool off.'

'I took my fishing line and strolled up the bank about 100 yards. 'I was sitting on the bank just past the water resources tower, when I saw a dark shape swimming fast towards me.

'It was making a beeline straight for me.' 'It opened its mouth and I realised it was a croc. I jumped up, screamed to my family and ran. 'Just before it reached the bank it turned back still with its mouth open.'

Sergeant Briggs, remembering the incident, said that he thought that jaw-to-jaw, the crocodile must have had a spread of 15 inches. 'The stomach was about three foot across, I reckon it was 15 foot long,' he added. Sergeant Briggs' wife Jane, was further up the bank with the four children all swimming in the lagoon. The four left the water when they heard their father scream.

Sergeant Briggs described the open mouth as 'some-thing like a grinning cat.'

Top End safari hunters believe the crocodile to be a female with a nest further down the bank.

SOURCE: Western Herald (Bourke, NSW : 1887 - 1970)

Fri 1 Dec 1967

## 1968

### ***114. 1968 (CIRCA). Patricia Mow attacked by saltwater crocodile Deeral bridge Qld. Non-fatal.***

***An Aboriginal woman, Patricia Mow, was fishing from Deeral loco bridge. She went to wash her hands and a crocodile grabbed her shirtsleeve and tore it off. This animal was later captured and exhibited as 'Jack the Stripper'.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 9/07/88 as reported by Chris Wilkes and Jack Shield

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile. The Australian Story. Holden P. P109.

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## 1974-1979

### 115. 1974. *The first of a number of attacks on boats by crocodile known as "Sweetheart" Finiss River N.T. Non-fatal.*

This was a series of attacks (AS MANY AS 15) resulting in the capture and death of Sweetheart.

It is a good idea to get a copy of Col Stringer's book on Sweetheart. If you do read the book you will find that my brother Kel Clark is listed in the book as being in one of the boats that were attacked by Sweetheart.

Part of the Story.

Sweetheart Vital Statistics:

Weight 780 Kg



Length of 5.1m

### **Description of the first attack in 1974**

Three people were in a boat when the crocodile seized the cowling of the outboard motor and rocked the boat. One person was thrown out. That person got back in again but when they started the outboard motor the crocodile attacked the propeller.

**116. 1976 a similar attack occurred.**

Damaged the cowling and punctured the aluminium. Hull

**117. 1976**

slammed into a fishing boat

**118. 1978**

attacked a moored boat. Damaged the outboard motor.

**119. 1978**

sank a fishing boat. Attacked the engine while the tow occupants swam ashore

**120. 1979**

overturned another boat, dumping the two occupants into the water.

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**1975**

**121. 26th April 1975: Peter Reimers, near Weipa, Queensland. FATAL**  
*Peter, 32, was killed by a 5.0m saltwater crocodile while wading in a creek*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-424

**1976**

**122. 11th April 1976. Graham Webb and 2 others attacked while in a tree**  
***Tomkinson River Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.***

The men, who were tracking a 3.7m crocodile via radio-transmitter, were in a tree. They sighted the crocodile on the opposite bank and splashed the water with a stick to attract the crocodile. The crocodile approached under water. When it appeared, it leapt high in an effort to grab one of the men, and it succeeded to the extent that its jump enabled it to bite the branch upon which they were standing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Australian Crocodiles. A Natural History 1993, Webb, Graham and Manolis, Charlie. p116.

Not in CrocBite as at 7:15 AM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## 1979

**123. 4th October 1979: Trevor Gaghan killed by saltwater crocodile near Nhulunbuy, NT. FATAL**

*28 year old man killed by 3.5m saltwater crocodile while skindiving at Rainbow Cliffs.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4241

## 1980

**124. 15th July 1980. Bakurra Munyarryun was attacked by saltwater crocodile in a billabong on Cato River near Nhulunbuy N.T. FATAL**

*She was fishing when she was attacked by a 5.0m croc.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4240

**125. 25th November 1980. Paul Flanagan was attacked by saltwater crocodile near Wyndham W.A. FATAL.**

*Man killed by 4.0m saltwater crocodile while swimming at night.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4239

## 1981

**126. 15th April 1981. Hilton Graham attacked by saltwater crocodile in a billabong near Channel Point, Daly River NT. Non-fatal.**

*A 23 year old man was attacked by a 4.0m crocodile in shallow water while he was pushing a boat.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4257

**127. 10th September 1981. Graeme Wilson was attacked by saltwater crocodile in billabong on the Cobourg Peninsula. NT. Non-fatal.**

*28 year old man swimming when attacked by a 4.5m crocodile.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite. 100-4257

The man's name , according to Phillip Holden, was Graham, rather than Graeme.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodiles. The Australian Story, Phillip Holden p.105.

According to Graeme Webb, the location was Danger Point and he spells the name as "Graeme".

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Webb and Manolis.



**128. South Johnstone River. Jaws clamped onto the man but only ripped his shirt off.**

Man was attacked. Further details to be provided..

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Webb and Manolis.

**1983**

**129. 15th July 1983. Gavin Con Foo was attacked by crocodile Bynoe Harbour N.T. non-fatal.**

A 21 year old was fishing from a boat. The 2.0m crocodile inflicted lacerations.

*Friday, 15 July, 1983*

*Gavin Con Foo was attacked by a small roughly 1.8 m saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) while fishing in Bynoe Harbour, although the circumstances are unusual and it has been suggested that the crocodile was being provoked or otherwise disturbed and bit in self-defence.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite

According to Holden, the attack was in December 1983 .

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Australian Story Crocodiles, Phillip Holden p.105.

The month of July was confirmed by Webb and Manolis.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Webb and Manolis

**1984**

**130. 1984 unknown. Boats were attacked and chewed by crocodile on the Wildman River N.T. non-fatal**

Holden was not sure of the year being either 1983 or 1984 but Webb and Manolis say that it was 1984.

According to Holden, the attacks occurred in Two Mile Billabong.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile. The Australian Story. Holden P. Page.162.

Webb and Manolis say the attacks occurred in May and June 1984 on the Wildman River. An old 5.1m male crocodile attacked boats at night after the boats had been hauled up onto the bank. The crocodile bit the cowlings of outboard motors.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Australian Crocodiles A Natural History. Webb, Graeme and Manolis, Charlie.



**131. 25th August 1984. Dr. Ken Meehan was tracked by a crocodile  
Mulgrave River Qld. Non-fatal.**

The doctor was sailboarding when he was followed by a 4.0 m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodiles the Australian story Holden 109 110

**1985**

**132. 21st December 1985. Beryl Wruck attacked by saltwater crocodile  
Daintree River. Qld. FATAL**

*Beryl was quickly and silently taken by a 5m crocodile on the banks of the Daintree River*

Crocs shot in Daintree

*People have been shooting and baiting crocs in the Daintree River since Beryl Wruck disappeared, last December. "Dead crocs have been found in the river. Irresponsible shooters hit anything that moves" said one resident. Some people fear that the croc that took Beryl will attack again.*

*"All I want to do is catch the killer croc," said one of Beryl's friends. "I don't want to wipe them all out." Tourist operators, who run croc-spotting cruises in the Daintree River, think that crocs should stay.*

*"People can live with crocs safely if they use commonsense," said one tour guide. "You just don't go into the water, especially not at night. Poor Beryl broke the rules. You cannot blame the crocodile."*

*From Mossman Gazette, February, 1986*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4238

1985 21 December Barratt Creek, Daintree River Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**133. 15th May 1985 Raymond John attacked by saltwater crocodile  
Borrooloola N.T. Non-fatal.**

He was attacked in shallow water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4270

**134. 15th February 1985. Val Plumwood attacked by saltwater crocodile  
East Alligator River, Kakadu National Park N.T. Non-fatal.**

Plumwood wrote an account of her ordeal, entitled, "Surviving a Crocodile Attack"

*A near-death experience can reveal the truth about nature in an instant. But putting that insight into words can take years.*

By Val Plumwood, from the book "The Ultimate Journey"

July-August 2000

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite. 100-4269

## 1986

### **135. 11th February 1986. Catherine McQuarrie taken by saltwater crocodile in Van Rook Creek near Karumba, Qld. FATAL.**

31 year old taken by saltwater crocodile while swimming.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6797

1986 11 February Staaten River, Gulf of Carpentaria Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

### **136. 6th September 1986. Lee McLeod (AKA Wherret) killed by saltwater crocodile McArthur River boat ramp Gulf of Carpentaria Qld. FATAL.**

Lee McLeod was also known as Rusty Wherret.

***Lee, 39, from Borrooloola, was killed while sleeping on the bank of the McArthur River***

The attack was carried out by a 5.1m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4237

Parts of his body were retrieved from a 5.0m crocodile after it was shot.

Webb and Manolis.

### ***A MATTER OF IDENTIFICATION - FATAL CROCODILE ATTACK-BORROLOOLA 7 SEPTEMBER 1986***

***Police throughout the world are often given the task of establishing the identity of persons who have died in suspicious or unusual circumstances'. The task in this matter was particularly difficult when the deceased person was killed and eaten by a huge crocodile. The story unravels as follows. At about 7pm on Saturday 6 September 1986 Lee McLeod (alias Rusty Wherret), a ringer who had been working in the Borrooloola area, left the local hotel with a mate, Dennis Vowken. Both were in an intoxicated condition at the time. They proceeded to Rocky Point, some distance from the hotel, to a boat ramp on the McArthur River, behind the township. On arrival they consumed more alcohol, finally falling to sleep on the bank of the river. When Vowken awoke at about midnight he could not find McLeod in the immediate area, although McLeod's shirt was still there. Vowken felt no concern and left the area. Late on Sunday 7 September Vowken worried over McLeod's absence***

*and reported him missing to the Police. Borroloola lays 270km east of the Stuart Highway and is approximately 700km south east of Darwin. It is situated some 67 km inland from the sea and is located on the banks of the mighty McArthur River. The "Loo" as, it is affectionately known by locals, swelters in tropical heat, humidity and flies, being typical gulf cattle country. Even though isolated it is a fisherman's haven and also attracts a fair share of residents who revel in isolation, challenge and independence. The population of Borroloola at that time was about 100 Europeans and 200 Aborigines. In addition to the barra, the river also plays host to a more sinister resident, the estuarine crocodile or "salties" as they are locally referred to. Legislation was introduced in 1972 to totally protect all crocodiles from hunting, allowing them to grow into exceptionally large animals and to move closer to inhabited areas than normally would have occurred in earlier times. After receiving the reported disappearance of McLeod, police conducted a cursory search of the area to no avail. Because McLeod's shirt was located on the bank of the river, police speculated that he may have gone for a swim, got into difficulties and drowned. A systematic search was conducted throughout Monday 8 September, and continued until police located severed human legs approximately 300 metres upstream from where McLeod and Vowken had slept, on Sunday 7th September. It was known that a large saltie in excess of 5 metres and known as "Gus" by the locals inhabited this portion of the river and was suspected as the culprit for the attack. At this stage police notified the Crocodile Task Force of the Conservation Commission, who arrived in Borroloola on Tuesday 9 September with a trap and their operational crocodile boat. They immediately set their trap and commenced night searches without success. At 2200 hours on Wednesday 10 September the Task Force systematically searched Gus' territory and noted a terrible stench, which they believed, came from the breath of a crocodile, consistent, they said, with a crocodile ingesting human remains. At 0030 hours on Thursday 11 September they located and harpooned Gus who towed their boat up and down the river until 0200 hours when they shot the crocodile as it charged the boat. The crocodile was towed to the boat ramp where the police met them. An autopsy was conducted immediately and police took possession of human remains. Gus was a huge crocodile who measured in at 4.87m even though the last 11 vertebrae were missing from his tail. Dr Graeme Webb, the Crocodile Expert, estimated that with his tail intact he would have measured approximately 5.05metres. Gus weighed just over a tonne and was estimated to be 60 years old. It is of note that approximately 5 months earlier an Aboriginal swimming across the river late at night with a carton of beer, was attacked by a crocodile, mouthed and "spat out", causing him to lose the carton. He was medivaced to Darwin for treatment. It is not possible to establish if Gus was the culprit in this matter. The remains of McLeod were found headfirst in the stomach of Gus. The digestive juices of the crocodile had already reduced bone matter to the consistency of rubbery gristle, flesh to jelly-like substance and skin bleached and rubbery-like in texture. The remains were returned to Darwin for Post Mortem examination. The contents were examined in the Darwin Mortuary. Both arms were intact but as previously mentioned, the skin was reduced to a jelly-like consistency. There were no signs at all of papillary ridges but several pieces of epidermis had very clearly defined ridges, although some deterioration had taken place. As in all Coronial Inquests, positive identification of the deceased is of paramount importance. It would have been impossible*

*for anyone to visually identify McLeod after such a horrific death. It then became a responsibility of the police to satisfy the Coroner of the identity of the deceased person. Police had located some of McLeod's papers and established that he had previously been fingerprinted in Queensland. The task of identification was then handed over to the experts in the Fingerprint Bureau. A request was made to their Queensland counterparts for a set of impressions. Sergeant 2/c Denzil McManus, Officer in Charge of the Bureau and Senior Constable David Prowse attended at the Mortuary, took possession of the epidermis and returned to the Fingerprint Bureau to commence the painstaking work. The skin appeared to be from the right and left thumb, left index finger and part of the left palm. The skin was thoroughly washed in warm water and dried very well before dusting with black powder, which was wiped off with methylated spirit, leaving a deposit of black powder between the ridges. This procedure itself took a considerable amount of time, as the experts were cognisant they may destroy the skin. The skin was then placed between two sheets of microscopic slide glass and photographed on Pan-X film with oblique lighting, then again with transmitted lighting. Both procedures were successful and police were able to use these photographs to match them against the fingerprints taken in Queensland. As a result they were able to positively identify the remains as that of Lee McLeod While DNA identification is now a new science which can be used to assist identification of deceased persons found in such circumstances, the work conducted by Northern Territory Police Fingerprints experts, Sergeant 2/c McManus and Senior Constable Prowse was acknowledged as exacting and expert work, given that the epidermis used in the procedure had almost been destroyed by the digestive system of the crocodile. It is also testament to the determination of the members involved in identifying the remains of Lee McLeod. The Coroner would have accepted that the remains were too putrefied to identify, but the dedication and professionalism of the members persevered until the successful result was obtained. Inspector MV Burke the Divisional Officer in charge of the Police Division, in his correspondence pertaining to the crocodile attack, summed up the matter succinctly. "It's a little sad when all the circumstances are viewed in retrospect. A chance meeting of man and beast resulted in a horrific, agonising exodus from this world by McLeod, and the tracking, harpooning, overpowering and final destruction of one of nature's relics of prehistoric times. A relic it might be, the oldest who maintained sovereignty over his particular "territory" for the last 15 odd years, ever since their kind were protected from being shot into extinction. This dominance only being maintained by fighting off all-comers until man, a creature from another element trespassed his domain, presenting himself as prey at a time when food was an apparent priority. There is no doubt had Gus fed in the days preceding his encounter with McLeod or, for that matter, had McLeod's reasoning not been clouded by alcohol, there would have been no cause for writing this account." Acknowledgment is also made to the Northern Territory Conservation Commission in accessing their file on the incident.*

#### **1. Mr McManus with the crocodile head**

#### **SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS:**

[http://www.territorystories.nt.gov.au/jspui/bitstream/10070/236740/1/Citation\\_2002\\_Nov.pdf](http://www.territorystories.nt.gov.au/jspui/bitstream/10070/236740/1/Citation_2002_Nov.pdf)

**137. January 1986 Graham Webb was bitten by female crocodile on her nest Adelaide River N.T. Non-fatal.**

Webb was collecting eggs when he received a single bite from crocodile between 2.5m and 3.0m in length.

The bit took months to heal after infection set in.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS Webb and Manolis.

**1987**

**138. 1987. Tane Andersen was attacked at Jim Jim Falls, Kakadu National Park N.T. Non-fatal.**

*The woman was using an inflatable air mattress when attacked.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Holden.

**139. 17th March 1987. Kerry Mcloughlin killed by saltwater crocodile Cahills Crossing Kakadu. FATAL.**

**40-year-old man killed by 4-5.0m saltwater crocodile on Cahills Crossing Kakadu.**

**A 40-year-old man is decapitated by a large crocodile while wading into waters to fish at Cahills Crossing, in Kakadu.**

According to Slavin UPI this was the ninth fatal attack in Australia since 1974?

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4236

**140. 29th March 1987. Ginger Meadows killed by saltwater crocodile at Kings Cascade Falls, Prince Regent River, WA. FATAL.**

**On Sunday, March 29, Captain Fitzpatrick, Ginger and three others took a morning speedboat trip to the remote King's Cascades in the northwest part of the country**

**MARCH 1987: US model Ginger Meadows, 24, was taken by a 3m croc while swimming in the Prince Regent River in WA's Kimberley region**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: PomsinOz.com

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4235

**141. 26th April 1987. Mark Weir attacked by freshwater crocodile Geike Gorge National Park NT. Non-fatal.**

Man attacked by freshwater crocodile

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4296

**142. 15th June 1987. Fred Lowery was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Wildman River NT. Non-fatal.**

Fred walked close to a nesting female (3.0m).

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4277

**143. 26th June 1987. Cornwall Mooka killed by saltwater crocodile Mabuaiag Island, North Queensland. FATAL.**

**June 1987 Cornwall Mooka, 37 of Mabuaiag island in north Queensland killed by 3.3m croc.**

PomsinOz.com

The name Cornwall is mentioned as being Corwall.

37 year old Mooka was attacked and killed by a 3.3m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4236

The crocodile had digested part of the body

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: webb and Manolis.

FURTHER INFORMATION.

1987 June Bamaga, Cape York Peninsula Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**144. 4th February 1987 Thomas Walk attacked by saltwater crocodile Figtree Creek and Mulgrave River Qld. Non-fatal.**

**At 1pm on Wednesday, February 4, last year, a fisherman, Thomas Charles Walk, 28, was bitten by a two-metre crocodile. He was using his cast-net in shallow water, near the Junction of Figtree Creek and the Mulgrave River. He received puncture wounds to the right wrist and his shorts were torn. This could have been a much more serious attack,**

*because even a crocodile of this size could possibly have disembowelled the victim had his arm not been where it was, and had the animal managed to bite and roll as is its usual habit. The injuries were serious enough for*

#### *Crocodile attacks Qld fisherman*

**BRISBANE:** *A 30-year-old north Queensland man bitten on the hand By a 2.0m crocodile was recovering in a Cairns hospital yesterday. Mr Tom Walk, of Gordonvale, was standing in knee-deep water casting a fishing net near the mouth of the Mulgrave River, about 100km south of Gordonvale, when the crocodile attacked. The crocodile's teeth tore Mr Walk's shorts and underpants, slightly gashing his stomach, then seized his right hand. Mr Walk managed to free his hand but suffered deep lacerations and bruising.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Canberra Times 7/2/87

He was using a casting net when he was attacked by a 2.0m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4273

Further information:

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: P 108 holden.

## **1988**

- 145.      30th October 1988 Alex Bururru attacked by saltwater crocodile in Cato River near Nhulunbuy N.T. FATAL**  
**October 1988: A 25-year-old man is attacked in a waterway near Nhulunbuy.**  
**Alex, 25, was from Maningrida**

Name provided by PomsinOz

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4232 says it was 30<sup>th</sup> September but five SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKSs say October.

Webb and Manolis say that it was October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The man was also called Alex Stewart.



### *Croc's fate in elders' hands*

*DARWIN: The Northern Territory Government is to let Aboriginal tribal elders decide the fate of a salt-water crocodile which killed a young man at a large billabong on the Cato River last weekend. The Minister for Conservation, Mr Manzie, said yesterday rangers from the NT Conservation Commission had been asked not to locate, trap or shoot the crocodile while Aboriginal leaders in the area met to consider what should be done.*

*Gumatj tribal elders were meeting at Dhalinbuy outstation, about 60km south-west of Nhulunbuy to decide the fate of the crocodile which took 25-year-old Mr Alex Stewart Burururru.*

*Crocodiles are sacred to the Gumatj and they are charged with ensuring their preservation.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 - 1995) Wed 5 Oct 1988 Page 5

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Holden

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Webb and Manolis.

## **1989**

### **146.      *Darwin man attacked by a saltwater crocodile Fogg Dam Darwin NT. Non fatal.***

#### ***Machete used to foil crocodile attack***

*DARWIN: A Darwin man says he fought off a crocodile with a machete when it attacked him on Sunday at Fogg Dam, about 50km south of here. Mike Atkinson, a professional cameraman, said he was filming for a documentary on magpie geese when the crocodile overturned his canoe. He said the crocodile persisted in its attack after he repeatedly bashed it on the head with his machete.*

*Mr Atkinson said he fell on to the crocodile when it tipped his canoe, which he had been poling through thick weeds. The machete had bounced off the crocodile's head into the water and he continued to hit the crocodile with a paddle.*

*"I had to put my arm out to get the machete again," he said. "Luckily I got it first go, hit him a few more times and he decided to retreat." Mr Atkinson said he thought the crocodile was about three metres long.*

*"He was not huge, but any bigger and I would have been in real trouble," he said.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Canberra Times 4/04/89

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**147. 14th December 1989. Luis Casimiro and Horatio Ingles attacked by crocodile at mouth of Howard River N.T. Non-fatal.**

***Howard River croc mauls two.***

It is reported that, at the one moment, the crocodile actually had the heads of both men in its jaws.

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***Thursday, 14 December, 1989***

***Luis Casimiro and Horatio Cabral were both fishing in waist-deep water of the Howard River when they were attacked by a 2.7 m (9 ft) saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus). Both men were apparently "mauled" according to the newspaper report, but the extent of their injuries is unknown.***

**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4278**

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**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4279**

**149. November 15th 1989. Rexie Woods was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Croker Island. N.T. Non-fatal.**

***He was standing in shallow water at the time of the attack. The attack was not fatal. No other details are available.***

***Hunting magpie geese, standing in shallow water***

**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4280**

**150.      *October-November 1989. Christine Keaster attacked by freshwater crocodile NT.***

Christine was bitten on right leg.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Holden page 160.

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**151.      *October-November 1989. Allison Findlay attacked by freshwater crocodile NT.***

The attack resulted in injuries to the right hand, right arm, and the chest.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Holden page 160

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**1990**

**152.      *7th January 1990. Johnny Banjo attacked by saltwater crocodile Daly River N.T. Non-fatal.***

The man slipped and fell into the water while collecting water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4281

**153.      *15th May 1990. Albert Juzelionas, killed by saltwater crocodile Deception Bay near Alyangula off Groote Eylandt .FATAL.***

Albert, 43, was a Jabiru Telecom worker swimming to a house boat when killed by 3.2m crocodile

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: PomsinOz.com

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4230

**154.      *16th May 1990. Molly Gore attacked by saltwater crocodile on Patrick River WA. Non-fatal***

The woman was fishing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4282

**155.      *6th October 1990. Lena Pan Qee attacked by saltwater crocodile on the Daly River NT. Non-fatal.***

The woman was asleep in a tent when attacked by a 4.0m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4283



**Are both Manzie and Rhonda telling the truth?**

It could be that the Attorney-General, Mr Daryl Manzie, and the prostitute known as Rhonda are both telling the truth about the alleged meeting at the Palmerton Bar in the Farap Hotel.

A new theory is gaining ground that a third person, posing as Mr Manzie, may have interviewed Rhonda at the pub late in March.

While there was no official confirmation or denial that the new theory is being investigated, the Northern Territory News has learned it is being taken seriously and that preliminary inquiries are taking place.

Adding to the speculation is the fact that:

• The statutory declaration by Rhonda states that the person who sat with her "did not introduce himself".

• He said: "I personally think it's best for you to leave town as soon as possible."

• This was the same request that the then police officer Peter Woods had made to Rhonda the day before at a meeting outside Wanguri supermarket.

• Rhonda refused because she had just started her own business.

• Rhonda may have been urged to meet Mr Manzie as a last-ditch attempt to ensure she left Darwin.

• Rhonda admitted in her statutory declaration that she had not met Mr Manzie previously but "I knew what he looked like by seeing him on TV and in the newspapers".

• Finally, it was Mr Manzie who approached her though he had never met her and was unlikely to know what she looked like.

It is believed a look-alike may have been persuaded to pressure Rhonda to leave Darwin before police investigations into Woods' relationship with the prostitute went any further.

# Family fights off croc attack

## Mother, son heroes in tent attack

By CAP CHANDLER

A Darwin man saved his mother from the jaws of a 4.3 m crocodile by poking it in the eyes on Saturday night.

Mr Peter Pangquee, of Malak, said he acted on instinct when he saw the huge crocodile lunge through the flywire of their tent and grab his mother around the chest and stomach.

His mother, Mrs Lena Pangquee, 54, of Humpty Doo, is now in a stable condition in the intensive care unit of the Royal Darwin Hospital.

She has broken ribs, internal injuries and severe lacerations.

Mr Pangquee said seven members of the Pangquee family and a friend were sleeping at the camp site about 10 m from a billabong in a swampy area of the Daly River Aboriginal Reserve, about 150 km south-west of Darwin.

Shuddering as he recalled the attack, he said: "Mum's the hero — if it wasn't for her, dad would have worn it."

Mr Pangquee said his mother heard something outside the tent about 11 pm.

She sat up and saw the huge crocodile in the full-moonlight. Only the flywire screen separated it from her husband, Mr Peter Pangquee.

She feared for his life because a stroke in 1968 had slowed his movements.

She tried to push him away from the crocodile, but it ripped the flywire, lunged through the screen, turned and grabbed her.

She screamed and woke her son who had been sleeping at the foot of their bed in time for him to see the jaws clamp on his mother's body.

Mr Pangquee said he reached over his mother's body and clawed at the crocodile's head, digging his fingers into its eyes.

The crocodile paused and then tried to drag his mother out.

He forced his fingers deeper into the eye sockets and the crocodile dropped back.



The tent in which Mr and Mrs Pangquee and their son were sleeping when the crocodile attacked.



Peter Pangquee explains how he poked his fingers in the crocodile's eyes to make it release his mother.

His mother and reared up about 1.5 m before falling backwards and crawling back towards the water.

Mr Pangquee said: "It let mum go, that's all I was worried about, but it moved slowly and I was scared it would come back."

Mr and Mrs

Pangquee were then flown to Darwin.

The Conservation Commission chief wildlife officer, Mr Ross Belcher, said the family had tribal links with the land and knew there were large crocodiles in the area.

Mr Pangquee was an experienced bushman and once worked as a professional crocodile hunter.

Mr Belcher said the commission advised people not to camp closer than 50 m from waterways, but in this case the bank down to the billabong was steep and the family thought it was safe.

No one had been in the isolated area for years.

Mr Belcher said that section of the Daly River flood plains had never been hunted for crocodiles so there could be a number of large crocodiles there.

The traditional owners would decide if the crocodile should be trapped or moved.

Last January Mr Johnny Banjo was grabbed around the head by a crocodile in the Daly River, but he also escaped by poking the crocodile in the eyes.

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*DARWIN: A woman mauled by a 4m crocodile at the weekend was acting as a decoy to prevent an attack on her partly incapacitated husband. Lena Pangquee, 55, was in a serious but stable condition in Royal Darwin Hospital yesterday after being grabbed by the crocodile during a camping and fishing expedition to the Daly River floodplain, south of Darwin. Mrs Pangquee, her husband Peter, 55, and their son Peter, 35, had accompanied other members of the well-known Darwin family to an isolated creek near Woodykuppledere outstation, about 200km south of Darwin.*

*Peter, jr, said yesterday he forced the crocodile to retreat by poking his fingers into its eyes as it tried to drag his mother away. "It was something my father had told me to do if we were ever attacked," said Peter, jr, who had previously accompanied his father crocodile-hunting.*

*Peter, jr, said the crocodile attacked at about 11pm on Saturday as he, his parents and three teenage family members were asleep in a mosquito shelter.*

*"I was sleeping at my mother and father's feet when I heard my mother yell out," Peter, jr, said. "I jumped up and saw the crocodile rip straight through the mesh," he said.*

*"It came in from my parent's side and my mother could see it was going for dad. He's been left weak down one side after having a stroke and she just threw herself between him and the croc. "She was pulling him out of the way when the croc grabbed her around the body. I must have stuck my fingers about an inch into its eyes and it stopped as if it didn't know what to do. It dropped my mother and went up on to its hind legs before spinning around. "It hit a small tree near the tent and stopped for a minute and we wondered if it was going to attack again.*

*"I went and grabbed a shotgun from the car but by the time I loaded up it had gone back over the bank into the creek."*

*Peter, jr, said the family had believed they were safe from crocodile attack because of the steepness of the 2m bank beside their camp. A Royal Darwin Hospital spokeswoman said yesterday Mrs Pangquee remained in intensive care, but appeared to be recovering satisfactorily.*

*The chief wildlife ranger with the Northern Territory Conservation Commission, Ross Belcher, said it was the first report he had heard of a crocodile entering a tent.*

Note: The crocodile came up the 2m steep bank.

## 1992

**156. 24th July 1992. Shaun Cooper attacked by saltwater crocodile  
Dijbalbal Outstation east of Maningrida NT. Non-fatal.**

Shaun was hunting magpie geese.

**25th July 1992. Cooper attacked**

**Crocodile attack**

**DARWIN: Shaun Cooper, 13, was in a stable condition in Royal Darwin Hospital yesterday after being attacked by a crocodile on Friday in Arnhem Land.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Canberra times 26th July 1992

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4284

**157. 24th August 1992. Suzi Carswell attacked by freshwater crocodile at  
Barramundi Gorge Kakadu National Park N.T. Non-fatal.**

An English tourist 24 years old attacked. Seven stitches.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5031

**158. 1992 Tane Anderson attacked by freshwater crocodile Barramundi  
Gorge NT. Non-fatal.**

The Englishwoman had been told by the party leader that freshwater crocodiles posed no danger. She needed seven stitches for a bite on her thigh.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS Holden page 160.

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## 1993

**159. 23rd December 1993. Cassey Bond killed by saltwater crocodile at  
Jardine River Qld. Fatal.**

The 48 year old man was swimming to a ferry.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4226

1993 29 December Jardine River ferry crossing Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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## 1994

**160. 1994. Graham Freeman was attacked by a 4m crocodile near Innisfail Qld. FATAL**

*Freeman, 28, was a croc handler and was attacked during a tourist demonstration.*

*In the 1990s, a crocodile handler at the Johnstone River Crocodile Farm near Innisfail lost his arm and eight months later the animal passed his watch and it was still functioning, Mr Read said*

### HANDLER KILLED BY CROC

*A group of tourists watched in horror as a large croc killed his handler in a 'death roll' at the Johnston River Croc Farm yesterday. The handler, who had two year's experience with crocs, was inside the enclosure with the croc. While tourists looked on, he tapped the croc with a rake. The 4.1m croc grabbed the handler by the upper arm and dragged him into the water. The croc rolled, taking the man's head and upper arm into its jaws. The man would have died instantly.*

*One horrified tourist grabbed a pole and hit at the croc. Another grabbed hold of the victim's ankle and tried to pull him away. He said the croc was "just like a D7 bulldozer".*

*1994 - Qld. Crocodile handler killed by a 4.1m reptile at a crocodile farm in North Queensland.*

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**161. 15th December 1994. Ian Casey was attacked by saltwater crocodile Brombey Islet, N.T. Non-fatal.**

Attacked by 3.0m crocodile while skin-diving.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4286

**162. 15th October 1994. Kevin Cook attacked by saltwater crocodile Bathurst Island Tiwi Islands NT. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4285

## 1995

**163. 18th October 1995. Tony Lituri attacked by saltwater crocodile at Charlotte River NT. Non-fatal.**

29 year old man attacked by 3.5m crocodile while cast-net fishing

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4287



## 1996

**164. 15th April 1996. Brad Malloy attacked by saltwater crocodile near Beeboom Crossing Daly River. N.T. Non-fatal**

Molloy was sitting on riverbank Non-fatal

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4288

**165. 15th April 1996 Buck Salau attacked by saltwater crocodile at Greenhill Island, NT. Non-fatal.**

Buck was asleep on the beach when he was attacked by a 3.0m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4289

**166. 1996 23 February Cape Flattery Jetty, near Princess Charlotte Bay Non-fatal attack**

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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## 1997

**167. 15th December 1997. Man killed by crocodile Daly River, NT. FATAL**  
**December 1997: A man is killed by a crocodile while swimming across the Daly River, 230km south of Darwin**

Unsubstantiated.

**168. 15th December 1997. Fernando Jimarin was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Moyle Creek, NT. Non-fatal.**

**A 10 year old boy was swimming when attacked by a 2.7m croc creek adjacent to the Moyle River**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4224

**169. 29th November 1997. Ron Bakx was attacked by a saltwater crocodile at Yorkeys Beach Qld. Non-fatal**

35 year old diving into waist-deep water.

Croc attacks swimmer

**A 35 year old man was lucky to be alive after he survived a croc attack at Yorkeys Beach on Friday night. Ron Bakx suffered deep puncture wounds to the head, back and shoulder in the attack. Mr Bakx, still in shock, said he could not remember seeing the croc.**

**"I'd been at a break-up party and we carried on down to the beach. I went for a dip to cool off," he said. He was in waist deep water when he dived and felt a sudden 'chomp'.**

*"I felt myself being dragged along. I reckon I was in his mouth a few seconds, "he said. "I started lashing out - it was all pretty quick. I remember thinking 'I'm a goner', but then the croc had gone."*

*Mr Bakx has lived in the far north for 10 years and admits swimming at night was a stupid thing to do. "Its their territory. I was doing the wrong thing. Its just one of those things, I guess. No one really thinks it will happen to them."*

*from Cairns Post, January, 1997*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4225

1997 28 November Yorkeys Knob, Cairns Non-fatal attack 1998 6 February Chinamans Creek Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**170. 10th November 1997. Joe Wilson was attacked at Homestead Billabong Arafura Swamp near Nhulunbuy. NT. Non-fatal.**

36 year-old Wilson attacked by 4.0m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4290

## **1998**

**171. August 1998 body of man found in Roper River. NT**

**The body of a man in his twenties found in the Roper River, 500km southeast of Darwin. He is believed to be the victim of a croc attack**

Aug 1998 - NT. Aboriginal man found dead from suspected croc attack on banks of Roper River

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Age 24/10/02

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**172. 7 February, 1998. Elizabeth Pausa was attacked by a saltwater crocodile in Chinaman Creek, close to the Cairns city centre Qld. Non-fatal.**

A 15 year old girl mauled by a croc

**Croc attacks girl in city**

*A 15 year old girl was mauled by a croc in Chinaman Creek, close to the Cairns city centre last night. The girl was at a 'beer party' at a nearby camp. She went to the creek to swim when the 3m croc grabbed her leg. She was dragged underwater for several minutes. Then she caught hold of an overhead mangrove branch.*

*Two friends heard screams and raced to help. One young man climbed onto the branch and pulled her up by her hair. He passed her to the other man who had waded into the creek up to his chest. The croc still had the girl's legs in it's jaws. The man then had a 'tug of war' with the croc as it tried to pull the girl under the water.*

*The other man yelled and splashed to distract the croc. The bleeding girl was finally hauled from the water. Police praised the men for their bravery. They said the attack highlighted the danger of swimming in or hanging around croc habitats. Foodscraps from the camp are believed to have attracted the croc to the area.*

*from Cairns Post, 7 February, 1998*

reported as being February 6th 1998:

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4292

**173. December 1998. Peter Munkara killed on Melville Island N.T.FATAL**  
*A 34-year-old man was attacked on Melville Island.*

*He has been identified as Peter Munkara, an artist, from Melville Island.*

*His body, with crocodile bite marks, was found near Pura boat ramp*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ntnews.com.au

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: PomsinOz

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**174. 1998 CIRCA. Bryan Clark attacked by saltwater crocodile Anson Bay near mouth of Daly River N.T. Non-fatal.**

The attack occurred roughly 10-15 km from mouth of the Daly River near Redcliffe.



SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://beachsafe.org.au/nt/darwin/daly-river>

The men were fishing. Tony Franklin brought his boat into shallow water on a beach. It was dark and the water was pretty much gone by the time they settled the keel by rocking the boat.

They cooked a meal as the water level dropped. When the water dropped to a depth of 1.8m they hung a deep gill net from mangrove trees. They anchored the boat and 3 hours later picked up the fish and crabs.

By that time the water had well and truly receded and it was almost one km out to water. Bryan decided to go to the creek to wash the crabs and fish. The creek was a sandy creek similar to Rapid Creek Darwin, but only 1/3 of the size.

At dead low tide Bryan walked into the water with the basket. While Bryan was washing fish and crabs, young Paul Franklin was standing on a nearby bank about 3 or 4 feet higher.

Suddenly Paul yelled, "Get out of the water now!"

Bryan looked up and saw a bow wave coming toward him. He saw the glow of red eyes reflected in the torch. He dropped the basket and ran. He kept running until he got back to the boat. He then grabbed the 44 magnum and raced back to deal with the attacker.

The crocodile was long gone. It had enjoyed a feast of fish and crab. The basket remained, squashed flat, crushed by powerful jaws.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Bryan Clark Darwin (Editor's brother)

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## 1999

**175. 15th June 1999. Vietnamese crabber attacked by saltwater crocodile at Tommycut Creek, N.T. Non-fatal.**

Bathing.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4194

**176. 18th August 1999. Arunas Pika attacked by saltwater crocodile on an uninhabited island Macarthur Islands Qld. Non fatal.**

45 year old man

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4193

**177. 1999 18 August MacArthur Island, near Shelburne Bay Non-fatal attack**

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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**178. 1999 20 September Russell River, near Babinda Non-fatal attack**

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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**179. 27th December 1999 Helen Matthews attacked by saltwater crocodile at Navy Landing near Blythe River N.T. Non-fatal.**

The 40 year old woman was fishing in shallow water.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4291

## 2000

**180. 8th February 2000. Martina Harrington attacked by saltwater crocodile near Timber Creek N.T. Non-fatal.**

An 8 year old girl hunting for turtles was attacked by a 2.5m saltwater crocodile near timber creek N.T.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4192

**181. 26th March 2000. Monique Larkin attacked by freshwater crocodile at Lake Moondarra Mt Isa Qld. Non-fatal.**

7 year old swimming and attacked by a 1.0m crocodile.

CrocBite 100-3809

**182. 21st August 2000. Phil Aspinall attacked by saltwater crocodile Pine River, Weipa Qld. Non-fatal**

*Phil Aspinall was walking his dog through some mangroves in the Pine River, not far from Weipa, when at approximately 3:00 pm he accidentally stepped onto the tail of a 2 meter (6.5 foot) saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus). The crocodile subsequently swung around in defense and latched onto Aspinall's right buttock. He managed to escape the crocodile's jaws with roughly half a dozen puncture wounds to the region.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4173

2000 Pine River, Weipa Non-fatal attack

**183. 20th September 2000 Sam West attacked by crocodile East Montlivet Island Kimberly, WA. Non-fatal**

*12 year old Sam West was attacked by a saltwater crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) while snorkelling approximately 20 meters off the coast of a remote island within the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Exact location and date were not given in the article, but the crocodile was estimated to be approximately 3 meters (10 feet) in length. West, who received Non-fatal lacerations in the attack, managed to escape the crocodile's grasp by gouging the animal's eyes.*

*Some important information missing or moderately detailed  
Charlie Manolis*

**WHAT DATE ATTACK August 21 2000**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4171

**184. 18th November 2000. Norman Stanley attacked by saltwater crocodile Cambridge Gulf north of Wyndham, WA. Non-fatal.**

34 year old man attacked by a 2.0m saltwater crocodile while fishing with friends.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4169

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**185. 28th December 2000. David Yunupingu attacked by saltwater crocodile Caledon Bay Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.**

33 year old was fishing

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4165

## 2001

**186. 25th March 2001. Chris O'Neil attacked by saltwater crocodile off the coast of Bremer Island Arnhem Land, NT. Non-fatal.**

51 year old swimming when attacked by 2.5m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4164

**187. 21st June 2001. Tony Berndt attacked by saltwater crocodile at Hann Crossing Lakefield National Park, Qld. Non-fatal.**

36 year old sleeping in a tent.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3808

2001 2 July Camp 20, Hann Crossing, Lakefield National Park now known as Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park Non-fatal attack

**188. 29th September 2001. Taleesha Fegatilli attacked by saltwater crocodile at Four Mile Beach Port Douglas Qld. Non-fatal**

8 year old girl attacked by small saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3807

2001 29 September 4-Mile Beach, Port Douglas Non-fatal attack

## 2002:

**189. 22nd October 2002. Isabel von Jordan killed by saltwater crocodile Kakadu National Park N.T. FATAL.**

**2002: a 23 year old German tourist is taken in Kakadu National Park when swimming in a billabong at night time. Don't swim in still and deep waters, don't swim in unknown waters, be particularly careful at night time. The waterhole was known to be crocodile infested...**

Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley, says:

**October 2002: A 24-year-old German tourist is killed by a large crocodile in Kakadu National Park during a swimming trip with a tour group.**



SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ABC

*Oct 2002 - NT. German tourist, 24, killed while swimming with her sister at a billabong in Kakadu National Park.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Age

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3805

**190. 20th September 2002. Jack Long attacked by saltwater crocodile Goose Creek Melville Island Tiwi Islands N.T. Non-fatal.**

Jack was goose hunting from a boat when he was attacked by a 5.0m crocodile. He escaped.

Jack Long is the father of the famous footballer, Michael Long, and incidentally helped us to refuel our boat on a fishing trip CIRCA 2001.

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**2003:**

**191. 12th April 2003. Local man attacked by saltwater crocodile in the Ord River below Diversion Dam Kununurra WA. Non-fatal.**

39 year old man was swimming when attacked by a 2.5m saltwater crocodile

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3802

**192. 21st December 2003. Brett Mann killed by saltwater crocodile Finiss River NT. FATAL.**

*Shaun Blowers and Ashley McGough, both 19, spent the night keeping each other awake in case they fell into the water where the four-metre (13ft) animal that killed their friend Brett Mann, 22, was waiting.*

*The three friends had gone quad-biking on Sunday near an abandoned tin mine beside the Finiss river, the first large river south of the Northern Territory's capital, Darwin.*

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2003/dec/24/australia.davidfickling>

*2003: a 22 year old Northern Territory man is taken after wading too far into the Finiss River near Darwin. He and his friends knew very well about the risk of crocodile attacks. Stay away from the water's edge!*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley:

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-3806

**193. 10th June 2003. Krys Roberts was attacked by saltwater crocodile near the Elizabeth River boat ramp N.T. Non-fatal.**

She was sitting on the river edge.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3797

**194. 23rd November 2003 Pirlangimpi woman attacked at creek Melville Island Tiwi Islands N.T. Non-fatal.**

40 year old woman.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3798

**195. 13th September 2003 .Teresa Richardson attacked by saltwater crocodile at Patonga Outstation Jabiru N.T. Non-fatal.**

10 year old girl.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3801

**196. 1st November 2003. Manual Gandigorrtij attacked by saltwater crocodile Blyth River Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3799

**197. 26th September 2003. Maguk attacked by freshwater crocodile at Barramundi Gorge N.T. Non-fatal.**

25 year old tour guide attacked by 1.5m freshwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3800

## **2004**

**198. 6th April 2004. Hannah Thompson was attacked by 2.5-metre saltwater crocodile at Margaret Bay near Haggerstone Island Resort, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. Non-fatal.**

**A Tourism operator saves girl in croc attack. Roy Turner had no reservations about diving onto the back of a crocodile to rescue an employee's daughter.**

**Roy Turner gouged at the eyes of the crocodile to rescue 11-year-old Hannah Thompson.**

**ABC News**

6 April 2004 — 5:24pm

***When a three-metre crocodile latched on to the arm of an 11-year-old girl swimming behind his boat, skipper Ray Turner leapt into action.***

***The former crocodile hunter dived from the boat, landed on the back of the reptile and gouged one of its eyes until it freed the girl. Hannah Thompson was***

*swimming with other children at Margaret Bay near the top of Cape York Peninsula yesterday when the crocodile attacked.*

*Mr Turner heard screams and a shout of "crocodile" and in no time was hurtling through the air towards the water.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3794

2004 5 April Margaret Bay, Eastern Cape York Peninsula Non-fatal attack

**199. 12th October 2004. Andrew Kerr was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Kalpower Holding at Bathurst Bay Qld. Non-fatal.**

The crocodile attacked Andrew Kerr, 34, but he was saved by 60 year old Alicia Sorohon who leaped on to the head of the 4.2m crocodile.

The attack occurred at Kalpower Holding at Bathurst Bay, nearly 300km north-west of Cairns and near Lakefield National Park.

*Alisha, a 60-year-old woman jumped on the back of a four-metre crocodile as it dragged a man from his tent near a beach in far north Queensland.*

*The crocodile let go of the man but then turned on the woman, pulling her towards the water before another person shot dead the killer reptile, said wildlife officers.*

*Authorities said the two were lucky to survive the dramatic attack, which took place at 4am (AEST) today as they slept at Kalpower Holding at Bathurst Bay, nearly 300km north-west of Cairns and near Lakefield National Park.*

*The injured pair were evacuated by helicopter and flown today to Cairns Base Hospital, where the woman was being treated for a broken arm and cuts and bruises and the man a broken arm, a broken leg and injuries to his body.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: The Age

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3793 check date of attack

2004 11 October Bathurst Bay, east of Lakefield National Park Non-fatal attack 2004 10 December Barron River, Cairns Non-fatal attack

**200. 30th October 2004. Lachlan McGregor attacked at a remote billabong Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.**

Lachlan, 17, was hunting magpie geese when attacked by 2.7m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3792

**201. 10th December 2004. Drew Ramsden attacked by a saltwater crocodile Barron River Qld. Non-fatal.**

Drew, 18, was washing his face when he was attacked by a 2.5m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-3791

## **2005:**

**3 fatal crocodile attacks occurred in 2005.**

**202. 3rd October 2005. Chantal Burnup was attacked by a saltwater crocodile in Sale River Doubtful Bay, Kimberly WA. Non-fatal.**

10 year old saved by her 14 year old brother.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3786

**203. 5th April 2005. Geoff Bolitho attacked in Magela Creek off East Alligator River Kakadu National Park, N.T. Non-fatal.**

36 year old sitting on the edge of the boat when he was attacked by a 4.0m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3790

**204. 16th August 2005. Barry Jefferies attacked in Normanton River Nth Qld. FATAL**

60 year old Barry was pulled from the canoe. The canoe capsized but his wife managed to swim ashore.

***A man is grabbed by his arm and pulled from his canoe in northern Queensland. Apparently he had been strongly advised against canoeing...***

**Birgit.**

*– In August 2005 a man was pulled out of his canoe by a crocodile – Lakefield National Park North Queensland.*

<https://www.australia-backpackersguide.com/crocodiles-in-australia/>

*16<sup>th</sup> august 2005 Normanton river Lakefield national park Barry Jefferies wife*

There is a YouTube video describing this terrible event.

YouTube Lakefield canoe Normanby River 6 year old boy and man?

One made to shore

Body never found

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3789

2005 16 August Midway Waterhole, Lakefield National Park Fatal attack

*205. 24th September 2005. Briton Russell Harris killed by saltwater crocodile Groote Eylandt Gulf of Carpentaria. N.T. FATAL.*

*A 37-year-old man is killed while snorkelling off Groote Eylandt, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.*

**Briton Russell Harris was killed by a 4 m crocodile.**

*PomsinOz*

*24<sup>th</sup> September 2005 picnic beach Groote Eylandt Russel Harris*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3788

**29th September 2005.**

*Russell was decapitated by a 4.0m saltwater crocodile.*

*September 2005: Russell August Butel was attacked and killed while diving off the Cobourg Peninsula.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ABC

**The 55-year-old man, Russell August Butel, from Darwin was on a diving trip**

**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS for name: PomsinOz**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2005 Trepang Bay Cobourg peninsula Russel Butel**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3787

**206. 2005 unknown couple attacked by crocodile Pentecost River Kimberly - tent incident**

Question of 2004 or 2005????????????

*In 2005 a couple spent one hell of a night near the Pentecost River in the Kimberley. Below is what one of the victims told me about the attack. (Thanks, Sonia, for the first hand account!)*

***"The attack happened at 4am in the morning. He took one bite of the tent and then walked slowly backwards turning his head from left to right. The tent ripped opened and he took off with bedding from the tent. I flattened the car battery by hooking up a handheld spot light to the cigarette lighter and turning the ignition on full. The battery was flattened within minutes. We were stranded there for another two nights before we were rescued. My friend walked 12 kilometres and left a note on the Gibb River Road asking to be rescued."***

*Always camp well away from the water's edge.*

The couple were camping alone along the Pentecost River, around 110 km west of Kununurra, in far northern West Australia, on Monday when they were woken by the attack at 3.30am (WST).

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The pair, both locals in their 30s, told authorities the saltwater crocodile had their mozzie-dome mesh tent in its mouth.

"They saw that it was a very large crocodile ... acting quite aggressively towards them, trying to make a meal out of them,"

**207. Ord River croc invasion into camp**

*Similarly a friend of mine had been camping at the lower Ord River near Kununurra. Thought he was doing the right thing by keeping all the fish scraps in a bucket. He woke up the next morning to find a crocodile had marched through the camp and helped itself to the scraps anyway.*

*Don't leave food scraps at your camp site.*

*He too had camped far too close to the water. It is unusual for a crocodile to leave the water at all, and certainly to move far away from it.*

*Stay well back and you will be safe.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley.

Included simply because there are many close calls not reported and/or recorded.

**208.      *Grabbed over shoulder Ord River***

***Update: There was another crocodile attack in the same area, possibly the same crocodile. A man was grabbed on the shoulder while leaning over the side of the boat to clean fish. No further comment...***

Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

**209.      *3rd October 2005. girl attacked Sale River Doubtful Bay Kimberley W.A. Non-fatal.***

Ten year old girl swimming attacked by 2.8m crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3786

**2006**

**210.      *6th April 2006. Curtis Dodd attacked by crocodile Katherine Gorge N.T. Non-fatal.***

16 year old

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3785

**211.      *8th November 2006. Stefaan van Turnhout attacked by saltwater crocodile Mason Creek***

24 year old tapping the water to get the attention of a crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3783

2006 8 November Mason's Creek, Cape Tribulation Non-fatal attack

**212.      *November 2006. Belgian tourist bitten by crocodile at Cape Tribulation, Qld. Non-fatal.***

***Update: November 2006 a Belgian tourist is bitten on the leg after wading into the water at Cape Tribulation, to attract a crocodile closer, so he can take a better picture. How stupid can you get???***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

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**213.      *2006 11 October Mt Adolphus Island Unconfirmed nonfatal attack.***

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>



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**214. 9th July 2006. A girl was killed by saltwater crocodile Blythe River Arnhem Land N.T. FATAL.**

The 8 year old girl from Gadji outstation was going to Blythe River.

**Update July 2006: And it doesn't stop. An eight year old girl is taken at the Blythe River in the Northern Territory. (The Blythe River is about 400 km east of Darwin, deep inside Arnhem Land. This is not an area that is accessible to tourists.)**

**The river has an estimated population of four to five saltwater crocodiles per kilometre. The girl had gone to the river's edge by herself, apparently to collect water. At night time!! Kids are much more likely to be victim of a crocodile attack because of their size, squatting down will make anyone look even smaller to a crocodile. A perfect target.**

**The "experts" called this crocodile attack "incredibly bad luck", and several Australian crocodiles were killed until the "guilty" one was found.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Also reported by the NT News

*JULY 2006: A 5m crocodile killed an eight-year-old girl as she fished with her family on the Blythe River.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: NT News

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3784

**2007**

**215. 16th October 2007. Matt Martin attacked by saltwater crocodile at Cow Bay Cape York Peninsula Qld. Non-fatal.**

35 year old man swimming while drinking.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3742

2007 16 October Cow Bay Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**216. 8th January 2007. Jeff Tanswell attacked by saltwater crocodile on a coral reef 15 metres off Adolphus Island Torres Strait Qld. Non-fatal.**

37 year old Police sergeant snorkelling alongside his wife.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3696

2007 8 January Mt Adolphus Island Non-fatal attack

**217. 1st February 2007. Cassian Domoo attacked by saltwater crocodile on Daly River NT. Non-fatal**

A 40 year old man was swimming across the river in an effort to evade authorities when attacked by crocodile

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3698

**218. 6th January 2007. Kerry York attacked by crocodile at Ivanhoe Crossing near Ord River. W.A. Non-fatal.**

Kerry, a 27 year –old man was swimming and attacked by a 2.0m crocodile, believed to be a saltwater crocodile. Injuries to chest, neck, and one of his arms.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-3695

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ABC News

## **2008**

**219. 2008 - Woman attacked by crocodile in Litchfield National Park Qld. Non-fatal.**

**Update: In 2008 a woman is attacked and suffers injuries to both thighs while wading in a creek crossing in Litchfield National Park. Now, there are designated swimming areas in the park, and then there are many river and creek crossings that you are told to stay out of!**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

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**220. 17th September 2008. Kirsten Hines attacked by freshwater crocodile Throssel River W.A. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2420

**221. 30th September 2008. Arthur Booker killed by saltwater crocodile in Endeavour River Qld. FATAL.**

**September 2008: A 62 year old man disappears from the banks of the Endeavour River (far northern Queensland). He'd been camping there and checking his crab pots. Left behind were the broken rope from the pot, a video camera on the ground and a big crocodile slide mark.**

**Within the next two weeks three large crocodiles are caught in the area. One of them contains the remains of a human body.**

Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

*– In September 2008 a man disappeared while camping on the banks of the Endeavour River (Qld).*

<https://www.australia-backpackersguide.com/crocodiles-in-australia/>

**The man taken while camping on the banks of the Endeavour River was Viet Nam War veteran Arthur Booker.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2421.

2008 30 September Endeavour River Escape Fatal attack

**222. 18th December 2008. Trevor Goodwin attacked by saltwater crocodile near Weipa Qld. Non-fatal.**

**Trevor was catching barramundi at False Pera Heads near Weipa when he was attacked by a saltwater crocodile. The attack was not fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2422

2008 18 December False Pera Heads, Weipa Non-fatal attack

**223. 2nd April 2008. Wendy Petherick was attacked by a saltwater crocodile Walker Creek in Litchfield National Park. Qld. Non-fatal**

**Wendy was in Walker Creek 200 k Litchfield National Park when she was attacked by a saltwater crocodile of 2.5m approx.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2419

**224. 22nd January 2008. Jason Grant attacked by saltwater crocodile  
Marakai Station N.T. Non-fatal.**

30 year old Jason was collecting eggs when he was attacked by a female crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite.100-2418

**225. 29th March 2008. 27 year old man saved from crocodile attack by  
police Alyangula Groote Eylandt N.T. nonfatal.**

*Police save swimmer from crocodiles*

*By Daniel Emerson*

*29 March 2008 — 2:20am*

*A man swimming in crocodile-infested waters in the Northern Territory was saved from a likely grisly death when police arrived at the beach in the nick of time and began shooting into the water to scare the predators away.*

*Yesterday's drama, on an island beach at Alyangula on Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria, was captured on mobile phone camera by a frantic local man who quickly called police.*

*Constable Sean Stanley, 36, told smh.com.au that the 27-year-old swimmer did not heed his instructions to climb onto the crocodile trap, which was closer than the shore.*

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*"He was so intoxicated he was just treading water trying to get his breath back," he said.*

*"The crocodile was about 20 metres behind him and then 10, it was making a beeline for him to attack him."*

*Constable Stanley said he initially fired one round in the direction of the crocodile.*

*"I'm not sure whether I hit it or just scraped but it was right on the money. The crocodile went under but it looked like it was still going in the direction of the swimmer and I fired another six rounds into the water where it had submerged."*

*Constable Stanley said there were plenty of "no swimming" signs along the beach warning that sharks, box jellyfish and crocodiles prowled the water.*

*He said it was very foolish to swim anywhere near the crocodile trap, which was intentionally baited with dead chickens or other carcasses to attract and capture "problem crocodiles" so they could be relocated to remote areas, but the swimmer was not grateful for the help when he got to shore.*

*"He was very intoxicated and started basically abusing police for the fact that we were shooting at crocodiles," Constable Stanley said.*

*"He stated that he had been living in the Territory for 27 years and he had swum with crocodiles before and knew crocodiles."*

*Mike O'Keefe, assistant manager at the beachside Alyangula Recreational Club, said he was shouting at the man to get out of the water while he was filming on his mobile phone.*

*"I was trying to explain to this idiot that a four-metre crocodile was going to kill him," Mr O'Keefe said.*

*The vision shows a man swimming close to a crocodile trap about 70 metres offshore with a much larger shape lurking nearby while constable Stanley fires his police issue Glock handgun into the water and another officer, Wayne Valla yells at him to get out of the water.*

*The swimmer's brother, not on the screen, is heard yelling at him to "get out of the f--king water".*

*Mr O'Keefe said it was only when he examined the footage on his computer later that he noticed another shape, believed to be another crocodile, momentarily surfacing to the right of the picture.*

*He said the swimmer appeared to be very drunk and would have almost certainly been mauled if police hadn't arrived and began firing at a giant crocodile heading right for him, which scared it off.*

*"If you try to swim off this island you won't survive," Mr O'Keefe said.*

*He said fatal crocodile attacks had happened in the area before and one of the officers told him he had "pulled two dead bodies" from the infested waters, about 50km from the Northern Territory mainland, after attacks in the past.*

*"(The policeman) was not happy," Mr O'Keefe said. "(The swimmer) didn't have a clue what was going on, he was too pissed.*

*"Then after he swam to shore he argued with the coppers, saying 'What are you doing?'*

*"Police walked him to their vehicle and drove him to the police station just to find out the story because he was endangering his life, just to see if he had issues. I think they released him not long later.*

*"He was just on a bender on the alcohol and had probably been up all night."*

*Mr O'Keefe said he believed the swimmer was a contractor on the island for mining company Gemco but had heard he had since been fired.*

*"That's the thing about this place, if you stuff up in any major form you get thrown off the island," Mr O'Keefe said.*

*"Trying to commit suicide in this way would fit into that category."*

*Constable Stanley said the swimmer was fined \$110 for disorderly conduct.*

*The officer said he spoke to the swimmer about midday today at the Alyangula airport where he was taking a flight off the island just four weeks after he arrived because Gemco had fired him in the wake of the drunken incident.*

*"He seemed very hungover but he was very apologetic and thanked us for basically saving his life," Constable Stanley said.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Sydney Morning Herald – national police save swimmer from crocodiles. March 2008.

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## 2009

**226. 12th April 2009. 9 year old boy attacked by freshwater crocodile Upper Adelaide River N.T. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2428

**227. 4th February 2009. Hamish Munro attacked by saltwater crocodile Ord River W.A. Non-fatal**

A 30 year old man in a boat was attacked by a 2.0m saltwater crocodile

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2423

**228. 18th April 2009. Kununurra man attacked by freshwater crocodile Lake Argyle W.A. Non-fatal**

52 year old man swimming

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2429

**229. 8th February 2009. Jeremy Doble attacked by crocodile Daintree area Qld. FATAL**

5 year old Jeremy Doble was playing with boogie boards when he was attacked by a well-known local 4 m saltwater crocodile C.P. nicknamed, "Yellow-Tail"

Jeremy was killed and eaten but the crocodile was sent to a crocodile farm.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2424

**February 2009: After following his dog into the water, a five year old boy is taken by a large saltwater crocodile in the Daintree River (far north Queensland), in front of his brother.**

ALSO reported by Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

2009 8 February Daintree River Fatal attack 2011 5 February Beening Creek ,

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**230. 10TH March 2009. A man attacked by saltwater crocodile Lizard Island Qld. Non-fatal.**

Many Australians will recognise the name of this island because it has a famous five star resort.

**The man was attacked by a 1.8m saltwater crocodile while snorkeling in Watsons Bay Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef Qld. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2425

**231. March 2009. An 11 year-old girl, Briony Goodsell, is taken by a saltwater crocodile and killed at Black Jungle near Darwin N.T. FATAL.**

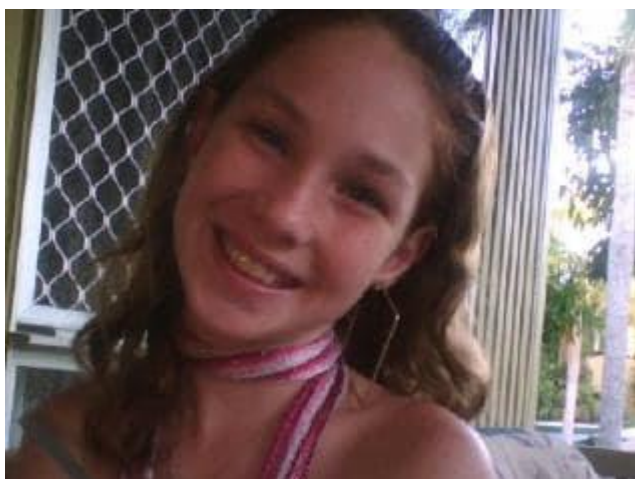
**March 2009: An eleven year old girl is taken by a large saltwater crocodile while swimming at Black Jungle Billabong near Darwin, in front of her friends. (The Black Jungle Reserve is accessible strictly by permit only. This is not a public swimming area or in any way monitored.) Her remains are found later on the river bank.**

Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

– In March 2009 a 11 year old Australian was attacked and taken by a crocodile at Black Jungle Swamp (Darwin NT).

<https://www.australia-backpackersguide.com/crocodiles-in-australia/>





Briony has been identified as Briony O'Sullivan by the Telegraph but at the coroner's inquest the name used was Briony Goodsell.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2426

**15th march 2009????????????**

**232. 15th April 2009. Man attacked by freshwater crocodile Adcock River Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary W.A. Non-fatal.**

Man floating on rubber tube attacked.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4297

**233. 10th April 2009. Keith Parry killed by a crocodile Daly River N.T. FATAL.**

APRIL 2009: Father-of-two Keith Parry, 20, was killed by a 4m croc while trying to swim across the Daly River, south of Darwin.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: N.T. News

Also reported in the Sydney Morning Herald

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100 2427

**234. 1st October 2009. Janusz Zelfki attacked by a saltwater crocodile Bucket Billabong Kakadu National Park, NT. Non-fatal.**

A Polish man, Janusz, 57, was attacked while swimming in Bucket Billabong Kakadu. Warning signs were visible.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2430

**2010**

**235.**      *July 2010. An unidentified man left a tavern in Broome drunk and was attacked. W.A.*

**July 2010: After being kicked out of the tavern drunk, a man climbs over the fence in the Broome crocodile park and jumps onto the back of a five metre croc. Bitten badly on the legs he was lucky to escape alive. Yes, if you try hard enough you can get a crocodile to attack you even during the cool dry season!**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit

**236.**      *16th March 2010. A man attacked by saltwater crocodile Black Point Cobourg Peninsula N.T. Non-fatal.*

45 year-old

**The men were harvesting sea cucumbers off Black Point when one man was attacked by a saltwater crocodile of 2m length. The man's friends helped him back into the boat but not before he suffered injury to his head and his foot.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2431

**237.**      *21st March 2010. Girl attacked by crocodile at Birany Birany Beach Arnhem Land N.T. Non-fatal.*

5 year old girl bitten CP 2m but survived

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100 2432

**238.**      *13th September 2010. A man attacked by saltwater crocodile Wildman River N.T. Non-fatal.*

Washing dogs in river of 3.0m length. The man was saved by his friend.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2433

Reported also by territory stories:

**239.**      *An attack on a man at Adelaide River, 114km south of Darwin. N.T. Non-fatal.*

**The man was rushed to hospital with puncture wounds to his leg after a 4m crocodile attacked him at the water's edge while he was washing his dogs.**

**His mate rescued him by punching the crocodile.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Territory stories. Nt.gov.au

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**240. 15th September 2010. Billy Boustead attacked by saltwater crocodile Howard River. N.T. Non-fatal.**

Billy, an old school friend from Darwin High School, was bitten on the foot by a 2.0m crocodile but suffered only minor injuries.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2434

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Reported also by NT News OCTOBER 24, 2010

***Bill Boustead steps on croc while barefoot fishing. A BAREFOOT crab wrangler steps on a crocodile while fishing, but says having his foot caught in a saltie's mouth is: quote "no big deal".***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: NT News - By Sarah Crawford

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Reported also by territory stories.

***A BAREFOOT fisherman literally got a bite when he stepped on a crocodile in saltie infested waters.***

***But champion crab wrangler Bill Boustead, in his mid-60s, said having his foot trapped in a two-metre croc's jaws at Howards Peninsula was, "no big deal".***

***"I could have grabbed him, pulled him inside out and turned him into a handbag. There's not even a decent scar to show my grandkids," he told the Northern Territory News.***

***The Howards Peninsula fish farmer was in the water fishing on September 15 when he stepped on the two-metre croc.***

***"It happened so fast - I just touched him and he grabbed me," Mr Boustead said.***

***"The crocodile did not want to bite me...he was just telling me to p\*\*\* off."***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Territory stories. Nt.gov.au

**241. 15th October 2010. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Gove Peninsula N.T. Non-fatal.**

The man was body surfing when he was attacked by a small saltwater crocodile 800mm in length.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2435

**2011**

**242. 20th February 2011. Boy attacked by saltwater crocodile in creek Milingimbi Island Arnhem Land N.T. FATAL.**

***February 2011: During a family swimming trip a crocodile attacks and kills a 14-year-old boy at Milingimbi, 450km east of Darwin.***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ABC.net.au

**Friends said he was bitten by a crocodile of approximately 2 metres in length. The body was never recovered.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2437

**243. 9th March 2011. Todd Bairstow attacked by saltwater crocodile near Weipa Qld. non-fatal.**

Todd was fishing along Trunding Creek when he was attacked by a female saltwater crocodile 3.0 meters in length. A friend helped Todd escape.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2438

Weipa Non-fatal attack

2011 9 March Trunding Creek, Weipa Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**244. 23rd April 2011. Kevin Eccles attacked by a saltwater crocodile in the South Alligator River, NT. Non-fatal.**

Eccles was fishing in a boat with a friend. **He sustained severe injuries to his shoulder during the attack. Apparently he was asleep on the back of his boat when the crocodile struck.**

The saltwater crocodile was 2.5m.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2439

**245. 25th May 2011. Bruce Rudeforth was attacked by a saltwater crocodile at Secure Bay, near Derby, W.A. Non-fatal.**

**The crocodile launched itself into the dinghy and clamped it's (sic) jaws around Rudeforth's upper right chest and shoulder inflicting deep puncture wounds.**

**May 2011: a 59 year old fisherman is injured while fishing from his dinghy when a crocodile jumps and manages to grab him on the shoulder. The 2.5 metre croc lets go after he rams his elbow in its throat. (Attacks by crocodiles that size are rarely fatal. A big one might have pulled him out of the boat.) According to a zoologist the crocodile might have associated fishermen with easy meals or free handouts.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

While fishing Rudeforth was attacked by a saltwater crocodile 2.5m. He survived what amounted to repeated attacks.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2440

**246. 5th February 2011. Eddy Sigai attacked by saltwater crocodile Beening Creek Napranum Cape York Peninsula Qld. Non-fatal.**

37 year old man was swimming when attacked by a 2.5m croc

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2436

**247. May 2011 54 year old fisherman Elcho island Arnhem Land N.T. FATAL.**

**May 2011: On Elcho Island (515 km east of Darwin) a 54 year old fisherman disappears while fishing, in a spot where he went fishing every day. He is known to often wade out into the water. The man is believed to have been taken by a croc.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

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**248. 26th July 2011. Woman attacked by saltwater crocodile at Berry Springs Nature Park, near Darwin. N.T. Non-fatal.**

(Editor's Comment:

The woman was snorkelling in what I would remember as one of the safest places on the planet, well at least when swimming in the N.T.

Nevertheless she was bitten on the neck by a 1.5m saltwater crocodile. This is an amazing event, from my point of view. It defines the moment.

Incidentally, it is said that *she provoked the crocodile by intentionally approaching it.*)

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2441

**249. 5th December 2011. David Fordson killed by saltwater crocodile Cairncross Islands Cape York Peninsula Qld. FATAL.**

**December 2011: The body of a 49 year old barge captain is found in remote waters off the Cape York Peninsula. He was spearfishing and it looks like a saltwater crocodile was responsible for his death.**

Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

**The body was recovered and a post-mortem determined the cause of death was due to an attack by a large crocodile.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2442

**250. 7th December 2011. Bushy Island, Shelbourne Bay. Qld Fatal attack**  
<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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## 2012

### **251. 1st September, 2012. Bennett's boat was attacked by a saltwater crocodile South Alligator River, NT. Non-fatal.**

The boat was attacked by a 3.5m crocodile.

*On the night of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 a crocodile attacked Dean Bennett's, 22, boat while Matt, 12, and John (Snapper) Curwen -Walker, 46, were sleeping on it. The croc viciously attacked the boat twice during a period of 90 minutes. The crocodile took chunks out of the outboard motor.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS Nigel Adlam Northern Territory News

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS Reported also by IMDb and Digital Spy 12/09/12

#### **Bennett**

*A crocodile attacked the boat owned by Dean Bennett (left) while he, his brother Matt Davis (centre) and John 'Snapper' Curwen-Walker were sleeping on it at the mouth of the South Alligator River in 2012.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: News Limited

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### **252. 1st April 2012. Tara Hawkes was attacked by a saltwater crocodile near Dugong Bay north of Derby, WA. Non-fatal.**

A cruise-ship employee 23 year old Tara Hawkes *sustained injuries to her legs during the attack but was rescued by another passenger.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Birgit, who lives in the Kimberley

#### **23 year old cruise ship girl**

**2012: In northern Western Australia the female employee of a cruise ship was attacked while taking a swim in a freshwater pool in an area known to be inhabited by saltwater crocodiles. She was grabbed by the legs as she was leaving the water.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2444

### **253. 28th October 2012 43 year old Annunciata Nunuk Wilson was attacked by a freshwater crocodile Daly River N.T. Non-fatal.**

Hunting turtles.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2446

**254. 15th February 2012. Woman attacked by saltwater crocodile near Darwin N.T. Non-fatal.**

Woman was bitten while out walking dogs. Location not precisely identified.

*Woman bitten on calf*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2443

**255. 11th October 2012. 14 year old boy attacked by saltwater crocodile Ivanhoe Crossing on the Ord River W.A. Non-fatal.**

*The boy was in waist deep water and sustained minor injuries to one of his legs during the attack.*

The crocodile appeared to be a 2.0 m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2445

**256. 16th November 2012. Girl killed by saltwater crocodile at Manggabor Creek N.T. FATAL.**

The saltwater crocodile was 3.4m.

*Manggabor Creek is located as an outstation of Gumarrinbang. The crocodile was killed and the young girl's remains were found inside the crocodile.*

*The 7 year old girl was swimming at a waterhole at Gumarrinbang outstation about 110km southwest of Maningrida.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2447

**257. 1st December 2012. Boy attacked and killed by saltwater crocodile at Port Bradshaw N.T. FATAL.**

*At False Pera Heads near Weipa DECEMBER 1, 2012:*

*A 4m crocodile killed a nine-year-old boy who was swimming with friends at a Territory beach at Port Bradshaw near Dhania outstation, 100km south of Nhulunbuy.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: N.T. News.

*The crocodile was a 4.0m saltwater crocodile. The attack on the 9 year old boy was fatal.*

**The boy was swimming with friends when the CP attacked. Others tried to rescue him by spearing the crocodile but the crocodile escaped with the boy.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2448

In: DAILY.



**258. 15th December 2012. Travis Gaykamangu attacked billabong  
Raminingining Arnhem Land. NT. Non-fatal.**

**The 16 year old boy stepped on the tail of the CP estimated to be 1.0m approx., prompting the attack which caused injuries to his legs.**

16 year old Travis was bitten by a small saltwater crocodile while hunting magpie geese.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2449

**2013**

**259. 1st November 2013. Girl attacked by freshwater crocodile Geike Gorge  
Kimberley W.A. Non-fatal.**

8 year old girl injured.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4805

**260. 13th April 2013. A man was attacked by a saltwater crocodile near  
Doctors Gully Darwin, N.T. Non-fatal.**

The 50-59 year old man was attacked by a 1.0m saltwater crocodile. He received a minor bite injury.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4362

**261. 4th May 2013. Jane Dennis attacked by freshwater crocodile at Slatery  
Creek Gorge WA. Non-fatal**

51 year old Jane Dennis bitten by freshie and carried for 6 hours by her friends.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2451

**262. 13th March 2013. Boy killed by saltwater crocodile La Djadarr Bay  
Dampier Peninsula WA. FATAL.**

The boy was 15 years old.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6973

**263. 21st April 2013. A Frenchman was attacked by a saltwater crocodile  
Nhulunbuy Arnhem Land, NT. Non-fatal.**

**– In April 2013 a young French (sic) was attacked by a crocodile in the Northern Territory.  
He miraculously escaped by punching it!**

*Unfortunately there are many similar stories where crocodiles in Australia are involved...*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.australia-backpackersguide.com/crocodiles-in-australia/>

**\* April 21, 2013**

*Frenchman Yoann Galeran, 29, survives an attack at Nhulunbuy in Arnhem Land despite having his head in the croc's mouth.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australia-s-recent-croc-attacks>

*The Frenchman, Yoann Galeran, 29 years old, was attacked by a C.P. estimated to be 2m in length. Yoann was swimming to a dingy located about 25 metres from the shore of Gove Harbour in Nhulunbuy. He fought off the crocodile and swam to safety with minor wounds.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-2450

#### **264. 24th August Sean Cole attacked by saltwater crocodile Mary River NT. FATAL.**

**\* August 24, 2013**

*Sean Cole, 26, killed while racing a mate across the croc-infested Mary River. A 4.7 metre croc was later shot by rangers.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australia-s-recent-croc-attacks>

*AUGUST 24, 2013: A crocodile killed a 26-year-old man while swimming in the Mary River near the Mary River Wilderness Retreat, about halfway between Darwin and Kakadu National Park.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: N.T. News

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-3637

- 265. Circa. 17th December 2013 Keith Watson boat attacked and holed**  
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## **2014**

- 266. 26th Jan 2014. A 12 year old boy attacked by a saltwater crocodile Magela Creek near Mudginberry Billabong Arnhem Land NT. Non-fatal.**  
The boy was attacked and injured but the crocodile then attacked and killed his friend.

Recorded the attacks on the two boys as separate attacks.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4809

- 267. 26th Jan 2014. A 12 year old boy killed by a saltwater crocodile at Magela Creek near Mudginberry Billabong Arnhem Land NT. FATAL.**

*January 2014: While swimming with friends at a Kakadu waterhole, a 15-year-old boy is bitten on the arm by a crocodile, which loses its grip. The animal then turns on a 12-year-old boy, who is taken in front of distraught family members and friends. His remains are found several days later by police.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: ABC.net.au

*12-year-old boy killed while swimming at Jabiru in Kakadu National Park. Another boy, 15, was bitten but released. Three crocodiles were shot in the search for the boy.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australia-s-recent-croc-attacks>

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4804

- 268. 7th June 2014. Bill Scott killed by saltwater crocodile in Kakadu National Park NT. FATAL.**

**\* June 7, 2014**

*Fisherman Bill Scott, 62, killed in front of his family by a 4.7 metre crocodile while on his boat in the Kakadu National Park.*

*Fears over crocodile attacks have been reignited following the death of a man who was taken by a 4.7 metre long crocodile in Kakadu National Park. But how common are such attacks and who is most at risk?*

*Updated 9 June 2014*

*By Stephanie Anderson*

*Human remains were recovered Sunday in the hunt for a man snatched by a crocodile in front of terrified relatives on a boat trip in northern Australia.*

*The 62-year-old man was taken from his boat on the South Alligator River in Kakadu National Park late Saturday (June 7) afternoon as his wife, son and daughter-in-law looked on.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: NT News.

*Police say the man was in Kakadu on a fishing trip with his wife, son and daughter-in-law at a remote waterhole on the South Alligator River system when he was taken by a 4.7m (15.3ft) crocodile on Saturday afternoon around 5pm.*

*Police have told media the man was in a boat and washing or emptying a bucket at the time of the attack.*

*The man's family heard splashing sounds and turned around but were not able to save him.*

*The victim's wife and daughter-in-law drove for two hours to the small town of Cooina to raise the alarm.*

*There is no mobile phone network coverage in large areas of Kakadu National Park.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: NT NEWS

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-4978

**269. 15th June 2014. A man was attacked by a freshwater crocodile Glenelg River Kimberley Plateau WA. Non-fatal.**

A researcher was snorkelling when attacked by freshwater crocodile of 1.8m

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5925

**270. 18th August 2014. A Vietnamese fisherman was killed by a saltwater crocodile on the Adelaide River. NT. FATAL.**

**\* August 18, 2014**

*Albino-headed crocodile kills Lanh Van Tran, a Vietnamese fisherman, 57, in croc-infested Adelaide River.*

The man is recorded as saying, *"I'm dead!"*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5261

**271. 8th September 2014. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile near Wudaduk Outstation WA. Non-fatal.**

*The 20 year old man was wading into the water to get a goose he had shot when he was attacked by a 2.0m saltwater crocodile.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5325

**272. 1st August 2014. Travis Costa killed by saltwater crocodile Pirlangimpi Community, Melville Island Tiwi Islands. NT. FATAL.**

22 years old.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6266

**273. 27th August 2014. Russian tourist attacked by freshwater crocodile Wangi Falls Litchfield National Park NT. Non-fatal.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6266

## **2015**

**274. 13th April 2015. John Lahiff attacked by saltwater crocodile Port Douglas Qld. Non-fatal.**

John, a 75 year-old golfer, was playing golf when by accident he approached a basking crocodile, which jumped up and bit him. He suffered puncture wounds.

The crocodile was 1.2m.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5509

2015 13 April Port Douglas Golf Course Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**275. 16th May 2015. Chris Keeping attacked by saltwater crocodile  
Casuarina Coastal Reserve near Darwin NT. Non-fatal.**

**\* May 2015**

*Darwin kitesurfer Chris Keeping escapes with just scratches after he pokes a saltie in the eye 100 metres offshore at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.*

*Chris Keeping, a 29 year old kitesurfer was repeatedly attacked by a saltwater crocodile of some 2-2.5m length near Lee Point in Casuarina Coastal Reserve.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5548

**276. 2nd May 2015. Westen Frankland was attacked by a freshwater  
crocodile Lawn Hill Gorge, northwest Queensland. Non-fatal.**

*The attack on the 13-year-old Tweed Valley College student from Nobbys Creek happened when he was holidaying with his family in Lawn Hill gorge, northwest Queensland, last weekend.*

*"I was swimming and he came out from behind a waterfall and all I saw was this big jaw, wide open, and all these pointy teeth coming at me," Weston said.*

*Doctors were shocked at the croc attack, only the second at the gorge in 28 years*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Tweed Daily News.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5535

**277. 2nd December 2015. Michael Curwen was attacked by a saltwater  
crocodile Anchor Bay Lizard Island Qld. Non-fatal.**

57 year old Michael snorkelling 20m offshore when he was attacked by a saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Cairns Post

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5839

2015 03 December Lizard Island Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

*278. 3rd July 2015. A journalist was attacked by saltwater crocodile Kimberly area W.A.*

*She was swimming with a tour group in the Prince Regent River, in the Kimberly area W.A. when the crocodile attacked and bit her on the face. The attack was Non-fatal.*

*50 year old woman Rock pool near Prince Regent River*

*Charter boat passenger attacked by crocodile in WA's Kimberley*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite. 100-5596

*279. 4th September 2015. Woman attacked by freshwater crocodile Wangi Falls Litchfield National Park NT. Non-fatal.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5755

*280. 13th September 2015. Man attacked by freshwater crocodile Wangi Falls Litchfield National Park N.T. Non-fatal.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5596

## **2016**

*281. 1st June 2016. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Elizabeth Creek on the Daly River N.T. Non-fatal*

*A 35 year old man was sitting in the boat fishing when attacked by a 2.5m saltwater crocodile.*

*SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite100-4361*



**282. 12th January 2016. Jackie Davies attacked by freshwater crocodile  
The Grotto East Kimberly WA. Non-fatal.**

25 year old woman swimming with a friend and dogs

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-13/woman-bitten-by-suspected-freshwater-crocodile-grotto-kununurra/7085948>

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5922

**283. 13th January 2016. Woman attacked by crocodile at Three Mile Creek  
Wyndham WA. Non-fatal.**

*Woman, 68, found walking along a road north of Wyndham in the Kimberley missing half an arm after a croc attack at Three Mile Creek.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australia-s-recent-croc-attacks>

**69 year old woman attacked while walking dogs along bank of creek Non-fatal**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-5926

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-26/saltwater-crocodile-shot-after-approaching-broome-beachgoers/10753660>

Wyndham attack: Crocodile that bit off woman's hand killed by rangers

Updated 15 Jan 2016, 8:57am



**PHOTO:** [The area near where the attack happened. A 2.2-metre saltwater crocodile was removed and killed.](#) (Supplied: Peter Kiely)

*A crocodile believed to have bitten off part of a woman's lower right arm, including her hand, in Western Australia's far north has been destroyed by authorities.*

*The woman, a local from Wyndham, [was attacked near a caravan park at the WA town](#), and was flown to Darwin on Wednesday night.*

*She also suffered several puncture wounds to her left leg.*

*Authorities say the animal was lured with bait on a hand line late on Thursday afternoon.*

*Officers from the Department of Parks and Wildlife have since destroyed the animal.*

*The 68-year-old woman was attacked while walking at Three Mile Creek.*

*She has undergone surgery and is in a stable condition at Royal Darwin Hospital.*

*Parks and Wildlife district wildlife officer Peter Carstairs said the 2.2-metre-long crocodile needed to be destroyed.*

*"Because this crocodile attacked a person and was in an area used by people and pets, it was imperative that we removed it and we ensured that it was destroyed quickly and humanely," he said.*

*"Parks and Wildlife, the Balanggarra Rangers and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley staff will continue monitor the site over the coming days to ensure that there are no additional crocodiles in the area."*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-14/rogue-croc-who-bit-woman-destroyed-in-wyndham/7089796>

**284. 8th March 2016. Renee Robertson attacked by saltwater crocodile in Townsville's Billabong Sanctuary. Qld .Non-fatal.**

**VIDEO: Croc handler 'expected to make full recovery'**

***It has been reported that is expected to make a full recovery after a crocodile bit her arm at Billabong Sanctuary owner Bob Flemming told the Courier Mail she was expected to make a full recovery after undergoing surgery.***

Daily Mercury.

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**285. 25th April 2016. Peter Rowsell attacked by freshwater crocodile Dorisvale Crossing Palm Creek NT. Non-fatal.**

Man was asleep in a tent. It is believed that the crocodile was a 2.7m freshwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6060

Name is not spelled correctly.

**\* April 25, 2016**

*A crocodile reportedly tries to drag Peter Rowsell, 19, from a tent by his foot at Palm Creek in the Northern Territory.*

**286. 17th May 2016. Noel Ramage attacked by crocodile -died at Leader's Creek N.T. FATAL.**

**\* May 17, 2016**

*Noel Ramage, 75, drowned when a croc capsized his tinny at Leaders Creek, NT. His mate was trapped for three hours and was rescued after throwing spanners and spark plugs at the croc.*

Editor. There is a big question here. See my article on the coroner report.

**287. 29th May 2016. Cindy Waldron killed by saltwater crocodile at Daintree National Park Qld. FATAL.**

**\* May 29, 2016**

*NSW woman Cindy Waldron, 46, dragged underwater during a late-night swim with a friend, who tried in vain to save her, at Thornton Beach in the Daintree National Park.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6125

2016 29 May Thornton Beach Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**288. 29th September 2016. Cameron Timms attacked by freshwater crocodile Moonshine Gorge. El Questro. WA. Non-fatal.**

**14 year old boy**

**Boy swimming alongside family**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6239

**289. 4th November 2016. Johnny Bonde attacked by freshwater crocodile at Lake Kununurra, Kununurra WA. Non-fatal.**

**27 year old fell on top of the crocodile 2.5 freshwater crocodile**

**Coast bulletin**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6271

**2017**

**290. 19th January 2017. A man killed by a saltwater crocodile Cahill's Crossing East Alligator River. NT. FATAL.**  
**47-year-old man killed by a crocodile after wading into a river crossing near Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory.**

Question of the actual date????????????????

**20th January 2017 47 year old man with two females Cahill's crossing disappeared**  
News.com.au

**Jan 20 2017 47 year old killed river crossing Kakadu**  
\*January 20, 2017

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6331

**291. 18th March 2017 Warren Hughes killed by saltwater crocodile at Palmer Point Innisfail Qld. FATAL.**  
\* **March 20, 2017**

**The body of 35-year-old Warren Hughes found two days after the spearfisherman's dinghy and speargun were discovered off Palmer Point, north of Innisfail. Investigations point to him being taken by a four metre crocodile.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6382

2017 18 March Palmer Point, north of Innisfail Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**292. 19th March 2017. Lee de Paauw attacked by saltwater crocodile Johnstone River at Fitzgerald Esplanade Qld. Non-fatal.**

**18 years old The Johnstone River at Fitzgerald esplanade injured in an Innisfail river.**  
\* **March 19, 2017**

**Lee de Paauw, 18, injured after he was dared to jump into an Innisfail river in the middle of the night. Locals say a 3.5 to 4m crocodile had been spotted in the area recently.**

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australia-s-recent-croc-attacks>

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6381

2017 19 March Johnstone River, Innisfail Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**293. 9th May 2017. A 54 year old man attacked by a saltwater crocodile at Palumpa in the Daly River Area N.T. Non-fatal.**

*The man was wading in water when attacked by a 2.0m saltwater crocodile although he suffered chest and arm wounds he walked away*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6431

**294. 15th July 2017. Daryl Bell attacked by saltwater crocodile at a farm Peters Road Mareeba, Atherton Tablelands, Qld. Non-fatal.**

*Trying to catch a crocodile cairns post*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6617

**295. 17th October 2017. Man attacked by freshwater crocodile at Wangi Falls Litchfield National Park NT. Non-fatal.**

36 year old man sustained minor injuries when attacked by a 1.0m freshwater crocodile.

Supposedly two 2015

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS ABC news

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6768

**296. 11TH October 2017. Anne Cameron killed by crocodile near Port Douglas Qld. FATAL.**

*Human remains found in 4.3-metre crocodile involved in death of elderly woman*

*Anne Cameron, 79, disappeared from aged care facility Ozcare near Port Douglas on Tuesday last week after she went for a walk.*

*On Thursday, police and SES crews made a grisly discovery of human remains, jewellery and Ms Cameron's walking stick on the banks of a creek inlet near the Mowbray River, north of Cairns.*

*Wildlife officers found and killed a crocodile in the Mowbray River system around 1am yesterday.*

*Human remains and a number of items which belonged to Ms Cameron were found in the animal, which has been euthanased.*

*By Casey Briggs*

*Updated 18 Oct 2017, 12:06am*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6758

2017 12 October Craiglie Creek, Port Douglas Fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**297. 2017 27 November Cape Tribulation Beach in a creek Non-fatal attack**  
<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

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## 2018

**298. 14th January 2018. Man attacked by saltwater crocodile at Nagir Island, Torres Strait Qld. Non-fatal**

The man was spearfishing in an ocean/coastal area when attacked by a 3.0m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6870

2018 15 January Nagi (Mt Ernest Island), Torres Strait Non-fatal attack

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/pdf/crocodile-attacks-queensland.pdf>

**299. 13th March 2018. Samuel Birch attacked by saltwater crocodile King River Road near Wyndham WA. Non-fatal.**

A 28 year old man was untangling a net on rocks when attacked by a 2.0m saltwater crocodile.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-6920

**300. 12th October 2018. Ranger killed at a billabong Gangan near Nhulunbuy NT. FATAL.**

***Police recover body of Aboriginal ranger taken by crocodile in Arnhem Land community***

***Updated 13 Oct 2018, 7:44am***

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: CrocBite 100-7208

***Northern Territory Police have recovered the body of an Aboriginal ranger after she was taken by a "problem crocodile" while fishing with her family on Friday.***

***Key points:***

*The Aboriginal ranger was killed by the crocodile while fishing in Gangan, near Nhulunbuy*

*The crocodile has been found and destroyed by local Indigenous rangers*

*The victim has been remembered for her "bold personality" and sense of humour*

*The attack occurred at around 10:30am in the remote East Arnhem outstation of Gangan, 177 kilometres south-west of Nhulunbuy.*

*Update details coming.*

Waiting for dates or details

### **1. Bryan Clark Melville Island NT**

TBA

### **301. Chas and Lorraine Adams tent crocodile attack adventure. NT**

TBA

### **302. Kel Clark in a crocodile incident Daly River N.T.**

Kel was using a throw net to catch bait fish. When his companion noticed a fairly big crocodile lurking nearby, they decided to move away from that position. They moved some hundreds of metres away and continued netting. Suddenly, they noticed that the crocodile had moved right along with them and was lurking, some say with intent.

This is an attack of the kind that didn't happen, maybe, but what if they were intoxicated or not too observant? The danger is there, waiting.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Kel Clark.

### **303. CIRCA. 1974 Unnamed man crocodile hunting friend**

The hunter was sleeping in a dinghy with one leg over the side. He awoke to find a saltwater crocodile had "clamped its jaws over his heel," which was at the time hanging over the side. The man grabbed his rifle and shot the croc.

Reported to Philip Holden by Stefan Sebastian.

Philip Holden Crocodile. The Australian Story. Page 56.



**304.      *Holden was in a boat when a crocodile attacked the boat N.T. Non-fatal***

A large crocodile attacked the boat while Phillip was using his Pentax camera.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile The Australian Story Holden Philip page 56.

**305.      *1964. Unknown. A man was attacked by crocodile Archer River near Aurukan Mission Qld. Fatal.***

This story (said to have occurred in 1964) was reported to Holden by Gerry Blitner, who was urged to kill the crocodile. Apparently he did kill the beast and the crocodile was 6.09m.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile. The Australian Story. Holden Philip. Page 68.

**306.      *Date unknown. Unknown man killed by crocodile Qld.***

A man and his wife were collecting oysters in a small creek. The man was attacked by a crocodile. The woman managed to free him, but the crocodile came back and took him.

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile. The Australian Story. Holden Philip. Page 68.

**307.      *2014 TRENT BURTON. attacks by crocodile at Shoalhaven Zoo in Nowra NSW. Non-fatal.***

*A man has been attacked by a crocodile at Shoalhaven Zoo on the NSW south coast.*

*Animal handler Trent Burton, believed to be in his mid 30s, was presenting a crocodile feeding show at the zoo about noon on Monday when the largest resident crocodile, a 3.7-metre reptile known as John, grabbed him by the hand and dragged him into the water in the enclosure.*

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/crocodile-attacks-handler-at-shoalhaven-zoo-in-nowra-20140707-zsyy6.html>

**308.      *15th March 2018. Samuel Birch attacked by crocodile King River Road near Wyndham W.A. Non-fatal.***

Man escapes crocodile attack by being dragged to safety by a friend

ABC Kimberley

By Molly Hunt

Posted 15 Mar 2018, 6:08am

A father of five says his friend dragged him to safety by his shirt as a crocodile twice lunged at him at an east Kimberley waterway.

Samuel Birch was untangling a throw net from rocks at a fishing spot on the King River Road near Wyndham when the two-metre croc attacked.

Mr Birch says he tripped when the crocodile lunged at him the first time.

"It got me on the side of my leg scratching me up," Mr Birch said.

"One of my mates grabbed me by the back of my shirt, lifted me out of the water.

"It had another go at me but I was up on the bank by then.

"I was in shock and I was in pain."

SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-15/man-escapes-crocodile-attack-after-friend-grabs-him-by-shirt/9547902>

### ***309. Croc approached beachgoers, swimmers The Kimberley W.A. Non-fatal.***

This was an incident, but it could have led to an attack. The crocodile was destroyed.

***"Crocodiles are left undisturbed across most of the Kimberley, but management areas have been created around townships to ensure saltwater crocodiles are removed from populated rivers and beaches.***

***Mr Nutt said difficult weather conditions had hampered efforts to capture and relocate the animal, which was the preferred course of action.***

***He said it was believed the crocodile was first reported to authorities on Wednesday after it approached children swimming at Town Beach."***

Attacks described in the 30s ***by Philip Holden***. Further details pending.

**310.**     *South Alligator River could be Maude?*

**311.**     *Kapalga man spearing a goanna*

**312.**     *Nourlangie Rock. Man killed while spearing a crocodile.*

**313.**     *Bark canoe spearing same location. P148 ph*

**314.**     *BARRY ROBERTSON 19 CAIRNS CROC*

**SOURCE FOR CROCODILE ATTACKS: Crocodile. The Australian Story Holden Philip page 125.**

**2019**

**315.**     *29th October 2019 Man bitten by crocodile Croker Island N.T. Non-fatal.*

## **Crocodile bites Croker Island man after he steps on it while hunting in creek**

By **Emilie Gramenz**

Posted 29 OctOctober 2019, updated 29 OctOctober 2019



Elston Lami Lami says he fought off a crocodile on Croker Island after looking into its eye.(*Www.Flickr.Com: Peter Nijenhuis*)

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Elston Lami Lami recalls looking into the eye of a crocodile after accidentally stepping on it during a family hunting trip on a remote island off Arnhem Land.

## **Key points:**

- Elston Lami Lami stepped on a crocodile in a shallow creek, thinking it was a log
- The crocodile bit him on the leg and he had to be airlifted to hospital
- Relatives and his dogs distracted the croc, enabling his escape

"When he came up, when he flipped me and I looked at his eye, he had crocodile tears," Mr Lami Lami said.

"Like, you're mine, you're my lunch," the 42-year-old said from his bed at Royal Darwin Hospital.

Mr Lami Lami said the attack happened while he and three other men were walking alongside a billabong outside the community of Minjilang on Croker Island on Saturday.

He said they came across a creek with milky water dirty enough that they couldn't see the bottom.



Elston Lami Lami was flown to Royal Darwin Hospital with leg injuries after stepping on a crocodile at Minjilang. (ABC: *Emilie Gramenz*)

As he tried to cross the creek, Mr Lami Lami stepped on what he thought was a log.

He said that when he stepped again he felt the body of a crocodile move and spin around "in a split second", throwing him back against the creek bank.

The father of five said all he could think about was his two daughters on the island.

"I hit him three times in the nose, he let me go," Mr Lami Lami said.

"[He] came back again, tried to attack me ... when he snapped at me, I grabbed him, held him at the jaw with two hands and I was getting weak.

"So I thought the only way to get his attention, I had to hit him again."

Mr Lami Lami said he dragged himself quickly back to the creek bank and when he got up noticed his leg was bleeding.

## **Family dog and relatives distracted croc**



He said his relative was yelling at him in his local language "Run! Get up and run, run, run!"

"And I ran as fast as I can. I didn't care about the wound on my leg, the blood on my leg, all I thought about was my life."

Mr Lami Lami's injuries included a bite on the leg and another near his shorts, which he said the crocodile managed to shred.



Elston Lami Lami was treated at Minjilang's community health centre before being flown to Darwin.(Supplied: CareFlight)

He said the family dog and the yelling of his relatives distracted the crocodile and gave him a chance to run away.

In the aftermath, Mr Lami Lami said he felt numbness not pain but that he still had a half-hour walk back to the car.

"Whatever pain I was going through, I didn't want to show it to them boys, because I was the older one there," he said.

Mr Lami Lami said he was bandaged up back at the car and took a few paracetamol for his throbbing leg, before receiving treatment at the Minjilang Community Health Centre.

He was flown to Royal Darwin Hospital that day by CareFlight and must spend a few days there recovering before returning home.

Posted 29 October 2019,

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-10-29/croker-island-crocodile-injury/11647502>

*316. 15th November 2019 Ranger attacked by crocodile Cape Yorke Peninsula Qld. Non-Fatal.*

## Crocodile attack survivor reveals how he saved himself from the jaws of a saltie

[ABC Far North](#)

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By [Marian Faa](#)

Posted 15 November 2019

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Wildlife ranger Craig Dickmann survives a crocodile attack

A wildlife ranger who wrestled himself free from the jaws of a saltwater crocodile by poking it in the eyes, says he is grateful to be alive to tell the tale.

## Key points:

- A 2.8 metre crocodile attacked Craig Dickmann in a remote area
- Mr Dickmann's right hand was 'degloved' and he had injuries to his other hand, arms and legs
- The Environment Department says the crocodile was humanely euthanased

Craig Dickmann, 54, recalled the horrifying moment he turned to pack up his fishing equipment at a remote beach on Queensland's Cape York Peninsula when a [2.8 metre crocodile lunged from the water and latched on to his thigh](#).

The incident happened at Captain Billy Landing on Sunday afternoon.

"It was quicker than your mind can register — that noise will haunt me forever I think, the snap of its jaws," Mr Dickmann said.

Mr Dickmann, who was off-duty at the time, then wrestled the crocodile and managed to free himself by jamming his thumb into the reptile's eye.

"[The crocodile was] rolling and if you can imagine, I am lying on the rocks on my back at this stage, trying to get away from it and it's virtually on top," he said.

"There is no weakness on this thing — it's a tank — my thoughts were 'I was going to try to push my thumb into its brain', so I pushed down as far as my thumb could go."

After Mr Dickmann freed himself, the crocodile lunged a second time and clamped onto his wrist, degloving his hand.

"I remember looking at [my hand] later on and saying 'that looks like when you peel back the flesh and do those diagrams on anatomy textbooks'," he said.



Now recovering in Cairns Hospital, Mr Dickmann says he is grateful to everyone who helped with the rescue.(ABC News: Marian Faa)

Mr Dickmann freed himself a second time by clamping the crocodile's jaws and "flicking" it into the water, where the reptile slid out of sight.

"I had a weird moment — because I was wearing crocs [shoes] at the time — and I thought 'I've got to go and get my crocs [shoes]'

"So I'm looking around in the water trying to fetch my crocs out of the water and I thought 'you idiot'."

Mr Dickmann then drove himself more than an hour back to the Heathlands Ranger Station where he works and phoned triple-0 and was given first aid by another ranger.

The closest airstrip where a Rural Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) plane could land safely at night was Bramwell Station, about an hour's drive south from the ranger station.

Mr Dickmann's colleague drove him to Bramwell Station to wait for the RFDS and he was then airlifted to Cairns Hospital about 8:00pm on Sunday.



Another ranger drove Mr Dickmann to Bramwell Station to wait for the RFDS. *(Supplied: Wendy Kozicka)*

## **'Very lucky man'**

RFDS nurse Katie Corkill, who assisted with the rescue, said Mr Dickmann had shown incredible resilience.

"When we looked at his injuries and when we heard his story, we thought there are so many tiny details that could have gone completely differently," she said.

"He's a very lucky man. I am really happy for him — I think it's amazing and I am so glad he's come out of this and going to make a full recovery."

Now recovering in Cairns Hospital, Mr Dickmann said he was grateful to everyone who helped with the rescue.



"It's just one of those accidents that occurred — I was in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

"I checked the area for tracks, I made sure there was dry land behind me, I stood back from the edges — I think this croc was particularly cunning and particularly devious."

The Environment Department investigated the incident and said the crocodile was located on Tuesday night and humanely euthanased.



Mr Dickmann, with the RFDS crew, says he is grateful to everyone who helped with his rescue.*(Supplied)*

Posted 15 November 2019

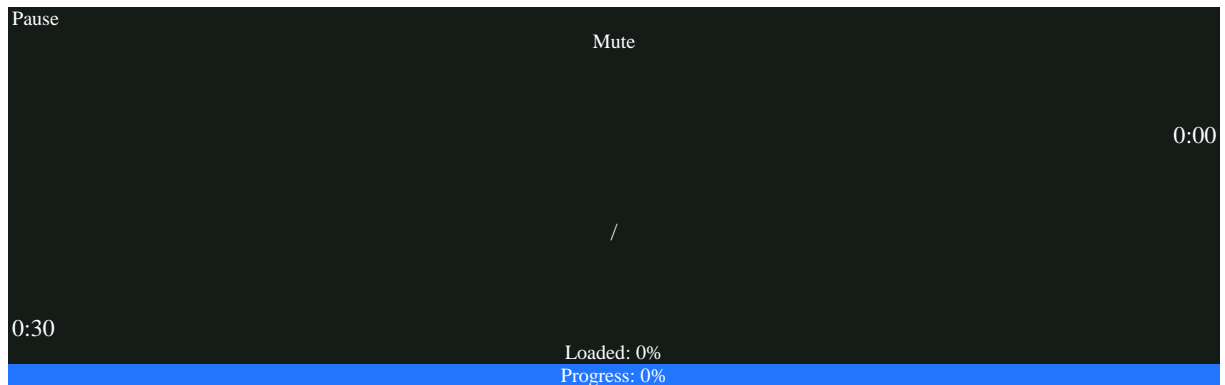
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**2020**

# Crocodile filmed lunging near kids in remote Queensland

By 9News Staff

5:28pm Mar 12, 2020



Fullscreen

Croc spotted metres away from kids' playground



Crocodile charges school children in Aurukun



NOW

Croc spotted metres away from kids' playground

A huge crocodile has been caught on camera, charging at a group of children fishing in the remote Queensland town of Aurukun.

The crocodile can be seen gliding through the water towards the group of kids gathered on the bank, who seem amused by the situation, shrieking and throwing objects in the water.

The reptile whips around and snaps at the water in response.



The crocodile can be seen gliding through the water towards the bank. (Facebook/Rosie )  
The video was posted to Facebook by Rosie Woolla, who wrote a child had thrown a water bottle towards the animal in an effort to find out how big it was.

No one was injured.

**2020**

*318. 29th April 2020. Arnhem Land - man attacked by crocodile. Non-fatal.*

## **Man escapes serious injury during crocodile attack in Arnhem Land**

By [Lauren Roberts](#)

Posted 5ddays ago, updated 5ddays ago



NT Police say the crocodile grabbed the man from behind.(ABC News: *Mitchell Woolnough*)

A 23-year-old man has narrowly escaped serious injury during a crocodile attack in Arnhem Land

## **Key points:**

- The man held onto the mangroves and the crocodile released him
- He escaped with non-life-threatening injuries, only deep cuts to his upper thigh
- He was treated at the local health clinic before being taken to Gove Hospital

NT Police Watch Commander Siiri Tennosaar said the man was grabbed by the crocodile about 5:00pm on Tuesday afternoon while fishing on the Glyde River near an outstation south-east of Ramingining.

Commander Tennosaar said the man was hunting in waist-deep water when the crocodile attacked him.





The 23-year-old man is lucky to be alive after the attack.(Supplied: Charles Darwin University)

"He was grabbed from behind by a 1.8 metre [crocodile] and the man held onto some mangroves and the crocodile for some reason released him and swam away," she said.

"So other than suffering some pretty deep lacerations to his upper thigh, he managed to get away with no life-threatening injuries."

He was treated at the local health clinic and taken to Gove Hospital.

"He should go straight to get a lotto ticket," Commander Tennosaar said.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-29/nt-crocodile-attack-in-arnhem-land/12195974>

**By Elle Conway • Reporter**

3:28pm Apr 29, 2020



The fisherman needed to be airlifted for treatment but is in high spirits.

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A man in the Top End is counting his lucky stars after he was attacked by a crocodile while wading through a river in Arnhem Land.

Kelvin Guyula, 23, was fishing for worms in waist-deep water on the Glyde River south east of Ramingining about 5.30pm yesterday, when the 1.8 metre snapper latched onto him.

"The crocodile came up behind me and grabbed my legs," Mr Guyula told 9News.

Mr Guyula did not see or feel the freshwater crocodile approach him, but as he went into fight or flight mode, was able to grab onto some nearby mangroves for support.

"I took the tree with my right hand, and I pulled myself to the ground land," he said.

The crocodile then let go and swam away.

"I came up onto the dry land and said to all of my family to come and help me," Mr Guyula said.

Mr Guyula also made a tourniquet with his belt to stop the bleeding.

"I was taking my belt off and I tied it around my leg," he said.





The 23-year-

old said he would still go fishing in the same spot again. (Nine)

The fisherman was transported to the local clinic in Raminging where his wounds were cleaned and patched up.

"I feel lucky, my bones is good and my muscles too," he said.

"I feel a little bit good, you know, the Panadol really helped keep me from this pain."

Mr Guyula's wife, Chelsea Gaykamangu said she was happy her husband would make a full recovery.

"He's got two big marks of teeth, and three of them it's just little teeth," Ms Gaykamangu said.

The 23-year-old was transported to Gove Hospital this afternoon for an additional check-up.

As for going out fishing for worms again, Mr Guyula says the ordeal hasn't scared him off.



Kelvin Guyula was fishing for worms in waist-deep water when the attack happened. (Nine) "I'll just look after myself better," he said with a grin.

*319. 4th May 2020. Man attacked by crocodile near Mandorah N.T. Non-fatal. 4/05/20*

## **Crocodile attack near Darwin leaves fishermen with serious hand injuries**

By [Jano Gibson](#)

Posted Yesterday, updated Yesterday

A 24-year-old man has had surgery after being attacked by a crocodile across the harbour from Darwin last night.

### **Key points:**

- The man was fishing at Mandorah, across the harbour from Darwin
- The man underwent surgery to reattach fingers and is in a stable condition
- The attack came a week after an attack in Arnhem Land left a man hospitalised but without serious injuries

The man had been fishing at Mandorah about 7:00pm when the incident occurred.

"We had reports of someone being bitten on the hand by a crocodile," St John Ambulance spokesman Craig Garraway said.

Mandorah is 5 kilometres west of Darwin by boat, but 120 kilometres by car.

Mr Garraway said paramedics met the man halfway between Mandorah and Royal Darwin Hospital after he was driven by others to Berry Springs.

"We met them at the Berry Springs shop area and a male there [had] quite serious injuries to a hand, where his fingers were quite severely damaged," he said.

"[He] required surgery last night at the Royal Darwin Hospital. So hopefully he's recovering well with all his fingers reattached."

Mr Garraway said he did not know any other details about the crocodile attack, including where it happened, under what circumstances or how large the crocodile was.

An NT Health Department spokesman said the man was in a stable condition after his operation.

Last week, a 23-year-old man in Arnhem Land escaped serious injury after he was [grabbed by a 1.8-metre crocodile](#) while fishing on the Glyde River near an outstation south-east of Ramingining.

The man held onto mangroves until the crocodile released him.

He suffered deep lacerations to his upper thigh and required hospitalisation at Nhulunbuy.

Posted Yesterday, updated Yesterday

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-04/nt-croc-attack-near-darwin-mandorah-bites-hand/12212122>

**320.        24 Sept 2020, Man attacked by saltwater crocodile Lizard Island, NON-FATAL.**

A crocodile bit a man on the head and neck as he was snorkelling off an island on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The 33-year-old was flown to hospital after Wednesday's attack by what is believed to be a two-metre (six-foot) saltwater crocodile near the Lizard Island resort, a Queensland state official said in a statement.

Wildlife officers will travel to Lizard Island to attempt to locate and remove the crocodile, the official said.

He warned the island was in known "croc country", and reminded people to be wary when swimming in the area.

Lizard Island in far north Queensland is surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef -- a popular tourist destination renowned for its diving and snorkelling.

SOURCE: <https://au.news.yahoo.com/crocodile-attacks-snorkeller-off-australian-085337301.html>

**321.        9 Oct 2020. A man in his 30s has been attacked by a saltwater crocodile W.A. NON-FATAL.**

The man was bitten on the face and also on the head.

"The man was driven to Broome Hospital on Friday evening after the incident which occurred while he was spear fishing in Pender Bay, a remote region on the Dampier Peninsula about 200km north of Broome.

A photograph of the man's injuries taken shortly after the attack shows cuts on the man's head and near his eye.

The man told 7NEWS that he is OK, but the attack was the scariest thing he had experienced in his life.

Saltwater crocodiles can grow up to 6m long and are common across the Kimberley, and are known to be most aggressive during the breeding season, which is September to May."

SOURCE: <https://thewest.com.au/news/kimberley/man-attacked-by-saltwater-crocodile-in-was-kimberley-ng-b881689737z>



**2021**

**322.      28 JAN 2021 Mark Ridge attacked by 2.5m crocodile LAKE PLACID, Qld. NON-FATAL.**

Lake Placid is a waterhole just off the Barron River, near Cairns. Mark Ridge was grabbed on the head by the crocodile but managed to prise its jaws off before swimming back to shore. He lived to show off his injuries, which includes lacerations on his arms, shoulder and neck as well as a “few holes” in his head.

There is some confusion about his age as News.com reports his age at 56-year-old, whereas 44 years old is indicated by Newsweek and the Cairns Post.

The attack occurred 11km northwest of Cairns’ CBD at Lake Placid. He swam 400m to shore as the crocodile roamed.

He was transported to Cairns Hospital in a stable condition after sustaining multiple minor lacerations at 12.43pm. He was treated for lacerations.

SOURCE: Various including Newsweek, Cairns Post and News.com.

**323.      31 Jan 2021. Isaac Adidi (22 years old) attacked by 3.6m saltwater crocodile near Weipa Qld. NON FATAL.**

***Warning: Graphic content***

Isaac Adidi suffered injuries to his hand after being attacked by the 3.6m reptile at Vycos Crossing near the Cape York Peninsula community Weipa. The 22 year old told media he managed to free his hand from the animal’s jaws by eye-gouging it following the attack on January 31.

The saltwater crocodile has been killed by rangers. Parks and Wildlife officers found the crocodile about 50m upstream from the swimming hole where the attack happened. They had been planning to relocate the animal but it was in a poor condition, emaciated and missing several teeth, so they made the decision to euthanise it.





A crocodile's tooth was embedded in Isaac Adidi's hand after an attack at a Weipa waterhole. Credit: 7NEWS/Supplied

The man managed to pry the reptile's jaws off his head and neck before swimming to shore.

That reptile was taken to an approved crocodile farm after it was caught by rangers.

Queensland's crocodile management plan targets animals behaving dangerously towards humans for removal.



Another injury suffered by the man in the crocodile attack. Credit: Supplied/7NEWS

**324. 11 Feb 2021. Andrew Heard taken by saltwater crocodile near Hinchinbrook, Qld. SUSPECTED FATAL.**

HUMAN REMAINS FOUND. Friends of Andrew Heard, 69, say he was ‘a fine man’ after remains were found in the search for the fisherman believed to be killed by a crocodile.

SOURCE: SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.

The upturned and damaged dinghy used by the fisherman was located with human remains found in the vicinity. Later the crocodile was killed and human remains found there too.

**News update.**

Human remains have been found inside a crocodile after a 69-year-old fisherman went missing in central Queensland. A specialist examined the 4.2-metre crocodile in Cairns overnight, locating human remains inside.

SOURCE: 7 NEWS.

**325. 7th August 2021. Two soldiers from ADF attacked by saltwater crocodile Lockhardt River area Qld. NON-FATAL.**

The first soldier has serious head, chest, and arm injuries, The second soldier who made a desperate attempt to save his mate, was also mauled.

The villain in the piece was a saltwater crocodile about 2.5m in length.

One cannot understand why the two men were swimming in croc-infested waters but the attack is less of a surprise. The men were airlifted to Cairns with serious injuries.

According to the Guardian.

“The ambulance service said the most seriously injured man, aged in his early 20s, suffered head, chest and arm injuries. He is in a serious but stable condition.

The other man, in his early 30s, suffered wrist and arm injuries and is in a stable condition.”

[Queensland crocodile attack: two army personnel mauled north of Lockhart River | Crocodiles | The Guardian](#)

In the vernacular.

Butcher told the ABC: “Two blokes have been swimming in croc-infested waters. One got attacked and the other one ... tried to help.

“They’re found and in safe hands ... I’m hoping that they’re well.”

The Queensland Ambulance Service considered it a lucky day for the younger man as he lost a lot of blood. The biggest factor was that the crocodile was not large, but was only about 2.5 metres long.

SOURCE: [AAP](#)



SOURCE: AAP

I think I have heard this story before? Maybe it is a repeat? No, but is sure sounds familiar.



LOCATION WHERE CROC ATTACKS TWO MEN.

THIS IS A STORY THAT WILL REPEAT, AND REPEAT.

Croc attacks two men. Not just one, but two. Of course, yes, I know the second fellow copped it because he tried to save his friend.

Well, we are all humans!

Yes, I know they were in the water, but I don't know why. It is too dangerous but all the same, this is 2021 and we shouldn't accept so easily the fact that crocs are killing humans.

I am a member of the Crocodile Appreciation Society because I appreciate crocodiles. I am both amazed and impressed by their abilities.

[LINK TO CROCODILE APPRECIATION SOCIETY](#)

But I don't think they are cute, or cuddly, and I do not lack sympathy for the poor fools who make a human mistake and end up in the jaws of CROCZILLA.

In all honesty there are too many attacks and near misses.

READ ABOUT ATTACKS IN AUSTRALIA ON THIS SITE.



**326.      30th December 2021. THIS IS NOT AN ATTACK BUT? Big saltwater crocodile in Buffalo Creek N.T. NIL ATTACK. .**

A [Northern Territory](#) man has posted a video of a 3.78-metre [crocodile](#) being hauled out of a river, in a warning to tourists and locals alike.

Nathan Langer posted the video on his [YouTube page](#) yesterday, where it's had more than 2000 views so far.

PHOTOGRAPH. THE VERY SAME BUFFALO CREEK, MUD CRABS AND CROCS.



In it, he shows a pair of wildlife rangers restraining and extracting the crocodile from Buffalo Creek, just north of Darwin.

The reason that I put this in here is that this could easily have been an attack. Plus Buffalo Creek has a special meaning for me. On the day in question, late 1962 I saw two boys swimming together with my first look at a Saltie. The big croc had just been killed and the two boys became my friends. Harold and Norman Harmer, mates now long gone R.I.P.

But the point is that the crocs have not gone.

Watch out, as they are everywhere.

SOURCE: [Crocodile - 9News - Latest news and headlines from Australia and the world](#)

26 November, 2021

# LUCKY ESCAPE: Mareeba croc attack survivor speaks out

**MAREEBA** father-of-two Marco Tiraboschi is still struggling to come to terms with what happened when he was attacked by a crocodile while fishing along the banks of a Far Northern river.



*Left to right : Tammy, Tristan, Tiama and Marco Tiraboschi*

**EXCLUSIVE**

**By Robyn Holmes and Carl Portella**

Talking exclusively to The Express, Marco counts himself lucky to be alive after a 4-4.5m croc dragged him into the water while he was fishing on the McIvor River.

He says he feels guilty about what happened and takes full responsibility for what he described as a careless act that could have been devastating for his family.



“Complacency and carelessness placed me too close to the water in such a high-risk location,” he said.

“I had seen what was most probably the same croc in that location several years earlier. I’m disappointed with myself that I didn’t remind myself of that at the time.”

He said his actions on 3 November and, in hindsight on other previous occasions, were irresponsible.

“I have a young family and what they would have had to go through if I had not been so lucky, knowing that I was entirely at fault, upsets me the most,” Marco said.

Clearly still traumatised by the event, Marco relayed what happened that day when the family took one of their regular camping trips to their property.

“Around 8.30am, before leaving camp, as we always do, Tammy and I went over our emergency action plan in the event of an incident and me not returning. I described in detail the route that I would take and approximate timings.”



*Marco in hospital recovering with his children Tristan (left) and Tiana.*

As a person who loves to take long bush walks and fish along the way on his own, Marco explained that he also always equips himself with his GPS, compass, EPIRB and basic first aid before taking off from the campsite.

After fishing at various locations along the river, he eventually arrived at a water hole he knew well and that had been good fishing in the past.

“I knew it had fish and I actually knew there was a croc there – I’d seen it there 2-3 years earlier,” he said.

On this occasion, Marco saw a scrub bull there which should have been a red flag that a croc might be in the area and laying in wait for the bull.

“I saw a scrub bull leave that spot before I approached the water and failed to recognise the quite significant heightened risk to my safety,” he said.

“I walked carelessly without thought of now an increased danger to within 1-2 metres of the water. I noticed almost immediately, three metres in front of me in the water, a movement towards me, and within seconds I recognised what it was.

“It was a head of a large croc and that’s all I had time for – just to see it. It just, bang, came at me and only knocked me over initially.

“I kicked at it, as well struck it with my fishing rod for awhile. Eventually it got one foot. Kicking with my other leg, I managed to get it to release but shortly after, it got the other one (foot) and eventually it sort of pinned my legs and went to pull me in.”



***The bite marks to Marco's feet from the 4-4.5m croc.***

Marco then managed to grab a tree root or branch with his left hand as the croc attempted to pull him into deeper water. He then felt a significant muscle tear near his left shoulder.

“About a third of my pectoral came off the humus so I lost that grip and it took me in,” he recounted.

Within about five seconds, Marco found himself being dragged into deep water.

He thought to himself: “Remain calm and not resist as to continue fighting might possibly cause the croc to spin.”

Marco had the forethought to take a big breath before he was pulled under by the croc.

“Water clarity was good and I saw the croc’s head and neck to my right.

“I purposely grabbed my hunting knife and just hit it as hard as I could just forward of the shoulder blade. A head shot would have done nothing (it’s just bone), so I hit it forward of the shoulder and the knife sunk straight in,” he said.

“It was like a 240-volt hit it, I felt it let go instantly and felt it take off.”

Marco was in about 1.5m of water at the time but didn’t panic, instead started to calmly breast stroke through the water until his boots could reach the ground.

“I felt the ground so then I walked up out of the water and onto land for a further six metres - at the time it felt enough, I had this inkling I got it by surprise,” he said.

“It took approximately 15 seconds to move from the croc release to being safe on land.

This for me was my time of greatest fear as I felt that I may unbelievably survived this, only to still possibly be robbed of this gift if it came back at me.”

After assessing his injuries and realising he was “structurally OK”, Marco tied his boots tightly to provide some compression to the wounds. Thankfully, his boots were military standard and most likely saved his feet from being mangled by the jaws of the croc.

He then set off towards his vehicle, about 3km from the location, after which he drove back to the campsite and informed his wife, Tammy, that he needed medical assistance.

“I said to Tammy, ‘I’m so sorry, we have to go to Cooktown, a croc got me. I’m cut and most likely need stitches’,” he said. The couple and their two children set off for a 1.5 hour trip to the Cooktown Hospital where he was treated initially then flown to Cairns.

Marco considers himself to be extremely lucky to be alive and attributes the quality and strength of his boots and the fact that he had his six-inch hunting knife on his belt, as helping him to minimise his injuries and ultimately, making the difference between life and death.



*The knife Marco used to stab the crocodile*





*The Military boots helped save Marco's feet*

“Any one thing could have made a difference – I had a lot of luck coming my way,” he said.

“I have come to terms with the intensity and the closeness to death that I was. I have been told since that to survive an attack from a large croc, on your own, and to find yourself under water and come out of it is zero because no one ever has.”

When asked whether he would be buying a Lotto ticket any time soon, Marco replied:  
“Surviving this, I don’t need to buy a lotto ticket, I’ve won the lotto.

“I fought like my life depended on it and it did. I don’t want to give myself credit for that, because how can I take credit for that when I put myself in that danger.”

He says complacency so nearly could have cost him his life. "I didn't think, I was careless. It's that familiarity – you've been there before and nothing happened. Here's the wrong attitude I've taken - that is what's the chance of a croc being there ready to strike? Well guess what, it happened."

Marco says he will completely change his approach when he returns to the area to fish in the future.

"From now on, I will approach any waterway which even has a small chance of a croc in it with the assumption that the croc is not only there, but also right in front of you, ready to strike."

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*327. 15th February 2022. Saltwater crocodile attacked men in boats. Cato River, East Arnhem Land. NON FATAL.*

#### **Fishermen attacked by five-metre crocodile while sleeping in boats**

A weekend fishing trip in the Northern Territory turned into an absolute "nightmare" when a five-metre saltwater crocodile attacked two fishermen's boats.

Jason Charles and his friend Dave Miegler set out on what was meant to be a two day fishing trip on the Cato River in East Arnhem Land on Friday.

However around 5am on Saturday, Mr Charles woke to his friend screaming out to him from his boat, which was moored 100 metres upriver.

"This crocodile was just smashing into the side of his boat," Mr Charles told 9News.com.au.

"He looked over and saw how long it was and started screaming 'there's a croc, there's a croc'.

"I woke up to that."

PHOTO: CROC BITES ON OUTBOARD MOTOR. SOURCE: NINE NEWS.



SOURCE: NINE NEWS.

***328. 5th March 2022. Man attacked by crocodile while spearfishing. East Arnhem Land. NON FATAL.***

### **Man hospitalised after crocodile attack in Northern Territory**

A man has been bitten by a crocodile while spear-fishing in a remote Northern Territory community.

The 22-year-old had been fishing around 4am in East Arnhem Land when the crocodile attacked him, injuring his arm and leg.

The man's injuries are not considered life-threatening

Police in Nhulunbuy were notified of the incident.



"Due to the remote location of the incident, a community member transported the victim to Birany Birany," Senior Sergeant Xavier McMahon said.

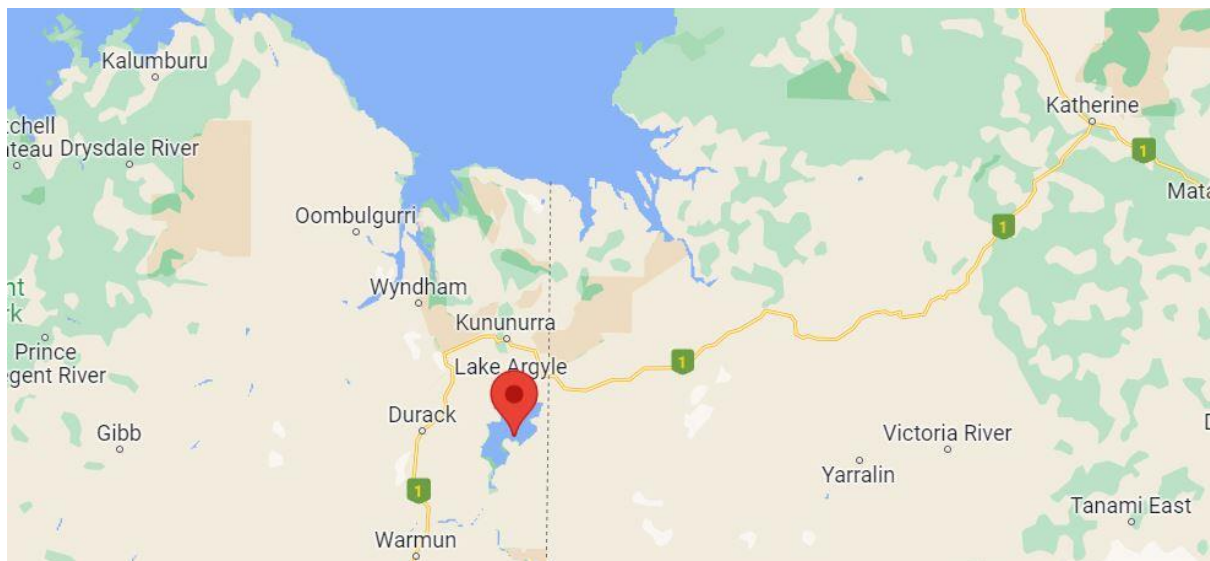
"He was then airlifted to Gove District Hospital, where he remains in a stable condition."

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**329. 4th May 2022. Woman savaged by freshwater crocodile Lake Argyle, W.A. Non-Fatal.**

**The crocodile was 'destroyed' after it attacked a woman swimming in Lake Argyle.**

**W.A.**



A woman has been attacked by a crocodile in [Western Australia's](#) Kimberley region.

The crocodile reportedly bit a 38-year-old woman in the leg on Monday while she was swimming in Butler Cove, Lake Argyle, an area that is home to freshwater crocodiles.

The woman is in a stable condition, Western Australia Health confirmed.

SOURCE: [Crocodile - 9News - Latest news and headlines from Australia and the world](#)

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**330.                    16th May 2022. Freshwater crocodile attacked man in waterfall.  
Lawn Hill National Park, Qld. NON FATAL.**

A man has been airlifted to hospital after wrestling himself free from a crocodile that latched onto his arm at a waterfall in remote northwest Queensland.



The RACQ LifeFlight Rescue helicopter flew the man from Lawn Hill National Park to a Mt Isa hospital where he remains in a stable condition with puncture wounds to his arm, hands and leg.

*“The emerald waters and lush vegetation of Lawn Hill Gorge form a beautiful oasis in the outback, attracting abundant wildlife and offering exceptional views, walks, canoeing and cultural sites.”*

**SOURCE:** [Lawn Hill Gorge, Boodjamulla \(Lawn Hill\) National Park | Parks and forests | Department of Environment and Science, Queensland \(des.qld.gov.au\)](#)

It would seem that they also offer up a chance to be mauled.

PHOTOGRAPH: LAWN HILL NATIONAL PARK, QLD.



The man aged in his 40s was on a motorcycle tour of the park and had been swimming in the gorge at Adel's Grove on Sunday.

He told rescue crews he wrestled with the freshwater crocodile before managing to escape.

Aircrew officer Greig Allan said the man was in a lot of pain and the bite wounds were deep.

"The patient told us the crocodile would have been between two and three metres long, so he's lucky to have escaped with his life," Mr Allan said.

The rescue helicopter was called to the area around 2pm before members of the motorcycle crew drove the man to a nearby airstrip to be rescued.

Queensland Ambulance Service Northwest District Superintendant Brad Hardy said there was a large population of freshwater crocodiles in the area.

"They are normally quite timid but when they are surprised they will be aggressive," he said.

[SOURCE: AAP](#) Finbar O'Mallon.

**326. 11 May 2022. Woman 38 years old attacked Butler Cove, Lake Argyle W.A.by freshwater crocodile, Qld. NON FATAL.**

H Tourist is rushed to hospital after being mauled by a massive crocodile.

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SOURCE: [PADRAIG COLLINS FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA](#)

A party including the victim hired a boat. It appears that on its website, the boat hire company said: 'We do have freshwater crocodiles in Lake Argyle but these creatures don't actively hurt humans.'

Well, perhaps most of the time, but.....

A beautiful lake and calm waters.



SOURCE: LAKEARGYLE.COM.AU

**News update.**

The woman is in a stable condition.

[LINK TO ATTACKS](#)

## **Remote Kimberley Crocodile attack**

**SOURCE:**[Jessica Hayes](#) and [Taylor Thompson-Fuller](#) [ABC Kimberley](#)





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SOURCE (*ABC: Iskhandar Razak*)

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### Location of recent crocodile encounters



SOURCE Heather Mitchell. [www.watoday.com.au](http://www.watoday.com.au)

## AUTHOR COMMENT.

This is what I call a series of incidents ending in an attack. I guess that I am one of those people who do not think that is O.K. to have continual incidents that end up, sometimes, in an attack, and sometimes in a death.

Leighton Clark.

When will we all wake up and realize that it is bloody stupid to allow this to continue. We must do something about this. Bring this stupidity to an end.

I honestly think it is about time we start listing the almost attacks, the near misses, and the creeping, crawling crocodiles, intent on menacing, getting too close, and not just focus on the "sometime" result: A SAVAGING.

Don't forget that a croc attack is more than a bite. It is like a life sentence to numerous operations, one after the other, and a memory that likely won't go away. Like an evil, bad, smell, with a hint of horror lingering.

Too many crocs - not good for the humans. Sorry, but that is it.