

Beachwatch

Hunter report card 2020-21

This report card provides a long-term assessment of how suitable a site is for swimming in the Hunter region of New South Wales. Monitored locations include ocean beaches from Zenith Beach to Caves Beach.

Best beaches

Zenith Beach, Box Beach, Fingal Beach, One Mile Beach, South Stockton Beach, Nobbys Beach, Newcastle Beach, Bar Beach, Burwood North Beach, Dudley Beach, Redhead Beach, Blacksmiths Beach and Caves Beach.

These sites had excellent water quality and were suitable for swimming almost all of the time.

Rainfall impacts

Rainfall is the major driver of pollution to recreational waters, generating stormwater runoff and triggering discharges from the wastewater treatment and transport system.

Monitoring in the Hunter region

Recreational water quality has been monitored in the Hunter region since 1996 by Hunter Water Corporation as a requirement of Environment Protection Licences.

Beachwatch issues daily beach pollution forecasts to enable beach goers to make informed decisions about where and when to swim.

For additional information see the *State Of The Beaches 2020-21 Report* at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/state-of-the-beaches



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Ocean beaches

0

Estuarine sites

0

Lake/Lagoon sites

0

Ocean baths



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Very good/Good

0

Fair

0

Poor/Very poor

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100%
swimming sites graded
Good or
Very good



Beach suitability grade

- VG Very good
- G Good
- F Fair
- P Poor
- VP Very poor

Dry weather swimmability

- 100 Percentage (%) of dry weather samples within the safe swimming limit

