

Beachwatch

South Coast report card 2020-21

This report card provides a long-term assessment of how suitable a site is for swimming on the south coast of New South Wales. Monitored locations include ocean beaches from Shoalhaven Heads Beach to Narooma Main Beach and an estuarine swimming site in Wagonga Inlet.

Best beaches

Shoalhaven Heads Beach, Tilbury Cove, Warrain Beach, Collingwood Beach, Cudmirrah Beach, Mollymook Beach, Rennies Beach, Racecourse Beach, Bawley Point Beach, Merry Beach, Cookies Beach, Malua Bay Beach, Bengello Beach and Brou Beach.

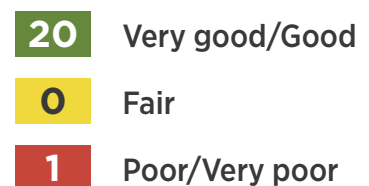
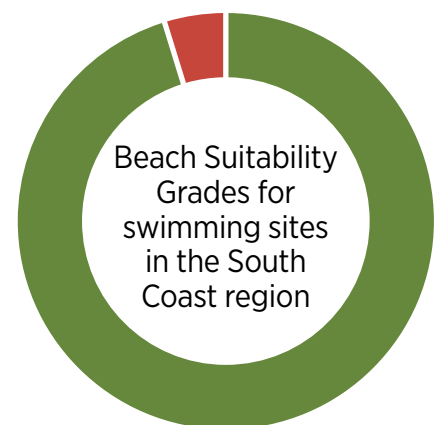
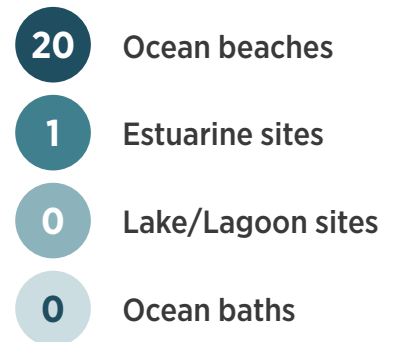
These sites had excellent microbial water quality and were suitable for swimming almost all of the time.

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 on the South Coast

Recreational water quality has been monitored in the South Coast region since 2002 by Shoalhaven City Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council under the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Beachwatch Partnership Program.



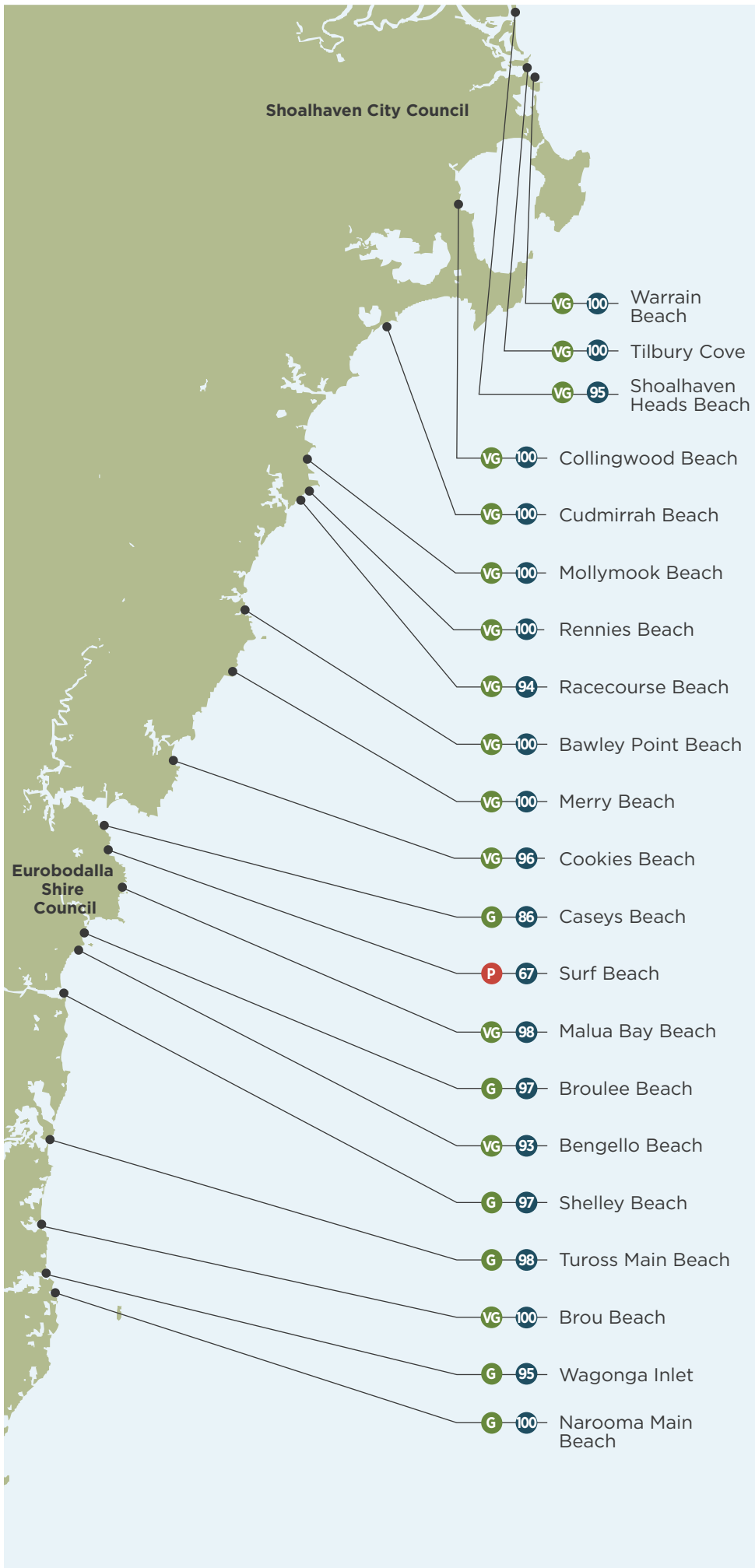
For additional information see the *State Of The Beaches 2020-21 Report* at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/state-of-the-beaches

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95%
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