

# Beachwatch

## Hunter report card 2021-22

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

### Best beaches

Zenith Beach, Box Beach, One Mile Beach, Nobbys Beach, Newcastle Beach, Bar Beach, Merewether Beach, Burwood North Beach, Burwood South Beach, Glenrock Lagoon 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.



- 17** Ocean beaches
- 0** Estuarine sites
- 0** Lake/Lagoon sites
- 0** Ocean baths



- 17** Very good/Good
- 0** Fair
- 0** Poor/Very poor

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 2021-22 Report* at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/state-of-the-beaches](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/state-of-the-beaches)

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### Dry weather swimmability

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

