

Beachwatch

Southern Sydney report card 2021–22

This report card provides a long-term assessment of how suitable a site is for swimming in the Southern Sydney region. Monitored locations include ocean beaches from Boat Harbour to Oak Park and estuarine areas in Botany Bay, lower Georges River and Port Hacking.

Best beaches

Greenhills Beach, Wanda Beach, Elouera Beach, North Cronulla Beach, Shelly Beach and Oak Park.

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

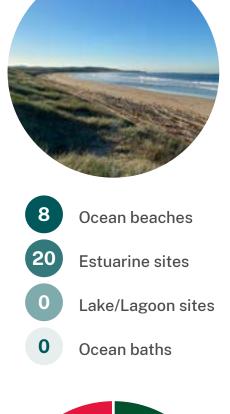
Estuarine swimming sites did not perform as well as ocean beaches due to lower levels of flushing which increase the time needed to disperse and dilute pollution inputs, taking longer to recover from stormwater events.

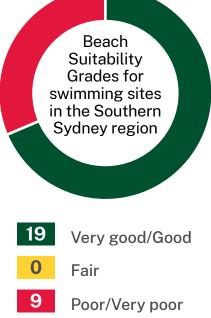
Rainfall impacts

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 Sydney

Recreational water quality has been monitored in the Sydney region since 1989 by the Department of Planning and Environment's Beachwatch Program.





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 <u>www.environment.nsw.gov.au/state-of-the-beaches</u>

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Southern Sydney report card 2021-22 Beach suitability grade Dry weather swimmability Very good 100 Percentage (%) of dry weather samples within G Good the safe swimming limit Fair Poor VP Very poor Bayside Council **Randwick Citv** Council **Georges River** Bayside Council Council G 88 Congwong Bay P-77- Frenchmans Bay P-92- Yarra Bay √ Foreshores Beach P-86- Kyeemagh Baths **Sutherland Shire Council** G -92 - Silver Beach G -93 - Brighton-Le-Sands Baths G 9 Monterey Baths **G**–90– Ramsgate Baths G-89- Boat Harbour P 77 Dolls Point Baths G -99 - Sandringham Baths P-87- Carss Point Baths 🚾 🇐 🛛 Greenhills Beach P-90- Oatley Bay Baths VG-98- Wanda Beach 🚾 🔟 Elouera Beach C-00- North Cronulla Beach G 96 South Cronulla Beach P-90- Jew Fish Bay Baths G 87 Como Baths VG-98- Shelly Beach G-89- Gunnamatta Bay Baths VG-00- Oak Park G 95 Jibbon Beach G 92 Horderns Beach P-82- Gymea Bay Baths G 92 Lilli Pilli Baths

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