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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Of all the coastal features of Australia, beaches are perhaps the most prominent in the life and discourse of those who live here. It is no surprise, then, that the names for those beaches demonstrate particularly well the challenges faced by the authorities responsible for assigning and recording toponyms. In particular, the regular use of such coastal features by swimmers, surfers and anglers seems to generate a high number of variant names. Some of these variants are historical forms which have been officially replaced by the currently-assigned names; others are minor variations in spelling from the official form; still others are locally-known names for beaches which are not officially named.

In New South Wales the jurisdictional authority for placenames is the Geographical Names Board; but other official agencies (such as the Office of Environment and Heritage, and various local government bodies) use placenames in their official publications. The most comprehensive listing of beach names in the State is that maintained by Surf Life Saving Australia.

Even a cursory examination of the beach names used or recorded by such authorities reveals many discrepancies. This no doubt reflects variant usage within local communities; and the fact that many beaches are small geographical features without easy access means that they may not have assigned names at all.

### 1.1 Standard sources for beach names

#### 1.1.1 *Geographical Names Board*

The Geographical Names Board of NSW is the authority given the responsibility under the NSW Geographical Names Act 1966 to assign names to places and to publish the gazetteer of the State's geographical names. The gazetteer, as the Geographical Names Register, is made available online at: [http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place\\_naming/placename\\_search](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming/placename_search).

#### 1.1.2 *Office of Environment and Heritage*

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (formerly, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) operates the *Beachmatch* program to provide regular information on beach water quality. A total of 131 swimming locations are monitored in the Sydney, Hunter and Illawarra regions, with a further 117 sites monitored in partnership with local councils along the NSW coast. The Office maintains the *Beachmatch* website ([www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/)) as a publicly accessible report of current water quality conditions.

#### 1.1.3 *Local Government Authorities*

The city, shire and municipal councils on the NSW coast produce various documents in which beaches are listed or mentioned by name. They are not normally asserted to be comprehensive lists, and in some cases the focus of attention is not primarily on the beaches. However, they do record what council staff (and, possibly, residents) believe to be the generally-accepted names of the beaches which are listed.

### 1.1.4 *Surf Life Saving Australia*

The most comprehensive listing of Australia's beaches is maintained by Surf Life Saving Australia. The list of beaches (each with its unique numerical code) lies behind SLSA's *Beachsafe* website, which 'includes current information and conditions for every beach in Australia'.

## 1.2 The structure of the entries

The table containing the data (Section 2.0, below) shows the standard sources in four columns: the GNB in the first column, representing the authoritative list of assigned toponyms for the State; the SLSA *Beachsafe* data in the second column, representing the most comprehensive list of beach toponyms; and, in the third and fourth columns, the OEH *Beachmatch* and the local government (LGA) data. Full references are given in Section 4.0, below.

The column for the GNB entries also gives the Placename Unique Number (PUN) that identifies the entry in the Board's Register. Some of the GNB entries contain information on non-beach features: these are indicated by the use of square brackets around the item, with its feature type. (A definition for each of those feature types is given in the Appendix.)

The second column, similarly, gives the unique identifier code that the SLSA allocates to each of NSW's beaches. (In this case, the State code is omitted; in the full national listing, each State and Territory has an identifier that consists of the alpha State code plus a numerical set.) It will be noted that in some cases the SLSA appears to give what might be called 'superordinate entries'; that is, a reference to beaches which may have other, smaller, beaches within their extent. The style of entry varies, and it is not always clear whether the superordinate is a toponym or merely a 'header' entry. See for example the entries for Bar/Dixon/Merewether (245), Nine Mile (250) and Birdie/Budgewoi/Lakes (268).

The column for the OEH entries also gives the *Beachmatch* code number in each case.

All entries appear in order of increasing latitude, and it will be noted that the codes in both SLSA and OEH columns are in increasing numerical order as the location moves from north to south. The entries are restricted to ocean beaches; beaches on lakes and on harbour shorelines are excluded.

The general assumption for the entries is that the included generic is 'Beach'. The entry for *Bondi* therefore represents the toponym *Bondi Beach*. In cases where the authority omits the generic or uses another, the toponym appears in square brackets: [The Basin], [Oak Park]. In some of these cases, it is not clear whether the beach name simply lacks a generic or whether the beach is, in fact, unnamed (and the listing merely implies 'the beach at The Basin / Oak Park'). This problem does not arise with the GNB entries because, as noted above, the feature type always makes it clear whether the toponym is that for a *beach* or for an associated nearby feature.



## 2.0 THE DATA

GNB		SLSA		OEH		LGA
Name	PUN	Name	Code	Name	Code	Name
--		Nobbys Head	241	--		--
Nobbys	42557	Nobbys	242	Nobbys	306	Nobbys
Newcastle	42143	Newcastle	243	Newcastle	307	Newcastle
--		Susan Gilmour	244	--		--
		Bar/dixon/ merewether Beach [sic] incl: Bar, Dixon, Merewether	245			
Bar	2618	Bar	245a	Bar	308	Bar
Dixon Park	68663	Dixon var: Dixon Park	245b	--		Dixon Park
Merewether	37196	Merewether	245c	Merewether	310	Merewether
--		[The Gulf]	246	--		--
--		[The Gulf (s)]	247	--		--
--		Burwood var: Glenrock	248	--		--
--		--		Burwood North	311	--
--		--		Burwood South	312	--
Dudley	69246	Dudley	249	Dudley	314	--
		Nine Mile incl: Redhead, Nine Mile, Blacksmiths	250			
Redhead	48624	Redhead	250a	Redhead	315	Redhead
Nine Mile	42465	Nine Mile	250b	--		--
Blacksmiths	5894	Blacksmiths	250c	Blacksmiths	318	Blacksmiths
--		[Swansea Wall]	251	Little	320	--
--		[Swansea Heads]	252	--		--
--		Crabbes	253	--		--
Hams	22927	Hams	254	--		Hams
Caves	11779	Caves	255	Caves	321	Caves
--		[Stinky Point]	256	--		--
Quarry	47837	Quarry	257	--		--
Pinny	46470	Pinny	258	--		--
Middle Camp	37584	Middle Camp	259	[Catherine Hill Bay]	615	[Catherine Hill Bay]

<b>GNB</b>		<b>SLSA</b>		<b>OEH</b>		<b>LGA</b>
<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
--		Middle Camp South	260	--		--
Moonee	39005	Moonee	261	--		--
prev: Moon Island	39041					
Ghosties	72941	Little	262	--		--
discontinued: Little	33314	var: Ghosties				
prev: Cowrie	--					
Timber	58964	Timber	263	--		--
Coral Fern	72940	--		--		--
Bongon	7407	Bongon	264	--		--
Frazer	19389	Frazer	265	Frazer	634	--
prev: Bongon	7408					
Gravelly	72939	Deadmans	266	--		--
discontinued: Deadmans	16252	var: Gravelly				
Waterfall	72938	Little Birdie	267	--		--
prev: Little Birdie	33337	var: Waterfall				
		Birdie/Budgewoi/ Lakes incl: Red Ochre, Birdie, Budgewoi, Lakes [Red Ochre, Budgewoi not separately listed]	268	--		--
Red Ochre	48740	--		--		--
Birdie	6761	Birdie	268a	Birdie	635	--
Budgewoi	71102	--		Budgewoi	637	--
Lakes	32104	Lakes	268b	Lakes	638	Lakes
Hargraves	23065	Lakes South var: Hargraves	269	Hargraves	639	--
Jenny Dixon	25293	Jenny Dixons	270	Jenny Dixon	640	--
[Cabbage Tree Harbour - BAY]	10449	[Cabbage Tree Harbour]	271	[Cabbage Tree Bay]	641	--
Lighthouse	32933	Norah Head	272	Lighthouse var: Norah Head	643	--
Pebbly	45440	Gravelly	273	Gravelly	644	--
prev: Gravelly	--	var: Pebbly				
prev: Pebbly	45441					
Soldiers	53714	Soldiers	274	Soldiers	645	Soldiers
		Tuggerah/north Entrance [sic]; incl: Pelican, Tuggerah, North Entrance	--			
Pelican	45529	Pelican	275	--		--
Magenta	84300	Tuggerah	275	--		--
North Entrance	42813	North Entrance	275	[North Entrance]	649	--
discontinued: Tuggerah	60333					

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[The Entrance - SUBURB]	58061	The Entrance	276	The Entrance	652	[The Entrance]
[Blue Bay - BAY]	6163	[Blue Bay]	277	--		--
[Toowoona Bay - BAY]	59714	[Toowoona Bay]	278	[Toowoona Bay]	654	[Toowoona Bay]
[Little Bay - BAY]	33308	[Little Bay]	279	--		--
Shelly	52798	Shelly	280	Shelly	655	Shelly
prev: Shelley	52750					
[Blue Lagoon - COVE]	82205	[Blue Lagoon]	281	--		--
[Bateau Bay - BAY]	3187	[Bateau Bay]	282	[Bateau Bay]	657	--
Forresters	19186	Forresters	283	Forresters	812	Forresters
prev: Foresters	28705					
--		[Spoon Bay]	284	--		--
		Wamberal-Terrigal incl: Wamberal, Terrigal	285			
Wamberal	62494	Wamberal	285a	Wamberal	819	Wamberal
Terrigal	57829	Terrigal	285b	Terrigal	803.1	Terrigal
[Terrigal Haven - BAY]	57831	Terrigal Haven	286	--		--
		Avoca incl: North Avoca, Avoca	287			
North Avoca	8070	North Avoca	287a	North Avoca	806.2	North Avoca
Avoca	612	Avoca	287b	Avoca	806.1	Avoca
Copacabana	80759	Copacabana	288a	Copacabana	809.1	Copacabana
prev: Northern End of Macmasters [sic]						
MacMasters	35160	Macmasters	288b	MacMasters	807.1	--
prev: McMasters	35529					
Little	33316	Little	289	--		--
[Maitland Bay - BAY]	35749	[Maitland Bay]	290	--		--
Bullimah	67933	Bullimah	291	--		--
Putty	47691	Putty	292	Killcare	813.1	
prev: Killcare	30897	Entry is headed 'Putty/Killcare'; implies that west end is 'Kilcare' [sic]				
Tallow	56794	Tallow	293	--		--
Little Tallow	33921	Little Tallow	294	--		--
Iron Ladder	24891	Iron Ladder	295	--		--
Lobster	34061	Lobster	296	--		--
		Ocean-Umina incl: Ocean, Umina	297			
Ocean	43829	Ocean	297a	Ocean	822	Ocean
Umina	61168	Umina	297b	Umina	817	Umina
Pearl	45404	Pearl	298	Pearl	814.1	Pearl

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Middle Head - HEADLAND]	37724	[Middle Head]	299	--		--
Palm	44794	Palm incl: North Palm, Palm	300	--		--
-- discontinued: North Palm	42895	North Palm	300a	--		North Palm
--		[southern] Palm	300b	Palm	2	Palm
Whale	64382	Whale	301	Whale	3	Whale
--		--		--		North Avalon
Avalon	617	Avalon	302	Avalon	4	Avalon
Bilgola prev: Bulgola prev: Dalley	4981 10326 --	Bilgola	303	Bilgola	5	Bilgola
Newport	42256	Newport	304	Newport	6	Newport
Bungan	69945	Bungan	305	Bungan	7	Bungan
Basin [The Basin = Bongin Bongin Bay]	3117 7404	[The Basin] var: Bongin Bongin	306	--		--
Mona Vale var: Bongin Bongin (Nr)	38702 7405	Mona Vale	307	Mona Vale	8	Mona Vale
Warriewood	63151	Warriewood	308	Warriewood	9	Warriewood
Turimetta prev: Little	60606 33315	Turimetta	309	Turimetta	9.1	Turimetta
[Birdwood Park - RESERVE]	6696	--		[Birdwood Park]	10.1	--
--		Narrabeen - Collaroy incl: North Narrabeen, Narrabeen, South Narrabeen, Collaroy	310	--		--
--		North Narrabeen	310a	North Narrabeen	10	
Narrabeen prev: Long Reef	41504 33707	Narrabeen	310b	--		Narrabeen
--		South Narrabeen	310c	--		--
Collaroy	13221	Collaroy	310d	Collaroy	12	Collaroy
--		Fishermans	311	--		--
--		Little Makaha 'north side of Long Reef Point'	312	--		--
--		Butterbox 'southern side [of Long Reef Point]'	313	--		--
		Long Reef - Dee Why incl: Long Reef, Dee Why	314			
Long Reef	33704	Long Reef	314a	Long Reef	13	Long Reef

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Dee Why prev: Deewhy	16497 --	Dee Why	314b	Dee Why	14	Dee Why
		Curl Curl incl: North Curl Curl, Curl Curl	315	--		--
North Curl Curl	42804	North Curl Curl	315a	North Curl Curl	15	North Curl Curl
Curl Curl	15487	Curl Curl var: South Curl Curl	315b	South Curl Curl	16	South Curl Curl
Freshwater prev: Harbord	19476 29759	Freshwater	316	Freshwater	17	Freshwater
		Queenscliff/North Steyne/Manly incl: Queenscliff, North Steyne, Manly	317			
Queenscliff	47942	Queenscliff	317a	Queenscliff	18	Queenscliff
North Steyne	42938	North Steyne	317b	North Steyne	19	North Steyne
Manly prev: Cabbage Tree prev: South Steyne (Nr)	36089 26602 54005	Manly	317c	South Steyne	20	Manly
Fairy Bower	18165	Fairy Bower	318	--		--
Shelly prev: Shelley	52803 52754	Shelly	319	Shelly	21	Shelly
Bondi	7360	Bondi	320	Bondi	22	Bondi
--		incl: North Bondi, Bondi North Bondi	320a	--		--
--		Bondi 'central-southern section'	320b	--		--
[Mackenzies Bay - BAY]		MacKenzie	321	--		--
Tamarama	56586	Tamarama	322	Tamarama	23	Tamarama
Bronte	9509	Bronte	323	Bronte	24	Bronte
Clovelly	12758	Clovelly	324	Clovelly	25	Clovelly
[Gordons Bay - BAY]	71450	[Gordon's Bay] var: [Gordons Bay]	325	--		[Gordons Bay]
Coogee	13737	Coogee	326	Coogee	26	Coogee
Maroubra	36438	Maroubra incl: Maroubra, South Maroubra	327			
--		Maroubra 'northern and central section'	327a	Maroubra	27	Maroubra
--		South Maroubra	327b	South Maroubra	27.4	--
Malabar	35821	Malabar	328	Malabar	28	Malabar

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[Little Bay - BAY]	33310	[Little Bay]		Little Bay	29	Little Bay
		1 - northern	329			
		2 - southern	330			
[Congwong Bay - BAY]	13597	[Congwong Bay]		--		Congwong
		1 - eastern	331			
		2 - western	332			
[Boat Harbour - COVE]	5325	[Boat Harbour]	333	[Boat Harbour]	30	--
Cronulla incl: Wanda, Elouera	15011	Greenhill-Nth Cronulla incl: Greenhills, Wanda, Elouera, North Cronulla	334	--		--
[Greenhills Beach - SUB]	83665	Greenhills	334a	Greenhills	31	Greenhills
Wanda	62552	Wanda	334b	Wanda	32	Wanda
Elouera	17494	Elouera	334c	Elouera	33	Elouera
--		North Cronulla	334d	North Cronulla	34	North Cronulla
--		Cronulla	335	South Cronulla	35	Cronulla
Blackwoods	5690	Blackwoods	336	--		--
Shelly	52804	Shelly	337	Shelly	36	Shelly Park
[Oak Park - RESERVE]	43499	[Oak Park]	338	[Oak Park]	37	Oak Park
Jibbon	25457	Jibbon	339	Jibbon	107	--
[Port Hacking Point - PT]	47135	[Port Hacking Point]	340	--		--
Marley	36385	Marley	341	--		--
Little Marley	33589	Little Marley	342	--		--
Wattamolla	63531	Wattamolla	343	--		--
Garie	19871	Garie	344	--		--
--		Little Garie defined as 'southern Garie'	345	--		--
--		North Era	346	--		--
--		South Era	347	--		--
--		Burning Palms	348	--		--
[Hell Hole -RURAL PLACE] prev: [Werrong]	64156	[Hell Hole] var: [Werrong]; entry headed 'Werrong (Hell Hole)'	349	--		--
Bulgo	10323	Bulgo	350	--		--
--		[unnamed] 'directly east of the Lawrence Hargraves Lookout'	351	--		--
Stanwell Park	54870	Stanwell Park	352	Stanwell Park	199	Stanwell Park
--		Coalcliff North	353	--		--
--		Coalcliff	354	Coalcliff		Coalcliff
--		Scarborough North	355	--		--

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Scarborough	51933	Scarborough	356	Scarborough		Scarborough
Wombarra	65861	Wombarra	357	--		--
Coledale	13181	Coledale	358	Coledale	200	Coledale
--		Sharky note: Sharkies = reef	359	Sharkey's		Sharkey's
[Brickyard Point - POINT] prev: [Long Point]	9140 33683	[Brickyard Point] var: [Long Point]; entry headed 'Brickyard/Ilong Point'	360	--		--
--		Little Austinmer var: Know Park	361	Little Austinmer		Little Austinmer
Austinmer	629	Austinmer	362	Austinmer	201	Austinmer
Thirroul	58504	Thirroul	363	Thirroul	202	Thirroul
--		South Thirroul var: McCauleys, Macauleys	364	McCauley's		McCauley's
Sandon Point	82310	Sandon Point	365	Sandon Point		Sandon Point
Bulli	67921	Bulli	366	Bulli	203	Bulli
		Woonona-Bellambi incl: Woonona, Bellambi	367			
Woonona	82311	Woonona	367a	Woonona	204	Woonona
Bellambi prev: Woonona	3725 --	Bellambi	367b	Bellambi	205	Bellambi
[Bellambi Point - POINT]	[3732]	[Bellambi Point] 'dune-capped shale point, which extends 600m seaward as Bellambi Reef'	368	--		--
--		East Corrimal	369b	--		--
Corrimal	14468	Corrimal incl: East Corrimal	369	Corrimal	206	Corrimal
Towradgi prev: Fairy Meadow	59938 28469	Towradgi incl: (north) Towradgi; Fairy Meadow; Puckey's	370	--		--
--		Towradgi (north section)	370a	--		Towradgi
--	28469	Fairy Meadow	370b	--		Fairy Meadow
[Puckeys Estate Reserve - RESERVE]	75241	Puckey's	370c	--		Puckey's
North prev: North Wollongong prev: Wollongong North	71771 71780 65802	North Wollongong var: North	371	North Wollongong	209	North Wollongong
--		Belmore = Wollongong Harbour	372	--		--
Wollongong City prev: Wollongong	73629 65791	Wollongong City var: City, South	373	Wollongong City	211	Wollongong City

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GNB		SLSA		OEH		LGA
Name	PUN	Name	Code	Name	Code	Name
--		Coniston	374	Coniston	210	Coniston
[Port Kembla Harbour - HARBOUR]	47146	[Port Kembla Harbour]	375	--		--
North prev: Port Kembla	42698 47144	North	376	--		--
--		MM	377	MM		MM
Fishermans var: North	18663 42721	Fishermans	378	Fishermans	213	Fisherman's
		Perkins-Windang incl: Port Kembla, Windang	379			
Perkins	45718	Port Kembla var: Perkins	379a	Port Kembla	214	Port Kembla
						Perkins
Windang var: South	82945 53830	Windang var: South	379b	--		Windang
--		--		--		Warilla North
Warilla	62888	Warilla entry headed 'Warilla-Barrack Pt'	380	Warilla	216	--
--		--		--		Warilla South
--		Shellharbour North entry headed 'Shellharbour North/Nuns'	381	--		--
Shellharbour	52768	Shellharbour	382	Shellharbour	217	Shellharbour
--		Shellharbour South  entry refers to 'the southern Shellharbour Beach'	383	--		Shellharbour South
--		The Jetty No generic. 'Beach NSW 384... terminates 300 m west of the jetty'	384	--		--
The Middy [no generic]	37788	The Middy  No generic	385	--		--
[Bushrangers Bay - COVE]	70652	[Bushranger Bay]	386	--		--
[Maloneys Bay - BAY]	35901	Maloneys	387	--		--
Killalea	30855	Killalea	388	--		--
Minnamurra	38233	Minnamurra	389	--		Minnamurra
Jones prev: Boyds	71567 71070	Jones/boyds 'Kiama Downs beach... also known as Jones and Boyds beach'	390	Boyd Jones	219	Jones var: Kiama Downs
[advertised:] Boneyard Beach [Cathedral Rocks - ROCK]	84408 11696	Cathedral Rocks/ boneyards Refers to Beach 391, implies beach is unnamed	391	--		--
Bombo	7306	Bombo	392	Bombo	220	Bombo
Black	6604	Black	393	--		Black var: Blacks
Kiama Surf prev: Priests	30733 47394	Surf	394	Surf	222	Surf



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Kendalls	26434	Kendalls	395	--		Kendalls
Easts Prev: Surf	17131 56191	Easts 'includes Lovers Bay', 396a (= unnamed cove SE of Elanora Road)	396	--		Easts
Werri	64121	Werri	397	Werri	225	Werri
[Gerringong Harbour - HARBOUR]	20124	[Gerringong Harbour]	398	--		--
Walkers	62052	Walkers	399	--		--
Shelly	52791	--		--		--
Seven Mile	52383	Seven Mile incl: Gerroa, Mid Seven Mile, Shoalhaven Heads	400	Seven Mile	228	Seven Mile
[Gerroa - LOCALITY]	20129	Gerroa 'northern end of Seven Mile'; implies label is locational rather than toponymic	400a	--		--
--		Mid Seven Mile entry implies section not named, title being descriptive/locational	400b	--		--
[Shoalhaven Heads - HEAD, SUBURB]	52931 80453	[Shoalhaven Heads]	400c	Shoalhaven Heads	707.1	--

### 3.0 DATA COMPARISON

The number of beaches identified by the four standard sources is given in the table below.

<i>Source</i>	<i>Beaches identified</i>	<i>% of total</i>
GNB	164	77
SLSA	205	96
OEH	117	55
LGA	113	53
<i>All Sources</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>100</i>

The two most authoritative sources are the Register of the NSW Geographical Names Board and the *Beachsafe* website of Surf Life Saving Australia. These, as might be expected, also provide the most comprehensive lists of beaches in the area. The remaining sources (*Beachwatch* reports of the Office of Environment & Heritage, and the various documents from local government authorities) each had specialised objectives that were not focused on beach naming.

One notable figure in the data, therefore, is the number of beach names that were not recorded in the Register of the Geographical Names Board. Of the 214 beaches that were noted in the data, 50 (or 23%) do not appear in the NSW Register.

Of the 50 beaches missed, 35 are attested

7	by 1 other source (30 of those by SLSA)
	by 2 others
8	by 3 others

The SLSA *Beachsafe* database does not record nine of the beaches captured by the data:

Of the 9 beaches missed, 8 are attested	by 1 other source (3 of those by GNB)
1	by 2 others

Of the 214 locations listed as coastal beaches, only 57 are recorded by all four sources using the same linguistic form and with reference to the same extent. Even such an iconic beach as Palm Beach appears with varying extents and as *Palm Beach* alone, or as *North Palm Beach* plus *Palm Beach*; the beach at Manly appears as either *Manly Beach* or as *South Steyne Beach*.

At the other extreme are beaches reported by only one of the sources: SLSA's *Beachsafe* list is the only source for *Susan Gilmour Beach* at Newcastle, as well as for ten others further south. The GNB is the only source for three beaches: *Coral Fern Beach* and *Red Ochre Beach* between Newcastle and Sydney, and *Shelly Beach* south of Wollongong. The OEH alone gives *Little Beach* at the Swansea Wall, and *Shoalhaven Heads Beach*. The LGA Sutherland Shire Council provides the only listing for *Oak Park Beach*, although the other three sources list Oak Park at that location north of Wollongong.

Various swimming locations or beaches are identified only by their associated feature of *Bay*, *Harbour*, *Cove* or such, and it is not always clear whether that feature provides the beach-related toponym or whether the beach is actually unnamed. Just one beach is located and clearly identified as unnamed: this is *SLSA 351 [Unnamed]*, 'located directly east of the Lawrence Hargraves [sic] Lookout'.

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- SLSA Surf Life Saving Australia national catalogue - Beachsafe website  
<https://beachsafe.org.au>
- OEH NSW Office of Environment & Heritage: BeachWatch data  
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## APPENDIX

### GNB Feature Terms

The following terms appear in SMALL CAPITALS in the GNB column to indicate features other than *beaches*. The definitions are those given by the Geographical Names Board in its *Glossary of designation values in the Geographical Names Register*.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
BAY	A well-marked indentation made by the sea or a lake into a coastline, whose penetration is in such proportion to the width of its mouth as to contain land locked waters and constitutes more than a mere curvature of the coast.
COVE	A small indention in a coast, usually sheltered.
HARBOUR	A natural or artificially improved stretch of water where vessels can anchor or secure to buoys or alongside wharves etc and obtain protection from sea and swell. The protection may be afforded by natural features or by artificial works. The place may be provided with terminal and transfer facilities for loading and discharging cargo or passengers.
HEAD	A comparatively high promontory of land projecting into the sea with a steep face. An un-named head is usually described as a 'Headland' when a specific name is assigned, it becomes a 'Head'.
HEADLAND	A narrow area of land jutting out into a sea, lake, etc.
LOCALITY	A bounded area within the landscape that has a 'Rural' character.
POINT	A location, spot, or position. Point of land. A small Promontory.
RESERVE	An area proclaimed to be a public reserve by government legislation.
ROCK	A prominent or isolated out crop of rock, or even a single large stone. This designation includes 'boulder' 'crag' 'needle' 'pillar' and 'tor'.
RURAL PLACE	A place, site or precinct in a rural landscape, generally of small extent, the name of which is in current use.
SUBURB	A bounded area within the landscape that has an 'Urban' character.