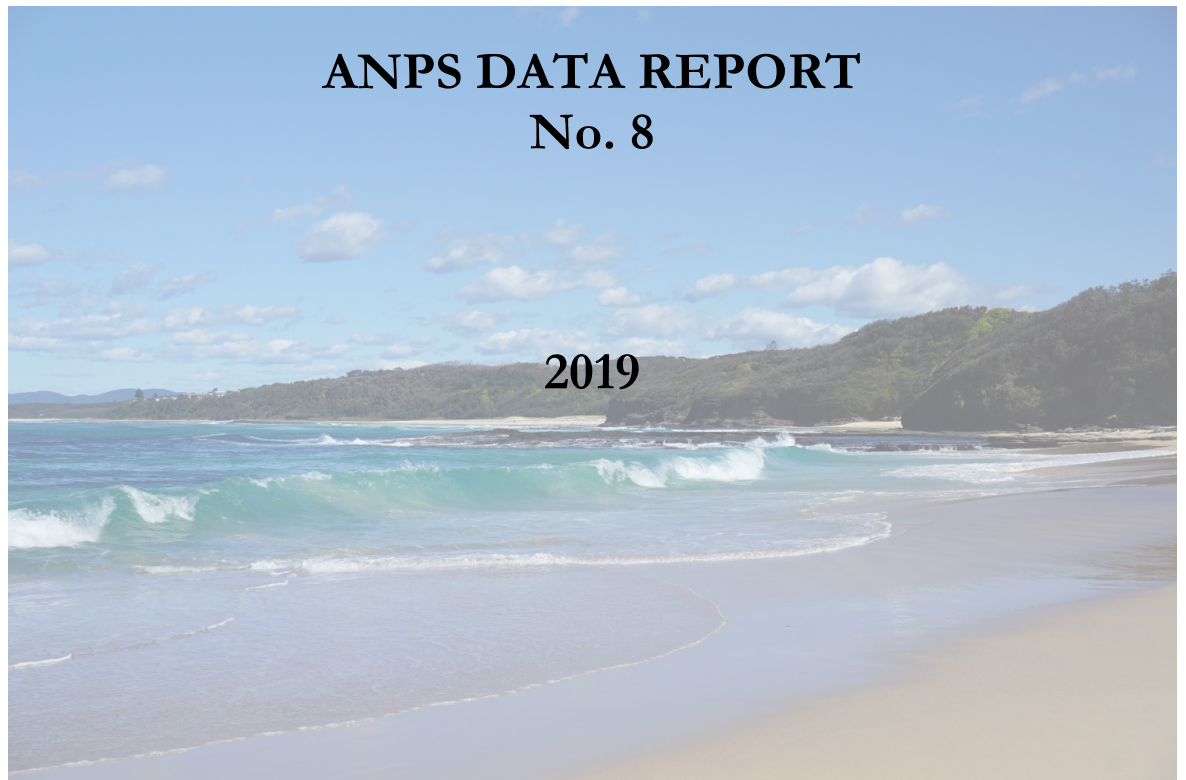


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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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.

This Report is the third in a series covering the coastal beach sites of New South Wales. The first Report listed beach sites and names from the Hunter River southwards to the Shoalhaven.<sup>1</sup> It was followed by a Report that covered northern New South Wales, from the Queensland border southwards to the Hunter.<sup>2</sup> This present Report completes the coverage, by listing coastal beach sites from the Shoalhaven to the Victorian border.

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 National Parks and Wildlife Service also, through its website and its various regional pages, notes various feature names; some of these are not yet recorded in the State's Geographical Names Register. 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, in the form of 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). It should be noted that a section of the coastline falls within the Jervis Bay Territory; placenames within this area are the responsibility of the Place Names Committee of the Australian Capital Territory. Such entries are identified by the relevant ACT identification number or by their code number in the Maritime Gazetteer of Australia (MGA) which is maintained by the Australian Hydrographic Office. (Searches for placenames in the Jervis Bay Territory are best done through the Gazetteer of Australia rather than through the ACT Placenames Committee site.)

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<sup>1</sup> *Ocean beach names: Newcastle – Sydney – Wollongong*. ANPS Data Report No. 5, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> *Ocean beach names: Northern NSW – Tweed to Hunter*. ANPS Data Report No. 7, 2017.

### 1.1.2 *NSW State Mapping*

The Spatial Services agency within the NSW Department of Finance, Services & Innovation maintains a topographic mapping program which is a useful complement to the Register of the GNB. The online portal Spatial Information eXchange (SIX) provides an access channel to *SIX Maps*, an online mapping tool for NSW. The site, via its e-Topo page, also allows PDF downloads of printed maps. (The maps consulted for this Report are listed in Section 4.5, below.)

### 1.1.3 *Surf Life Saving Australia*

The most comprehensive public 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'.

### 1.1.4 *OzCoasts*

OzCoasts is a publicly accessible online database with a web-based interface that provides comprehensive information about Australia's coasts to generate a better understanding of Australia's coastal environments. The content of OzCoasts represents the collaborative efforts of more than 100 coastal scientists from a wide range of government agencies and universities. The beach conceptual models were developed as part of the Australian Beach Safety and Management Program (ABSAMP), which was a long-term collaborative project between the University of Sydney and Surf Life Saving Australia. The beach content was developed in collaboration with Professor Andrew Short (University of Sydney) and Surf Life Saving Australia.

### 1.1.5 *Office of Environment and Heritage*

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (formerly the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) operates the *Beachwatch* 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 *Beachwatch* website ([www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/)) as a publicly accessible report of current water quality conditions. Relevant to this Report, the website provides access to beach data at 36 sites in the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shire areas.

### 1.1.6 *National Parks & Wildlife Service*

The NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service provides a wide range of guides to the various parks and their facilities. These guides are easily accessed by the web pages maintained by the NPWS, and for anyone looking for toponymic information held by the Service the pages may substitute for the more formal listing that may have been hoped for. In particular, the tab *Things To Do* gives access to information on 'Sailing, boating and cruises', 'Fishing', 'Surfing' and 'Swimming'—all of which may be relevant to a search on coastal beaches.

### 1.1.7 *South Coast Tourism*

The NSW Government tourism agency, Destination NSW, publishes a tourism, destinations and events website—*VisitNSW*. Its section on the South Coast of the state reveals a listing of beaches for surfing, fishing and other recreational activities from Wollongong to the Victorian border.

### 1.1.8 *Local Government Authorities*

The city, shire and municipal councils on the NSW coast produce various documents in which beaches as 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.



## 1.2 The structure of the entries

The table containing the data (Section 2.0, below) shows the standard sources in four columns. The GNB list appears in the first column, representing the authoritative list of assigned toponyms for the State. The SLSA *Beachsafe* data fills the second column, representing the most comprehensive list of beach toponyms. The third column contains toponym references combined from three sources: National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Office of Environment and Heritage *Beachwatch* program, and Destination NSW (a department of the NSW Government). The fourth column contains toponym references identified in various publications and websites of Local Government Areas, from Shoalhaven City Council in the north to Bega Valley Shire Council in the south. 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 these entries are for non-beach features rather than for beaches: these entries are indicated by the use of square brackets around the item and its feature type. (A definition for each of those feature types is given in the Appendix.) This column, as noted above, also contains a small number of entries within the Jervis Bay Territory which are identified with ACT or MGA codes; the data comparison below (section 3.0) subsumes all such entries under the GNB discussion.

The second column, similarly, gives the unique identifier code that the SLSA allocates to each of NSW's beaches. (In this Report, 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.) Each entry in this column reproduces the title for the relevant SLSA entry and is not necessarily a beach name: it thus often 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 Hare (420), Batehaven/Caseys (534) and Brou-Dalmeny (590).

The column headed *Parks/Environment* also gives the *Beachwatch* code number for those entries where the OEH has a coastal site.

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 *Culburra* therefore represents the toponym *Culburra Beach*. In cases where the authority omits the generic or uses another, 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 Comerong Island/Tilbury Cove'). 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

<i>GNB</i>		<i>SLSA/OzCoasts</i>		<i>Parks/Environment</i>		<i>LGA</i>
<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Comorong Island—ISLAND]	13456	Comorong Island [implies beach is unnamed]	401			Comorong Island (f) 2 [implies beach named]
Culburra	15292	Crookhaven/Culburra [text reads ‘Culburra Beach commences at Crookhaven Heads’]	402			Culburra (e) (f) 3
[Tilbury Cove—COVE]	58924	Tilbury Cove [generic is uncertain; text reads ‘Tilbury Cove... is a north-facing beach’]	402s	Tilbury Cove (a)	707	Tilbury Cove (e) (f, 4) [beach unnamed]
Warrain	63007	Warrain	403	Warrain (a)	707.2	Warrain (f, 5)
		Warrain South [implies beach unnamed; text reads ‘The southern and Currarong beaches... The Warrain section (NSW 404) trends for 3.4 km...’]	404			
		Currarong	405			
Currarong	15575	--	--			Currarong (f, 6)
Abrahams Bosom [GNR: ‘commonly known as BOSOM BEACH’]	1515	Abraham Boson [header and text do not match: text reads ‘Abrahams Boson beach...’]	406			Abrahams Bosom (f, 7)
Wilsons	65269	Wilson	407			Wilsons (f, 8)
[Lobster Bay—BAY]	34060	Lobster Bay [beach unnamed]	408			Lobster Bay (f, 9) [beach unnamed]
[Black Boat Cove—COVE] prev: Boat Harbour Blackboat Bay	6593	Boat Harbour [beach unnamed]	409			
Fishermans	83047	Target North 1 [implies beach not named]	410			
Little Target	83048	Target North 2 [implies beach not named]	411			
Target	57156	Target	412			Target (f, 10)
[Silica Cove—COVE]	83049	Dart Point /Longnose [beach not named]	413			Silica Cove (f, 11) [beach unnamed]
[Honeymoon Bay—BAY]	24012	Honeymoon Bay [beach unnamed]	414			Honeymoon Bay (f, 12) [beach unnamed]
Bindijine	6874	Bindijine	415			Bindijine (f, 13)
[Figtree Inlet—INLET]	18523	Figtree Inlet [beach unnamed]	416			
Long	34268	Long	417	Long		Long (f, 14)
Cabbage Tree	10245	Cabbage Tree	418			
Chinamans	12286	Chinamans	419			
[Hare Bay—BAY]	23055	Hare [entry text reads ‘Hare Bay beach’; status of generic is unclear]	420			Hare Bay (f, 15) [beach unnamed]

<i>GNB</i>		<i>SLSA/OzCoasts</i>		<i>Parks/Environment</i>		<i>LGA</i>
<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Callala Bay—SUBURB]	10633	Callala Bay [Callala Bay beach...]	421			Callala Bay (f, 16) [beach unnamed]
Callala	10634	Callala	422			Callala (f, 17)
Shark Net	52534	Shark Net [note that the Information sections for this entry and the next have IDs reversed]	423			Shark Net (f, 18)
Huskisson	24575	Huskisson	424			Huskisson (f, 19)
[Moona Moona Creek—CREEK]	38965	--		Moona Moona (d) [indicates south end of 424; text reads 'some signs say Huskisson Beach']		Moona Moona (f, 20)
Collingwood	13283	Collingwood	425	Collingwood (a)	834	Collingwood (e) (f, 21)
Orion	80098	Orion	426			Orion (f, 22)
Barfleur	2701	Barfleur	427	Barfleur (d)		Barfleur (f, 23)
Nelsons	41957	Nelson	428			Nelsons (f, 24)
Blenheim	5543	Blenheim	429			Blenheim (f, 25)
Greenfield	80097	Greenfields	430	Greenfield (b)		Greenfield (f, 26)
Chinamans	12287	Chinamans	431			Chinamans (f, 27)
[Hyams Point—POINT, SIX maps only]	--	Hyams Point	432			Little Hyams (f, 28)
Hyams	2459	Hyams	433	Hyams (b)		Hyams (e) [text implies southern section of beach is named 'Seamans']
--	--	--	--			Hyams (Seamans) (f, 29)
Captains Beach [SIX maps only] [Captains Point—PT]	ACT 0184 MGA 32274	Captains / Greenpatch [text reads 'Captains Beach... curves gently for 2.1 km to the southeast to finally face north in its eastern corner at Green Patch, in lee of Bristol Point.']	434	Captains (c)		Captains (f, 30)
--	--	--	--	Iluka (c)		Iluka (f, 31)
--	--	--	--	Greenpatch (c)		Green Patch (f, 32)
[Bristol Point—PT]	ACT 0145 MGA 32349	Bristol Point [generic absent]	435	Bristol Point (c)		Bristol Point (f, 33)

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Scottish Rocks— ROCK]	ACT 0785 MGA 32411	Bristol Pt / Scottish Rocks [generic uncertain; text reads ‘to the east is Scottish Rocks beach’]	436	Scottish Rocks (c)		Scottish Rocks (f, 34)
[Hole in the Wall— CLIFF]	MGA 32453	Scottish Rocks / Hole in the Wall [generic uncertain; text reads ‘...is Hole in the Wall beach’]	437	Hole in the Wall (c)		Hole in the Wall (f, 35)
--	--	Murrays [no separate entry; beach is unnamed, although ‘Murrays West’ is implied; text reads ‘following the rear of the rocks to the northeast is a 500 m long beach’]	438W			
Murrays	ACT 0602 MGA 32518	Murrays [text reads ‘At the end of the rocks the shore turns and trends east with curving 510 m long Murray (sic) Beach... Murrays Beach faces north’ ]	438	Murrays (c)		Murrays (f, 36)
Steamers	54935	Steamers	439	Steamer’s (c)		Steamers (f)
Kittys	31303	Kitty	440	Kittys (c)		Kitty (f)
[St Georges Head— POINT]	ACT 0821 MGA 32219	St George Head 2 [text reads ‘the first of three Black Harbour beaches’ – beach unnamed]	441			
[Blacks Harbour— COVE]	5540	Black Harbour [no generic]	442			
--	--	Whiting North	443			
Whiting	64687	Whiting	444	Whiting (c)		Whiting (f)
--	--	Whiting South	445			
[Summer Cloud Cove—COVE prev: Summer Cloud Bay]	56064 56063	Summercloud Bay [beach not named]	446			
[Mary Cove—COVE prev: Mary Bay]	36648 36646	Mary Cove [beach not named]	447			
Cave	11755	Cave	448	Cave (c)		Cave (f) 40
Bherwerre	4544	Bherwerre	449	Bherwerre (c)		Bherwerre (f) 41
[Sussex Inlet— INLET]	56235	Sussex Inlet [text reads ‘The beach is called both Sussex Inlet and Stingray’]	450			Sussex Inlet Entrance (f) 42
Cudmirrah	15283	Cudmirrah	451	Cudmirrah (a)	710.1	Cudmirrah (e) (f)
[Berrara—VILLAGE prev: Berrara Beach]	4349 4350	Berrara	452			Berrara (f) 44
--	--	Berrara Point [beach not named]	453			

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
--	--	Berrara South [text reads 'Berrara beach (NSW 454)...', and implies beach unnamed]	454	Cudmirrah Nature Reserve (d) <sup>1</sup>		Cudmirrah Nature Reserve (f) 45
--	--	Bangalay	455			
Monument	38833	Monument	456	Monument (b)		Monument (f) 46
Flat Rock	18909	Flat Rock	457			Flat Rock (f) 47
Dec	16339	Dec	458			Dec (f) 48
Washerwomans	63252	Washerwoman	459			Washerwomans (f) 49
Boat Harbour	5316	Boat Harbour	460			Boat Harbour (f) 50
[Red Head—HEADLAND]	48630	Red Head [beach not named]	461			Shell Grit (Red Head) (f) 51
Inyadda	24826	Bendalong [...Bendalong beach, also known as Inyadda Beach]	462			Inyadda (e) Bendalong (Inyadda) (f) 52
Manyana	36203	Manyana	463			Manyana (f) 53
Cunjurong	15440	Cunjurong Point [implies beach not named separately]	464			Cunjurong Point (f) 54
Conjola	13613	Conjola	465			Conjola Lake Ocean (f) 55
Buckleys	10035	Buckleys	466			Buckleys (f) 56
Narrawallee	75133	Narrawallee	467			Narrawallee (e) Narrawallee (f) 57
--	--	Jones	467E			
Mollymook	38626	Mollymook	468	Mollymook (a)	711	Mollymook (e) Mollymook (f) 58
Cf. Mollymook Bogey Hole [SIX MAPS]	--	Golf Course Reef [implies beach not named separately]	469N			Golf Course Reef (e) [implies beach is unnamed]
Collers	73556	Collers	469			Collers (f) 59
[Ulladulla Harbour—HARBOUR]	61082	Ulladulla Harbour (n) [implies beach not named separately]	470 (n)			Ulladulla Harbour North (f) 60
		Ulladulla Harbour [implies beach not named separately]	470			Ulladulla Harbour Inner (f) 61
Ulladulla Sea Pool [SIX MAPS]	--	Ulladulla Sea Pool	470S			Ulladulla Harbour Outer (Sea Pool) (f) 62
[Warden Head—HEADLAND]	62804	Warden Head North [implies beach not named separately]	471			Lobster Jacks (e) (f) 63
		Warden Head South [implies beach not named separately]	472			
--	--	Ulladulla Bombie	473			Ulladulla Bommie (Coomee Nulunga)(f) 64

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Rennies formerly: Racecourse	82635 48058	Rennies	474	Renies (a)	838	Rennies (e) (f) 65
Racecourse	82636	Racecourse	475	Racecourse (a)	713	Racecourse (e) (f) 66
--	--	Racecourse South (Super Tubes)	476			
Burrill	70542	Burrill	477			Burrill (f) 68
[Burrill Lake— LAGOON]	70547	--	--			Burrill Lake Entrance (f) 67
[Dolphin Point— SUBURB]	68824	--	--			Dolphin Point (f) 69
--	--	--	--	Pot Holes (b)		
Wairo	61929	Wairo	478			Wairo (f) 70
[Tabourie Point— POINT]	56632	Tabourie	479			Tabourie Point (f) 71
[Crampton Island— ISLAND]	14869	--	--			Crampton Island (f) 72
[Stokes Island— ISLAND]	55233	Stokes Island [implies beach not named separately]	480			Stokes Island (f) 73
--	--	Sunburnt	481			Sunburnt (f) 74
[Termeil Lake— LAGOON]	57733	Termeil Lake [implies beach not named separately]	482	Termeil (b)		Termeil Point (f) 75
[Meroo Head— HEADLAND]	37272	Meroo	483			Meroo (f) 76
Nuggan Point— POINT]	43077	Nuggan Point [implies beach unnamed]	484			Nuggan Point (f) 77
North	42717	North	485			North (f) 78
Bawley	3305	Bawley	486	Bawley Point (a)	836	Bawley (e) (f) 79
Cormorant	14387	Cormorant	487			Cormorant (f) 80
Gannet	19750	Gannet	488			Gannet (f) 81
Murramarang	40789	Murramarang	489			Murramarang (f) 82
Cat and Kitten	11624	Cat and Kitten	490			Cat and Kitten (f) 83
Bull Pup	68086	Bull Pup	491			Bull Pup (f) 84
Racecourse	48057	Racecourse	492			Racecourse (f) 85
Shelly	52791	Shelly	493			Shelly (f) 86
Kioloa	31220	Avenue	494			Avenue (f) 87
		Kioloa	495			Kioloa (f) 88
[Kioloa Boat Ramp—SIX Maps]		Kioloa Boat Ramp [beach unnamed]	496			
Merry	37390	Merry	497	Merry (a)	837	Merry (e) (f) 89
Pretty	47344	Pretty	498	Pretty (b)		Pretty (f) 90
Island	24952	Island	499			Island (f) 91
[O'Hara Island— ISLAND]	43888	O'Hara Island South 1 [implies beach unnamed]	500			

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	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
		--	--	Singing Stones <sup>2</sup>		Singing Stones (f) 92
		O'Hara Island South 2 [implies beach unnamed]	501			O'Hara Island South (f) 93
		O'Hara Island South 3 [implies beach unnamed]	502			
[Dawsons Islands— ISLAND] [MGA 31363 = Dawson Islands]	16176	Dawson Island North [implies beach unnamed]	503			Dawson Island (f) 94
		Dawson Island South [implies beach unnamed]	504			
--	--	Snake Bay [beach unnamed]	505			Snake Bay [beach unnamed] (f) 95
--	--	Snake Bay South ['...a similar unnamed bay']	506			
--	--	Burns Bay ['...also called North Pebbles']	507			Burns Bay (f) 96
Pebbly	45435	Pebbly	508	Pebbly (b)		Pebbly (f) 97
Depot	16630	Depot	509	Depot (b)		Depot (f) 98
[Tranquility Bay— BAY: SIX MAPS]	--	Tranquility Bay [implies beach unnamed; also locates the feature as an unnamed cove south of Depot Beach]]	510			Tranquility Bay [beach unnamed] (f) 99
[Durras North— SUBURB]	80395	Durras North	511			North Durras (f) 100
[South Durras— LOCALITY]	78980	Durras	512			Durras Main
Cookies	13792	South Durras ['...Cookies Beach (NSW 513)'] Note: text has typo '523' at one point	513	Cookies (a)	727	Cookies
Mill	37923	Beagle Bay ['...Mills Beach (NSW 514)]	514			
Emily Miller	17539	Emily Miller	515			
Dark	16010	Dark	516			
Myrtle	41177	Myrtle	517			
--	--	South Myrtle	518			
Richmond	49161	Richmond	519	Richmond (b)		
Little Oaky	43532	--	--			
Oaky	43531	Oaky	520	Oaky (b)		
Honeysuckle	24022	Honeysuckle	521	Honeysuckle (b)		
North Head	42853	North Head	522			
[Acheron Ledge— REEF]	1497	Acheron Ledge North [implies beach unnamed]	523			
		Acheron Ledge [implies beach unnamed]	524			
[Chain Bay—BAY]	11953	Chain Bay [beach unnamed]	525			

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Maloneys Beach—LOCALITY]	78983	Maloneys	526			Maloneys
--	--	Long North 1 [implies beach unnamed]	527			--
--	--	Long North 2 [implies beach unnamed]	528			--
Long	34266	Long	529			Long
Cullendulla	82703	Cullendulla	530			
Surfside	82704	Surfside	531			Main/Myamba Parade
--	--	South Surfside	532			Surfside
Corrigans	14461	Corrigans	533			
Caseys	11513	Batehaven/Caseys [text reads 'Batehaven, which fronts onto Caseys Beach']	534	Caseys (a)	725	Caseys
[Sunshine Bay—BAY] [prev: Sunshine Cove]	56165 56166	Sunshine Cove [text reads 'Sunshine Bay... with the beach (NSW 535) curving for 400 m']	535			[text reads 'Sunshine Bay']
Denhams	16658	Denhams	536			Denhams
Surf	56189	Surf	537	Surf (a)	724	Surf
Wimbie	65318	Wimbie	538			Wimbie
--	--	Denise Drive [no description; name status unclear; no OzCoasts entry]	539a			
Circuit	82403	Circuit	539			Circuit
Lilli Pilli	72621	Lilli Pilli	540			Lilli Pilli
[Mosquito Bay—BAY]	39518	Mosquito Bay [implies beach unnamed]	541			
[Garden Bay—BAY]	82306	Garden Bay [implies beach unnamed]	542			
[Malua Bay—BAY]	35915	Malua Bay [implies beach unnamed]	543	Malua Bay (a)	723	[text reads 'Malua Bay beach']
[Pretty Point Bay—BAY]	47374	Pretty Point Bay [implies beach unnamed]	544			
Mckenziez	35087	Bracken/mckenziez [text reads 'McKenziez Beach... also known as Bracken']	545			McKenziez
--	--	Rosedale North	546			
Rosedale	50027	Rosedale	547			Rosedale
Jimmies Island [IS]	25499	Jimmies Island [beach unnamed]	548			
--	--	Nun's [text reads 'Nuns beach']	549			
--	--	Black [text reads 'Blacks beach']	550			
[Guerilla Bay—BAY]	22171	Guerilla Bay North [implies beach unnamed]	551			Stoney
		Guerilla Bay [implies beach unnamed]	552			Main



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<i>Name</i>			<i>Entry Header</i>		<i>Name</i>		<i>Name</i>
[Burrewarra Point—HEADLAND]		70528	Burrewarra Point 1 [implies beach unnamed]	553			
			Burrewarra Point 2 [implies beach unnamed]	554			
			Burrewarra Point 3 [implies beach unnamed]	555			
			Burrewarra Point 4 [implies beach unnamed]	556			
Barlings		2767	Barlings	557			Barlings
[Tomakin Cove—BAY]		59328	Tomakin Cove [implies beach unnamed]	558			Cove
Tomakin		59327	Tomakin	559			Tomakin River
Broulee		9653	Broulee	560	Broulee (a)	722	North Broulee
--		--	Broulee Spit [implies beach unnamed]	561			
--		--	--	--			South Broulee [locates as northern section of Bengello, NSW 562]
Bengello		72179	Bengello / South Broulee / South [text reads 'Bengello Beach']	562	Bengello (a)	721	Bengello
[Moruya Heads—HEAD]		39474	Moruya Heads 1 [beach unnamed]	563			Moruya North
			Moruya Heads 2 [beach unnamed]	564			
[Shelly Beach—LOCALITY – SIX Maps]		--	Shelly	565	Shelley (a)	720	
[Moruya Heads—LOC]		39475	Moruya (Heads) [text reads 'Moruya Heads Beach']	566			Moruya Main / Moruya South
[Pedro Point—POINT]		45451	Pedro	567			
[Congo Point—POINT]		13591	Congo	568			Congo [map caption reads 'South Congo Beach']
[Congo—LOCALITY]		13589					
--		--	Congo Point South 1 [beach unnamed]	569			
--		--	Congo Point South 2 [beach unnamed]	570			
--		--	Meringo	571			
--		--	Koonwarra	572			
[Mullimburra Point—HEADLAND]		40329	Mullimburra Point [text reads 'the northern Family Beach (NSW 573, also called Honeymoon)']	573			
			Mullimburra Point South 1 [beach unnamed]	574			

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
		Mullimburra Point South 2 [beach unnamed]	575			
		Mullimburra Point South 3 [beach unnamed]	576			
Meringo	37233	Kellys Lake	577			
[Bingie Bigie Point—POINT]	6813	Bingie Bingie Point [beach unnamed]	578			
Bingie [var: Coila Beach]	6811 27214	Bingie Bingie Point / Bingie Beach 'Bingie Beach (579)'	579 579A			
[Coila Bar—SANDBAR]	80251	Coila Bar [implies beach unnamed]	579B			Coila [text reads 'Coila Beach & Bar']
--	--	Coila South [implies beach unnamed]	580			
[Tarendore Point—POINT]	57088	Tarandore Point [text reads 'Plantation Beach (NSW 581)']	581			
One Tree	71802	One Tree	582			One Tree
[Tuross Head—HEADLAND; LOCALITY]	60692 60693	Tuross Head [text reads 'Tuross Head Main Beach (NSW 583)']	583	Tuross Main (a)	718	Main
--	--	Tuross Entrance [text implies beach unnamed, and reads 'the southern Caravan Park beach...']	584			
South Tuross [prev: Blackfellow, Yarboro]	74893	South Tuross	585			
--	--	Blackfellows Point [beach unnamed]	586			
Piccaninny	45947	Piccaninny	587			
Potato Point [discont: Potato]	72417 47208	Potato	588			Potato Point
Jemisons	25278	Jemisons	589			Jemison's
Brou [previous: Brow]	9612	Brou-Dalmeny ['includes beaches: Brou, Dalmeny'; text is for Brou Beach, 590A] Brou [text reads 'Brou (NSW 590)']	590 590A	Brou (a)	717	
Dalmeny [previous: Joshs]	72287	Dalmeny ['includes beaches: Brou-Dalmeny, Brou'] [icon located S of Mummuga Head, N of Cresswick Cove] Joshs [text reads 'the pocket Dalmeny Beach (NSW 591, also called Joshs)...']	590B 591			Dalmeny / Joshs
Yabbara	72507	Yabbara	592			Yabbarra
Duesburys	72297	Duesburys	593			Duesburys

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	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
Kianga	71604	Kianga	594			Kianga Lake
--	--	Kianga South	595			
Carters	71144	Carters	596			Carter's
Bar	2617	Bar	597			Bar
--	--	Bar South	598	Wagonga (a)	716	
--	--	Smugglers Cove [text at 599 reads 'the northern end of the beach, called Smugglers Cove...']	599a			
Narooma	41490	Narooma	599	Narooma (a)	715	Narooma Main [text reads 'Narooma surf beach']
[Glasshouse Rocks--ROCK]	20534	Glasshouse Rocks North [implies beach unnamed]	600			
		Glasshouse Rocks South 1 [implies beach unnamed]	601			
		Glasshouse Rocks South 2 [implies beach unnamed]	602			
[Bullengella Lake—LAGOON]	67878	Bullengella	603			
Handkerchief	71489	Handkerchief	604			Handkerchief
[Barunga Point—POINT]	3080	Barunga Point [beach unnamed]	605			
[Bogola Head—HEADLAND]	7132	Bogola Head [beach unnamed]	606			
Fullers	19578	Fullers North [text reads 'the northern Fuller Beach']	607			
--	--	Fullers South [text reads 'the southern section of Fuller Beach']	608			
Loader	34048	Loader	609			
[Corunna Point--POINT]	14500	Corunna Point [text reads 'Billies Beach (NSW 610)...']	610			
{Mystery Bay—BAY}	41227	Mystery Bay [beach unnamed]	611			Mystery Bay [beach unnamed]
[Boat Harbour Point—POINT]	71037	Boat Harbour Point [no text; info states 'Includes beaches: Mystery Bay']; no entry in OzCoasts	611a			
[Cape Dromedary-HEADLAND]	71139	Cape Dromedary South 1 [beach unnamed]	612			
		Cape Dromedary South 2 [text reads 'Poole Beach (NSW 613...')]	613			

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			Cape Dromedary South 3 [beach unnamed; text reads ‘The southern beach...’]	614			
--		--	Tilba Tilba North [text reads ‘The northern Logo Beach (NSW 615)...’ – apparently a typo for ‘1080 Beach’]	615	1080 (b)		
[Tilba Tilba— LOCALITY]		58921	Tilba Tilba	616			
--		--	Tilba Tilba Head [implies beach unnamed]	617			
Wallaga		82420	Little Lake [implies beach unnamed; text reads ‘The northern Little Lake beach...’]	618			
--		--	Wallaga Lake [text reads ‘Wallaga Beach (NSW 619)...’]	619			
Pebbly		78656	Pebbly	620			
Haywards prev: Four Mile Long		23370 28728 34269	Camel Rock [text reads ‘Haywards Beach (NSW 621, also called Camel Rock in the north and Long Swamp)...’]	621a	Camel Rock (a)	726	Camel Rock (g) Camel Rock Surf [header reads ‘Camel Rock Surf Beach’ but use of the generic is unclear] (h)
			Haywards [text reads ‘Haywards Beach (NSW 621, also called Camel Rock in the north and Long Swamp)...’]	621			
			Hayward Point [beach unnamed; text reads ‘The sand continues around the base of Hayward Point...as beach NSW 622’]	622			
[Keatings Headland— HEADLAND]		26258	Keatings Head [implies beach unnamed; text reads ‘Keatings Headland is a... rock point, with beach NSW623 trending south’]	623			
Moorhead Prev: Mooreheads		71712	Morehead [text reads ‘Moorhead Beach’; OzCoasts omits]	624			
[Bermagui Harbour— HARBOUR]		70998	Bermagui Inlet 1 [no explanatory text; feature appears to be against the NW breakwater]	624S			
			Bermagui Inlet 2 feature appears to be within the SE breakwater]	624N			?Bruce Steer Pool (h)

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
Main	71674	Horseshoe Bay [implies beach is unnamed; text reads 'Horseshoe Bay is Bermagui's safe surf beach']	625	Horseshoe Bay (a)	779	Horseshoe Bay [beach unnamed] (g) (h)
Shelly	82430	--	--			
Cowrie	82429	--	--			
Jack Common	82432	--	--			
--	--	Beares North [text reads 'Beares Beach is the surfing beach for Bermagui... The northern beach (NSW 626)... The main Beares Beach (NSW 627)...']	626			
Beares	3412	Beares [text reads 'Beares Beach is the surfing beach for Bermagui... The northern beach (NSW 626)... The main Beares Beach (NSW 627)...']	627	Beares (a)	773	Beares (h)
Breakaway	71073	Breakaway Bay [OzCoasts spelling is identical; the text for this entry is misplaced from beach 629]	628			
[Zane Grey Pool—COVE]	67815	Zane Grey Pool [the text for this entry is misplaced from beach 630]	629			Blue Pool? (h)
[Jerimbut Point--POINT]	25336	Jerimbut Point South [implies beach not named]	630			
Jaggers	71544	Jagger	631			
Baragoot	2600	Baragoot	632			
Cuttagee	15703	Cuttagee	633			Cuttagee (h)
Mill	37924	Mills	634			
[Barragga Bay—BAY]	2922	Barragga Bay [implies 'Beach' generic, but unclear]	635			Barragga Bay [beach otherwise unnamed] (h)
[Armands Bay—BAY prev: Armands Bay]	916	Armands Bay [text reads 'Armands Bay...'; implies beach is unnamed]	636			Armands (h)
Murrah	40777	Murrah-Bunga [name status is uncertain: text reads 'Murrah-Bunga beach']	637			
Bunga	69924					
Bunga South [Maps only – not in GNR]	--	Bunga North [implies beach unnamed]	638			
		Bunga	639			

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		Bunga South [implies beach unnamed]	640			
Aragunnu	192	Aragunnu	641			
[Bengunnu Point—POINT]	72188	Bengunnu Point North [beach unnamed]	642			
		Bengunnu Point South 1 [beach unnamed]	643			
		Bengunnu Point South 2 [beach unnamed]	644			
Picnic	45978	Picnic North [beach unnamed]	645			
		Picnic	646			
[Picnic Point—POINT prev: Callo Point]	45991	Picnic Point [beach unnamed]	647			
[Bithry Inlet—INLET]	6629	Bithry Inlet North [beach unnamed]	648			
		Bithry Inlet [beach unnamed]	649			
Penders	72412	Penders	650			
Middle	37557	Middle North [text reads ‘Middle Beach... northern section’]	651			
Gillards	72322	Middle South [text reads ‘Middle Beach... southern part’]	652			
		Gillards	653			
Cowdroys	72282	Cowdroys	654			
Nelson	41946	Nelson	655			
[Moon Bay—COVE]	38981	Moon Bay [implies beach not named]	656	Moon Bay (b) [implies beach not named]		
[Paspalum Point—POINT]	72408	Paspalum Point [beach unnamed]	657			
Mogareeka Inlet—INLET]	72380	Mogareeka Inlet [beach not named; text reads ‘Mogareeka Inlet beach’]	658	Mogareeka Inlet (a)	783	
Tathra	82314	Tathra	659	Tathra (a)	788	Tathra (g) (h)
[Kianinny Bay—BAY]	30756	Kianinny Bay [beach not otherwise named]	660			
[Boulder Bay—BAY]	72256	Boulder Bay [beach not otherwise named]	661			
[Games Bay—BAY; Maps only – not in GNR]	--	Games Bay [beach not otherwise named]	662			
[Wallagoot Gap—GAP]	62178	Wallagoot Gap [implies beach unnamed]	663			
		Wallagoot-Bournda	664			
Wallagoot	62177	Wallagoot	664A			
Bournda	8279	Bournda	664B			

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PUN</i>	<i>Entry Header</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>
[Bournda Island— ISLET]	8281	Bournda Island [beach not otherwise named]	665			
Tura	60587	North Tura [text notes a 'northern half' corresponding to GNB60587 and 'a southern section' which continues to Tura Head]	666			Tura (h)
[Tura Head— HEADLAND]	60588	Tura Head [beach not otherwise named]	667			
Short Point	52965	Tura-Short Point	668	Short Point	786	Short Point (g) (h)
Middle	82419	Middle	669			Middle (h)
Bar	2616	Bar	670	Bar (Merimbula) (a)	772	Bar (g) (h)
Mitchies prev: Lake	78828	--	--			
Merimbula	37213	Merimbula-Pambula ['includes Merimbula, Pambula']	671			
		Merimbula (Main)	671A	Main (Merimbula) (a)	781	Main (g) (h)
		Pambula	671B	Pambula (a)	784	Pambula (g)
Pambula var: Jiguma	44863 30401	Little/Jiguma [text reads 'Little Beach (NSW 672, also called Jiguma)...']	672			Lions (h)
--	--	Barmouth North [text reads 'the northern Barmouth beach...']	673			Barmouth [main page header reads 'Bar Mouth Beach'] (h)
--	--	Barmouth South [text reads 'The southern beach...', implies unnamed]	674	Barmouth (b) [in Ben Boyd NP]		
--		Shelly	675			
Haycock prev: Long	78832 --	Long	676			Long (h)
Quondolo prev: Long	79640 --	Quondolo	677			
Pinnacles	79642	Pinnacles [header reads 'The Pinnacles']	678			
[Lennards Island— ISLAND] Mapping (SIX and Eden topo) indicates beach is southern section of Pinnacles	32740	--	--	Terrace (b) [header = 'Terrace Beach and Lennards Island']		
[Worang Point— POINT]	66430	Worang Point [beach unnamed]	679			
Aslings	672	Aslings	680	Aslings (a)	770	Aslings (g) (h)

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[Yallungo Cove-- COVE]		66866	Yallungo Cove [beach unnamed]	681			
--		--	By [no descriptive text, although location is indicated as at the end of By Street; no matching entry in OzCoasts] [the entry is duplicated as 'Unnamed Beach NSW 12162']	682a			
[Snug Cove— COVE]		53676	Snug Cove [beach unnamed; note typo 'Sung Cove']	682			
[Cattle Bay—COVE]		11732	Cattle Bay [beach unnamed]	683			
Cocora		13063	Cocora	684	Cocora (a)	777	Cocora (h)
Bungo		70025	Bungo	685			
Rixons		74602	Rixons	686			
[Quarantine Bay— BAY]		47849	Quarantine Bay [beach unnamed]	687			
Legges		32663	Legges	688			
Brandy Creek		8838	Brandy Creek	689			
Currawulla		15608	Currawulla	690			
[Northcote Point— POINT]		42789	Northcote [text implies beach unnamed: 'Northcote Point, with two small pockets of sand...']	691			
Boydton		8589	Boydton	692			Boydton (h)
[Torarago Point— POINT]		59755	Torarago Point [beach unnamed]	693			
[Moutrys Point— POINT]		40023	Moutrys Point [beach unnamed]	694			
Whale		64384	Whale	695			
Brierly Point— POINT]		9175	Brierly Point [beach unnamed]	696			
			Brierly Point East 1 [beach unnamed]	697			
			Brierly Point East 2 [beach unnamed]	698			
			[no separate entry; text at 698 reads 'Beach NSW 698S commences immediately to the east and curves to the southeast... to a section that separates it from Fisheries Beach.']	698S			
Fisheries		18653	Fisheries	699			
[Edrom— LOCALITY]		79012	Edrom 1 [Entry header taken from Edrom Lodge; beach unnamed, south side of Bilgalera Point]	700			



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			Edrom 2 [Entry header taken from Edrom Lodge; beach unnamed, north side of Bilgalera Point]	701			
[Munganno Point—POINT]		40461	Munganno Point 1 [beach unnamed]	702			
			Munganno Point 2 [beach unnamed]	703			
[Leather Jacket Bay—BAY]		82435	Leather Jacket Bay [beach unnamed]	704			
[Mowarry Point—POINT]		40032	Mowarry Point 1 [beach unnamed]	705			
			Mowarry Point 2 [beach unnamed]	706			
[Saltwater Creek—CREEK]		51084	Saltwater Creek North [beach unnamed]	707			
			Saltwater Creek [beach unnamed]	708			
[Bittangabee Bay—BAY]		6630	Bittangabee Bay [beach unnamed]	709	Bittangabee Bay [beach unnamed] (b)		
[Disaster Bay—BAY]		68639	Disaster Bay [beach unnamed]	710			
Wonboyn		65948	Wonboyn	711			
[Merrica River—RIVER]		37306	Merrica [text implies beach is unnamed]	712			
--		--	1568 Km [text refers only to 'Beach NSW 713' – no explanation of entry header]	713			
--		--	Jane Spiers North [text implies beach is unnamed]	714			
Jane Spiers		25183	Jane Spiers	715			
Newtons		42304	Newtons	716			
[Little Creek—CREEK]		33433	Little Creek [implies beach unnamed]	717			
Nadgee		41252	Nadgee	718			
[Nadgee Point—POINT]		41258	Nadgee Point [beach unnamed]	719			
--		--	unnamed beach [no separate entry; text at 720 reads '...on the northern side of the bay']	720N			
[Nadgee Lake—LAGOON]		41253	Nadgee Lake ['...the main Nadgee Lake beach']	720			
[Cape Howe—CAPE]		11068	Cape Howe [OzCoasts only; entry missing from SLSA – text duplicates that of VIC001]	721			

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> At page *Sussex Inlet/Attractions* text reads ‘Cudmirrah Nature Reserve Beach (sometimes referred to as Berrara South)’. The Nature Reserve does not appear on NSW mapping products.

<sup>2</sup> Also cited in *Australian Geographic* March/April 2019, p.18. ‘...this 30m-wide cove... accessible via a short beachcombing stroll south from the better-known Pretty Beach and doesn’t have an official name but it’s known as Singing Stones Beach.’



Racecourse Beach, SL5A475 (photo: David Dudley)

### 3.0 DATA COMPARISON

The number of beaches identified by the four standard sources is given in Table 1 below.

<i>Source</i>	<i>Beach locations identified</i>	<i>% of total</i>
GNB	269	75.3
SLSA/OzCoasts	339	95.0
Parks/Environment	64	17.9
LGA	161	45.1
<i>All Sources</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 1: Coastal beach sites identified by standard sources

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 (National Parks tourist information, *Beachwatch* reports of the Office of Environment & Heritage, and the various documents from local government authorities—see Section 1.1 above) each have specialised objectives that are not focused on beach naming.

The results from the two authoritative sources are similar to those of the earlier Data Reports for NSW coastal beaches. As Table 1 reveals, the GNB recorded 75% and the SLSA 95% of the beach sites listed in this Report; the comparable figures for the northern region were 78% and 98%. For the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong region, the GNB recorded 77% and the SLSA 96% of the beach sites listed.

The SLSA *Beachsafe* database fails to record eighteen of the beach sites captured by the data, a rather better coverage than that for the smaller Newcastle-Wollongong region (where 23 beach sites were absent from the SLSA list), but well short of the five missing in the northern NSW Report.

These figures give little support to the possible hypothesis that beach sites near major population centres are more often identified and named than those in remoter areas.

It is important to note that not all beach sites are identified by a beach name: various swimming locations or beaches are identified only by their associated feature of BAY, COVE, HEADLAND or such, and it is not always clear whether that feature provides the beach-related toponym or whether the beach is actually unnamed. The GNB listing is the only source which clearly indicates whether the toponym relates to a beach as opposed to an adjacent related feature. Table 2 below shows the proportion of beaches identified by the two authoritative sources for which names are clearly recorded.

<i>Source</i>	<i>Beach locations identified</i>	<i>Beaches named</i>	<i>% named / locations</i>
GNB	269	157	58.4
SLSA/OzCoasts	337	191	56.7
<i>These Sources</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>58.8</i>

Table 2: Coastal beach locations identified and named by the two major sources

One notable feature of the data is the number of beaches that were not recorded in the Register of the Geographical Names Board. Of the 357 beaches that were identified in the data, 200 (or 56%) do not appear as toponyms in the NSW Register (although ten of those do appear on *SIX Maps*, the State digital mapping facility of NSW Spatial Services). And even though the function of the *Beachsafe* catalogue of SLSA is to locate and describe beaches rather than to name them, it is perhaps surprising that it is not greatly different in this respect: 166 (46%) of its beach sites appear to be unnamed.

Of the 200 beach names missing from the GNB Register

139 sites are attested	by 1 other source (almost all of those by SLSA)
53	by 2 others (usually by SLSA and LGA)
8	by 3 others

There are two beach sites not labelled, either by their toponym or by an associated feature name, in any of the sources. The first is in Twofold Bay on Brierly Point, to the east of Fisheries Beach; it is recorded by SLSA as NSW 698S, but has no separate entry. The other is a beach to the north of the entrance to Nadgee Lake; it has no separate SLSA entry but is recorded as NSW 7230N within the text for *Nadgee Lake*. Although that SLSA entry describes it as ‘a 200 m long pocket of sand wedged in between rock platforms’, it is not clearly distinct in mapping or photographic evidence from the main Nadgee Lake beach to its south.

Of the 357 locations listed as coastal beaches, names are recorded for 216 of them. (Surprisingly, there are twelve beaches not identified by either the GNB or the SLSA but which appear in one or both of the *Parks/Environment* or *LGA* columns.)

Only 24 are named by all four sources using the same linguistic form and with reference to the same extent. On the other hand, 25 are recorded by only one of the sources, and it is no surprise that SLSA’s *Beachsafe* list is the only source for 17 of those, from *Currarong Beach* in the north to *Shelly Beach* in the south. (This *Currarong Beach* is distinct from the adjacent beach which the GNB records with that name; the SLSA beach forms the southern section of the GNB’s *Warrain Beach*.) The GNB is the only source for five beach names, LGA for two, and National Parks for one.

The prime pattern that emerges in a comparison of the sources is one of inconsistency in both identification and naming. This is true even when the comparison is restricted to the two major sources, the register of the NSW GNB and SLSA’s *Beachsafe* list. A telling example is that of beaches 671A-672. Beach 671A, named *Merimbula Beach* or *Merimbula Main Beach* by SLSA, is only the northern section of the formally assigned Merimbula Beach in the GNB register; the southern section is beach 671B, named *Pambula Beach* in the SLSA list. The GNB register shows that Pambula Beach is to the south, a beach named as *Little Beach* by SLSA. (Both sources record *Jiguma Beach* as a variant name.) Interestingly, the supplementary sources support the SLSA version of the beach names, with one exception: Bega Valley Shire Council gives *Lions Beach* for the beach named as *Pambula Beach* by the GNB and as *Little Beach* in the SLSA list.

## 4.0 SOURCES

### 4.1 Column 1: Placenames Jurisdictions

GNB —Geographical Names Board: NSW Department of Finance, Services & Innovation  
[www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place\\_naming/placename\\_search](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming/placename_search)

ACT —ACT Placenames Committee: Environment, Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate

[www.planning.act.gov.au/tools\\_resources/place-names/place\\_search](http://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/place-names/place_search)

—Gazetteer of Australia: Geoscience Australia

[www.ga.gov.au/placename](http://www.ga.gov.au/placename)

MGA —Maritime Gazetteer of Australia: Australian Hydrographic Office, Department of Defence

[www.hydro.gov.au/webapps/jsp/mga/mga-search.jsp](http://www.hydro.gov.au/webapps/jsp/mga/mga-search.jsp)

### 4.2 Column 2: National Beach Data

SLSA —Surf Life Saving Australia: *Beachsafe* website  
[beachsafe.org.au/](http://beachsafe.org.au/)

Oz — Geoscience Australia: *OzCoasts - Australian Online Coastal Information*  
[www.ozcoasts.gov.au/search\\_data/beach\\_search.jsp](http://www.ozcoasts.gov.au/search_data/beach_search.jsp)

### 4.3 Column 3: Parks & Environment Agencies

OEH (a) —NSW Office of Environment & Heritage: *Beachwatch* data [SLSA Codes 402s-684]  
[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/)

NPWS (b) —NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service [SLSA Codes 482-709]  
[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/search?SortColumn=popularity&View=list&Categories=&Extent=In&Near=South+Coast&OldNear=&During=Anytime&From=&To=&categories=469](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/search?SortColumn=popularity&View=list&Categories=&Extent=In&Near=South+Coast&OldNear=&During=Anytime&From=&To=&categories=469)

Parks Australia (c) —Australian Government, Department of the Environment & Energy  
*Booderee National Park* [SLSA Codes 434-449]  
[parksaustralia.gov.au/booderee/do/beaches/](http://parksaustralia.gov.au/booderee/do/beaches/)

Destination NSW (d) —NSW Government agency: *VisitNSW* website  
[www.visitnsw.com/destinations/south-coast](http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/south-coast)

#### 4.4 Column 4: Local Government Areas Data

- Shoalhaven City Council [SLSA Codes 401-511]  
— Beaches (e)  
[www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Shoalhaven/Beaches](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Shoalhaven/Beaches)  
— Shoalhaven Tourism (f):  
[100beachchallenge.com](http://100beachchallenge.com)
- Eurobodalla Shire Council [SLSA Codes 512-620]  
[www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/for-pet-owners/dogs-on-beaches](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/for-pet-owners/dogs-on-beaches)
- Bega Valley Shire Council [SLSA Codes 621a-721]  
— Beaches & Lifeguard Service (g)  
[www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp\\_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-AXF-48-32-14](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-AXF-48-32-14)  
— Sapphire Coast Tourism (h)  
[www.sapphirecoast.com.au/activities/beach-life/](http://www.sapphirecoast.com.au/activities/beach-life/)

#### 4.5 Mapping

##### *NSW Spatial Services 1:25000 GeoPDF Topographic Maps*

9028-2S Crookhaven:	401 [Comerong Island] – 403 Warrain
9027-1N Currarong:	403 Warrain – 420 [Hare Bay]
9027-4N Huskisson:	422 Callala – 433 Hyams
9027-4S Sussex Inlet:	434 Captains – 461 [Red Head]
9027-3N Cunjurong Point	462 Inyadda – 465 Conjola
8927-2N Milton:	465 Conjola – 474 Rennies
8927-2S Tabourie:	475 Racecourse – 485 North
8926-1N Kioloa:	486 Bawley – 508 Pebbly
8926-1S Durras	509 Depot – 524 [Acheron Ledge]
8926_4S Nelligen	526 [Chain Bay] – 535 [Sunshine Bay]
8926-3N Mogo	536 Denhams – 562 Bengello
8926-3S Moruya	562 Bengello – 573 [Mullimburra Point]
8925-4N Bodalla:	577 Meringo – 590A Brou
8925-4S Narooma:	590A Brou – 604 Handkerchief
8925-3N Central Tilba:	605 Barunga Point – 618 Wallaga
8925-3S Bermagui:	620 Haywards – 633 Cuttagee
8924-4N Murrah:	637 Murrah – 645 Picnic
8824-1S Bega:	650 Penders – 661 [Boulder Bay]
8824-2N Wolumla:	662 [Games Bay] – 668 Short Point
8824-2S Pambula:	668 Short Point – 678 Pinnacles
8823-1N Eden:	678 Pinnacles – 704 [Leather Jacket Bay]
8823-1S Kiah:	704 [Leather Jacket Bay] – 710 [Disaster Bay]
8823-2N Narrabarba:	711 Wonboyn – 716 Newtons
8823-2S Nadgee:	718 Nadgee – 721 [Cape Howe]

##### *NSW Spatial Services SIX Maps Online mapping*

[maps.six.nsw.gov.au](http://maps.six.nsw.gov.au)

## 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.
CAPE	A piece of land jutting into the sea; a projecting headland or promontory.
CAVE	A hollowed-out chamber in the earth, especially a natural cavity with an opening to the surface.
CLIFF	A perpendicular or steep face of rock considerable in height, either inland or along the coast.
COVE	A small indentation in a coast, usually sheltered.
CREEK	A natural watercourse that is usually a tributary of a river or another creek. It may be perennial or non-perennial and in some areas its course may become indefinite or even peter out.
DUNES	Mounds or ridges of sand formed, either in a desert or along the sea coast, through transportation by the wind.
GAP	A low point or opening between hills or mountains or in a ridge or mountain range.
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.
HILLOCK	A small hill or mound.
INLET	A narrow indentation in the coastline or in the lake or river by which the water penetrates into the land
ISLAND	A piece of land usually completely surrounded by water.
ISLET	A comparatively small insular landmass. Smaller than an Island but larger than a Cay.

LAGOON	An enclosed area of water separated from the open sea or from a stream by some more or less effective, but not complete, obstacle such as low sandbanks.
LAKE	An extensive sheet of fresh or saltwater, natural or artificial, enclosed or nearly enclosed by land. It may or may not have in and out-flowing water, and in dry areas may even dry up at times.
LOCALITY	A bounded area within the landscape that has a 'Rural' character.
POINT	A location, spot, or position. Point of land. A small Promontory.
REEF	A ridge of rocks or coral lying near the surface of the sea, which may be visible at low tide, but is usually covered by water.
RIVER	A major natural stream in a large catchment basin, carrying water to another river, a lake or the sea. Usually perennial, but not necessarily so in arid areas.
ROADSTEAD	An open anchorage for ships, which may be sufficiently sheltered to give protection from seas, usually by reefs, sandbanks, or islands.
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.
SANDBAR	A ridge of sand in a river or sea, built up by the action of tides, currents, etc, and often exposed at low tide.
SPLIT	A small bank of low land projecting into the sea from the shore. [ANPS Features Glossary]
SUBURB	A bounded area within the landscape that has an 'Urban' character.
SURF BREAK	A permanent obstruction such as a reef, bombora, rock or sandbar which causes waves to break thus making conditions conducive to surfing.
VILLAGE	A cohesive populated place in a rural landscape, which may provide a limited range of services to the local area. Residential subdivisions are in urban lot sizes.





Unnamed beach east of Mowarry Point, SL5A706 (*photo*: David Dudley)