

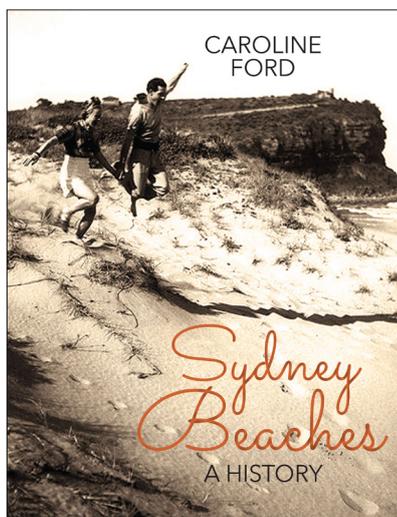


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Shark attacks and sewage slicks, lifesavers and surfers, amusement parks and beach camps – the beach is Sydney’s most iconic landscape feature.

From Palm Beach in the north to Cronulla in the south, Sydney’s coastline teems with life. People from around the city escape to the beaches to swim, surf, play and lie in the sun. *Sydney Beaches* tells the story of how Sydneysiders developed their love of the beach, from 19th century picnickers to the surfing and sun-baking pioneers a century later.

But Sydney’s beaches have another history, one that is lesser known and more intriguing. Our world-famous beach culture only exists because the first beachgoers demanded important rights. This book is also the story of these battles for the beach.

Accompanied by vibrant images of Sydney’s seashore, this expansive and delightful book is the story of how a city developed a relationship with its ocean coast, and how a nation created a culture.

About the Author

Caroline Ford has been researching and writing about the history of Australian beaches for over ten years. She has worked as a research historian for Surf Life Saving Australia and as a cultural heritage researcher for the NSW Government. Caroline is an Honorary Associate at the University of Sydney’s Department of History.

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