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The terminology used in this report is that accepted by  
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A U S T R A L I A.

CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIESWATHEROO MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY P.M. McGregor, Observer-in-Charge.

Geographic Latitude 30°19'S Longitude 115°53'E  
 Geomagnetic Latitude -41.8° Longitude 185.6°

Instruments

Magnetic Equipment - Askania pattern Magnetometer No.508810.  
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.120.  
 Askania Earth Inductor No.5111079.  
 Eschenhagen pattern D,H,Z, recording  
 variometers, normal sensitivity,  
 20mm/hour recorder.  
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording  
 variometers, normal sensitivity,  
 quick run (180mm/hour) recorder.  
 Askania Eschenhagen type H variometer  
 with visual recorder 20mm/hour.

Hourly values of ionospheric characteristics and other ionospheric data for Watheroo are included in a separate publication.

GNANGARA MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY P.M. McGregor, Observer-in-Charge.

Geographic Latitude 31°47'S Longitude 115°57'E  
 Geomagnetic Latitude -43.2° Longitude 185.8°

Instruments

Magnetic Equipment - Magnetometer D.T.M. C.I.W. No.7.  
 La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.291,292,293.  
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.120.  
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording  
 variometers, normal sensitivity,  
 15mm/hour recorder.

TOOLANGI MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY C.A. van der Waal, Observer-in-Charge.

Geographic Latitude 37°32'S Longitude 145°28'E  
 Geomagnetic Latitude -46.7° Longitude 220.8°

Instruments

Ruska pattern Magnetometer No.4813.  
 La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.288,289,290.  
 Schulze Earth Inductor No.49.  
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.119.  
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, normal sensitivity  
 15mm/hour recorder.

CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIES

MACQUARIE ISLAND MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY A. Turpie,  
Observer-in-Charge

Geographic Latitude  $54^{\circ}30'S$  Longitude  $158^{\circ}57'E$   
Geomagnetic Latitude  $-61^{\circ}$  Longitude  $243^{\circ}$

Instruments

La Cour pattern QHMs Nos. 177, 178, 179.  
La Cour pattern BMZ No. 64.  
Kew pattern Magnetometer No. 158.  
La Cour pattern D, H, Z, recording variometers, low sensitivity  
15mm/hour recorder.

MAWSON MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY B.G. Cook, Observer-in-Charge

Geographic Latitude  $67^{\circ}35.7'S$  Longitude  $62^{\circ}54.0'E$   
Geomagnetic Latitude  $-73.1^{\circ}$  Longitude  $103.4^{\circ}$

Instruments

La Cour pattern QHMs Nos. 300, 301, 302.  
La Cour pattern BMZ No. 62.  
La Cour pattern D, H, Z, recording variometers, low sensitivity  
15mm/hour recorder.

CORRIGENDUM

Pages 2 and 3 of the February Report, and the inside front cover and pages 2 and 3 of the April Report should read like those in the March Report.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JULY - WATHEROO

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 350 gammas

| <u>Day</u> | <u>K-Indices</u> |       |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-Sum</u> |
|------------|------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 1          | 4                | 3     | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 20           |
| 2          | 1                | 2     | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13           |
| 3          | 2                | 2     | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18           |
| 4          | 1                | 4     | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 26           |
| 5          | 2                | 3     | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 21           |
| 6          | 2                | 2     | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 09           |
| 7          | 1                | 1     | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 17           |
| 8          | 2                | 2     | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 49           |
| 9          | 3                | 3     | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 29           |
| 10         | 2                | 3     | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 19           |
| 11         | 3                | 3     | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24           |
| 12         | 4                | 3     | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 26           |
| 13         | 2                | 3     | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20           |
| 14         | 2                | 3     | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 18           |
| 15         | 1                | (0 1) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 08           |
| 16         | 1                | 2     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11           |
| 17         | 4                | 4     | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19           |
| 18         | 3                | 3     | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 28           |
| 19         | 3                | 2     | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 25           |
| 20         | 4                | 4     | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 24           |
| 21         | 3                | 3     | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 28           |
| 22         | 3                | 3     | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 20           |
| 23         | 3                | 2     | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10           |
| 24         | 2                | 1     | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 16           |
| 25         | 2                | 2     | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 25           |
| 26         | 3                | 2     | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17           |
| 27         | 2                | 4     | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 28           |
| 28         | 3                | 3     | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13           |
| 29         | 3                | 2     | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13           |
| 30         | 2                | 3     | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16           |
| 31         | 1                | 3     | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 18           |

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JULY

WATHEROO - Declination 2°41. '0 west  
 Horizontal Intensity 24879 gamma  
 Vertical Intensity -52293 gamma

SOLAR FLARE EFFECT

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Began</u><br>h m | <u>K</u> <u>K'</u> |                                          |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 29         | 03 02               | 3 2                | Confirmed by ionospheric<br>observations |

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JULY - TOOLANGI

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 500 gammas

| <u>Day</u> | <u>K-Indices</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-Sum</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 1          | 4                | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 22           |
| 2          | 3                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16           |
| 3          | 3                | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 21           |
| 4          | 2                | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 25           |
| 5          | 3                | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 21           |
| 6          | 2                | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16           |
| 7          | 2                | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 20           |
| 8          | 2                | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 51           |
| 9          | 5                | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 36           |
| 10         | 5                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 23           |
| 11         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24           |
| 12         | 3                | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 24           |
| 13         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 18           |
| 14         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 20           |
| 15         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14           |
| 16         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14           |
| 17         | 4                | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 18           |
| 18         | 4                | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 29           |
| 19         | 3                | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 28           |
| 20         | 3                | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 24           |
| 21         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 26           |
| 22         | 4                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 23           |
| 23         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11           |
| 24         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 20           |
| 25         | 3                | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 27           |
| 26         | 4                | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 21           |
| 27         | 3                | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 31           |
| 28         | 3                | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 16           |
| 29         | 2                | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 14           |
| 30         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14           |
| 31         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 17           |

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JULY

|                 |                      |                 |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <u>TOOLANGI</u> | - Declination        | 10° 10. '6 east |
|                 | Horizontal Intensity | 22686 gamma     |
|                 | Vertical Intensity   | -56436 gamma    |

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JULY - MACQUARIE ISLAND

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1500 gammas

| <u>Day</u> | <u>K-Indices</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-Sum</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 1          | 3                | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 27           |
| 2          | 1                | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12           |
| 3          | 2                | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 21           |
| 4          | 1                | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 27           |
| 5          | 2                | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 20           |
| 6          | 2                | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 09           |
| 7          | 0                | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16           |
| 8          | 3                | 3 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 52           |
| 9          | 5                | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 43           |
| 10         | 3                | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 27           |
| 11         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | - | -            |
| 12         | 3                | - | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | -            |
| 13         | 2                | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 20           |
| 14         | 2                | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 22           |
| 15         | 1                | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16           |
| 16         | 1                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 17           |
| 17         | 3                | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16           |
| 18         | 3                | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 33           |
| 19         | 3                | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 30           |
| 20         | 3                | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 32           |
| 21         | 2                | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 35           |
| 22         | 3                | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 24           |
| 23         | 1                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 09           |
| 24         | 2                | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 19           |
| 25         | 1                | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 33           |
| 26         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 24           |
| 27         | 1                | 4 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 38           |
| 28         | 3                | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10           |
| 29         | 1                | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 07           |
| 30         | 1                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 13           |
| 31         | 1                | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 25           |

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JULY

MACQUARIE ISLAND - Declination  
Horizontal Intensity  
Vertical Intensity

) Will be published  
) when available.



MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JULY - MAWSON

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1500 gammas

| <u>Day</u> | <u>K-Indices</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-Sum</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 1          | 6                | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 33           |
| 2          | 2                | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 24           |
| 3          | 5                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 28           |
| 4          | 3                | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 38           |
| 5          | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 26           |
| 6          | 5                | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17           |
| 7          | 2                | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 32           |
| 8          | 6                | 7 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 61           |
| 9          | 7                | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 45           |
| 10         | 8                | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 37           |
| 11         | 6                | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 33           |
| 12         | 4                | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 35           |
| 13         | 3                | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 32           |
| 14         | 4                | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 33           |
| 15         | 5                | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 27           |
| 16         | 5                | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 28           |
| 17         | 4                | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 28           |
| 18         | 5                | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 42           |
| 19         | 5                | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 38           |
| 20         | 6                | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 37           |
| 21         | 4                | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 41           |
| 22         | 5                | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 28           |
| 23         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 19           |
| 24         | 6                | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 30           |
| 25         | 3                | 3 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 39           |
| 26         | 5                | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 32           |
| 27         | 5                | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 38           |
| 28         | 6                | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17           |
| 29         | 1                | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10           |
| 30         | 4                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 27           |
| 31         | 4                | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 32           |

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JULY

|                             |   |                                      |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <u>MAWSON</u> - Declination | } | Will be published<br>when available. |
| Horizontal Intensity        |   |                                      |
| Vertical Intensity          |   |                                      |

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT WATHEROO DURING JULY

| <u>Began at</u><br><u>d h m</u> | <u>Ended at</u><br><u>d h</u> | <u>Intensity</u> | <u>Maximum</u><br><u>K-Index</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 08 07 48                        | 09 17                         | s                | 9                                |
| 21 16 37                        | 22 14                         | ms               | 6                                |

SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AND OTHER PHENOMENA AT WATHEROO DURING JULY

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u><br><u>h m</u> | <u>Type</u>      |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 08         | 07 48                     | ssc <sup>x</sup> |
| 13         | 22 10                     | si               |
| 19         | 19 55                     | bp               |
| 21         | 16 37                     | ssc <sup>x</sup> |
| 28         | 23 48                     | si               |
| 29         | 01 05                     | si               |

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT TOOLANGI DURING JULY

| <u>Began at</u><br><u>d h m</u> | <u>Ended at</u><br><u>d h</u> | <u>Intensity</u> | <u>Maximum</u><br><u>K-Index</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 08 07 49                        | 10 14                         | s                | 9                                |
| 21 16 37                        | 22 16                         | m                | 5                                |

SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AND OTHER PHENOMENA AT TOOLANGI DURING JULY

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u><br><u>h m</u> | <u>Type</u>      |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 08         | 07 49                     | ssc <sup>x</sup> |
| 13         | 22 09                     | si               |
| 19         | 06 55                     | b                |
| 21         | 16 37                     | ssc <sup>x</sup> |
| 27         | 07 41                     | bs               |
| 28         | 05 51                     | si               |
| 28         | 05 56                     | si               |
| 31         | 15 31                     | si               |