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# CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIES

| OBSERVATORY     | OBSERVER<br>IN CHARGE | GEOGRAPHIC |          | GEOMAGNETIC |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------|
|                 |                       | LAT        | LONG     | LAT         | LONG  |
| PORT MORESBY    | I.D. Ripper           | 9 25'S     | 147 09'E | -18.6       | 217.9 |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | J.M. Millican         | 20 05'S    | 146 15'E | -29.3       | 218.4 |
| GNANGARA        | P.J. Gregson          | 31 47'S    | 115 57'E | -43.3       | 185.8 |
| CANBERRA        | P.A. Hopgood          | 35 19'S    | 149 22'E | -44.0       | 224.7 |
| MACQUARIE I     | W.P. Barnaart         | 54 30'S    | 158 57'E | -61.1       | 243.1 |
| MAWSON          | P.J. Kelsey           | 67 36'S    | 62 53'E  | -73.1       | 102.9 |
| DAVIS           | R. Morris             | 68 35'S    | 77 58'E  | -76.7       | 119.9 |
| CASEY           | J. Smart              | 66 17'S    | 110 32'E | -77.8       | 179.1 |

## MAGNETOGRAPHS

| OBSERVATORY     | CODE | TYPE                                   | ELEMENT/SCALE-VALUE |      |      |
|-----------------|------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|
| PORT MORESBY    | PMG  | La Cour (A)                            | H/3                 | D/5  | Z/4  |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | CTA  | EDA/ELSEC digital (D1/1)               |                     |      |      |
| GNANGARA        | GNA  | Eschenhagen (A)                        | H/3                 | D/7  | Z/6  |
| CANBERRA        | CNB  | Elsec digital (D1/0.1)                 |                     |      |      |
| MACQUARIE I     | MCQ  | Photo-electronic magnetometer (D1/0.1) |                     |      |      |
| MAWSON          | MAW  | La Cour (A)                            | H/21                | D/13 | Z/22 |

Scale values are in nT/mm

A = analogue, 20 mm/hr

D1/0.1,1 = digital/1 min readings/0.1 or 1 nT resolution

## MAGNETOMETERS

Absolute data are based on observations made with QHM's BMZ's, fluxgate-theodolites, declinometers and proton precession magnetometers.

Errors in preliminary values obtained from magnetograms are not likely to exceed 5 nT or 0.5 minutes.

# PORT MORESBY

## MAGNETIC K-INDICES - JULY 1985

Range for lower limit of K = 9 is 300 nT.

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>K-INDICES</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-SUM</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 01         | 4                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 21           |
| 02         | 1                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10           |
| 03         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 18           |
| 04         | 3                | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 28           |
| 05         | 3                | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 24           |
| 06         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24           |
| 07         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 24           |
| 08         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22           |
| 09         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 14           |
| 10         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 14           |
| 11         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 19           |
| 12         | 3                | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 26           |
| 13         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 28           |
| 14         | 3                | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 23           |
| 15         | 2                | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 17           |
| 16         | 1                | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 09           |
| 17         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 24           |
| 18         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 15           |
| 19         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 16           |
| 20         | 1                | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 15           |
| 21         | 2                | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13           |
| 22         | 2                | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 14           |
| 23         | 3                | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 23           |
| 24         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 20           |
| 25         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 19           |
| 26         | 2                | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22           |
| 27         | 3                | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 23           |
| 28         | 3                | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18           |
| 29         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 14           |
| 30         | 2                | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 20           |
| 31         | 2                | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 29           |

Mean of K-Sum is 19.5

### Frequency of K-indices

|     |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 1 | 44 | 84 | 89 | 23 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# GNANGARA

## MAGNETIC K-INDICES - JULY 1985

Range for lower limit of K = 9 is 450 nT.

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>K-INDICES</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-SUM</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 01         | 4                | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 19           |
| 02         | 1                | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 03           |
| 03         | 0                | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 07           |
| 04         | 3                | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 28           |
| 05         | 2                | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22           |
| 06         | 3                | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 27           |
| 07         | 3                | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 25           |
| 08         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 22           |
| 09         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 14           |
| 10         | 1                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 13           |
| 11         | 1                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 16           |
| 12         | 4                | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 30           |
| 13         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 26           |
| 14         | 2                | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 19           |
| 15         | 1                | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12           |
| 16         | 0                | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 04           |
| 17         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22           |
| 18         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19           |
| 19         | 2                | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14           |
| 20         | 0                | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 09           |
| 21         | 0                | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 02           |
| 22         | 1                | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 06           |
| 23         | 0                | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13           |
| 24         | 1                | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14           |
| 25         | 2                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 16           |
| 26         | 2                | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 19           |
| 27         | 3                | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 20           |
| 28         | 2                | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15           |
| 29         | 1                | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 06           |
| 30         | 1                | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15           |
| 31         | 1                | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 30           |

Mean of K-Sum is 16.3

### Frequency of K-indices

|     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 32 | 57 | 69 | 59 | 22 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# CANBERRA

## MAGNETIC K-INDICES - JULY 1985

Range for lower limit of K = 9. is 450 nT.

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>K-INDICES</u> |     |   |   |   |   |   |     | <u>K-SUM</u> |
|------------|------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--------------|
| 01         | 4                | 2   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1   | 16           |
| 02         | (1)              | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (0) | (02)         |
| 03         | 1                | 1   | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2   | 10           |
| 04         | 2                | 1   | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3   | 25           |
| 05         | 2                | 2   | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3   | 21           |
| 06         | 2                | 3   | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3   | 23           |
| 07         | 3                | 3   | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1   | 22           |
| 08         | 0                | 2   | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3   | 18           |
| 09         | 1                | 3   | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 09           |
| 10         | 1                | 1   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2   | 08           |
| 11         | 1                | 2   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2   | 14           |
| 12         | 2                | 3   | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2   | 26           |
| 13         | 1                | 1   | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3   | 21           |
| 14         | 2                | 3   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1   | 17           |
| 15         | 1                | 3   | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 10           |
| 16         | 0                | 0   | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0   | 02           |
| 17         | 2                | 2   | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1   | 19           |
| 18         | 3                | 2   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3   | 17           |
| 19         | 1                | 1   | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0   | 11           |
| 20         | 0                | 1   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0   | 08           |
| 21         | 0                | 1   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 03           |
| 22         | 0                | 0   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1   | 05           |
| 23         | 1                | 4   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2   | 17           |
| 24         | 1                | 1   | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1   | 13           |
| 25         | 2                | 3   | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1   | 16           |
| 26         | 0                | 4   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2   | 16           |
| 27         | 2                | 2   | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1   | 16           |
| 28         | 2                | 2   | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2   | 16           |
| 29         | 0                | 1   | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0   | 05           |
| 30         | 1                | 2   | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1   | 14           |
| 31         | 0                | 2   | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4   | 26           |

Mean of K-Sum is 14.3

### Frequency of K-indices

|     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 42 | 69 | 64 | 48 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

MAWSON

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Range for lower limit of K = 9 is 1500 nT.

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>K-INDICES</u> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>K-SUM</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| 01         | 7                | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 33           |
| 02         | 3                | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 15           |
| 03         | 3                | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 21           |
| 04         | 6                | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 41           |
| 05         | 4                | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 37           |
| 06         | 4                | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 40           |
| 07         | 6                | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 37           |
| 08         | 3                | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 39           |
| 09         | 4                | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 29           |
| 10         | 4                | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 28           |
| 11         | 3                | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 31           |
| 12         | 6                | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 39           |
| 13         | 2                | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 38           |
| 14         | 5                | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 35           |
| 15         | 3                | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 26           |
| 16         | 3                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 18           |
| 17         | 4                | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 32           |
| 18         | 5                | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 35           |
| 19         | 4                | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 27           |
| 20         | 2                | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 24           |
| 21         | 4                | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 23           |
| 22         | 3                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 18           |
| 23         | 2                | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 32           |
| 24         | 4                | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 32           |
| 25         | 5                | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 33           |
| 26         | 5                | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 39           |
| 27         | 5                | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 37           |
| 28         | 5                | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 33           |
| 29         | 4                | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 22           |
| 30         | 3                | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 27           |
| 31         | 4                | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 39           |

Mean of K-Sum is 30.9

Frequency of K-indices

|     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|-----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| K : | 0 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 0 | 13 | 35 | 56 | 62 | 46 | 22 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

| OBSERVATORY     | COMMENCEMENT |    |     |      | SSC  | AMPLITUDES |       | MAX 3h K-INDEX |   | RANGES |       |       |    | UT END |  |
|-----------------|--------------|----|-----|------|------|------------|-------|----------------|---|--------|-------|-------|----|--------|--|
|                 | d            | h  | min | TYPE | D(') | H(nT)      | Z(nT) | d (3h-PERIOD)  | K | D(')   | H(nT) | Z(nT) | d  | h      |  |
| Port Moresby    | 12           | 00 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 12(7),13(4)    | 5 | 4      | 120   | 50    | 14 | 15     |  |
|                 | 22           | 19 | 48  | ssc  | 0    | +8         | +7    | 23(2)          | 5 | 4      | 90    | 30    | 24 | 00     |  |
|                 | 31           | 05 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 31(4)          | 4 | 4      | 120   | 50    | 01 | 00     |  |
| Charters Towers | 04           | 04 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 04(5)          | 6 | 11.4   | 83    | 27    | 04 | 24     |  |
| Towers          | 12           | 00 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 12(2,7),13(4)  | 5 | 6.3    | 104   | 33    | 14 | 12     |  |
|                 | 31           | 04 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 31(3,4,6)      | 5 | 9.6    | 94    | 37    | 01 | 06     |  |
| Gnangara        | NIL          |    |     |      |      |            |       |                |   |        |       |       |    |        |  |
| Canberra        | 04           | 06 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 04(5)          | 6 | 24.6   | 96    | 62    | 07 | 16     |  |
|                 | 12           | 03 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 12(7)          | 5 | 15.6   | 121   | 39    | 14 | 12     |  |
|                 | 31           | 04 | ..  | ...  | ..   | ..         | ..    | 31(4,6)        | 5 | 21.5   | 95    | 49    | 01 | 06     |  |

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PRELIMINARY MONTHLY MEAN VALUES

| OBSERVATORY     | H     | D          | Z      | F     |
|-----------------|-------|------------|--------|-------|
|                 | nT    | deg min    | nT     | nT    |
| PORT MORESBY    | 35932 | 06° 34.3'E | -23712 | 43051 |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | 31783 | 07° 43.2'E | -38273 | 49749 |
| GNANGARA        | 23247 | 03° 17.5'W | -53771 | 58724 |
| CANBERRA        | 23707 | 12° 20.8'E | -53726 | 58724 |
| MACQUARIE I     | 12619 | 29° 11 'E  | -63616 | 64856 |
| MAWSON          | 18457 | 63° 40.6'W | -46336 | 49877 |
| DAVIS           | 16635 | 76° 36 'W  | -52050 | 54644 |
| CASEY           | 9645  | 90° 57 'W  | -63964 | 64687 |

The values are derived from magnetograms for selected quiet days except at Davis and Casey where they are derived from semi-weekly absolute measurements.

SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AND OTHER RAPID VARIATIONS

| OBSERVATORY     | DAY | TYPE AND<br>QUALITY | TIME  | SENSE AND AMPLITUDE<br>OF CHIEF MOVEMENT |       |       |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                 |     |                     |       | H(nT)                                    | D(nT) | Z(nT) |
| PORT MORESBY    | 22  | ssc B               | 19 48 | +8                                       | 0     | +7    |
| CHARTERS TOWERS |     |                     | NIL   |                                          |       |       |
| GNANGARA        |     |                     | NIL   |                                          |       |       |
| CANBERRA        |     |                     | NIL   |                                          |       |       |

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