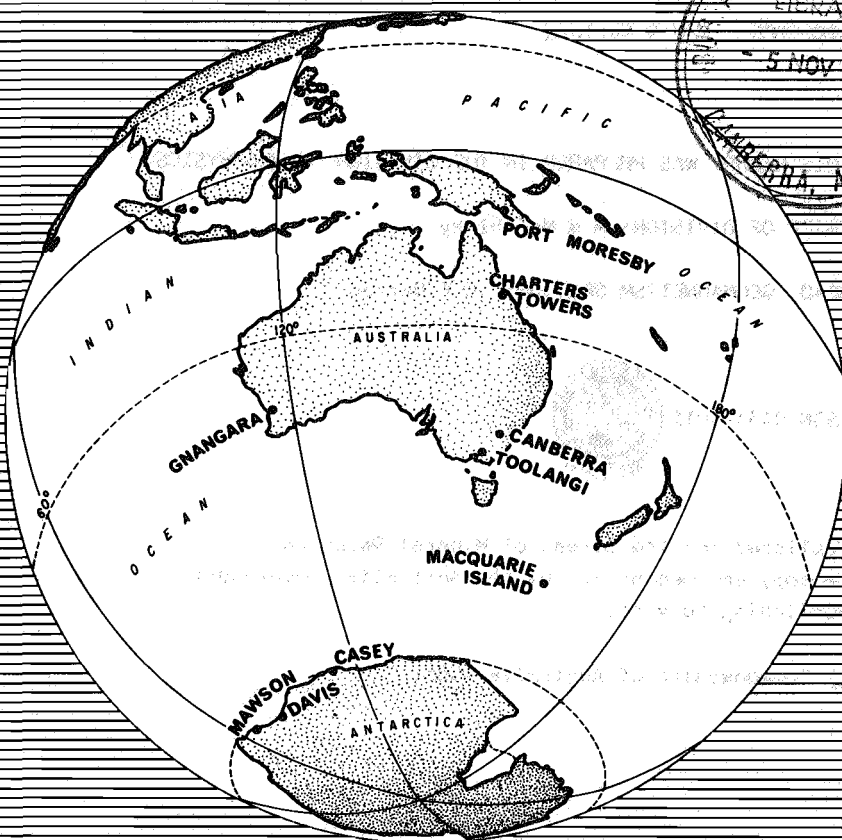
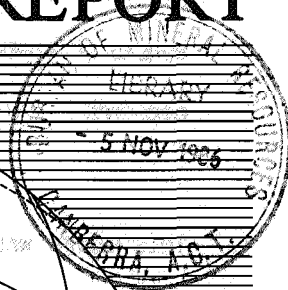




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The terminology used in this report is that accepted by IAGA. The units of field intensity, nanotesla (nT), are those of the SI system. All times are in Universal Time. Should further information be required, apply to:

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CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIES

OBSERVATORY	OBSERVER IN CHARGE	<u>GEOGRAPHIC</u>		<u>GEOMAGNETIC</u>	
		LAT	LONG	LAT	LONG
PORT MORESBY	I.D. Ripper	9 25'S	147 09'E	-18.2	219.6
CHARTERS TOWERS	J.M. Millican	20 05'S	146 15'E	-28.8	220.2
GNANGARA	P.J. Gregson	31 47'S	115 57'E	-42.9	187.8
CANBERRA	P.A. Hopgood	35 19'S	149 22'E	-43.5	226.4
MACQUARIE I	R. Lachal	54 30'S	158 57'E	-60.6	244.6
MAWSON	R. Hutchinson	67 36'S	62 53'E	-73.3	105.9
DAVIS	R.G. McLoughlin	68 35'S	77 58'E	-76.9	123.5
CASEY	B. Martin	66 17'S	110 32'E	-77.5	182.4

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	Photo-electronic magnetometer (D1/0.1)			

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.

NEW MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY AT LEARMONTH, NW AUSTRALIA

A new magnetic observatory is scheduled to come into operation in 1986 at Learmonth on North-West Cape, Western Australia, overlooking Exmouth Gulf. The geographic co-ordinates are latitude $22^{\circ}13'$ south, longitude $114^{\circ}6'$ east. The 3-letter code for the observatory is LRM.

The new observatory is a joint project between the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (BMR) of the Australian Department of Resources and Energy, and the Ionospheric Prediction Service (IPS) of the Australian Department of Science.

The observatory will be situated within the area of the Learmonth Solar Observatory which is jointly operated by the Australian Department of Science and the United States Air Force.

An EDA 3-axis fluxgate magnetometer will be used to measure variations in X, Y and Z which will be recorded digitally each minute. Absolute observations of D, I and F will be performed semi-weekly using a fluxgate theodolite and a proton precession magnetometer.

The data will be reduced by the BMR and published in the Geophysical Observatory Report.

PORT MORESBY

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - APRIL 1986

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

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

Mean of K-Sum is 14.7

Frequency of K-indices

K :	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-
f :	1	92	104	32	10	1	0	0	0	0	0

GNANGARA

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - APRIL 1986

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

<u>DAY</u>	<u>K-INDICES</u>								<u>K-SUM</u>
01	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	10
02	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	10
03	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	19
04	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	03
05	1	2	1	1	0	2	3	3	13
06	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	08
07	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	11
08	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	12
09	2	1	1	2	4	3	4	3	20
10	4	3	3	3	4	5	2	0	24
11	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	07
12	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	17
13	2	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	13
14	0	0	1	3	2	2	1	1	10
15	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	10
16	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	14
17	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	11
18	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	10
19	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	15
20	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	07
21	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	09
22	1	2	2	3	1	-	2	1	--
23	1	1	2	0	0	1	3	2	10
24	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	11
25	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	06
26	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	05
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
28	2	2	3	2	0	0	1	0	10
29	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	0	14
30	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	08

Mean of K-Sum is 10.9

Frequency of K-indices

K :	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-
f :	46	95	66	27	4	1	0	0	0	0	1

CANBERRA

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - APRIL 1986

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

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

Mean of K-Sum is 9.8

Frequency of K-indices

K :	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-
f :	61	99	49	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

MAWSON

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - APRIL 1986

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

<u>DAY</u>	<u>K-INDICES</u>								<u>K-SUM</u>
01	4	3	3	3	2	2	6	3	26
02	4	3	2	2	2	1	2	5	21
03	5	6	5	3	2	2	5	4	32
04	2	3	2	2	1	1	0	5	16
05	2	4	2	2	1	2	4	6	23
06	2	3	3	1	1	0	3	4	17
07	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	3	17
08	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	4	13
09	4	3	4	2	2	3	4	6	28
10	5	4	5	3	2	3	3	1	26
11	1	4	2	0	0	1	2	6	16
12	4	3	4	2	2	2	4	4	25
13	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	6	20
14	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	16
15	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	0	12
16	4	4	1	2	1	3	2	4	21
17	2	1	2	2	3	3	5	4	22
18	3	3	3	3	1	0	1	5	19
19	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	4	20
20	3	2	1	0	0	1	3	5	15
21	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	14
22	1	4	2	4	3	2	4	5	25
23	3	4	4	1	1	1	4	5	23
24	5	4	5	4	3	1	3	3	28
25	3	4	3	2	3	1	2	4	22
26	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	16
27	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	11
28	5	5	4	3	1	2	1	0	21
29	1	4	5	3	2	1	1	4	21
30	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	12

Mean of K-Sum is 19.9

Frequency of K-indices

K :	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-
f :	13	53	64	52	35	17	6	0	0	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				NIL										
Charters Towers				NIL										
Gnangara				NIL										
Canberra				NIL										

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PRELIMINARY MONTHLY MEAN VALUES

OBSERVATORY	H nT	D deg min	Z nT	F nT
PORT MORESBY	35931	06° 34.9'E	-23715	43052
CHARTERS TOWERS	31776	07° 44.4'E	-38273	49745
GNANGARA	23235	03° 15.7'W	-53788	58592
CANBERRA	23696	12° 22.6'E	-53716	58711
MACQUARIE I	12609	29° 20 'E	-63589	64827
MAWSON	18459	63° 47.0'W	-46293	49837
DAVIS	16626	76° 52 'W	-52235	54817
CASEY	9602	90° 57 'W	-64082	64797

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 QUALITY	TIME	SENSE AND AMPLITUDE OF CHIEF MOVEMENT		
				H(nT)	D(nT)	Z(nT)
PORT MORESBY		NIL				
CHARTERS TOWERS	15	ssc B	0437	+15	+5	-2
	19	ssc B	1249	+10	-8	-
GNANGARA		NIL				
CANBERRA	19	ssc B	1249	+15	-12	+5

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