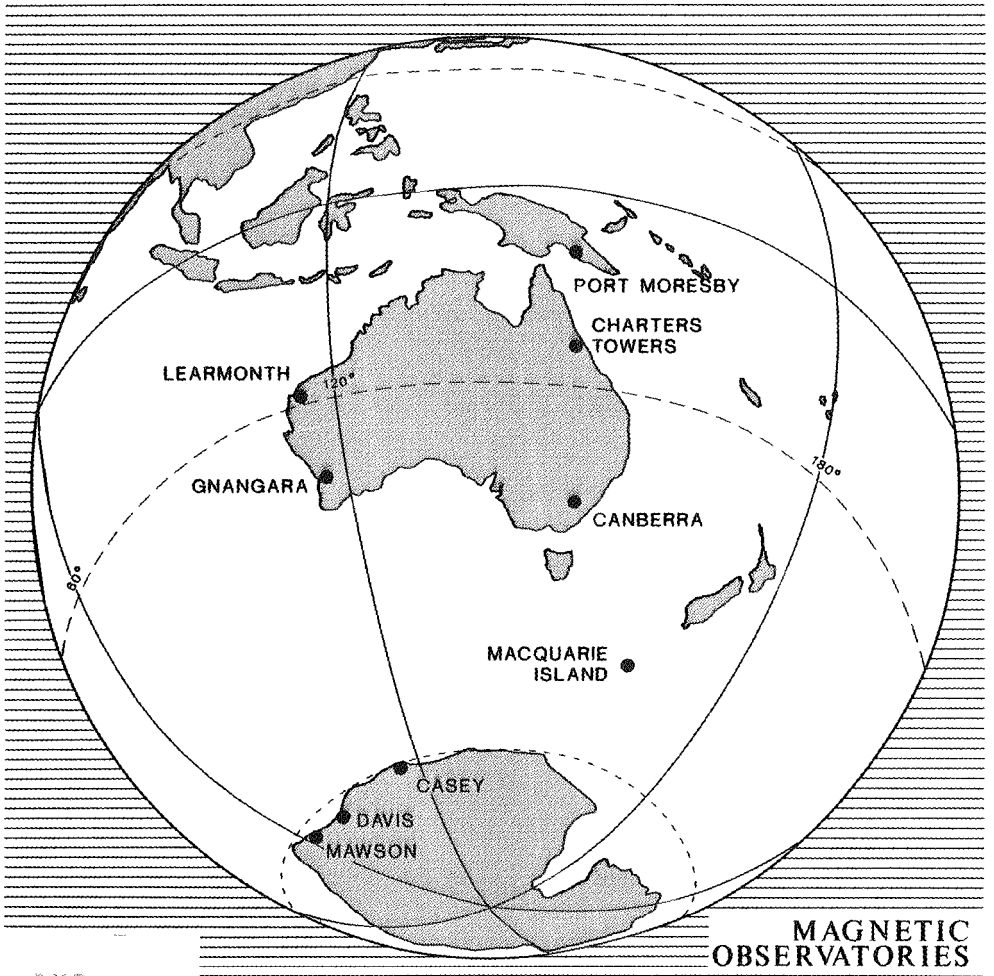


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### CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIES

| OBSERVATORY     | OBSERVER<br>IN CHARGE | GEOGRAPHIC |           | GEOMAGNETIC |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|
|                 |                       | LAT.       | LONG.     | LAT.        | LONG.  |
| PORT MORESBY    | I.D.Ripper            | 9° 25'S    | 147° 09'E | -18.1°      | 219.8° |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | J.M.Millican          | 20° 05'S   | 146° 15'E | -28.7°      | 220.3° |
| LEARMONTH       | M.W.McMullan          | 22° 13'S   | 114° 06'E | -33.2°      | 185.5° |
| GNANGARA        | P.J.Gregson           | 31° 47'S   | 115° 57'E | -42.7°      | 188.0° |
| CANBERRA        | P.A.Hopgood           | 35° 19'S   | 149° 22'E | -43.3°      | 226.6° |
| MACQUARIE IS.   | J.Rich                | 54° 30'S   | 158° 57'E | -60.4°      | 244.7° |
| MAWSON          | A.M.Lewis             | 67° 36'S   | 62° 53'E  | -73.2°      | 106.3° |
| DAVIS           | M.Hesse               | 68° 35'S   | 77° 58'E  | -76.8°      | 124.0° |
| CASEY           | H.Beggs               | 66° 17'S   | 110° 32'E | -77.3°      | 182.7° |

\* Geomagnetic co-ordinates based on the 1980 DGRF Geomagnetic North pole position of 78.8°N, 70.9°W

### MAGNETOGRAPHS

| OBSERVATORY     | CODE | MODEL (TYPE/RES.) | ELEMENT/SCALE-VALUE |     |     |  |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|--|
| PORT MORESBY    | PMG  | La Cour (A)       | H/3                 | D/5 | Z/4 |  |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | CTA  | EDA/Elsec (D/1)   | X                   | Y   | Z   |  |
| LEARMONTH       | LRM  | EDA/Elsec (D/1)   | X                   | Y   | Z   |  |
| GNANGARA        | GNA  | Eschenhagen(A)    | H/3                 | D/7 | Z/6 |  |
| CANBERRA        | CNB  | Elsec (D/.1)      | D                   | I   | F   |  |
| MACQUARIE IS.   | MCQ  | PEM (D/.1)        | X                   | Y   | Z   |  |
| MAWSON          | MAW  | PEM (D/.1)        | X                   | Y   | Z   |  |

A = analogue, 20mm/hr, scale values in nT/mm

D/1 = digital, 1 minute readings, 1 nT resolution

D/.1 = digital, 1 minute readings, 0.1 nT resolution

PEM = BMR Photo-electronic magnetograph

### MAGNETOMETERS

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

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

**PORT MORESBY**

**MAGNETIC K-INDICES - AUGUST 1990**

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 300nT

| DAY | K-INDICES |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | K-SUM |
|-----|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01  | 1         | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 25    |
| 02  | 3         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14    |
| 03  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 18    |
| 04  | 2         | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 09    |
| 05  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12    |
| 06  | 2         | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 15    |
| 07  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13    |
| 08  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11    |
| 09  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10    |
| 10  | 1         | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11    |
| 11  | 2         | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15    |
| 12  | 2         | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13    |
| 13  | 2         | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 22    |
| 14  | 2         | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 23    |
| 15  | 2         | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 23    |
| 16  | 3         | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22    |
| 17  | 3         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 22    |
| 18  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 15    |
| 19  | 4         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 20    |
| 20  | 3         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 20    |
| 21  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 25    |
| 22  | 4         | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 30    |
| 23  | 3         | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 35    |
| 24  | 4         | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 19    |
| 25  | 1         | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 08    |
| 26  | 1         | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 35    |
| 27  | 4         | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22    |
| 28  | 3         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14    |
| 29  | 2         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 17    |
| 30  | 2         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 28    |
| 31  | 4         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18    |

Mean of K-Sum is 18.8

**Frequency of K-Indices**

|     |   |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 4 | 62 | 86 | 55 | 24 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

GNANGARA

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - AUGUST 1990

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 450nT

| DAY | K-INDICES |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | K-SUM |
|-----|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01  | 1         | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 23    |
| 02  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 08    |
| 03  | 2         | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 18    |
| 04  | 2         | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 07    |
| 05  | 1         | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 06    |
| 06  | 1         | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10    |
| 07  | 3         | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14    |
| 08  | 3         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11    |
| 09  | 3         | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12    |
| 10  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13    |
| 11  | 3         | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 19    |
| 12  | 2         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14    |
| 13  | 3         | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 21    |
| 14  | 2         | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 23    |
| 15  | 3         | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 30    |
| 16  | 3         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 24    |
| 17  | 4         | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 25    |
| 18  | 3         | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17    |
| 19  | 4         | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 20    |
| 20  | 2         | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 21    |
| 21  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 23    |
| 22  | 4         | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 32    |
| 23  | 4         | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 33    |
| 24  | 3         | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 20    |
| 25  | 0         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 04    |
| 26  | 0         | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 31    |
| 27  | 5         | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18    |
| 28  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10    |
| 29  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 15    |
| 30  | 3         | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 27    |
| 31  | 4         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18    |

Mean of K-Sum is 18.3

Frequency of K-Indices

|     |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 18 | 60 | 68 | 57 | 29 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CANBERRA

MAGNETIC K-INDICES - AUGUST 1990

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 450nT

| DAY | K-INDICES |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | K-SUM |
|-----|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01  | 1         | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 23    |
| 02  | 2         | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 08    |
| 03  | 1         | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 14    |
| 04  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 07    |
| 05  | 0         | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 05    |
| 06  | 0         | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10    |
| 07  | 2         | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 09    |
| 08  | 2         | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 06    |
| 09  | 1         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 04    |
| 10  | 0         | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 05    |
| 11  | 1         | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14    |
| 12  | 1         | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 08    |
| 13  | 2         | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 22    |
| 14  | 1         | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 19    |
| 15  | 2         | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 22    |
| 16  | 2         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22    |
| 17  | 3         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 19    |
| 18  | 1         | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 11    |
| 19  | 2         | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 13    |
| 20  | 3         | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 21    |
| 21  | 1         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 23    |
| 22  | 2         | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 30    |
| 23  | 2         | 3 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 32    |
| 24  | 2         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 16    |
| 25  | 0         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 07    |
| 26  | 0         | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 30    |
| 27  | 3         | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17    |
| 28  | 2         | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 09    |
| 29  | 1         | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14    |
| 30  | 1         | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 21    |
| 31  | 4         | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18    |

Mean of K-Sum is 15.5

Frequency of K-Indices

|     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 37 | 78 | 50 | 46 | 26 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**MAWSON**

**MAGNETIC K-INDICES - AUGUST 1990**

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1500nT

| DAY | K-INDICES |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | K-SUM |
|-----|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01  | 3         | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 34    |
| 02  | 4         | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 24    |
| 03  | 4         | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 29    |
| 04  | 5         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 22    |
| 05  | 3         | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 20    |
| 06  | 5         | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 29    |
| 07  | 4         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 24    |
| 08  | 4         | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20    |
| 09  | 5         | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 19    |
| 10  | 1         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 17    |
| 11  | 6         | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 31    |
| 12  | 5         | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 28    |
| 13  | 3         | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 30    |
| 14  | 4         | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 37    |
| 15  | 3         | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 36    |
| 16  | 6         | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 40    |
| 17  | 4         | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 29    |
| 18  | 3         | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 29    |
| 19  | 6         | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 34    |
| 20  | 5         | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 37    |
| 21  | 4         | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 37    |
| 22  | 6         | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 40    |
| 23  | 5         | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 39    |
| 24  | 5         | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 35    |
| 25  | 3         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 25    |
| 26  | 3         | 4 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 41    |
| 27  | 5         | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22    |
| 28  | 3         | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15    |
| 29  | 2         | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 27    |
| 30  | 5         | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 39    |
| 31  | 6         | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 28    |

**Mean of K-Sum is 29.6**

**Frequency of K-Indices**

|     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| K : | 0 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 | - |
| f : | 1 | 22 | 32 | 60 | 55 | 48 | 20 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS - AUGUST 1990

| OBSERVATORY  | Commencement |      | SSC-amplitude |       |       | Max. 3hr K-index |   | Ranges |       |       | UT End |    |
|--------------|--------------|------|---------------|-------|-------|------------------|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|----|
|              | day hr min   | type | D(')          | H(nT) | Z(nT) | day (3hr-period) | K | D(')   | H(nT) | Z(nT) | day    | hr |
| Port Moresby | 01 07 40     | ssc  | +0.3          | +30   | +23   | 01(5)            | 3 | 7      | 70    | 50    | 02     | 10 |
|              | 13 01 ..     | ...  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 14(3,4);15(4,5)  | 5 | 7      | 140   | 60    | 16     | 16 |
|              | 21 04 ..     | ...  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 23(4)            | 6 | 8      | 190   | 80    | 24     | 18 |
|              | 26 05 42     | ssc  | +1.4          | +25   | +27   | 26(3)            | 7 | 8      | 280   | 120   | 28     | 15 |
| Gnangara     | 26 05 41     | ssc  | +5.6          | +24   | +29   | 26(5)            | 6 | 24     | 150   | 200   | 26     | 16 |
| Canberra     | 21 05 ..     | ...  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 23(4)            | 7 | 33.7   | 226   | 106   | 24     | 15 |
|              | 26 05 43     | ssc  | +3.1          | +42   | +2    | 26(3)            | 6 | 19.9   | 190   | 62    | 27     | 10 |

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PRELIMINARY MONTHLY MEAN VALUES

| OBSERVATORY     | H     | D   |         | Z      | F     |
|-----------------|-------|-----|---------|--------|-------|
|                 | nT    | deg | min     | nT     | nT    |
| PORT MORESBY    | 35915 | 06° | 36.1' E | -23708 | 43034 |
| CHARTERS TOWERS | 31739 | 07° | 47.1' E | -38257 | 49709 |
| LEARMONTH       | 29510 | 00° | 28.1' W | -44438 | 53344 |
| GNANGARA        | 23177 | 03° | 05.8' W | -53802 | 58582 |
| CANBERRA        | 23645 | 12° | 30.7' E | -53662 | 58640 |
| MACQUARIE IS.   | 12571 | 29° | 44.1' E | -63509 | 64742 |
| MAWSON          | 18486 | 64° | 23.1' W | -46005 | 49580 |
| DAVIS           | 16675 | 77° | 27.0' W | -51981 | 54590 |
| CASEY           | 9610  | 92° | 06.0' W | -63497 | 64220 |

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

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The mean values given for Learmonth prior to this issue have been based on historical baseline values. More up to date baselines have now become available and from this issue onward the data given for Learmonth will be based on these.

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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 | 01  | ssc B               | 0740 | +30                                      | +3    | +23   |
|              | 26  | ssc B               | 0542 | +25                                      | +14   | +27   |
| GNANGARA     | 26  | ssc B               | 0541 | +24                                      | +38   | +29   |
| CANBERRA     | 26  | ssc B               | 0543 | +42                                      | +21   | +2    |

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INTERNATIONAL QUIET AND DISTURBED DAYS

Quietest days (1- 5): 05 09 08 10 28  
Quietest days (6-10): 25 04 12 07 11  
Most Disturbed days : 23 26 22 21 30

