



Basic Climatological Station Metadata  
Current status

Metadata compiled: 26 JUL 2025

Station: KUNUNURRA AERO

Bureau of Meteorology station number: 002056  
Bureau of Meteorology district name: East Kimberley  
State: WA

World Meteorological Organization number: 94216  
Identification: YPKU

Network Classification: National Benchmark Network for Agrometeorology,  
Regional Basic Synoptic Network

Station purpose: Synoptic, Aeronautical  
Automatic Weather Station: Almos



Current Station Location				
Latitude	Decimal	-15.7814	Hour Min Sec	15°46'53"S
Longitude	Decimal	128.7100	Hour Min Sec	128°42'36"E
Station Height	44 m	Barometer Height	44.4 m	
Method of station geographic positioning			GPS	

Year opened: 1971  
Status: Open

Station summary

No summary for this site has been written as yet.

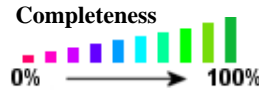
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## Observation summary

The table below indicates the approximate completeness of the record for individual element types within the Australian Data Archive for Meteorology. For elements not listed see the note below.



## DAILY DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
GROUND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	MAY 2008	NOV 2011	61.8	499	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	0
MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	95.8	533	2
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	2
MAXIMUM WIND GUST SPEED	FEB 1994	JUN 2025	91.9	622	10
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	10
WIND RUN ABOVE 10 FEET	MAY 2008	JUN 2025	96.1	243	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	0
WIND RUN BELOW 10 FEET	MAY 2008	MAR 2023	30.4	807	98
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	98
RAINFALL	DEC 1971	JUL 2025	93	N/A	N/A
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	N/A

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HOURLY DATA HOLDINGS - from 1 to 24 observations per day

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
AIR TEMPERATURE	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	96.0	11.7	371	1
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DEW POINT	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	94.3	11.7	425	7
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MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	95.7	11.7	401	1
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PRECIPITATION SINCE LAST OBS	SEP 1986	JUL 1999	20.7	2.0	2824	21
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SOIL TEMPERATURE - 10cm	MAY 2008	JUN 2025	35.5	7.6	75	129
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TOTAL CLOUD AMOUNT	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	77.7	3.7	2496	3
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WIND SPEED	MAR 1986	JUN 2025	96.0	11.7	369	1
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THERE ARE NO RAINFALL INTENSITY DATA HOLDINGS

ONE-MINUTE DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
ALL ELEMENTS	NOV 2010	JUL 2025	99.5	1433.4	N/A	0

HALF-HOURLY DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
ALL ELEMENTS	DEC 1993	JUL 2025	102.3	49.1	N/A	3

THERE ARE NO UPPER-AIR EDT DATA HOLDINGS

Holdings calculated up to 01 Jul 2025

The % complete figure is the completeness of observations averaged over all months of record, for the given station and observation type, taking gaps into account. For hourly holdings, the completeness is relative to the maximum number of daily observations for the site each month, and is therefore an estimate. For daily holdings, the completeness figure shown is exact.

The single days missed figure is the total number of days for which no observation was received, not including full missed months. The full months missed figure is the total of full month gaps over the period of record. Where an element is not included assumptions can generally be made about availability, and the list to use has been suggested below.

Unlisted element

- Minimum air temperature
- Wet bulb temperature
- Soil temperature at 20, 50 & 100cm
- Relative humidity
- Minimum temp. of water in evaporimeter
- Visual observations eg. weather, visibility
- Sea related observations

Listed element to use

- Maximum air temperature
- Dew point
- 10cm soil temperature
- Dew point
- Evaporimeter - max water temp
- Total cloud amount
- Sea state

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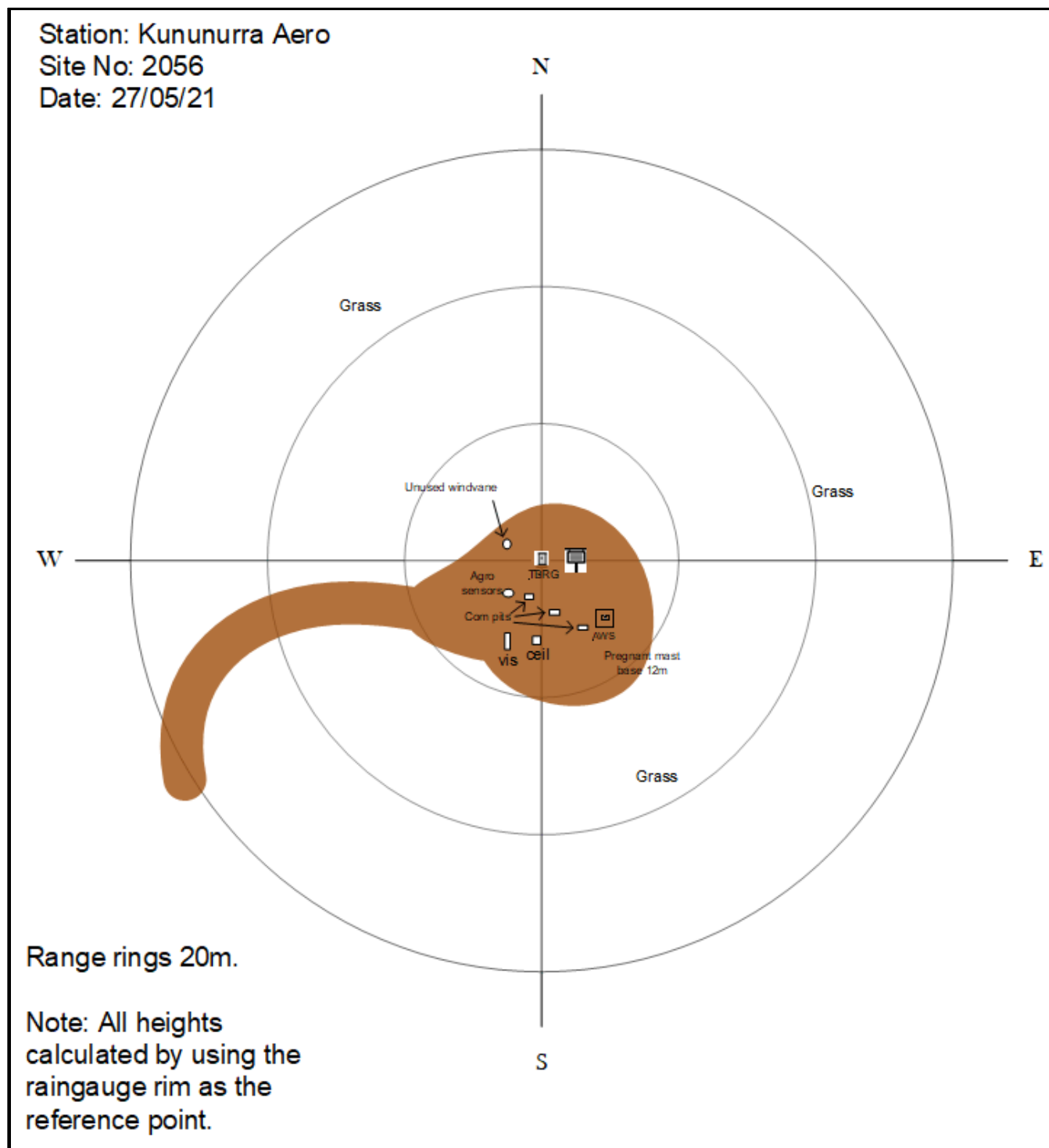
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### Instrument Location and Surrounding Features

27/05/2021(most recent)



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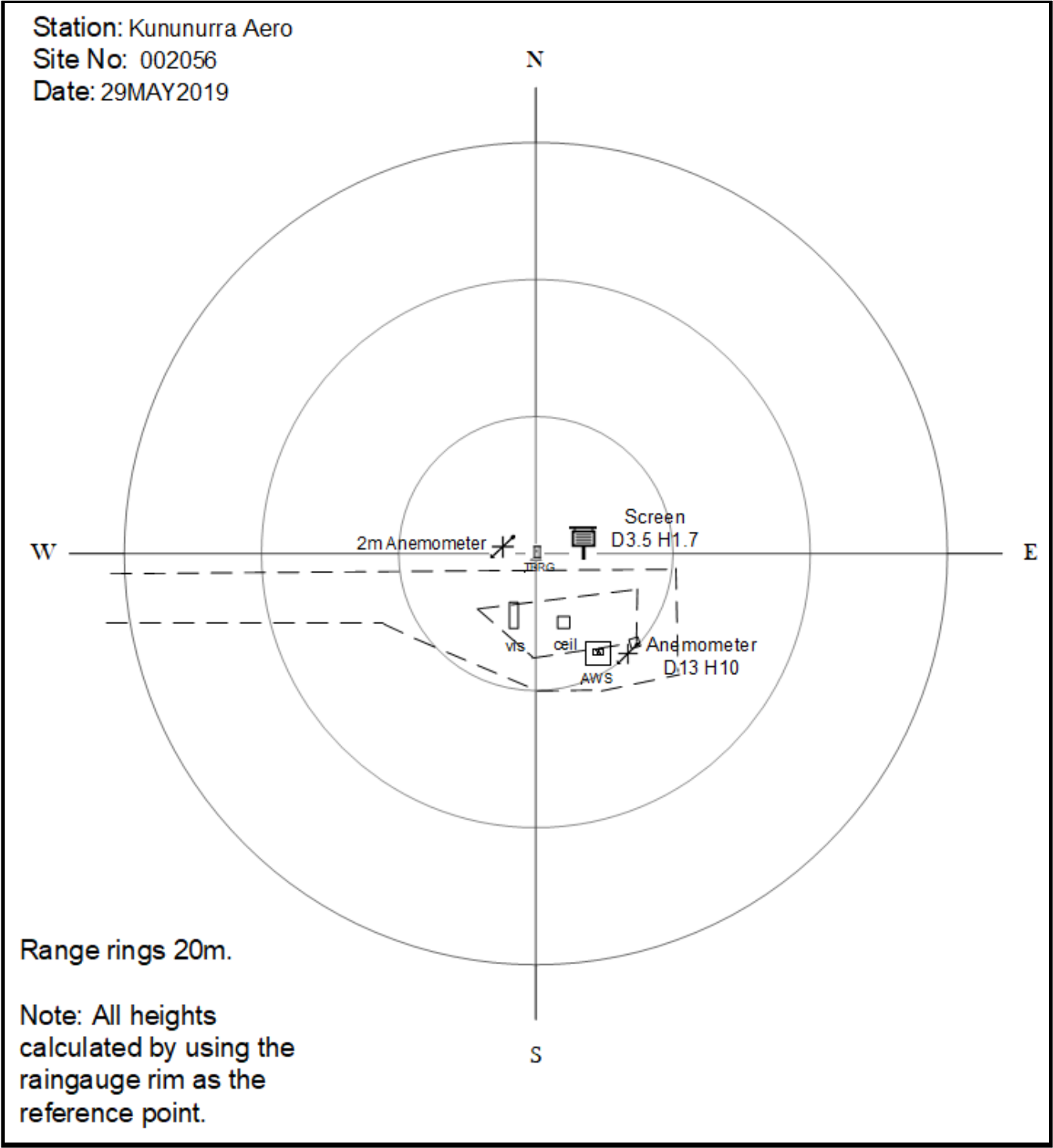
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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features  
29/05/2019



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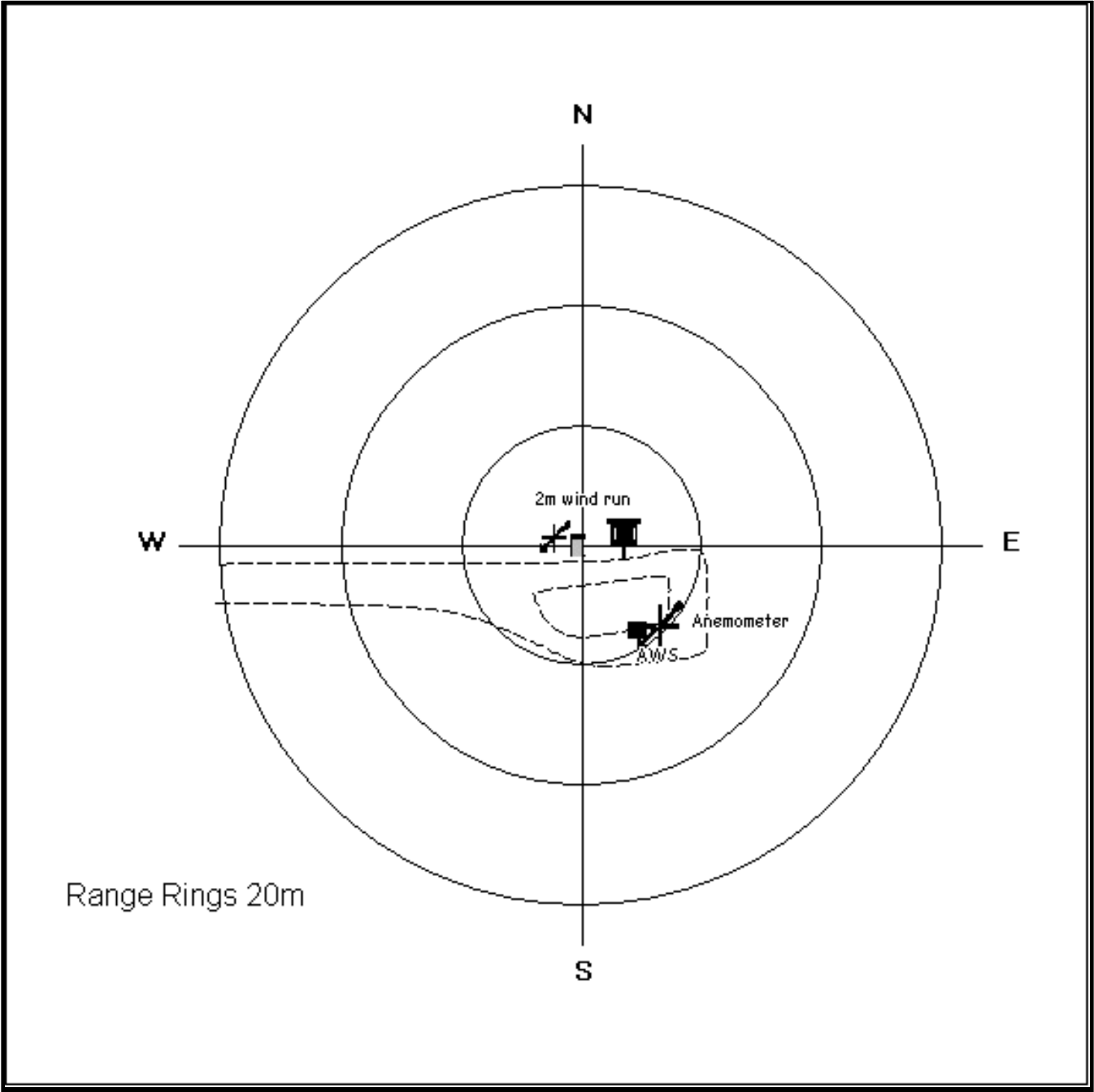
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22/06/2018



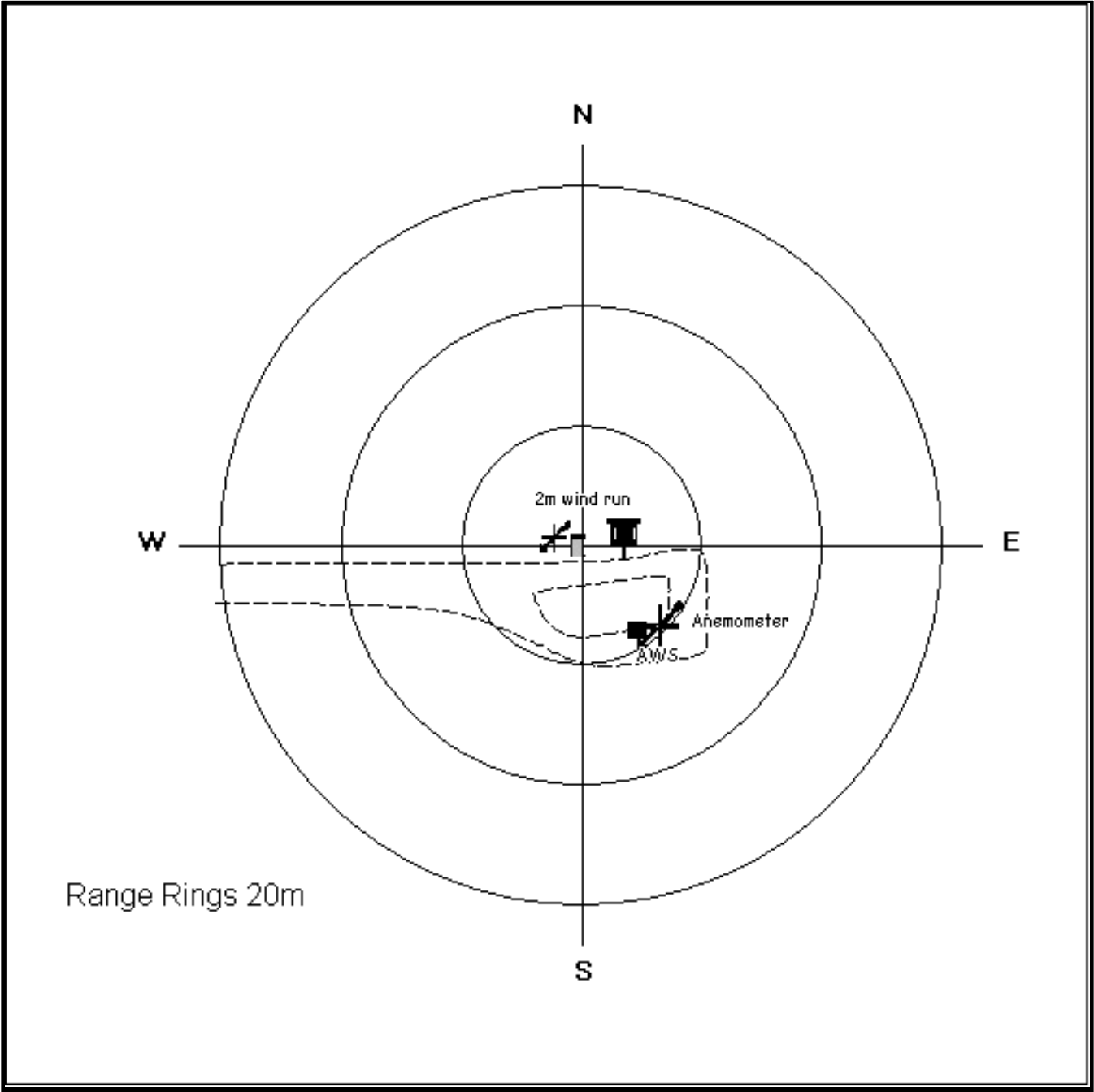
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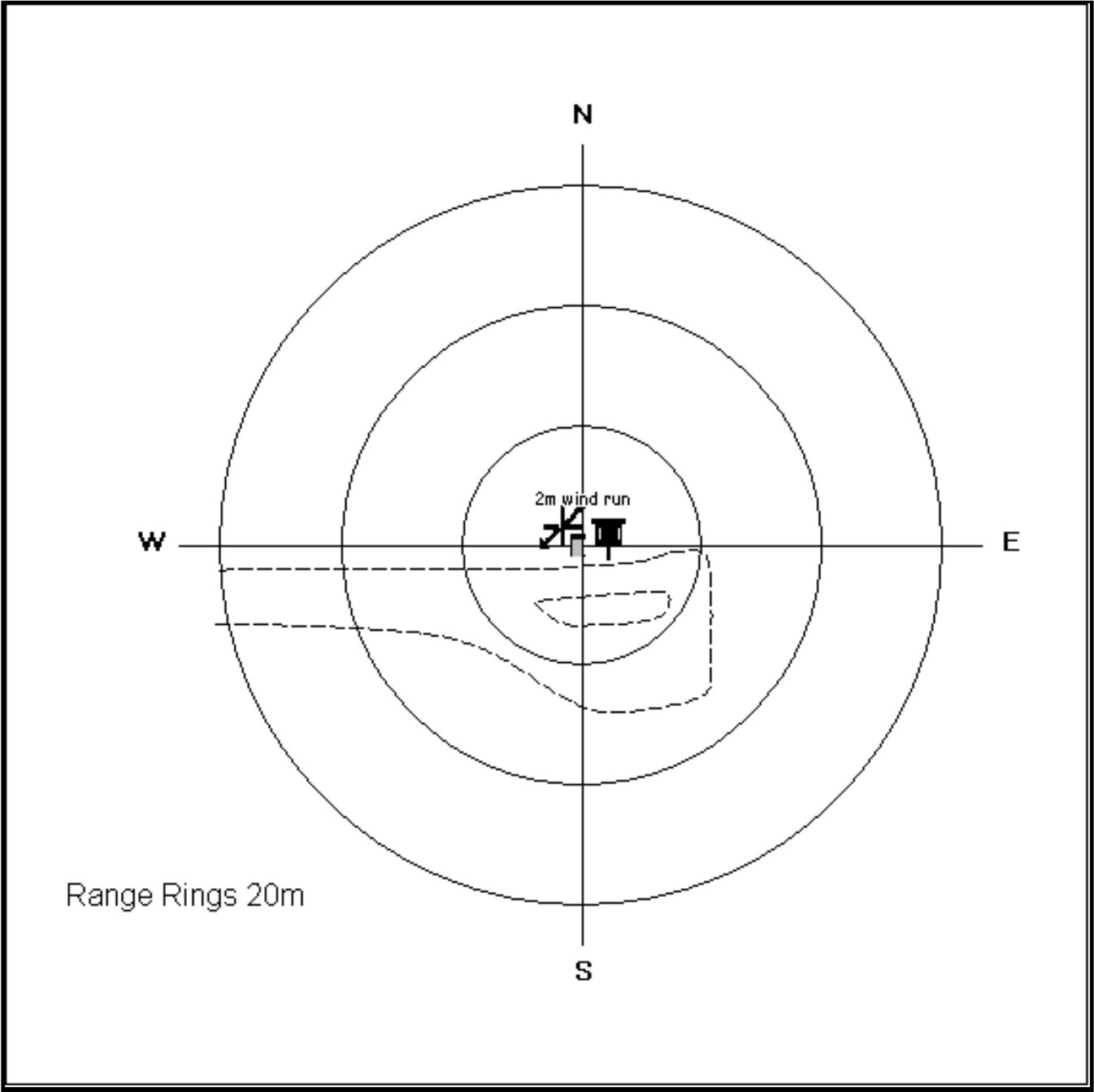
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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features  
11/07/2017



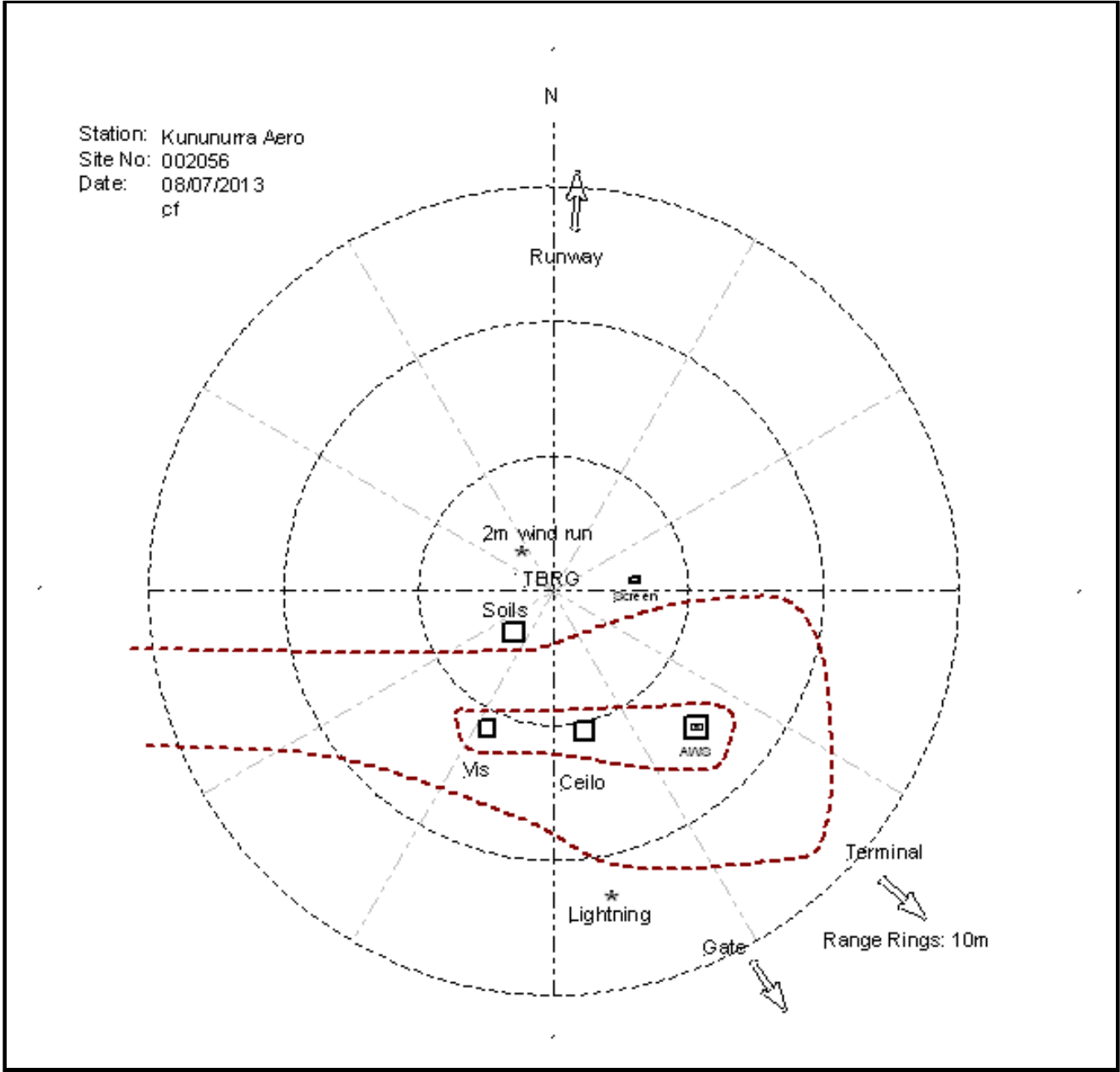
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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features  
08/07/2013



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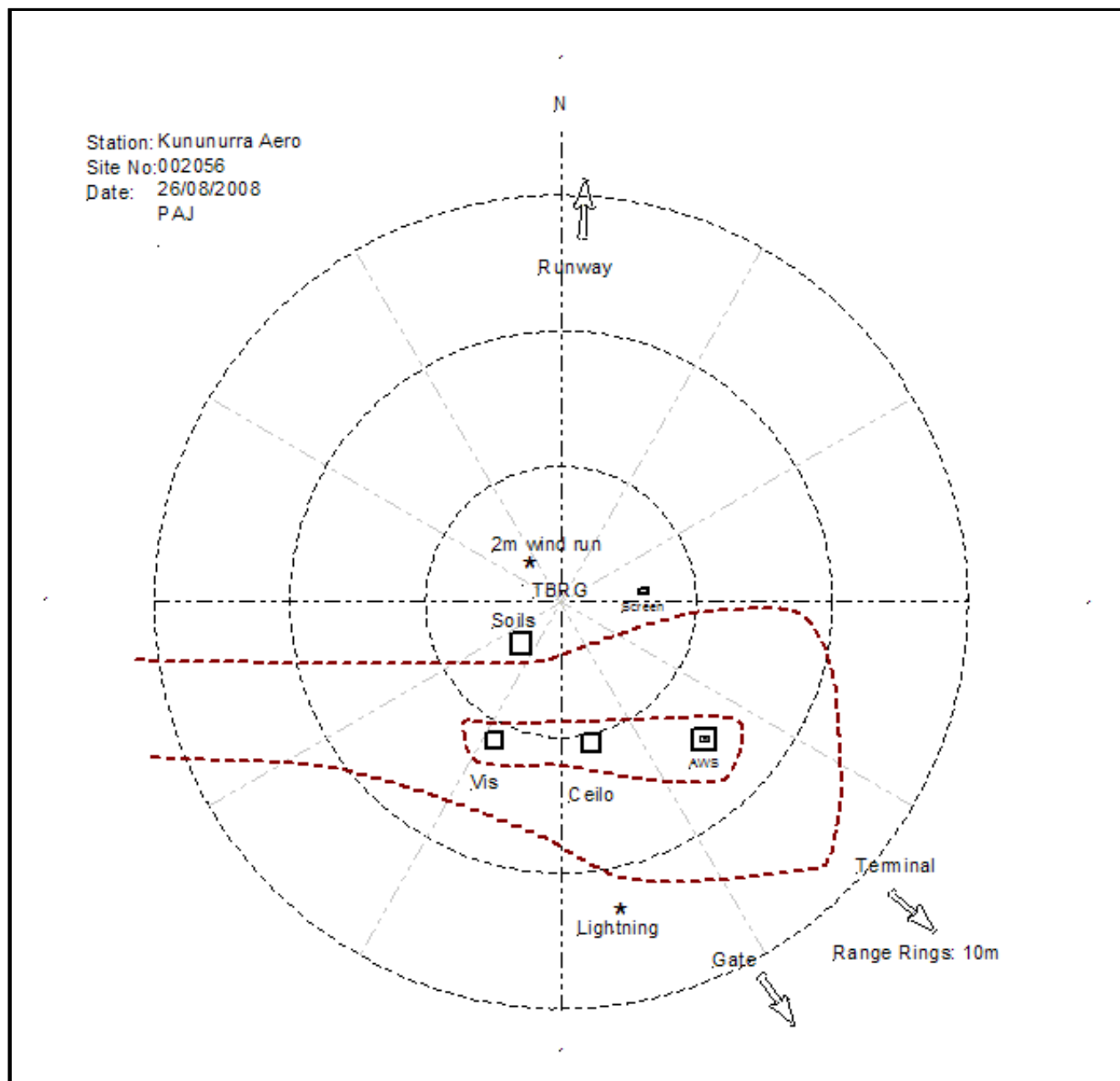
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### Instrument Location and Surrounding Features

26/08/2008



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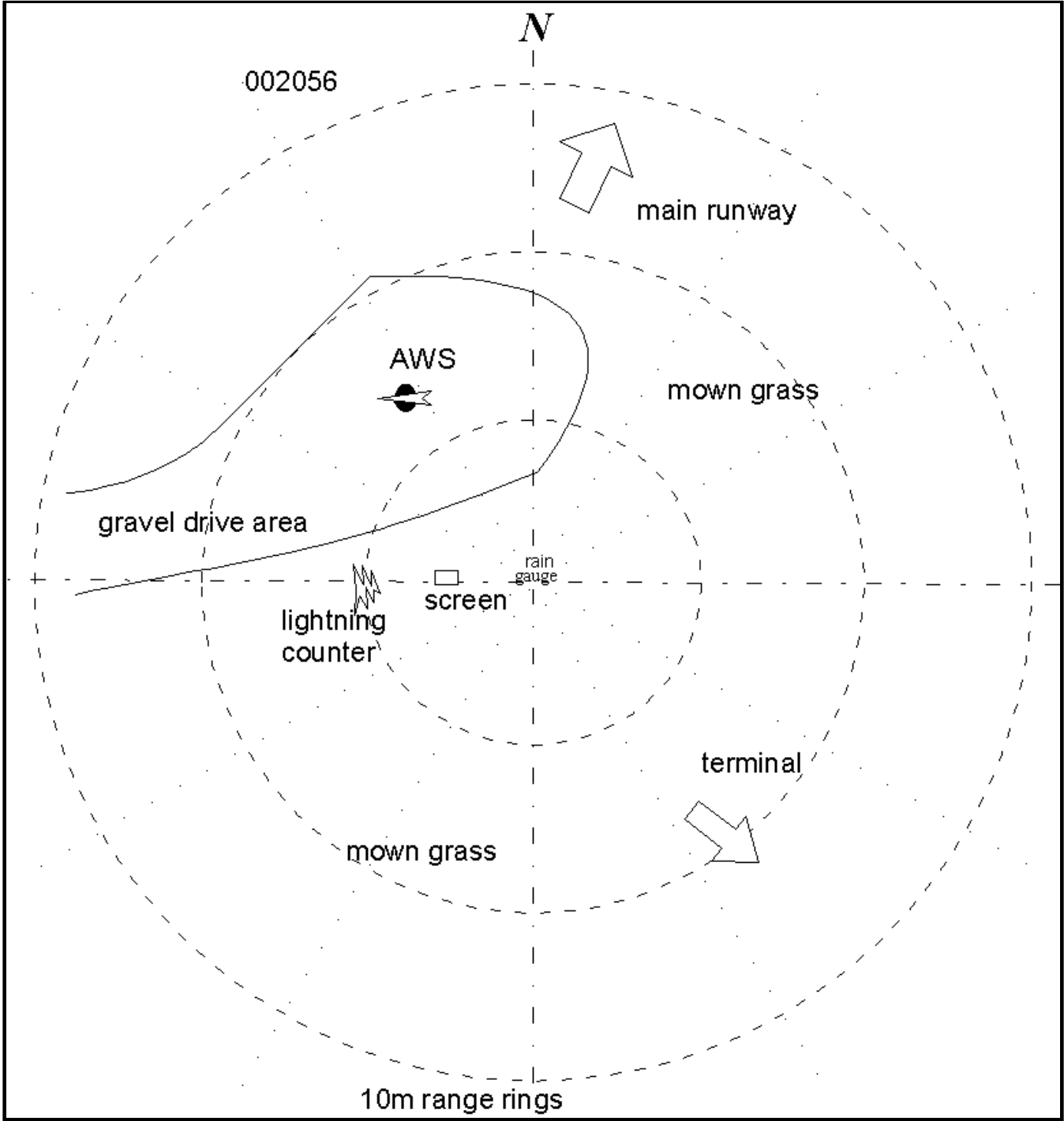
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16/07/1999



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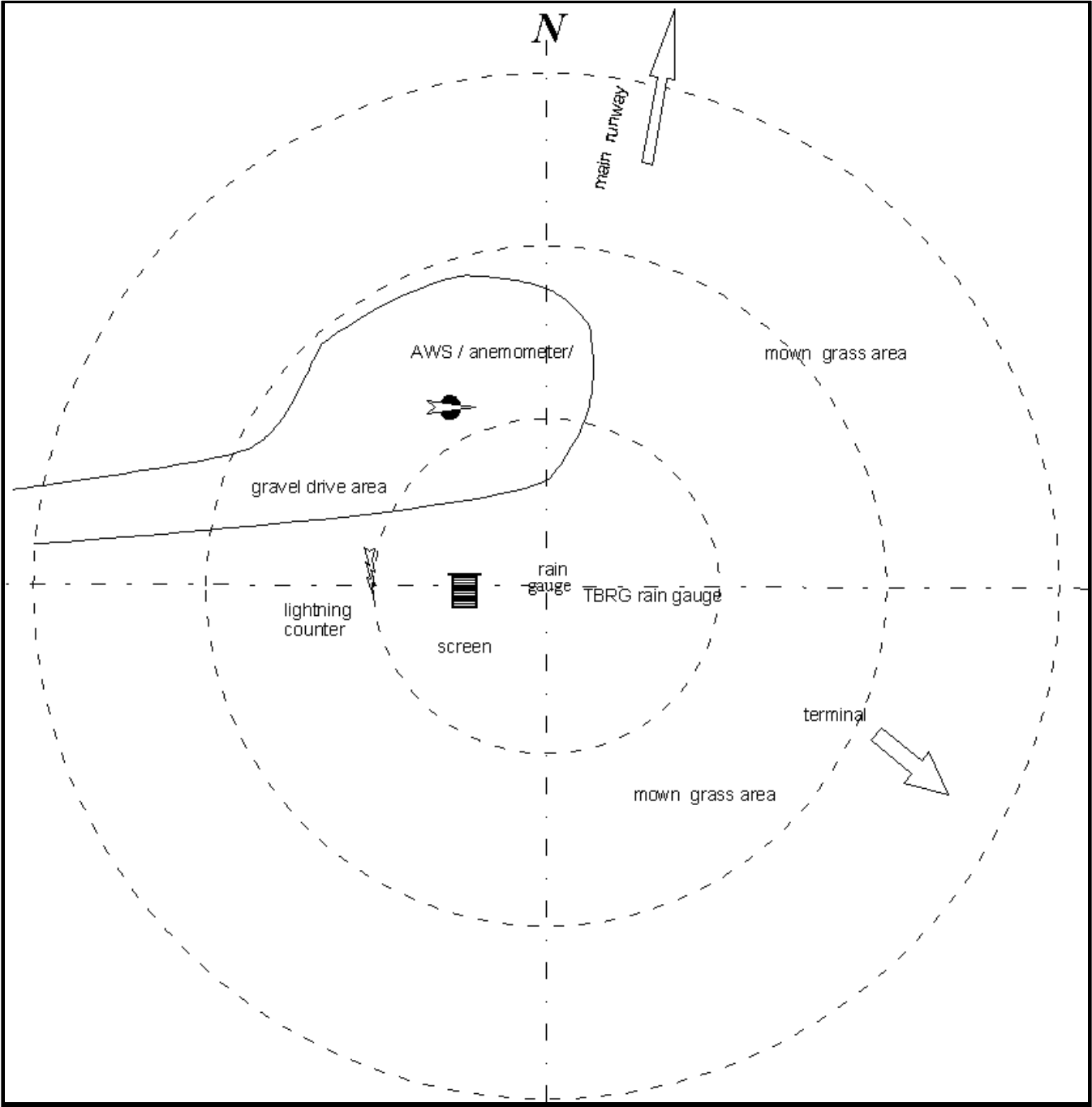
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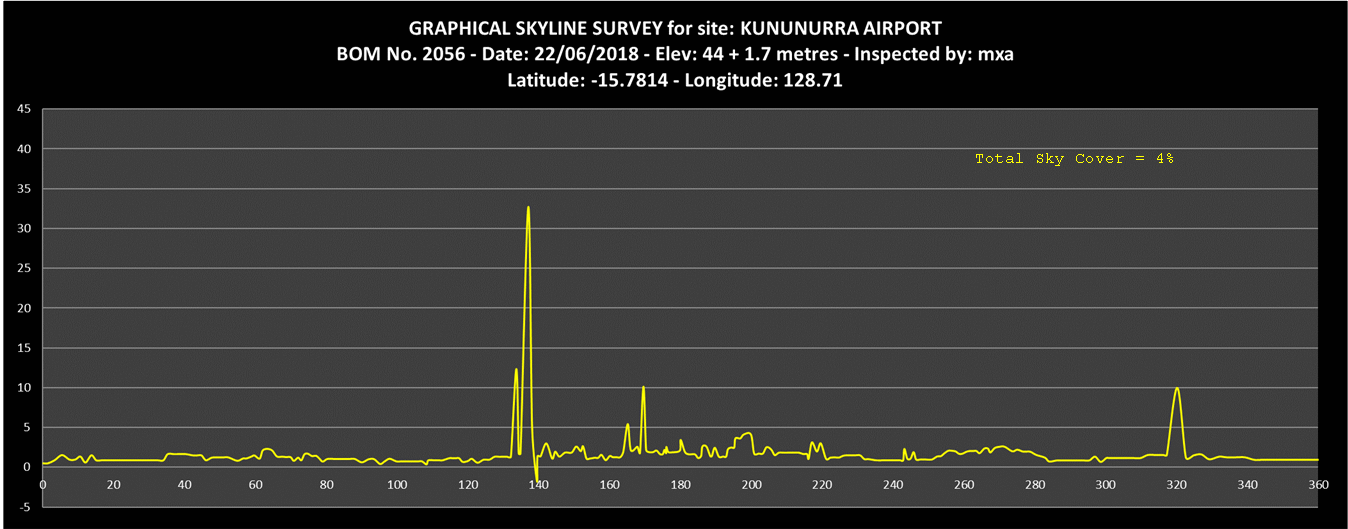
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Skyline Diagram  
22/06/2018(most recent)



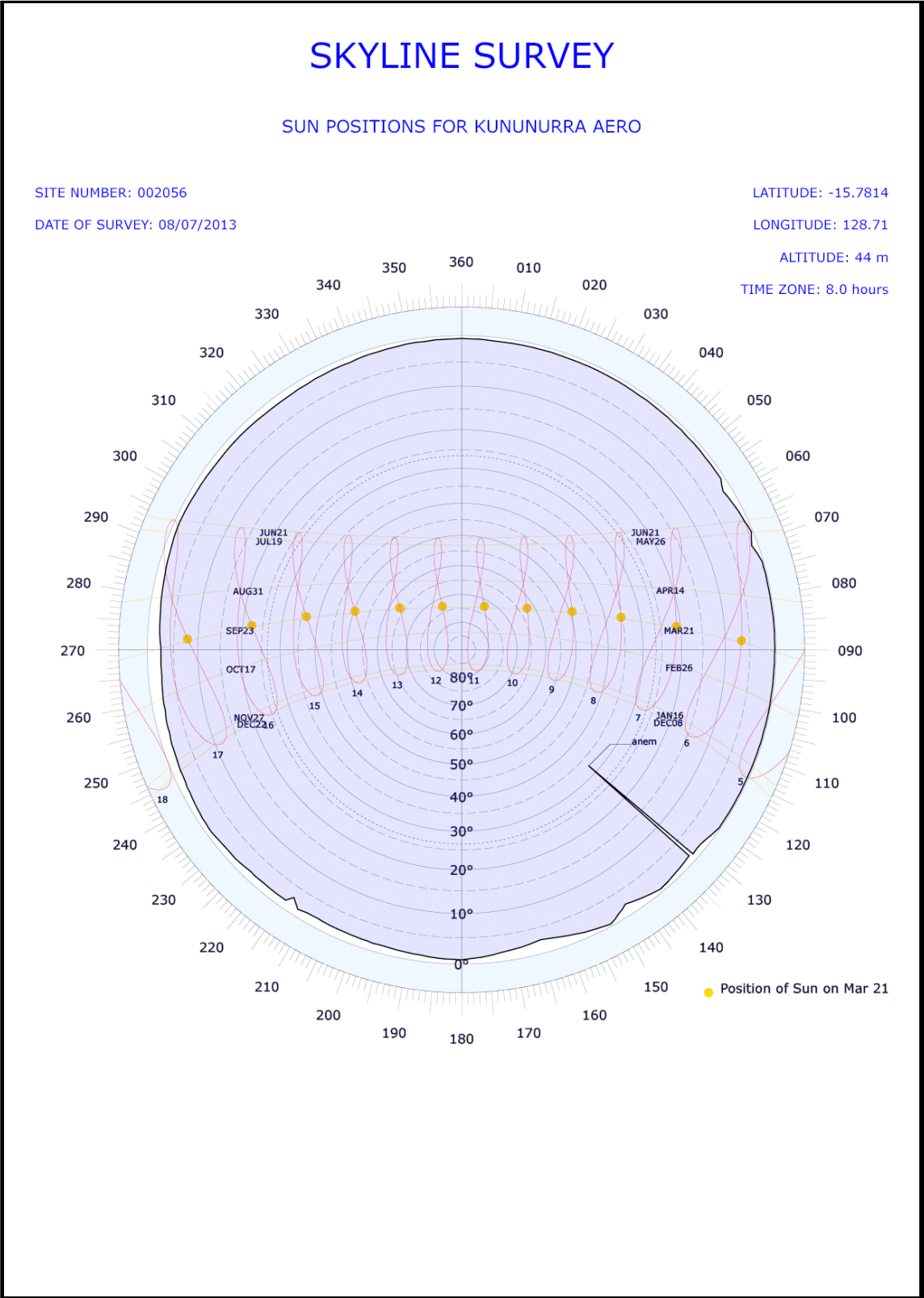
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Skyline Diagram  
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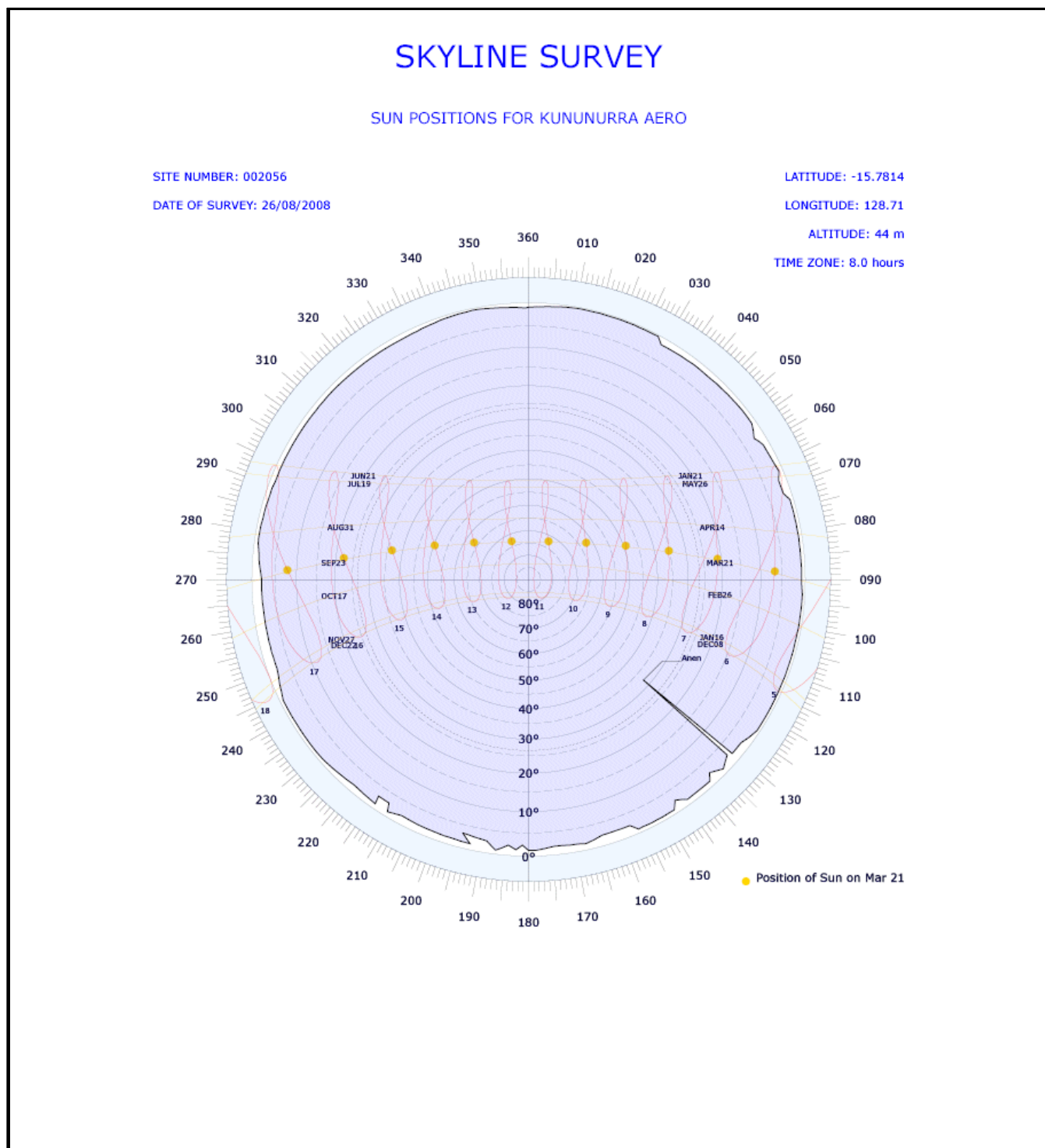
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### Skyline Diagram

26/08/2008



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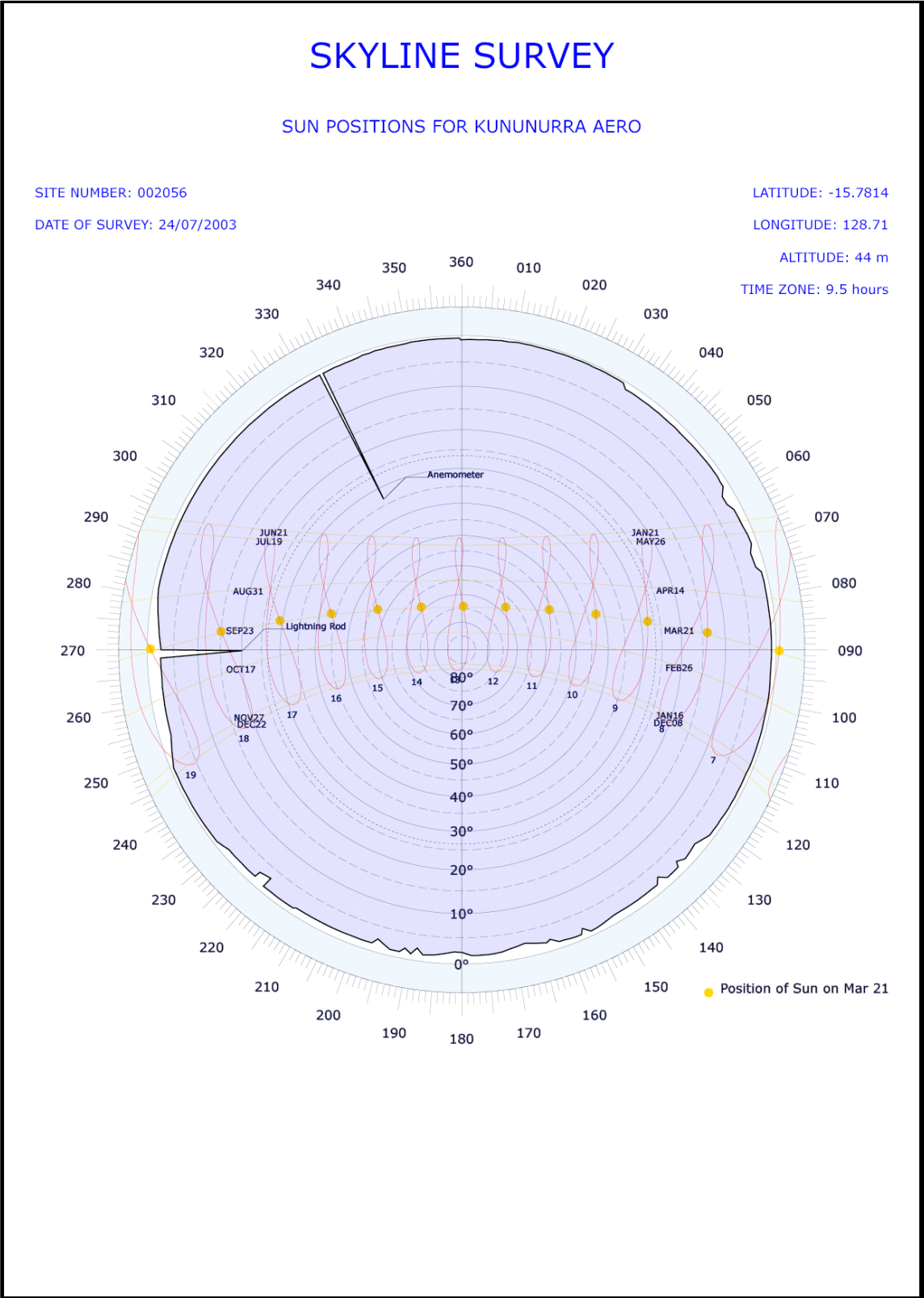
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All History

Station: KUNUNURRA AERO		Location: KUNUNURRA AERO			State: WA
Bureau No.: 002056	WMO No.: 94216	Aviation ID: YPKU	Opened: 21 Sep 1971	Current Status: Still open	
Latitude: -15.7814	Longitude: 128.7100	Elevation: 44 m	Barometer Elev: 44.4 m	Metadata compiled: 26 JUL 2025	

Skyline Diagram  
24/07/2003



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### Station Observation Program Summary (Surface Observations) from 21/09/1971 to 13/11/2010

Current Observation	Continuous	Half Hourly	Hourly
Surface Observations	-	Y	Y

Current Observation	Program Type	12 AM	3 AM	6 AM	9 AM	12 PM	3 PM	6 AM	9 AM
Surface Observation	PERFORMED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	REPORTED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	SEASONAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Station Observation Program Summary (Surface Observations) from 13/11/2010 to 11/01/2015

Current Observation	Continuous	Half Hourly	Hourly
Surface Observations	Y	Y	Y

Current Observation	Program Type	12 AM	3 AM	6 AM	9 AM	12 PM	3 PM	6 AM	9 AM
Surface Observation	PERFORMED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	REPORTED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	SEASONAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Station Observation Program Summary (Surface Observations) 26 JUL 2025 (most recent)

Current Observation	Continuous	Half Hourly	Hourly
Surface Observations	Y	Y	Y

Current Observation	Program Type	12 AM	3 AM	6 AM	9 AM	12 PM	3 PM	6 AM	9 AM
Surface Observation	PERFORMED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	REPORTED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	SEASONAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## Station Equipment History

### Equipment Install/Remove

#### Cloud Height

15/SEP/2005 INSTALL Ceilometer (Type Vaisala CT25K S/N - A02507) Surface Observations  
14/NOV/2013 REPLACE Ceilometer (Now Vaisala CL31 S/N - J3510009) Surface Observations  
21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Cloud Base Searchlight (Type 63 Degree S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
15/SEP/2005 REMOVE Cloud Base Searchlight (Type 63 Degree S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

#### Humidity

03/AUG/2015 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 36019006) Surface Observations  
10/SEP/2020 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP100TST-000 S/N - 1646200/29) Surface Observations  
11/JUL/2017 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 61683539) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP300-001 S/N - 1922000/4) Surface Observations

#### Pressure Trend (No Electronic History)

#### Lightning

10/MAR/1986 INSTALL Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201M) Surface Observations  
10/MAR/1986 INSTALL Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201S) Surface Observations  
06/NOV/2017 REMOVE Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201M) Surface Observations  
06/NOV/2017 REMOVE Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201S) Surface Observations  
16/JUN/2007 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201M) Surface Observations  
09/FEB/2004 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201M) Surface Observations  
15/JAN/2002 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201S) Surface Observations  
08/DEC/2006 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLK0201S) Surface Observations  
15/JAN/2002 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201M) Surface Observations  
08/DEC/2006 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201M) Surface Observations  
16/JUN/2007 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201S) Surface Observations  
09/FEB/2004 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - LFCBLU0201S) Surface Observations

#### Sea Surface Temperature (No Electronic History)

#### Magnetic Bearing (No Electronic History)

#### Wind Direction

10/MAR/1986 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Deuta hand held S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac - dial S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
29/MAY/2019 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Cups - Type 732 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
30/JAN/1992 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
10/MAR/1986 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Wind Vane S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
30/JAN/1992 INSTALL Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, c/w Base 10m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Cups - Type 732 S/N - 90609) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Deuta hand held S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Synchrotac - dial S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Wind Vane S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
16/JUN/2000 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 72867) Surface Observations  
13/MAY/2005 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 79944) Surface Observations  
16/JUN/2007 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - UNKN-(65489)) Surface Observations

#### Wet Bulb Temperature

30/JAN/1992 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - FP20001123) Surface Observations  
03/AUG/2015 REMOVE Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Temp Control TCBMP01 S/N - 10252/1) Surface Observations

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Station Equipment History (continued)

Equipment Install/Remove(Continued)

19/NOV/2011 REPLACE Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Now Temp Control TCBMP01 S/N - 10252/1) Surface Observations  
21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Solar Radiation (Long Wave) (No Electronic History)

Spectral Radiation (No Electronic History)

Maximum Temperature

21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 10cm

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - 10cm (Type Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0213) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Temperature Probe - 10cm (Now Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0165) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 20cm

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - 20cm (Type Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0158) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Temperature Probe - 20cm (Now Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0195) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 50cm

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - 50cm (Type Temp Control S/N - 0151) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Temperature Probe - 50cm (Now Temp Control S/N - 0198) Surface Observations

Snow Height (No Electronic History)

Soil Temperature 100cm

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - 100cm (Type Temp Control S/N - 0160) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Temperature Probe - 100cm (Now Temp Control S/N - 0199) Surface Observations

Sunshine Hours (No Electronic History)

Wind Run

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Cups - Type 732 S/N - 90609) Surface Observations

Minimum Temperature

21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Terrestrial Minimum Temperature

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Grass (Type Temp Control, Surface S/N - 0086) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REMOVE Temperature Probe - Grass (Type Temp Control, Surface S/N - 0086) Surface Observations

Visibility

15/SEP/2005 INSTALL Visibility Meter (Type Vaisala FD12 S/N - A03103) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 5cm

15/MAY/2008 INSTALL Temperature Probe - 5cm (Type Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0212) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Temperature Probe - 5cm (Now Temp Control, Buried S/N - 0192) Surface Observations

Sub Surface Temperature (No Electronic History)

Electrical Conductivity (No Electronic History)

Oxygen Content (No Electronic History)

RF Reflectivity (No Electronic History)

Total Column Ozone Amount (No Electronic History)

Pressure

21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Barometer (Type Negretti and Zambra Mk I S/N - CBM181) Surface Observations  
31/JAN/1992 INSTALL Barometer (Type Vaisala DPA25 S/N - 359314) Surface Observations

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### Equipment Install/Remove(Continued)

01/DEC/2006 INSTALL Barometer (Type Vaisala PTB220B S/N - V0350013) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Barometer (Type Kew pattern mercury S/N - 1859) Surface Observations  
09/NOV/2006 REMOVE Barometer (Type Vaisala PA11A S/N - 433542) Surface Observations  
10/MAR/1986 REPLACE Barometer (Now Kew pattern mercury S/N - 1859) Surface Observations  
28/OCT/1996 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - 433542) Surface Observations  
19/NOV/2011 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PTB220B S/N - B0250009) Surface Observations  
05/NOV/2018 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PTB330B (General Use) S/N - K2210005) Surface Observations  
19/NOV/2018 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PTB330B (General Use) S/N - K3850009) Surface Observations

### Evaporation (No Electronic History)

#### Rainfall

21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Raingauge (Type 203 mm (8in) - 200mm capacity S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
30/JAN/1992 INSTALL Raingauge (Type Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - CBM176) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Raingauge (Type 203 mm (8in) - 200mm capacity S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
10/SEP/2020 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 321390) Surface Observations

### River Height (No Electronic History)

### Solar Radiation (No Electronic History)

### Solar Radiation (Direct) (No Electronic History)

### Turbidity (No Electronic History)

### Sea Water Level (No Electronic History)

### Sea Water Temperature (No Electronic History)

### Wind Speed

10/MAR/1986 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Deuta hand held S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
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### Air Temperature

03/AUG/2015 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 36019006) Surface Observations  
10/SEP/2020 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP100TST-000 S/N - 1646200/29) Surface Observations  
11/JUL/2017 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 61683539) Surface Observations  
27/MAY/2021 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP300-001 S/N - 1922000/4) Surface Observations  
30/JAN/1992 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Dry Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - FP20001122) Surface Observations  
19/NOV/2011 REPLACE Temperature Probe - Dry Bulb (Now Temp Control TCBMP01 S/N - 10333) Surface Observations  
21/SEP/1971 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
20/FEB/1992 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Type Unknown S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

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Equipment Install/Remove(Continued)

Surface Inclination (No Electronic History)

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Available Date Range	Element	Fail Field Performance Check
14/MAY/2006 - 27/MAY/2021	Cloud Height	1
03/AUG/2015 - 27/MAY/2021	Humidity	1
25/JAN/2002 - 08/JUL/2013	Lightning	0
29/APR/1999 - 27/MAY/2021	Wind Direction	4
29/APR/1999 - 03/AUG/2015	Wet Bulb Temperature	0
14/MAY/2006 - 27/MAY/2021	Visibility	4
10/JUL/1997 - 27/MAY/2021	Pressure	2
29/APR/1999 - 27/MAY/2021	Rainfall	5
29/APR/1999 - 27/MAY/2021	Wind Speed	4
29/APR/1999 - 27/MAY/2021	Air Temperature	2

Station Detail Changes

30/JAN/1992 CLASSIFICATION AWS Funding - Aviation (FAV)  
01/FEB/2021 CLASSIFICATION AWS Priority 3 - Standard (SLP3-AWS)  
09/MAY/2006 CLASSIFICATION Category B (TAF B) ENDED 05-03-2015  
05/MAR/2015 CLASSIFICATION Category C (TAF C)  
07/NOV/2023 CLASSIFICATION Class 1 Wind (C1-WIND)  
07/NOV/2023 CLASSIFICATION Class 2 Precip (C2-PRECIP)  
07/NOV/2023 CLASSIFICATION Class 2 Temp & RH (C2-TEMP-RH)  
10/JAN/2011 CLASSIFICATION Critical (ASOSCRIT)  
30/AUG/2021 CLASSIFICATION Mastered in EAMS (EAMS)  
05/OCT/2001 CLASSIFICATION National Benchmark Network for Agrometeorology (NBNA)  
01/JUL/2017 CLASSIFICATION Observing Operations Hub - Darwin (OOH-D)  
21/MAR/2016 CLASSIFICATION Processed by ASOS (PBA)  
14/FEB/1997 CLASSIFICATION Regional Basic Synoptic Network (RBSN)  
10/JUN/2014 CLASSIFICATION Standard Aviation or Defence (AVSTD) ENDED 16-10-2020  
01/DEC/2015 OBJECT Document/AWS SITE AUDIT  
19/JUL/2016 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
10/AUG/2015 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
11/JUL/2017 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
12/SEP/2011 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
22/JUN/2018 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
06/AUG/2012 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
24/NOV/2012 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
15/NOV/2013 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS

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13/NOV/2013 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
06/NOV/2016 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
19/JAN/2018 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
10/SEP/2020 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
27/MAY/2021 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
18/SEP/2007 OBJECT Document/John Kyanga AWR Theory Exam  
19/DEC/2007 OBJECT Document/John Kyanga Authorised Cert  
18/SEP/2007 OBJECT Document/John Kyanga Ob Procedures Exam  
18/SEP/2007 OBJECT Document/John Kyanga Practical Exam  
29/MAY/2019 OBJECT Document/Kununurra Mast Inspection 2019  
26/AUG/2008 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
22/JUN/2018 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
08/JUL/2013 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
24/JUL/2003 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
12/SEP/2011 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS  
06/AUG/2012 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS  
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21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) Opened  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) aero\_ht Changed to 44.2  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) bar\_ht Changed to 44.4  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) bar\_ht\_deriv Changed to MAP 1:250 000  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) latitude Changed to -15.7828  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) longitude Changed to 128.7086  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) name Changed to KUNUNURRA AERO  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) stn\_ht Changed to 44  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) stn\_ht\_deriv Changed to MAP 1:250 000  
21/SEP/1971 STATION - (nondb seeding) wmo\_num Changed to 94216  
10/JUL/1997 STATION aviation\_id Changed to YPKU  
10/JUL/1997 STATION latitude Changed to -15.7814  
10/JUL/1997 STATION latlon\_deriv Changed to GPS  
10/JUL/1997 STATION latlon\_error Changed to  
10/JUL/1997 STATION longitude Changed to 128.71  
10/JUL/1997 STATION lu\_0\_100m Changed to Airport  
10/JUL/1997 STATION lu\_100m\_1km Changed to Airport  
10/JUL/1997 STATION lu\_1km\_10km Changed to Open farmland, grassland or tundra  
10/JUL/1997 STATION soil\_type Changed to clay  
16/JUL/1999 STATION soil\_type Changed to red soil  
16/JUL/1999 STATION surface\_type Changed to bare ground

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Extended Climatological Station Metadata  
All History

Station:	KUNUNURRA AERO			Location:	KUNUNURRA AERO			State:	WA
Bureau No.:	002056	WMO No.:	94216	Aviation ID:	YPKU	Opened:	21 Sep 1971	Current Status:	Still open
Latitude:	-15.7814	Longitude:	128.7100	Elevation:	44 m	Barometer Elev:	44.4 m	Metadata compiled:	26 JUL 2025

Station Equipment History (continued)

Station Detail Changes(Continued)

10/JUL/1997 STATION surface\_type Changed to partly covered by grass

System Changes

30/JAN/1992 SYSTEM Infrastructure Commenced

21/SEP/1971 SYSTEM Surface Observations Commenced

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## Notes on these metadata

The following notes have been compiled to assist with interpreting the metadata provided in this document. These notes are subject to change as the network evolves. Changes in station-specific metadata occur more frequently, both as recent changes are recorded and historical information is transferred from paper file to electronic database.

### Reliability of the metadata

The Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology maintains information on more than 20,000 stations which have operated since observations began in the mid 1800s. The amount of information available for each of these sites and its associated uncertainty are influenced by a number of factors including the type and purpose of the station and the time over which it operated.

Early information about stations was held only on paper file. In 1998 a corporate electronic database was established to help maintain information about the network and its components. The number of parameters recorded about a station is now much greater than before this database was established. The national database has also helped improve consistency in the metadata through the implementation of predefined fields. As a result, and through the refinement of operating procedures, station metadata recorded since 1998 are of a higher overall standard than previously, although occasional omissions and errors are still possible.

The Bureau is part way through a task of entering historical information held on paper file into the corporate database. **Until this process is completed there will remain large gaps in the information contained in these metadata documents and considerable caution should be used when deriving conclusions from the metadata.** As an example, two consecutive entries about a rain gauge dated 50 years apart may appear in the equipment metadata. This may either mean that nothing happened to that instrument over the 50 years, or that information for the intervening period has yet to be entered into the database. Similarly, if no information was available about instruments at a site when it was first established, fields which were required to have a value present may have used the earliest information available as a best-guess estimate. Sometimes this was the metadata current when the database was established in 1998. In some instances there may be gaps in metadata relevant to the post 1998 period.

For the above reasons it is recommended that all metadata prior to 1998 be considered as indicative only, and used with caution, unless it has been quality controlled. The Bureau of Meteorology should be contacted if further information or confirmation of the data is required. Depending on the nature of the inquiry there may be a fee associated with this request. Contact details are provided in the telephone book for each capital city or the Bureau's web site at:  
<http://www.bom.gov.au>

The following pages contain explanatory notes for selected terms found in this document.

### Station Number

The Bureau of Meteorology station number uniquely specifies a station and is not intended to change over time, although on very rare occasions a station number may change or be deleted from the record (usually to correct an error). Generally a new station number is established if an existing station changes in a way that would affect the climate data record for that site (measured in terms of air temperature and precipitation). Significant station moves are an example of this.

Some stations also possess a World Meteorological Organization (WMO) station number. The WMO number is different to the Bureau of Meteorology number. It also uniquely specifies a station at any given time but can be reassigned to another station if the new station takes priority in the global reporting network. Only selected stations will have a WMO number. Significant stations may maintain their WMO number for many decades.

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### Network Classification

<b>SUPPORTING the BASIC CLIMATE SERVICE</b>
Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)
GCOS Upper Air Network (GUAN)
GCOS Surface Network (GSN)
National Climate Network {not yet assigned}
Reference Climate Stations (RCS)
Regional Basic Climatological Network (RBCN)
CLIMAT Stations (CLC)
CLIMAT TEMP Stations (CLT)
<b>SUPPORTING the NATIONAL WEATHER WATCH SYSTEM</b>
WMO Global Observing System (GOS)
GOS Upper Air Network
GOS Satellite Network
Global Atmospheric Watch
Background Atmospheric Pollution Monitoring Network (BAPMON)
Basic Ozone Network
Basic Solar and Terrestrial Radiation Network
Regional Basic Synoptic Network (RBSN)
WMO Global Oceanic Observing System (GOOS)
<b>SUPPORTING the BASIC WEATHER SERVICE (BWS)</b>
BWS Land Network
Significant Land Locations
Capital City Mesonets
National Benchmark Network for Agrometeorology (NBNA)
BWS Marine Network
Significant Coastal Locations
Open Ocean Network
BWS Upper Air Network
Major Significant Locations
BWS Remote Sensing Network
Weather Watch Radar Network
Fire Weather Wind Mesonets
High Resolution Satellite
<b>SUPPORTING the BASIC HYDROLOGICAL SERVICE</b>
Regional Flood Warning Network
Water Resources Assessment Network
Global Hydrological Network
Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS)
World Hydrological Cycle Observing System (WHYCOS)
National Hydrological Network

Networks of stations are defined for a variety of purposes (as defined in above table).

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### Network Classification Continued....

Stations may be included in several different networks, which may change over time. The table on the previous page lists current network classifications related to the scientific purpose of the network. Some of these networks - the GCOS network for instance - are components of a global network. Entries in the database for some networks may not be complete, thus not properly representing the status of the network. The composition of the network will usually change over time. While several of the networks have international significance, other network classifications have been developed to aid operational management.

### Station Purpose

The station purpose can be classified according to the observation program listed below. Parameters in brackets list some of the various different configurations which occur.

- Synoptic [Seasonal, River Height, Climatological, Telegraphic Rain, Aeronautical, Upper Air]
- Climatological [Seasonal, Telegraphic Rain]
- Aeronautical
- Rainfall [River Height]
- River Height
- Telegraphic Rain [Non-Telegraphic River Height, Telegraphic River Height]
- Non-Telegraphic Rain [Telegraphic River Height]
- Evaporation [Rainfall, River Height, Telegraphic River Height, Non-Telegraphic River Height, Telegraphic Rain, Non-Telegraphic Rain]
- Pluviograph [Rainfall, Telegraphic Rain, Non-Telegraphic Rain, River Height, Telegraphic River Height, Non-Telegraphic River Height]
- Radiation
- Lightning Flash Counter
- Public Information
- Local Conditions
- Radar Site
- Unclassified
- No Routine Observations

Note: Telegraphic observations are those which are sent by some electronic means be it a phone or telegram to the responsible Bureau office. It is a term which is historically linked to analogue non automatic data transmission.

### Station Observation Program Summary

#### Surface Observations

The following terms are used to describe the frequency of surface observations at a site. Historical observation programs will typically be missing for many sites until the database is backfilled with information.

Set a)

- Continuous Program
  - More than half hourly observations sent (eg an automatic weather station {AWS} which continuously transmits 10 minute observations). This will automatically include half hourly and hourly observations programs.
- Half hourly observations
  - Half hourly observations sent. This will automatically include hourly observations.
- Hourly observations
  - Hourly observations sent only. Stations report on non-synoptic hours (ie. 0100, 0200, 0400, 0500, etc)

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### Surface observations continued....

#### Set b)

- Performed
  - Observations performed, instruments read and observations recorded
- Reported
  - Observations performed, instruments read and reported real time
- Seasonal
  - The program may only be performed during a defined season (such as Fire Weather observations) or the routine program may increase in reporting frequency and/or parameters. The program dates are currently modified at the start and end of each season for stations performing seasonal observations. Historically this was not always the case.

### Current Station Equipment Summary

Equipment listed in this metadata product is catalogued under one of systems listed below, appropriate to its application. The "Infrastructure" category has been included since it contains information about the mast height of an anemometer (if present).

- Flood Warning
- Infrastructure
- Radiation
- Rainfall Intensity
- Surface Observations
- Upper Air
- Weather Watch {RADAR}

### Station Equipment History

#### Equipment Install/Remove

One of four types of actions can be performed on an instrument in this listing:

**Install** - A new instrument is installed at the site. This can be either a completely new addition (eg the first barometer at the site), or the replacement of an existing instrument with a different type (eg replacing mercury barometer with electronic barometer)

**Remove** - An instrument can be removed either when it is no longer necessary to measure a particular element, or when the element is to be measured by an instrument of a different type ( see under "Install" above)

**Replace** - This occurs when one instrument is replaced with another of the same type (eg Kew pattern mercury barometer replacing another Kew pattern mercury barometer)

**Share** - The same instrument is used for observations under two (or more) systems (eg a rain gauge may be used within both Surface Observations and Rainfall Intensity systems)

**Unshare** - The instrument is no longer shared between systems

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### Calibration

During a site inspection an instrument will be calibrated as either being within or not within the specified tolerance in accuracy.

Where a quantitative calibration result can be achieved by comparison to a transfer standard (eg barometer comparisons and tipping bucket rain gauge calibrations), the instrument will be recorded as being within or outside the required tolerance. Instruments (such as 203mm rain gauges, screens and evaporation pans) where quantitative calibrations cannot be derived should be regarded as meeting specifications when the instrument is in 'good working order'.

This product provides a summary table of the number of times an instrument was found to be out of calibration

### Station Detail Changes

This set of metadata indicates when some aspect of the general information about a station has changed.

#### - STATION

Metadata which are categorised as pertaining to STATION are items of (textual) information describing a specific attribute of the station. A reference to (nondB seeding) indicates initial information of this field has been sourced from a previous database.

#### Station position

##### - Latitude and longitude

Derivation of station latitude and longitude, defined by the location of the rain gauge when it is present, has changed over time. Current practice is to locate or verify open and operational station latitude and longitude based on Global Positioning System equipment. Methods used to locate a station as described in this product (latlon\_deriv) are as follows: GPS, MAP 1:10000, MAP 1:12500, MAP 1:25000, MAP 1:50000, MAP 1:100000, MAP 1:250000, SURVEY, and Unknown (which is more commonly represented by a null value). The field latlon\_error should be used with caution as the method of determining this value has been interpreted in different ways over time.

##### - Height

Determination of heights for observing sites is by survey where possible. Otherwise height may be determined using a Digital Aneroid Barometer and a known surveyed point, or derived from map contours. The source of height is provided in the corresponding parameter with a suffix of "\_deriv".

Heights which may appear in these metadata are:

- aero\_ht
  - The official elevation of the aerodrome which normally corresponds to the altitude of the highest threshold of the runways at that airport;
- bar\_ht
  - this represents the height of the mercury barometer cistern or the digital aneroid barometer above mean sea level (MSL);
- stn\_ht
  - this normally represents the height of the rain gauge above MSL

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### - Land Use

To assist the long term understanding of climate change it is important to be able to determine the differences over time which are attributed to variations in the climate. Since land use has an effect on the micro climate around the site, and changes in land use will therefore affect the climate record, it is important that the characteristics of the site are monitored. Soil types are recorded as they affect the land use and also add to the knowledge of the site details.

#### Defined Land use Types.

- Non-vegetated (barren, desert)
- Coastal or Island
- Forest
- Open farmland, grassland or tundra
- Small town, less than 1000 population
- Town 1000 to 10,000 population
- City area with buildings less than 10 metres (3 stories)
- City area with buildings greater than 10 metres (3 stories)
- Airport

The land use code is entered on the station inspection form in the ranges 0 to 100 m, 100 to 1 km and 1km to 10 km; ie:

- lu\_0\_100m: Land Use 0 to 100 metres from the enclosure
- lu\_100m\_1km: Land Use 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- lu\_1km\_10km: Land Use 1 kilometre to 10 kilometres

#### Defined Soil Type (At Enclosure).

- unable to determine
- sand
- black soil
- clay
- rock
- red soil
- other

#### Surface Type (At Enclosure).

- unable to determine
- fully covered by grass
- mostly covered by grass
- partly covered by grass
- bare ground
- sand
- concrete
- asphalt
- rock
- other

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