



# Basic Climatological Station Metadata

Current status

Metadata compiled: 26 JUL 2025

Station: ALBANY AIRPORT COMPARISON

Bureau of Meteorology station number: 009741  
Bureau of Meteorology district name: South Coast  
State: WA

World Meteorological Organization number: 95802  
Identification: ABAP

Network Classification:  
Station purpose: Synoptic, Upper Air, Aeronautical  
Automatic Weather Station:



Current Station Location				
Latitude	Decimal	-34.9414	Hour Min Sec	34°56'29"S
Longitude	Decimal	117.8022	Hour Min Sec	117°48'8"E
Station Height	68 m	Barometer Height	69 m	
Method of station geographic positioning			GPS	

Year opened: 1942  
Status: Closed

## Station summary

No summary for this site has been written as yet.

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Bureau No.: 009741	WMO No.: 95802	Aviation ID: ABAP	Opened: 01 Jan 1942	Current Status: Closed	
Latitude: -34.9414	Longitude: 117.8022	Elevation: 68 m	Barometer Elev: 69 m	Metadata compiled: 26 JUL 2025	

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
EVAPORATION	JAN 1968	JAN 2012	99.4	87	0
EVAPORIMETER - MAXIMUM WATER TEMPERATURE	OCT 1968	JUN 2011	89.2	286	46
GROUND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	DEC 1965	JAN 2012	99.5	69	0
MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	APR 1965	FEB 2014	99.6	61	0
MAXIMUM WIND GUST SPEED	APR 1965	FEB 2014	98.5	267	0
SUNSHINE HOURS	SEP 1992	JAN 2012	99.3	46	0
WIND RUN ABOVE 10 FEET	MAR 1995	FEB 2014	97.5	173	0
WIND RUN BELOW 10 FEET	OCT 1968	JAN 2012	99.2	118	0
RAINFALL	JAN 1942	FEB 2014	69	N/A	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	APR 1965	FEB 2014	98.3	7.5	61	0
DEW POINT	APR 1965	FEB 2014	98.2	7.5	61	0
MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE	APR 1965	JAN 2012	98.3	7.5	43	0
PRECIPITATION SINCE LAST OBS	APR 1965	AUG 1999	83.0	5.6	1576	0
SOIL TEMPERATURE - 10cm	JUN 1986	JAN 2012	45.6	5.4	39	158
TOTAL CLOUD AMOUNT	APR 1965	JAN 2012	95.9	6.8	42	0
WIND SPEED	APR 1965	FEB 2014	98.8	7.8	61	0
UPPER AIR TEMPERATURE	JUL 1965	JAN 2012	81.0	1.3	1070	2
UPPER AIR WIND SPEED	APR 1965	JAN 2012	89.7	3.5	197	15

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RAINFALL INTENSITY DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
RAINFALL INTENSITY	APR 1965	DEC 2013	83.3	2510	15

ONE-MINUTE DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
ALL ELEMENTS	JUL 2002	FEB 2014	98.2	1413.5	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	FEB 2014	101.9	48.9	N/A	2

UPPER-AIR EDT DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
Wind only flights	May 2000	Dec 2018	N/A	1.5	790	0
Wind, temperature and pressure flights	Mar 1991	Mar 2018	N/A	1.1	1248	0

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

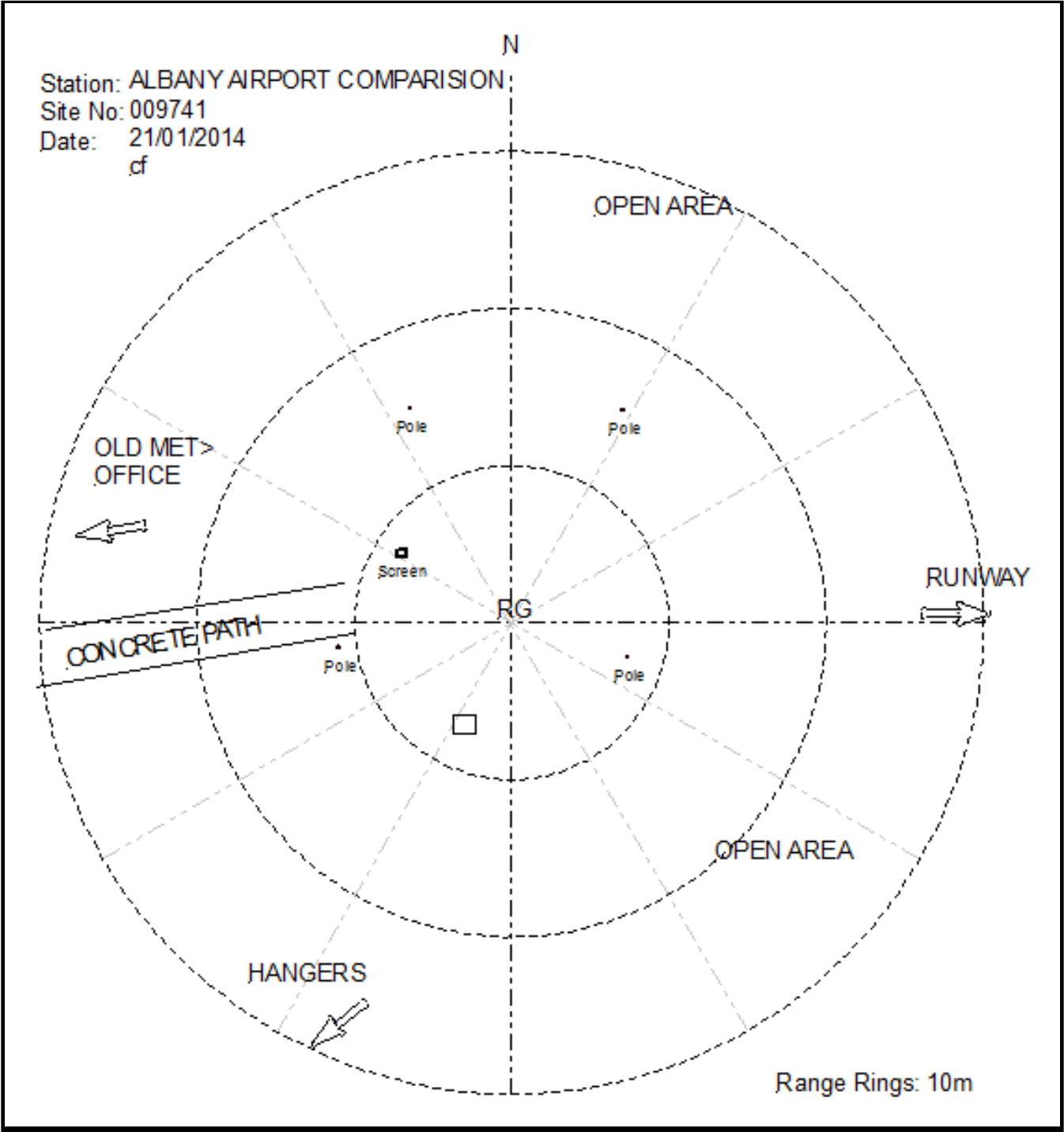
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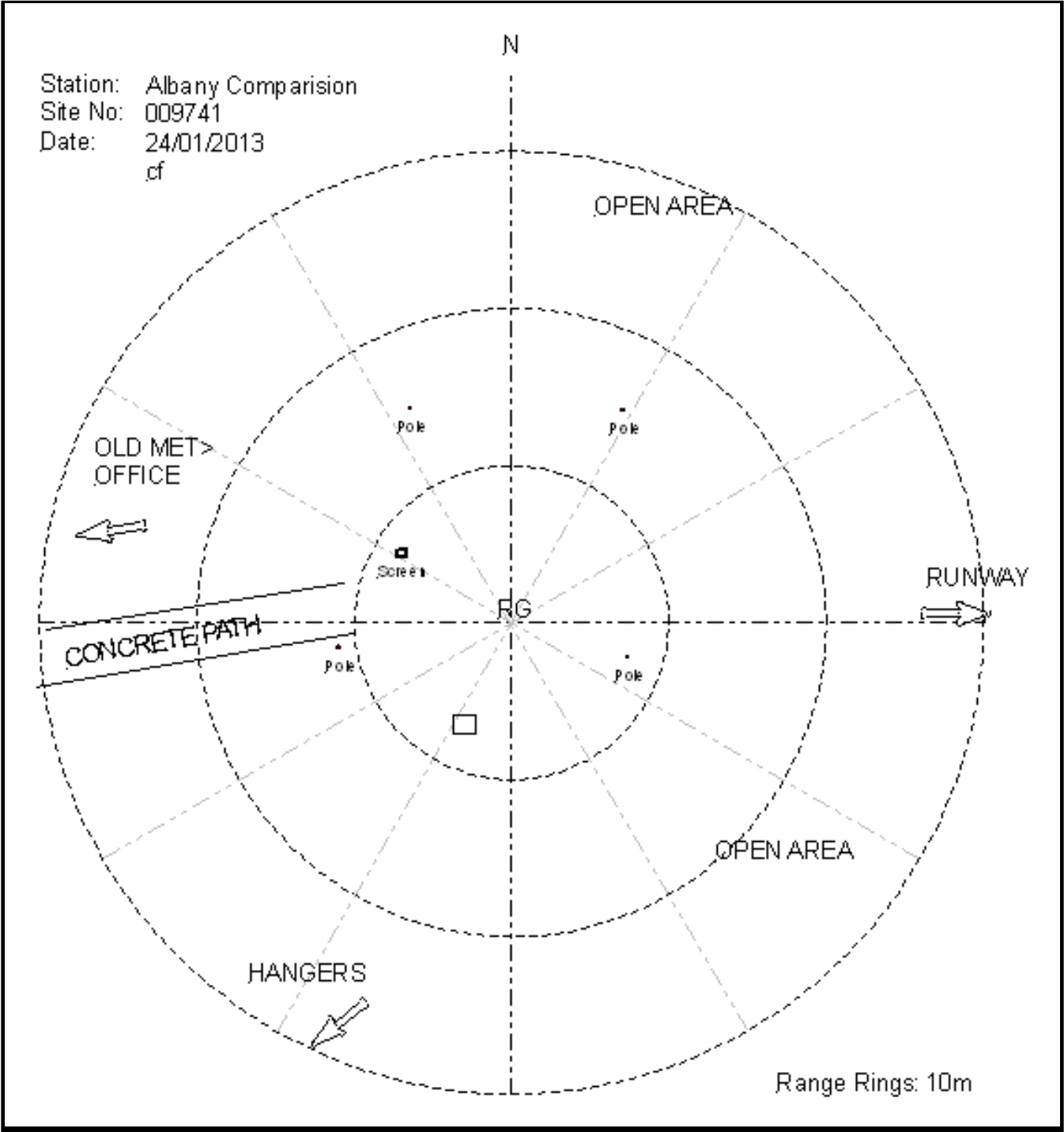
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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features  
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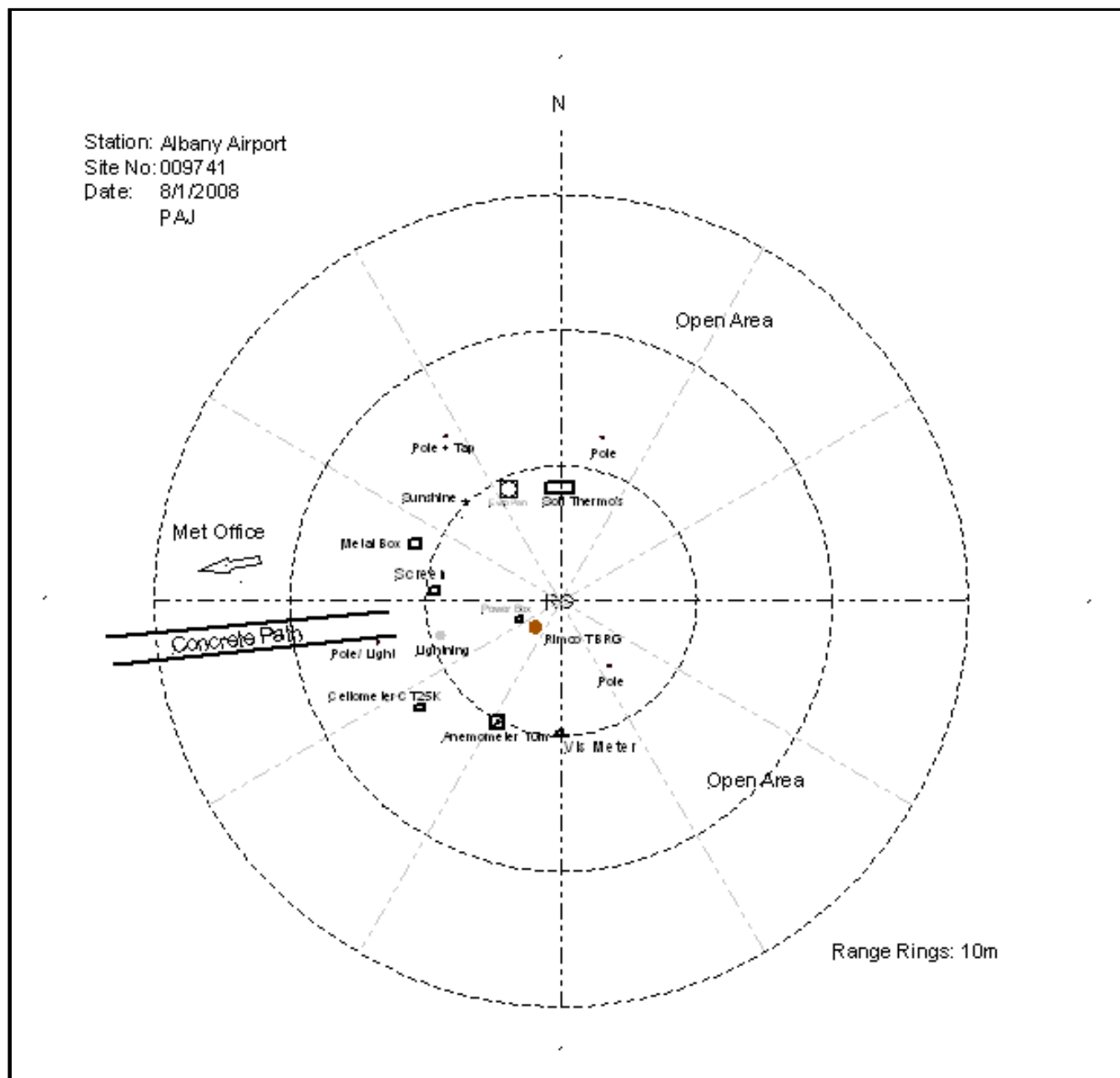
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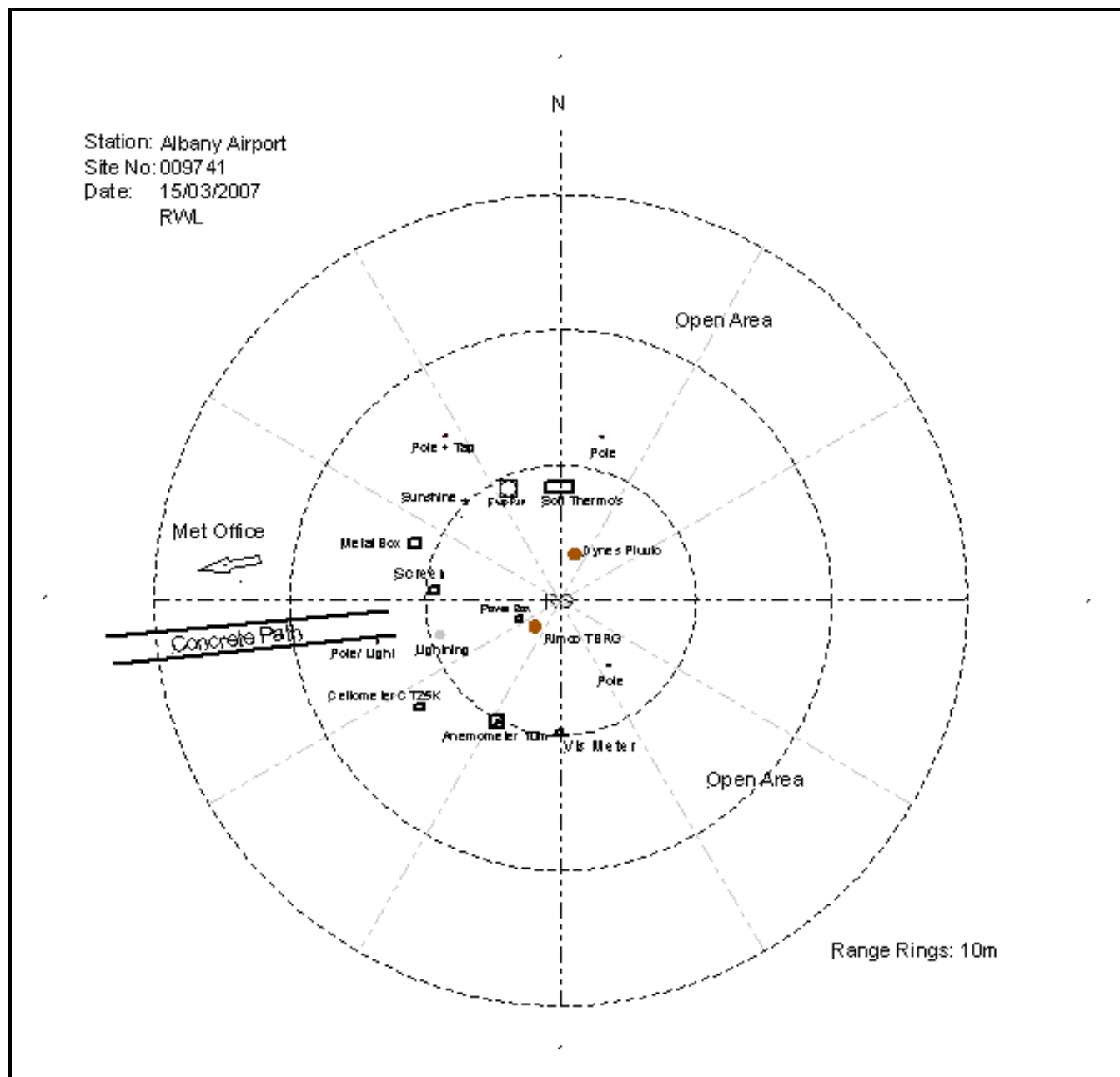
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### Instrument Location and Surrounding Features

15/03/2007



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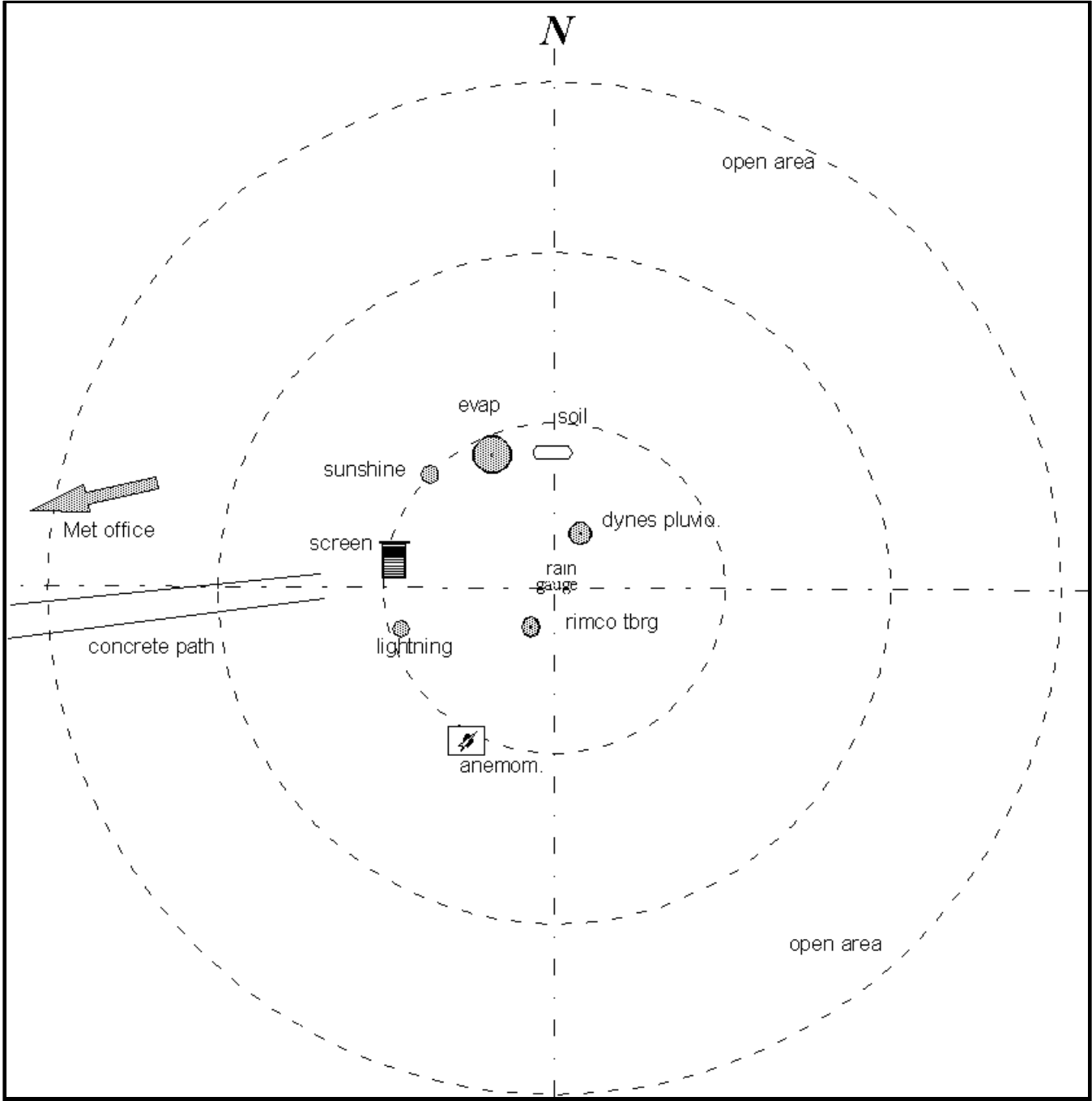




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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features  
14/02/2001



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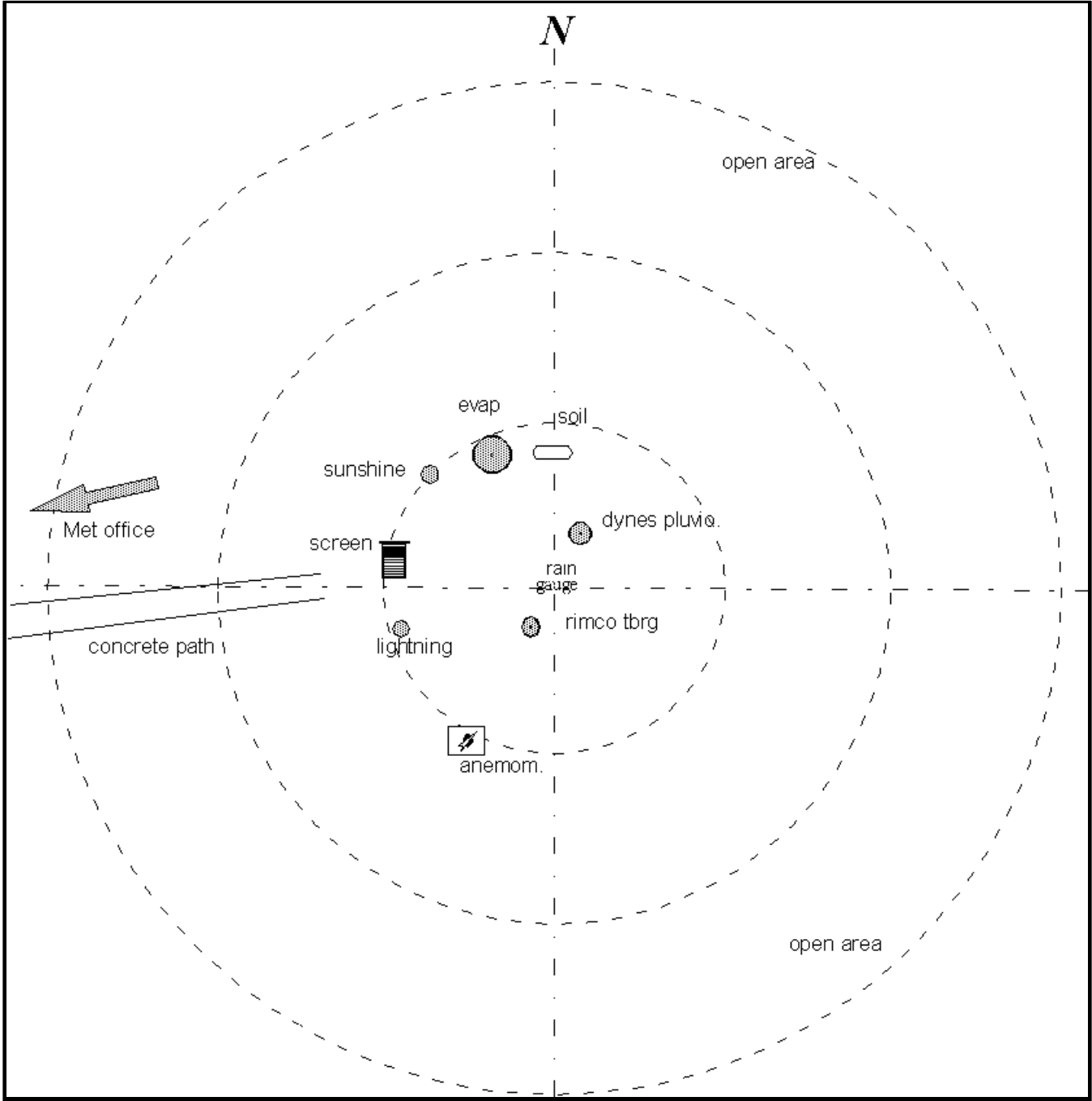
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17/02/2000



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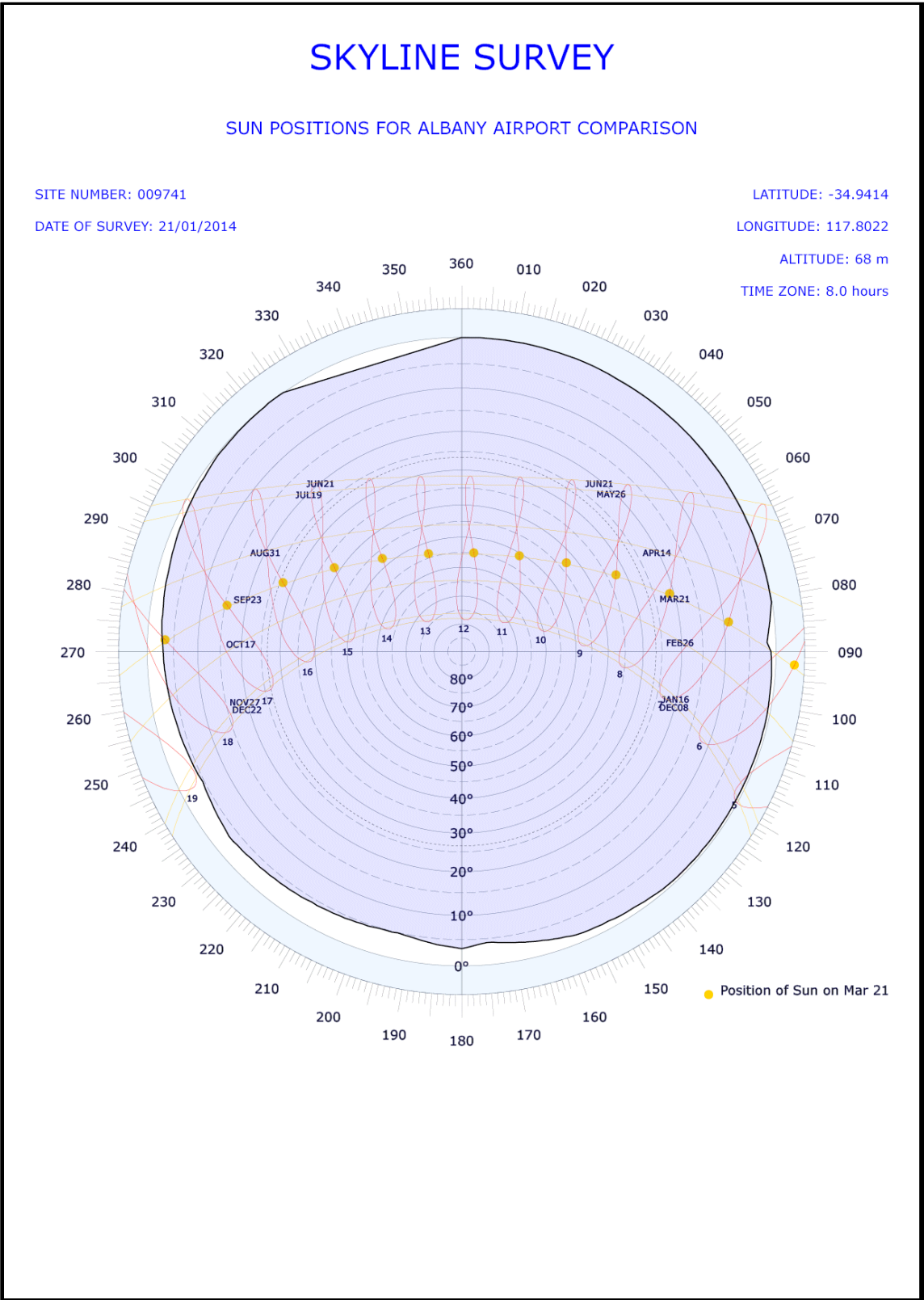
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Skyline Diagram  
21/01/2014(most recent)



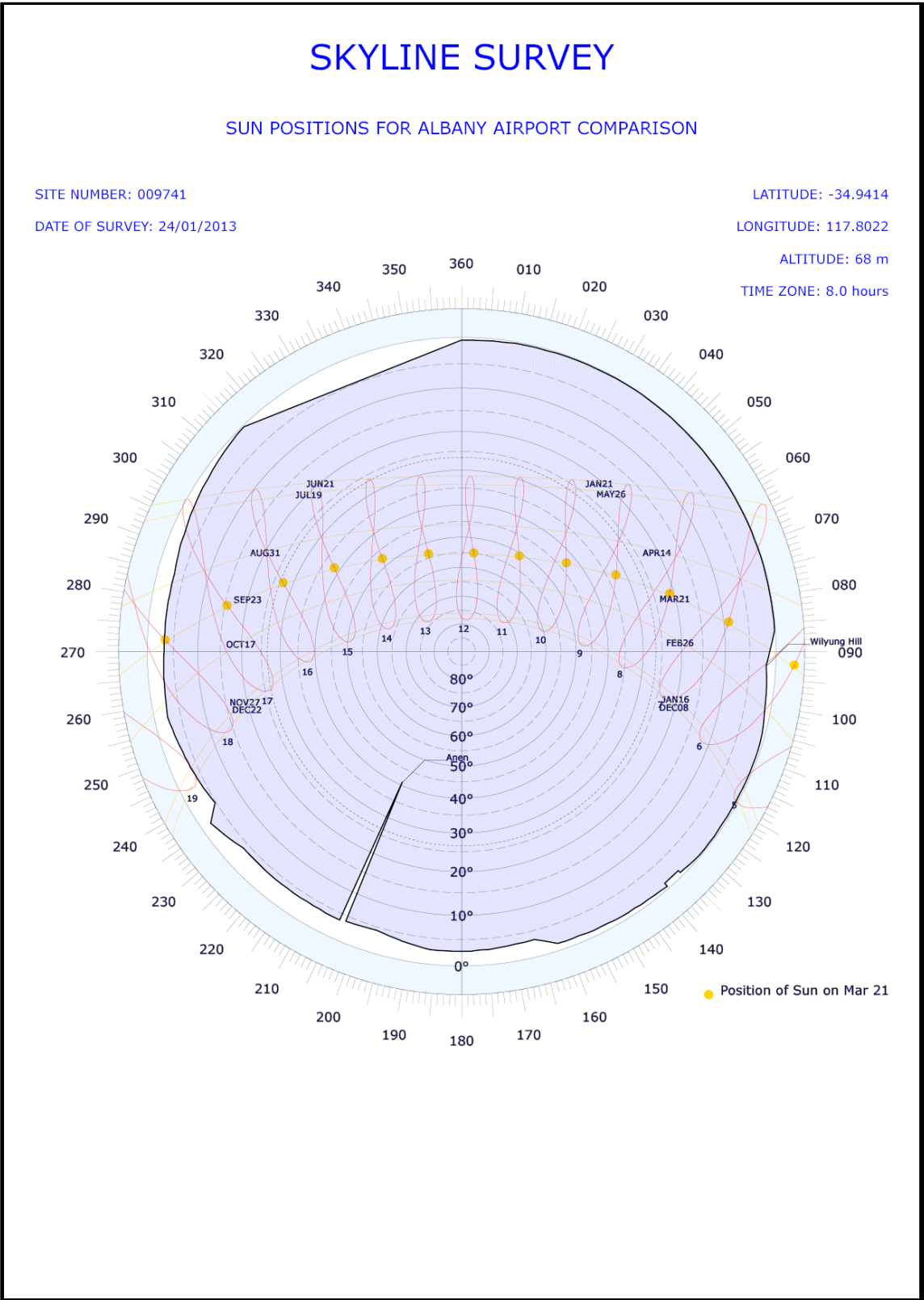
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Skyline Diagram  
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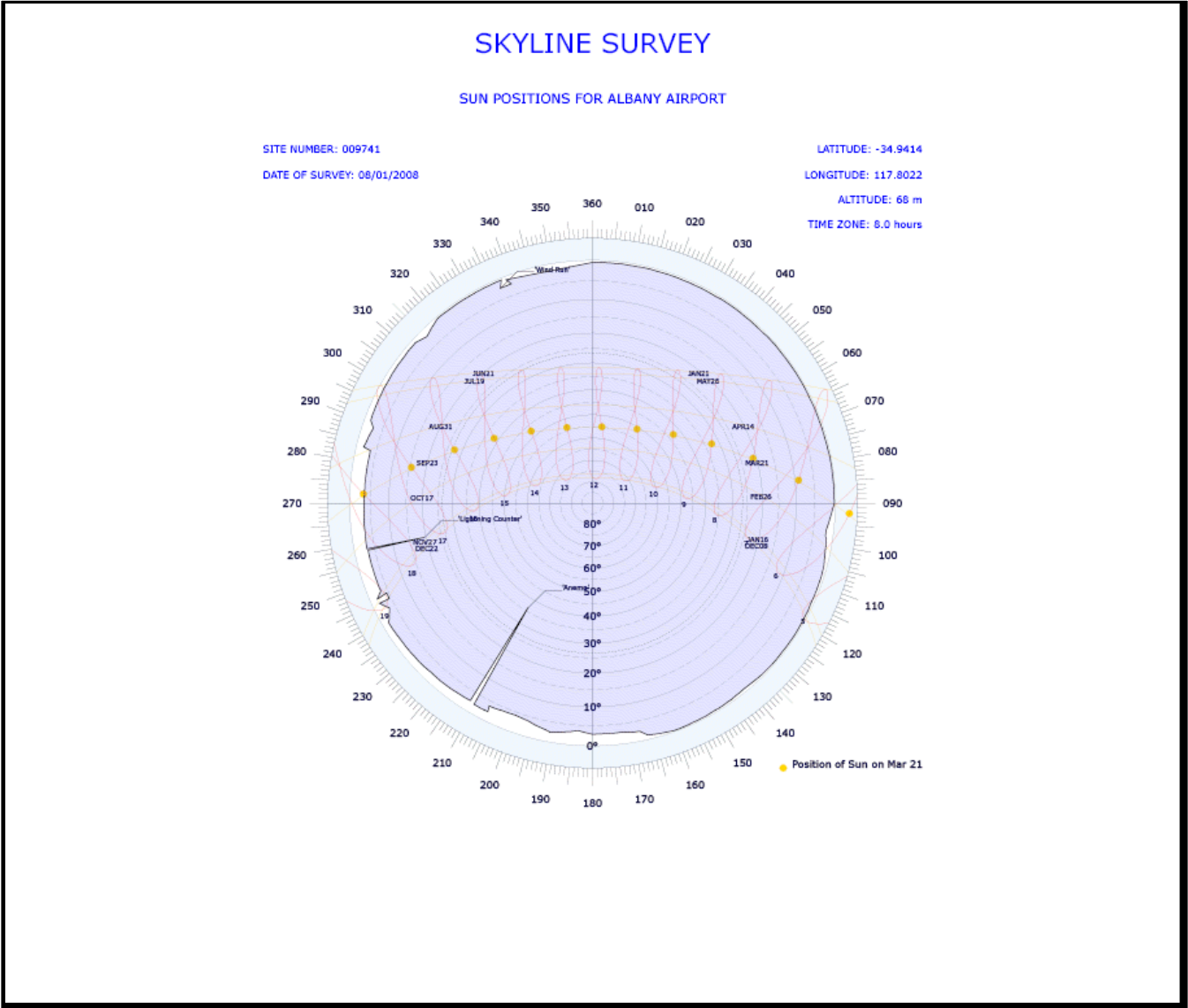
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Skyline Diagram  
08/01/2008



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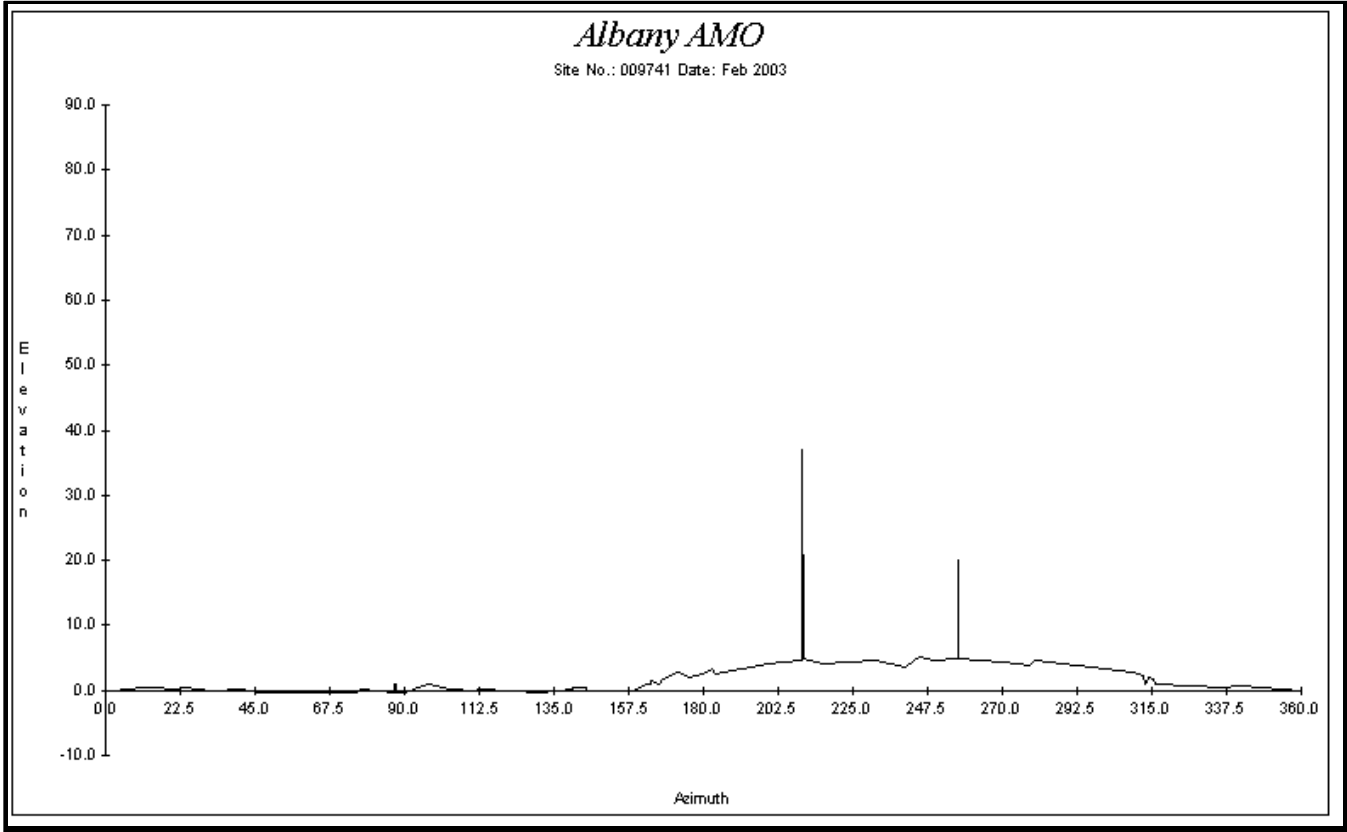
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Skyline Diagram  
05/02/2003



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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 02/01/1998 to 16/09/2002

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 16/09/2002 to 13/01/2012

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) from 13/01/2012 to 25/02/2014

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Upper Air Routine 01/07/1999 to 05/01/2005

Flight type	Time UTC	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wind & Temp.	00:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wind & Temp.	06:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Wind	06:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Wind	12:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Wind	18:00							



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Upper Air Routine 05/01/2005 to 13/01/2012

Flight type	Time UTC	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wind & Temp.	00:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wind & Temp.	06:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind & Temp.	12:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind & Temp.	18:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind	00:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wind	06:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wind	12:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wind	18:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## Station Equipment History

### Equipment Install/Remove

#### Cloud Height

27/APR/2005 INSTALL Ceilometer (Type Vaisala CT25K S/N - A02504) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Ceilometer (Type Vaisala CT25K S/N - A02504) Surface Observations  
01/APR/1965 INSTALL Cloud Base Searchlight (Type 63 Degree S/N - CBS1017) Surface Observations  
27/APR/2005 REMOVE Cloud Base Searchlight (Type 63 Degree S/N - CBS1017) Surface Observations

#### Humidity

10/JAN/2012 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 5968010) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 9561009) Surface Observations  
22/JUL/2013 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 9561009) Surface Observations  
01/APR/1965 INSTALL Hygrograph (Type Hair Hygrograph S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
30/SEP/1992 REMOVE Hygrograph (Type Hair Hygrograph S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

#### Pressure Trend

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Barograph (Type Weekly S/N - CBMO216) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Barograph (Type Weekly S/N - CBM0025) Surface Observations  
26/OCT/2004 REPLACE Barograph (Now Weekly S/N - CBM0025) Surface Observations

#### Lightning

21/FEB/1973 INSTALL Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Horizontal Aerial S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
17/JAN/2012 REMOVE Lightning Flash Counter (Type CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - MAT100074) Surface Observations  
11/APR/2006 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - MAT100074) Surface Observations  
01/FEB/1984 REPLACE Lightning Flash Counter (Now CIGRE - Vertical Aerial S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

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

#### Magnetic Bearing (No Electronic History)

#### Wind Direction

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Dines S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 6678) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
01/JAN/1967 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - CBM567) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 65492) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
24/JUL/2007 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 65492) Surface Observations  
21/JAN/1999 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 75086) Surface Observations  
21/MAR/2002 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 80228/80279) Surface Observations  
16/JUL/2003 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 84351/84328) Surface Observations  
16/SEP/1987 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
11/JUN/2010 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
27/JUL/2004 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

#### Wet Bulb Temperature

17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
10/JAN/2012 REMOVE Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - M1934) Surface Observations  
06/DEC/2002 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - M1965) Surface Observations

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12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 27414) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - M1965) Surface Observations  
06/DEC/2002 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 12620) Surface Observations  
05/SEP/2005 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 21762) Surface Observations  
13/AUG/2007 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 27414) Surface Observations

### Solar Radiation (Long Wave) (No Electronic History)

### Spectral Radiation (No Electronic History)

### Maximum Temperature

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type Dobbie S/N - M1483) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type WIKA S/N - 27782) Surface Observations  
08/JAN/2008 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Now Dobbie S/N - 17198) Surface Observations  
18/SEP/2007 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Now Dobbie S/N - M1483) Surface Observations  
25/JAN/2006 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Now Dobbie S/N - M4006) Surface Observations  
01/FEB/2010 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Now WIKA S/N - 27782) Surface Observations

### Soil Temperature 10cm

14/JUN/1986 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 10cm (Type Dobros S/N - M0895) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 10cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0398748) Surface Observations  
19/JAN/2005 REPLACE Thermometer, Soil, 10cm (Now Dobros S/N - 0398748) Surface Observations

### Soil Temperature 20cm

14/JUN/1986 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Type Dobros S/N - CBM560) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Type Dobros S/N - M6877) Surface Observations  
23/NOV/2010 REPLACE Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Now Dobros S/N - M6877) Surface Observations

### Soil Temperature 50cm

14/JUN/1986 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 50cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010831) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 50cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010831) Surface Observations

### Snow Height (No Electronic History)

### Soil Temperature 100cm

14/JUN/1986 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 100cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010827) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 100cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010827) Surface Observations  
24/MAR/2005 REPLACE Thermometer, Soil, 100cm (Now Dobros S/N - 0010827) Surface Observations

### Sunshine Hours

16/SEP/1992 INSTALL Sunshine Recorder (Type Campbell-Stokes S/N - CBM009) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Sunshine Recorder (Type Campbell-Stokes S/N - CBM009) Surface Observations

### Wind Run

01/JAN/1967 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - CBM567) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
11/JUN/2010 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
27/JUL/2004 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

### Minimum Temperature

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - M6517) Surface Observations  
26/SEP/2011 REPLACE Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Now Dobbie S/N - M6517) Surface Observations

### Terrestrial Minimum Temperature

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01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - CBM3279) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations  
18/SEP/2011 REPLACE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Now Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations  
03/FEB/2003 REPLACE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Now Dobbie S/N - M6124) Surface Observations

Visibility

27/APR/2005 INSTALL Visibility Meter (Type Vaisala FD12 S/N - Z09203) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Visibility Meter (Type Vaisala FD12 S/N - D07206) Surface Observations  
31/MAR/2008 REPLACE Visibility Meter (Now Vaisala FD12 S/N - D07206) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 5cm (No Electronic History)

Sub Surface Temperature (No Electronic History)

Electrical Conductivity (No Electronic History)

Oxygen Content (No Electronic History)

RF Reflectivity

01/AUG/1992 INSTALL Radar (Type WF100-5C S/N - NONE) Upper Air  
01/AUG/1992 INSTALL Radar (Type WF100-5C S/N - NONE) WeatherWatch  
01/APR/1965 INSTALL Radar (Type WF2 S/N - Unknown) Upper Air  
01/AUG/1992 INSTALL Radar Tower (Type Cylindrical WF100 - 7.75 m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
16/JAN/2012 REMOVE Radar (Type WF100-5C S/N - NONE) Upper Air  
16/JAN/2012 REMOVE Radar (Type WF100-5C S/N - NONE) WeatherWatch  
01/AUG/1992 REMOVE Radar (Type WF2 S/N - Unknown) Upper Air  
17/JAN/2012 REMOVE Radar Tower (Type Cylindrical WF100 - 7.75 m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure

Total Column Ozone Amount (No Electronic History)

Pressure

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Barometer (Type Kew pattern mercury S/N - 1904) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Barometer (Type Vaisala PA11A S/N - 458185) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 REMOVE Barometer (Type Kew pattern mercury S/N - 1904) Surface Observations  
13/JAN/2012 REMOVE Barometer (Type Vaisala PA11A S/N - P3720007) Surface Observations  
28/JUL/1999 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - 661811) Surface Observations  
26/MAR/2003 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - 661845) Surface Observations  
17/FEB/2009 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - P3720007) Surface Observations  
01/APR/2010 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - P3720007) Surface Observations  
25/MAR/2010 REPLACE Barometer (Now Vaisala PA11A S/N - S0840012) Surface Observations

Evaporation

01/JAN/1967 INSTALL Evaporation Pan (Type Class A S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
17/JAN/2012 REMOVE Evaporation Pan (Type Class A S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
24/AUG/2004 REPLACE Evaporation Pan (Now Class A S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
30/APR/2007 REPLACE Evaporation Pan (Now Class A S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Rainfall

01/JAN/1965 INSTALL Pluviograph (Type Dines syphoning S/N - CBM395) Rainfall Intensity  
01/JAN/2008 REMOVE Pluviograph (Type Dines syphoning S/N - CBM276) Rainfall Intensity  
16/JUN/2005 REPLACE Pluviograph (Now Dines syphoning S/N - CBM276) Rainfall Intensity  
01/JAN/1942 INSTALL Raingauge (Type 203 mm (8in) - 200mm capacity S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Raingauge (Type HS TB3A-0.2 S/N - 96-182) Surface Observations

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12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Raingauge (Type 203 mm (8in) - 200mm capacity S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
17/JAN/2012 REMOVE Raingauge (Type Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 90193) Rainfall Intensity  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Raingauge (Type Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 90193) Surface Observations  
19/AUG/2007 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 90193) Rainfall Intensity  
19/AUG/2007 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 90193) Surface Observations  
07/FEB/2006 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 985132) Rainfall Intensity  
07/FEB/2006 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 985132) Surface Observations  
27/AUG/2001 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78137) Rainfall Intensity  
27/AUG/2001 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78137) Surface Observations  
11/JUL/2002 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78927) Rainfall Intensity  
11/JUL/2002 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78927) Surface Observations  
25/JAN/2000 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco TBRG (type unspecified) S/N - 839) Rainfall Intensity  
25/JAN/2000 REPLACE Raingauge (Now Rimco TBRG (type unspecified) S/N - 839) Surface Observations  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type HS TB3A-0.2 S/N - 96-182) Rainfall Intensity  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 90193) Rainfall Intensity  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type Rimco 7499 TBRG S/N - 985132) Rainfall Intensity  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78137) Rainfall Intensity  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type Rimco 8020 TBRG S/N - 78927) Rainfall Intensity  
31/MAR/1998 SHARE Raingauge (Type Rimco TBRG (type unspecified) S/N - 839) Rainfall Intensity

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

01/APR/1965 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Dines S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 6678) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
01/JAN/1967 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - CBM567) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 65492) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 REMOVE Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
24/JUL/2007 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 65492) Surface Observations  
21/JAN/1999 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 75086) Surface Observations  
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16/JUL/2003 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 84351/84328) Surface Observations  
16/SEP/1987 REPLACE Anemometer (Now Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
11/JUN/2010 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations  
27/JUL/2004 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Air Temperature

10/JAN/2012 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 5968010) Surface Observations

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25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 9561009) Surface Observations  
22/JUL/2013 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 9561009) Surface Observations  
17/AUG/1992 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Dry Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
25/FEB/2014 REMOVE Temperature Probe - Dry Bulb (Type Rosemount S/N - NONE) Surface Observations  
01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermograph (Type Weekly S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations  
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01/APR/1965 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 1965) Surface Observations  
12/JAN/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 20303) Surface Observations  
06/DEC/2002 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 20303) Surface Observations  
18/APR/2002 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 21728) Surface Observations

Surface Inclination (No Electronic History)

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Available Date Range	Element	Fail Field Performance Check
27/APR/2005 - 05/JUL/2011	Cloud Height	0
10/FEB/2012 - 21/JAN/2014	Humidity	2
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Pressure Trend	0
09/AUG/1999 - 03/JAN/2012	Lightning	5
12/JUN/1995 - 21/JAN/2014	Wind Direction	3
12/JUN/1995 - 05/JUL/2011	Wet Bulb Temperature	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Maximum Temperature	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Soil Temperature 10cm	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Soil Temperature 20cm	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Soil Temperature 50cm	1
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Soil Temperature 100cm	1
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Wind Run	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Minimum Temperature	0
17/FEB/2000 - 05/FEB/2010	Terrestrial Minimum Temperature	0
27/APR/2005 - 05/JUL/2011	Visibility	5
11/JUL/2002 - 07/JUL/2011	RF Reflectivity	0
12/JUN/1995 - 05/JUL/2011	Pressure	2
14/FEB/2001 - 05/FEB/2010	Evaporation	0
12/JUN/1995 - 20/FEB/2014	Rainfall	10
12/JUN/1995 - 21/JAN/2014	Wind Speed	3
12/JUN/1995 - 21/JAN/2014	Air Temperature	2

Station Detail Changes

01/JUL/2011 CLASSIFICATION Australian Climate Observations Reference Network - Surface Air Temperature (ACORN-SAT) ENDED 13-01-2012

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17/AUG/1992 CLASSIFICATION Building (FBL) ENDED 13-01-2012  
26/JUN/2002 CLASSIFICATION CLIMAT Stations (CLC) ENDED 13-01-2012  
26/JUN/2002 CLASSIFICATION CLIMAT TEMP Stations (CLT) ENDED 13-01-2012  
09/MAY/2006 CLASSIFICATION Category B (TAF B) ENDED 13-01-2012  
10/JAN/2011 CLASSIFICATION Critical (ASOSCRIT) ENDED 13-01-2012  
01/MAY/1997 CLASSIFICATION GCOS Surface Network (GSN) ENDED 13-01-2012  
13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Important (ASOSIMP)  
01/JUL/1998 CLASSIFICATION Information and Observations (MIO) ENDED 13-01-2012  
01/JUL/2017 CLASSIFICATION Observing Operations Hub - Perth (OOH-P)  
01/JUL/1998 CLASSIFICATION Rawinsonde Stations (RS) ENDED 13-01-2012  
01/SEP/1992 CLASSIFICATION Reference Climate Stations (RCS) ENDED 30-06-2011  
14/FEB/1997 CLASSIFICATION Regional Basic Synoptic Network (RBSN) ENDED 13-01-2012  
10/FEB/2009 OBJECT Document/009741090210tnt  
05/FEB/2010 OBJECT Document/009741100205tntt  
01/MAR/2011 OBJECT Document/009741110301tnt  
05/JUL/2011 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS  
29/AUG/2005 OBJECT Document/CLIMATE SYNOPSIS  
05/OCT/2005 OBJECT Document/RAPIC TX CAL DATA  
08/FEB/2006 OBJECT Document/RAPIC TX CAL DATA  
24/JAN/2013 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
21/JAN/2014 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
08/JAN/2008 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
05/FEB/2003 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA  
05/JUL/2011 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) Opened  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) aero\_ht Changed to 71  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) bar\_ht Changed to 69  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) bar\_ht\_deriv Changed to SURVEY  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) latitude Changed to -34.9431  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) longitude Changed to 117.8008  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) name Changed to ALBANY AIRPORT  
01/JAN/1942 STATION - (nondb seeding) wmo\_num Changed to 94802  
25/FEB/2014 STATION Closed  
12/JAN/2012 STATION aviation\_id Changed to  
13/JAN/2012 STATION aviation\_id Changed to ABAP  
01/JAN/1942 STATION aviation\_id Changed to YABA  
05/FEB/2003 STATION latitude Changed to -34.9414WGS84 System  
14/JUN/1994 STATION latitude Changed to -34.9431  
14/JUN/1994 STATION latlon\_deriv Changed to GPS  
05/FEB/2003 STATION latlon\_deriv Changed to GPS  
14/JUN/1994 STATION latlon\_error Changed to  
14/JUN/1994 STATION longitude Changed to 117.8008  
05/FEB/2003 STATION longitude Changed to 117.8022WGS84 System

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Extended Climatological Station Metadata  
All History

<b>Station:</b>	ALBANY AIRPORT COMPARISON		<b>Location:</b>	ALBANY AIRPORT COMPARISON		<b>State:</b>	WA
<b>Bureau No.:</b>	009741	<b>WMO No.:</b>	95802	<b>Aviation ID:</b>	ABAP	<b>Opened:</b>	01 Jan 1942
<b>Latitude:</b>	-34.9414	<b>Longitude:</b>	117.8022	<b>Elevation:</b>	68 m	<b>Barometer Elev:</b>	69 m
<b>Current Status:</b>							Closed
<b>Metadata compiled:</b>							26 JUL 2025

Station Equipment History (continued)

Station Detail Changes(Continued)

13/JUN/1994 STATION lu\_0\_100m Changed to Airport  
13/JUN/1994 STATION lu\_100m\_1km Changed to Open farmland, grassland or tundra  
13/JUN/1994 STATION lu\_1km\_10km Changed to Open farmland, grassland or tundra  
13/JAN/2012 STATION name Changed to ALBANY AIRPORT COMPARISON  
13/JUN/1994 STATION soil\_type Changed to black soil  
01/JAN/1942 STATION stn\_ht Changed to 68.0  
01/JAN/1942 STATION stn\_ht\_deriv Changed to SURVEY  
13/JUN/1994 STATION surface\_type Changed to fully covered by grass  
05/FEB/2003 STATION surface\_type Changed to partly covered by grass  
12/JAN/2012 STATION wmo\_num Changed to  
13/JAN/2012 STATION wmo\_num Changed to 95802

System Changes

01/JAN/1942 SYSTEM Infrastructure Commenced  
17/JAN/2012 SYSTEM Rainfall Intensity Ceased  
01/JAN/1965 SYSTEM Rainfall Intensity Commenced  
12/JAN/2012 SYSTEM Reference Standards Ceased  
01/JAN/2011 SYSTEM Reference Standards Commenced  
01/JAN/1942 SYSTEM Surface Observations Commenced  
17/JAN/2012 SYSTEM Upper Air Ceased  
01/APR/1965 SYSTEM Upper Air Commenced  
16/JAN/2012 SYSTEM WeatherWatch Ceased  
01/AUG/1992 SYSTEM WeatherWatch 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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