



Basic Climatological Station Metadata

Current status

Metadata compiled: 28 JUL 2019

Station: ALBANY AIRPORT

Bureau of Meteorology station number: 009999

Bureau of Meteorology district name: South Coast

State: WA

World Meteorological Organization number: 94802

Identification: YABA

Network Classification: CLIMAT Stations, CLIMAT TEMP Stations, GCOS
Surface Network, Regional Basic Synoptic Network

Station purpose:

Automatic Weather Station: Almos



Current Station Location				
Latitude	Decimal	-34.9411	Hour Min Sec	34°56'28"S
Longitude	Decimal	117.8158	Hour Min Sec	117°48'57"E
Station Height	68.4 m	Barometer Height	70 m	
Method of station geographic positioning			SURVEY	

Year opened: 2012

Status: Open

Station summary

No summary for this site has been written as yet.

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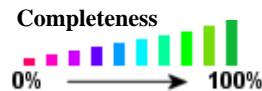
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Observation summary

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
EVAPORATION	JAN 2012	MAR 2019	81.5	459	1
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
GROUND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	JAN 2012	APR 2016	95.2	76	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	98.8	33	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
MAXIMUM WIND GUST SPEED	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	97.7	61	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
SUNSHINE HOURS	JAN 2012	APR 2016	94.5	87	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
WIND RUN ABOVE 10 FEET	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	97.8	59	0
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
WIND RUN BELOW 10 FEET	JAN 2012	MAR 2019	78.5	477	3
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	
RAINFALL	JAN 2012	JUL 2019	97	N/A	N/A
1 8 5 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 0 0	1 9 5 0	2 0 0 0	

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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	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	98.8	12.2	20	0																														
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DEW POINT	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	96.5	12.1	51	1																														
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MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	98.8	12.2	20	0																														
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SOIL TEMPERATURE - 10cm	JAN 2012	APR 2016	94.4	2.0	53	0																														
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TOTAL CLOUD AMOUNT	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	90.5	6.7	84	0																														
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WIND SPEED	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	98.8	12.2	20	0																														
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UPPER AIR TEMPERATURE	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	37.4	1.7	1223	0																														
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UPPER AIR WIND SPEED	JAN 2012	JUN 2019	72.1	2.1	478	0																														
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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 2012	AUG 2017	39.4	922	9

ONE-MINUTE DATA HOLDINGS

OBSERVATION TYPE	FIRST MONTH	LAST MONTH	COMPLETENESS (% estimate)	FREQUENCY average daily	SINGLE DAYS MISSED	FULL MONTHS MISSED
ALL ELEMENTS	JAN 2012	JUL 2019	99.4	1432.1	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	JAN 2012	JUL 2019	114.0	54.7	N/A	0

THERE ARE NO UPPER-AIR EDT DATA HOLDINGS

Holdings calculated up to 01 Jul 2019

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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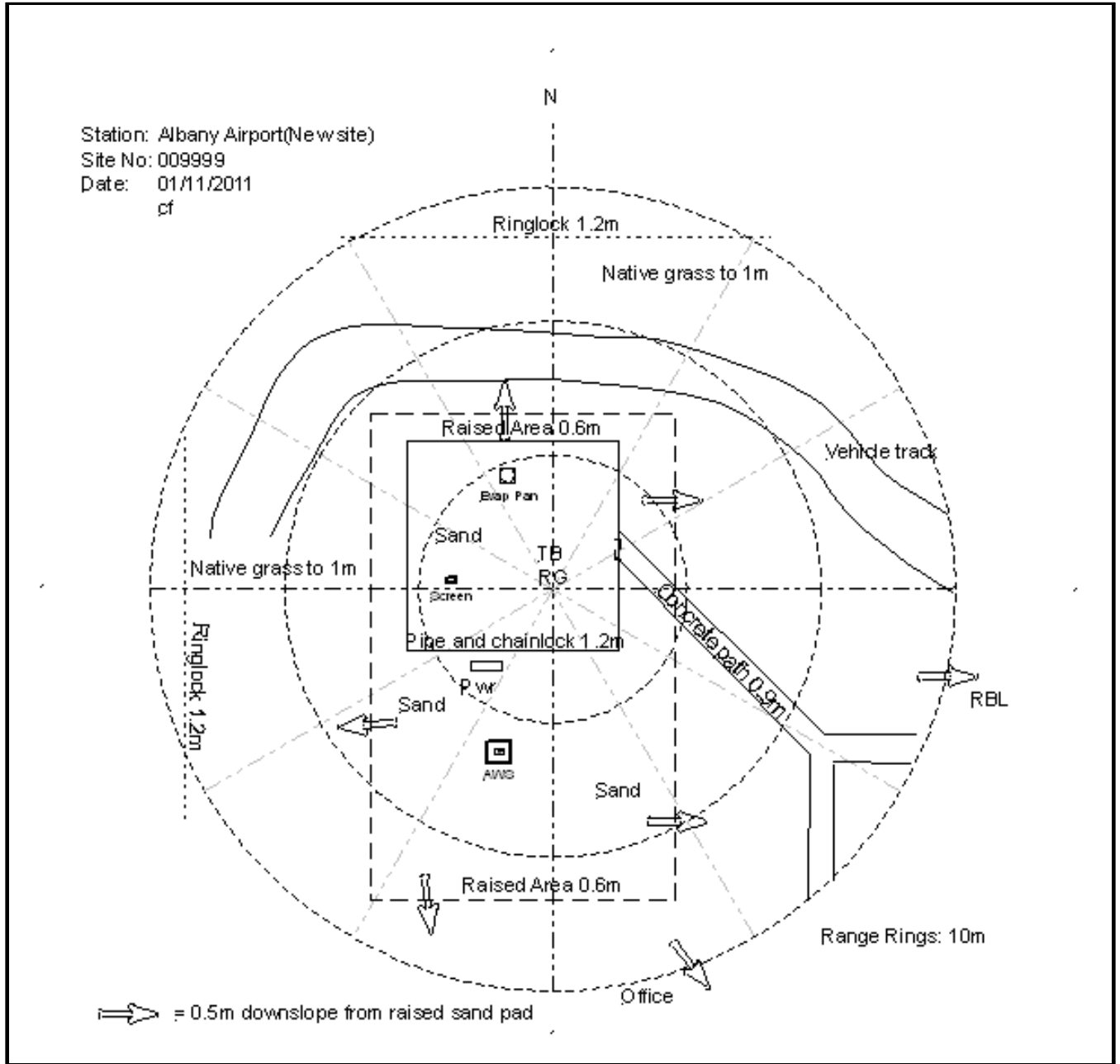
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Instrument Location and Surrounding Features

01/11/2011(most recent)



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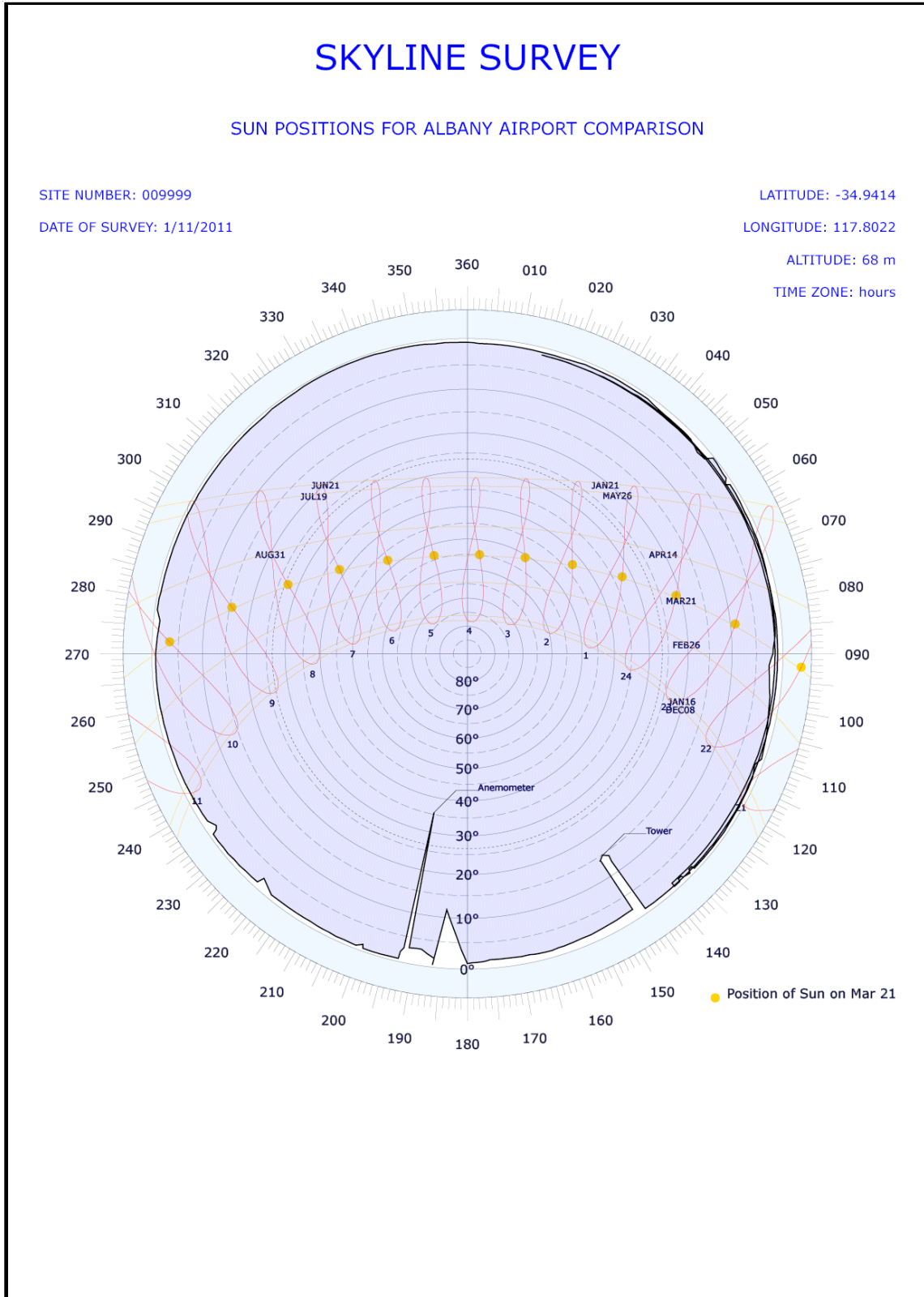


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Skyline Diagram 01/11/2011(most recent)



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Station Observation Program Summary (Surface Observations) from 13/01/2012 to 28/04/2016

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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Surface Observation	REPORTED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Surface Observation	SEASONAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Upper Air Routine 13/01/2012 to 01/08/2012

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Upper Air Routine 01/08/2012 to 28/04/2016

Flight type	Time UTC	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wind & Temp.	00:00	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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Upper Air Routine 28/04/2016 (most recent)

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Wind & Temp.	00:00	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Wind & Temp.	06:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind & Temp.	12:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind & Temp.	18:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wind	00:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Wind	06:00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Wind	12:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Station Equipment History

Equipment Install/Remove

Cloud Height

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Ceilometer (Type Vaisala CT25K S/N - A02504) Surface Observations

River Height (No Electronic History)

Wind Run

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations

18/AUG/2015 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 12295) Surface Observations

28/SEP/2013 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 202) Surface Observations

Spectral Radiation (No Electronic History)

Sea Surface Temperature (No Electronic History)

Sea Water Temperature

20/MAR/2018 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Water (Type TEMP CONTROLS TCBMP02A S/N - Unknown) Surface Observations

Evaporation

20/MAR/2018 INSTALL Equipment Reset Device (Type Watchdog Automatic Evaporation Pan S/N - NONE) Surface Observations

12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Evaporation Pan (Type Class A S/N - NONE) Surface Observations

20/MAR/2018 INSTALL Evaporation Pan (Type SS Class A Automatic S/N - NONE) Surface Observations

Minimum Temperature

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - M6517) Surface Observations

23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Alcohol, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - M6517) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 50cm

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 50cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010831) Surface Observations

23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 50cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0269688) Surface Observations

27/JAN/2016 REPLACE Thermometer, Soil, 50cm (Now Dobros S/N - 0269688) Surface Observations

Sub Surface Temperature (No Electronic History)

Electrical Conductivity (No Electronic History)

Maximum Temperature

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type WIKA S/N - 27782) Surface Observations

23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Max (Type WIKA S/N - 27782) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 20cm

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Type Dobros S/N - M6877) Surface Observations

23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Type Dobros S/N - M2305) Surface Observations

12/JUN/2013 REPLACE Thermometer, Soil, 20cm (Now Dobros S/N - M2305) Surface Observations

Solar Radiation (No Electronic History)

Soil Temperature 5cm (No Electronic History)

Oxygen Content (No Electronic History)

Sea Water Level (No Electronic History)

Surface Inclination (No Electronic History)

Terrestrial Minimum Temperature

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations

23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Type Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations

27/MAY/2015 REPLACE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Now Dobbie S/N - 23186) Surface Observations

19/JAN/2016 REPLACE Thermometer, Terrestrial, Min (Now Dobbie S/N - CBM5007) Surface Observations

Visibility

13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Visibility Meter (Type Vaisala FD12 S/N - D07206) Surface Observations

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Station Equipment History (continued)

Equipment Install/Remove(Continued)

Solar Radiation (Direct) (No Electronic History)

Magnetic Bearing (No Electronic History)

Wind Direction

- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Cups - Type 732 S/N - 78260) Surface Observations
- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 78205) Surface Observations
- 10/OCT/2011 INSTALL Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure
- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations
- 18/AUG/2015 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 12295) Surface Observations
- 28/SEP/2013 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 202) Surface Observations

Air Temperature

- 21/MAR/2018 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 60150680) Surface Observations
- 21/JUN/2018 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 31855003) Surface Observations
- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Dry Bulb (Type Rosemount ST2401 S/N - 10263/1) Surface Observations
- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 20303) Surface Observations
- 09/FEB/2017 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Dry Bulb (Now Unknown S/N - 27503) Surface Observations

Wet Bulb Temperature

- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Rosemount ST2401 S/N - 0230) Surface Observations
- 21/MAR/2018 REMOVE Temperature Probe - Wet Bulb (Type Rosemount ST2401 S/N - 0230) Surface Observations
- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 27414) Surface Observations
- 20/FEB/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 27503) Surface Observations
- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - M1965) Surface Observations
- 09/FEB/2017 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - 27503) Surface Observations
- 19/FEB/2012 REMOVE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Type Dobbie S/N - M1965) Surface Observations
- 24/FEB/2014 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 16788) Surface Observations
- 19/MAR/2015 REPLACE Thermometer, Mercury, Wet Bulb (Now Dobbie S/N - 27414) Surface Observations

Lightning (No Electronic History)

Turbidity (No Electronic History)

Total Column Ozone Amount (No Electronic History)

Pressure

- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Barometer (Type Vaisala PTB220B S/N - D1610036) Surface Observations

Humidity

- 21/MAR/2018 INSTALL Humidity Probe (Type Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 60150680) Surface Observations
- 21/JUN/2018 REPLACE Humidity Probe (Now Rotronics MP101A-T4-W4W S/N - 31855003) Surface Observations

Sunshine Hours

- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Sunshine Recorder (Type Campbell-Stokes S/N - CBM009) Surface Observations
- 23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Sunshine Recorder (Type Campbell-Stokes S/N - CBM009) Surface Observations

Pressure Trend

- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Barograph (Type Weekly S/N - CBM0025) Surface Observations
- 02/MAR/2016 REMOVE Barograph (Type Weekly S/N - CBM0025) Surface Observations

Snow Height (No Electronic History)

Wind Speed

- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Cups - Type 732 S/N - 78260) Surface Observations
- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Anemometer (Type Synchrotac Vane - Type 706 S/N - 78205) Surface Observations

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Equipment Install/Remove(Continued)

- 10/OCT/2011 INSTALL Mast Anemometer (Type Pivot, Standard 8m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure
- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Wind Run Anemometer (Type Synchrotac S/N - 538) Surface Observations
- 18/AUG/2015 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 12295) Surface Observations
- 28/SEP/2013 REPLACE Wind Run Anemometer (Now Synchrotac S/N - 202) Surface Observations

Rainfall

- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Raingauge (Type 203 mm (8in) - 200mm capacity S/N - NONE) Surface Observations
- 20/MAR/2018 INSTALL Raingauge (Type HS-TB3/0.1/P S/N - 0010) Surface Observations
- 12/OCT/2011 INSTALL Raingauge (Type Rimco TBRG (type unspecified) S/N - 86572) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 100cm

- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 100cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010827) Surface Observations
- 23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 100cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0010827) Surface Observations

Soil Temperature 10cm

- 13/JAN/2012 INSTALL Thermometer, Soil, 10cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0398748) Surface Observations
- 23/MAY/2016 REMOVE Thermometer, Soil, 10cm (Type Dobros S/N - 0398748) Surface Observations

Solar Radiation (Long Wave) (No Electronic History)

RF Reflectivity

- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar (Type DWSR 2502C S/N - 021) Upper Air
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar (Type DWSR 2502C S/N - 021) WeatherWatch
- 02/APR/2019 INSTALL Radar (Type Leonardo 735CDP10 S/N - 1811352) WeatherWatch
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar Interface (Type EEC 502 (BoM) S/N - ITS009) Upper Air
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar Interface (Type EEC 502 (BoM) S/N - ITS009) WeatherWatch
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar Safety System (RSS) (Type RSS (2502C/8502S) S/N - 5026-01) Upper Air
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar Safety System (RSS) (Type RSS (2502C/8502S) S/N - 5026-01) WeatherWatch
- 01/OCT/2011 INSTALL Radar Tower (Type Cylindrical Spiral Staircase EEC - 22m S/N - NONE) Infrastructure
- 05/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar (Type DWSR 2502C S/N - 021) Upper Air
- 05/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar (Type DWSR 2502C S/N - 021) WeatherWatch
- 05/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar Interface (Type EEC 502 (BoM) S/N - ITS009) Upper Air
- 05/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar Interface (Type EEC 502 (BoM) S/N - ITS009) WeatherWatch
- 08/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar Safety System (RSS) (Type RSS (2502C/8502S) S/N - 5026-01) Upper Air
- 06/FEB/2019 REMOVE Radar Safety System (RSS) (Type RSS (2502C/8502S) S/N - 5026-01) WeatherWatch

The following table summarises information on field performance checks available electronically over the period indicated. The number of instances an instrument was found to fail field performance checks should only be used as a guide. A system of data quality flags is implemented by the Bureau of Meteorology to indicate the data quality of an observation as determined by a multi-stage quality control process.

Available Date Range	Element	Fail Field Performance Check
14/JAN/2012 - 10/JAN/2019	Cloud Height	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Wind Run	0
24/JAN/2013 - 19/MAR/2015	Evaporation	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Minimum Temperature	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Soil Temperature 50cm	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Maximum Temperature	0

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24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Soil Temperature 20cm	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Terrestrial Minimum Temperature	0
14/JAN/2012 - 10/JAN/2019	Visibility	1
14/OCT/2011 - 10/JAN/2019	Wind Direction	0
14/OCT/2011 - 10/JAN/2019	Air Temperature	1
14/OCT/2011 - 17/JUL/2017	Wet Bulb Temperature	0
14/OCT/2011 - 10/JAN/2019	Pressure	0
21/MAR/2018 - 10/JAN/2019	Humidity	1
14/OCT/2011 - 10/JAN/2019	Wind Speed	0
14/OCT/2011 - 10/JAN/2019	Rainfall	1
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Soil Temperature 100cm	0
24/JAN/2013 - 24/JAN/2013	Soil Temperature 10cm	0
21/AUG/2012 - 22/MAR/2018	RF Reflectivity	2

Station Detail Changes

- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Australian Climate Observations Reference Network - Surface Air Temperature (ACORN-SAT)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Building (FBL)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION CLIMAT Stations (CLC)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION CLIMAT TEMP Stations (CLT)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Category B (TAF B) ENDED 05-03-2015
- 05/MAR/2015 CLASSIFICATION Category C (TAF C)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Critical (ASOSCRIT)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION GCOS Surface Network (GSN)
- 01/JUL/2018 CLASSIFICATION HQ EVAPORATION (HQEVAP)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Information and Observations (MIO)
- 21/MAR/2016 CLASSIFICATION NOT Processed by ASOS (NPBA) ENDED 01-09-2017
- 01/JUL/2017 CLASSIFICATION Observing Operations Hub - Perth (OOH-P)
- 01/SEP/2017 CLASSIFICATION Processed by ASOS (PBA)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Rawinsonde Stations (RS)
- 13/JAN/2012 CLASSIFICATION Regional Basic Synoptic Network (RBSN)
- 10/JUN/2014 CLASSIFICATION Standard Aviation or Defence (AVSTD)
- 24/JAN/2013 OBJECT Document/009999130124tnt
- 06/SEP/2011 OBJECT Document/BAROMETER COEFFICIENTS
- 17/JAN/2012 OBJECT Document/BAROMETER COEFFICIENTS
- 28/FEB/2017 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 26/FEB/2015 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 27/JUN/2016 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 14/JAN/2012 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 14/AUG/2014 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 18/JAN/2017 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 21/JUL/2015 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 10/JAN/2019 OBJECT Document/CEILOMETER STATUS
- 27/JUL/2011 OBJECT Document/SITE APPROVAL

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01/NOV/2011 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA
02/NOV/2011 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA
21/APR/2011 OBJECT Document/SKYLINE DATA - RADAR
16/JAN/2012 OBJECT Document/Site_Survey
26/FEB/2015 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
27/JUN/2016 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
14/JAN/2012 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
14/AUG/2014 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
18/JAN/2017 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
21/JUL/2015 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
10/JAN/2019 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
28/SEP/2016 OBJECT Document/VISIBILITY METER STATUS
13/FEB/2019 OBJECT Document/mast inspection
13/JAN/2012 STATION Opened
01/JUL/2010 STATION Proposed
09/FEB/2011 STATION aero_ht Changed to 71
09/FEB/2011 STATION aero_ht_deriv Changed to
10/FEB/2011 STATION aviation_id Changed to ABAP
13/JAN/2012 STATION aviation_id Changed to YABA
09/FEB/2011 STATION bar_ht Changed to 69
13/JAN/2012 STATION bar_ht Changed to 70
09/FEB/2011 STATION bar_ht_deriv Changed to
13/JAN/2012 STATION bar_ht_deriv Changed to SURVEY
09/FEB/2011 STATION latitude Changed to -34.9411
01/JUL/2010 STATION latitude Changed to 0
09/FEB/2011 STATION latlon_deriv Changed to SURVEY
09/FEB/2011 STATION latlon_error Changed to
01/JUL/2010 STATION longitude Changed to 0
09/FEB/2011 STATION longitude Changed to 117.8158
01/NOV/2011 STATION lu_0_100m Changed to Airport
01/NOV/2011 STATION lu_100m_1km Changed to Open farmland, grassland or tundra
01/NOV/2011 STATION lu_1km_10km Changed to Open farmland, grassland or tundra
13/JAN/2012 STATION name Changed to ALBANY AIRPORT
01/JUL/2010 STATION name Changed to ALBANY AIRPORT COMPARISON
09/FEB/2011 STATION stn_ht Changed to 68
13/JAN/2012 STATION stn_ht Changed to 68.4
09/FEB/2011 STATION stn_ht_deriv Changed to
13/JAN/2012 STATION stn_ht_deriv Changed to SURVEY
13/JAN/2012 STATION wmo_num Changed to 94802
10/FEB/2011 STATION wmo_num Changed to 95802

System Changes

01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM Infrastructure Commenced
01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM Rainfall Intensity Commenced

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System Changes(Continued)

01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM Reference Standards Commenced
01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM Surface Observations Commenced
01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM Upper Air Commenced
01/OCT/2011 SYSTEM WeatherWatch Commenced

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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:
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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

SUPPORTING the BASIC CLIMATE SERVICE
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)
SUPPORTING the NATIONAL WEATHER WATCH SYSTEM
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)
SUPPORTING the BASIC WEATHER SERVICE (BWS)
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
SUPPORTING the BASIC HYDROLOGICAL SERVICE
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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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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Notes on these metadata

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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