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Foreword

This annual summary presents the ocean wave climate and air pressure information collected along the New South Wales coast from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. Wave and air pressure data are collected for the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory. Previous annual summaries have documented the available wave data for each offshore wave data station and air pressure data from the digital barometer network from the start of records.

Wave and air pressure data are being collected to provide essential input into design, construction and performance monitoring of projects undertaken as part of the NSW Government programs in the areas of coastal management, beach improvement, estuary management, ports and marine facilities, fishing, and wastewater engineering.

The summary has been prepared to catalogue available wave and air pressure data and provide information on the analysis/presentation software resident at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory.

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1. Wave climate program

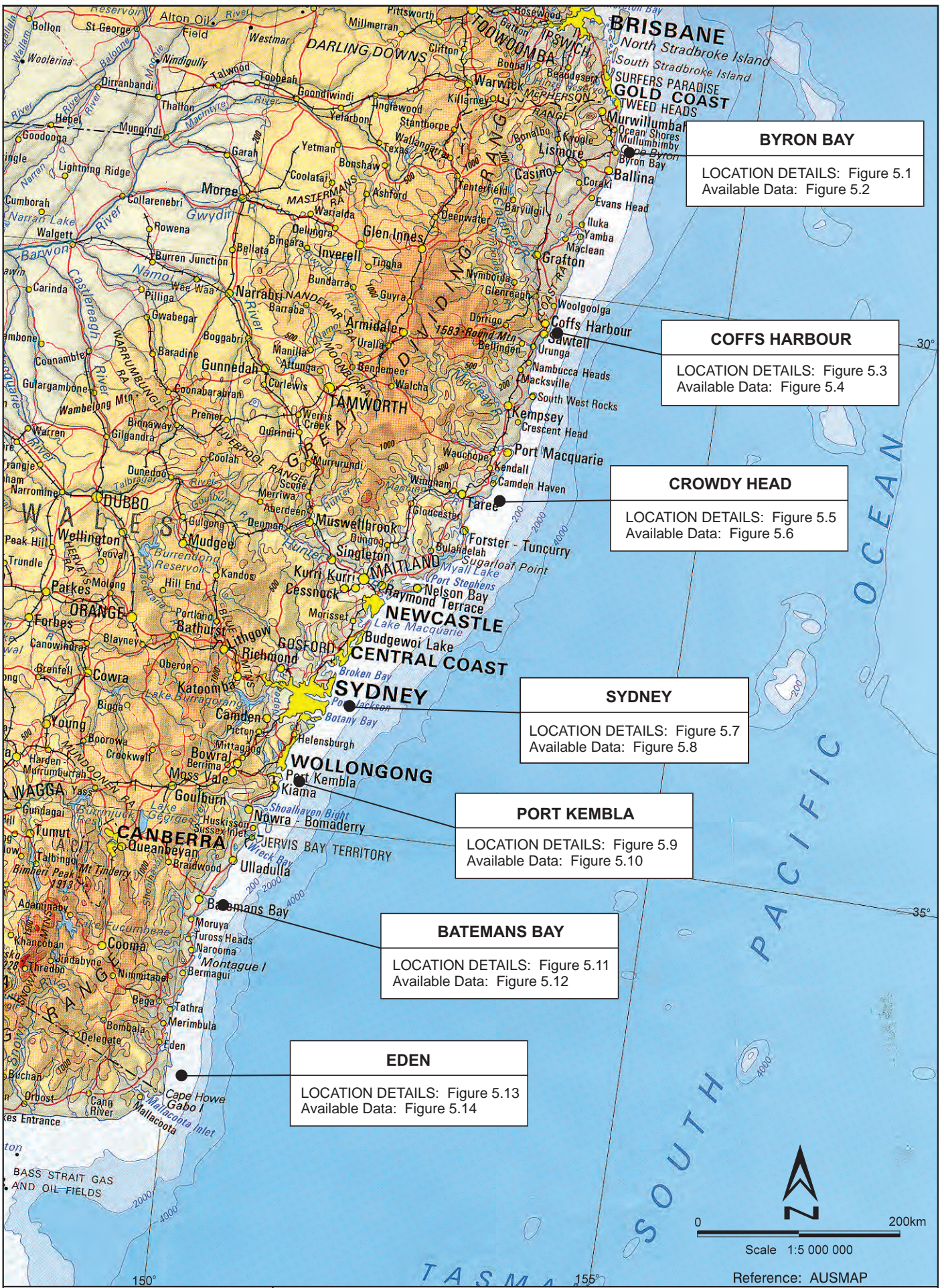
The NSW Wave Climate Program is centred around a network of offshore wave sensing buoys ([Figure 1.1](#)) which telemeter information to onshore recording stations. All stations are based on the Datawell Waverider system which uses an accelerometer mounted in a loose-tethered buoy to measure the vertical accelerations of the buoy as it moves with the water surface. The accelerations are integrated twice within the buoy and the displacement signal so obtained is then transmitted to the shore station. In recent years, buoys that also measure wave direction have replaced the original non-directional buoys. The Directional Waverider buoy was also developed by Datawell and utilises three accelerometers and a compass to provide wave direction information. At the receiving station the Waverider data signal is processed and stored by a personal computer (PC) and telemetered every hour via the internet to Manly Hydraulics Laboratory's central server.

Routine offshore wave measurement commenced in 1971 with the establishment of a Sydney station by the Maritime Services Board off Botany Bay. This was followed in 1974 by the then Public Works Department's first station at Port Kembla. Following the establishment of the Port Kembla station, coastal studies by the Public Works Department required further Waverider buoys to be deployed to monitor site specific wave conditions. During these early deployments the importance of reliable long-term wave statistics for coastal management and design purposes was emphasised by several destructive storms that caused severe beach erosion and considerable damage to coastal structures. As a result, during the 1980s the operation of the Waverider buoys was continued to establish a database of offshore wave statistics for the NSW coast.

In March 1992 the Waverider buoy network was enhanced through the deployment of a Directional Waverider buoy off Sydney. As the name suggests, the Directional Waverider buoy measures wave direction in addition to wave height and period. Following the success of the Sydney Directional Waverider buoy deployment, a second Directional Waverider buoy was added to the network in October 1999 when the Byron Bay station was upgraded to a directional site. To provide directional data for the NSW south coast region, the Batemans Bay Waverider station was also upgraded with a Directional Waverider buoy in February 2001. During 2011 and 2012 the buoys at Coffs Harbour, Crowdy Head, Port Kembla and Eden were all upgraded with Directional Waverider buoys, thus enabling the measurement of wave direction at all NSW offshore wave monitoring stations. The Directional Waverider buoys also measure sea surface temperature that is telemetered to the receiving station along with the wave data.

[Figure 1.2](#) presents a flowchart of the wave data collection, distribution and presentation system operated by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory.

Detailed station location information and data plots for 2017–2018 for all offshore sites are presented in [Figures 5.1 to 5.14](#).



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 Available Data: Figure 5.2

COFFS HARBOUR
 LOCATION DETAILS: Figure 5.3
 Available Data: Figure 5.4

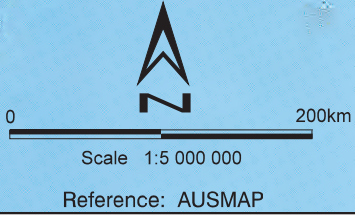
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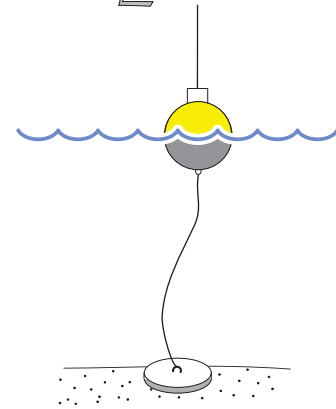
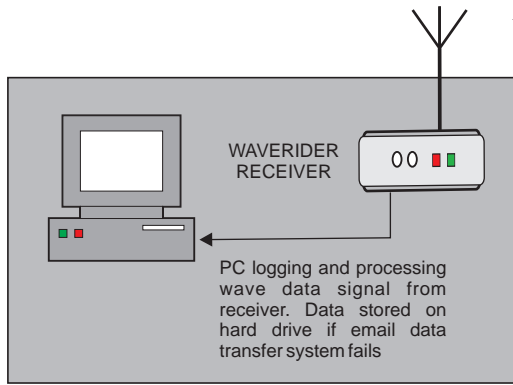
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EDEN
 LOCATION DETAILS: Figure 5.13
 Available Data: Figure 5.14



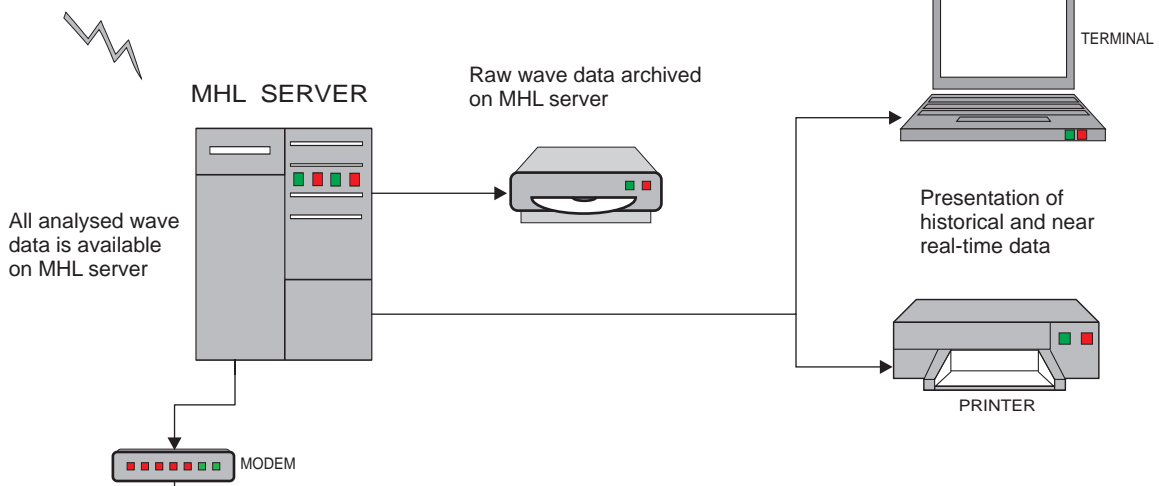
RECEIVING STATION analyses 34-minute data bursts every hour

DATAWELL DIRECTIONAL WAVERIDER BUOY transmits sea surface displacement and on-board processed directional data via radio signal to receiving station

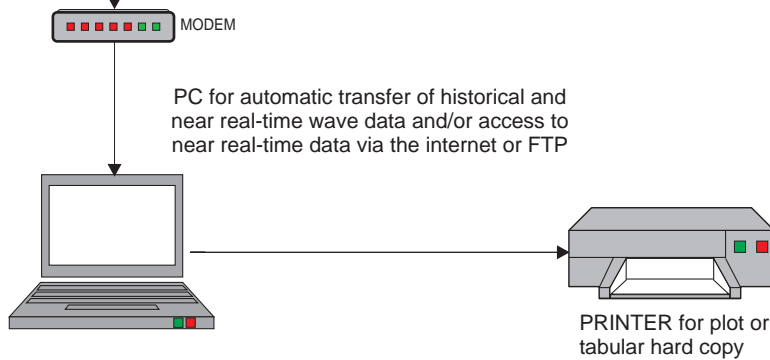


Analysed and raw wave data sent by automated email every hour to MHL central computer via mobile phone network

WAVE DATA COLLECTION SITE



MANLY HYDRAULICS LABORATORY



REMOTE OFFICE DATA ACCESS AND DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS

2. Air pressure program

Manly Hydraulics Laboratory has measured air pressure along the NSW coast since 1987. Barometers developed by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, utilising a SPX100 pressure transducer, were installed at six Waverider buoy receiving stations until the network was decommissioned during late 1999. The original SPX100 barometer network was superseded by a more comprehensive coastal air pressure monitoring system between August 1999 and February 2000 (Figure 2.1). This data is recorded to allow the correction of water level data recorded by total pressure transducers and to provide barometric information to assist understanding of water levels associated with ocean storms.

The barometer network utilises Vaisala digital barometers that sample air pressure every 15 minutes to an accuracy of ± 0.2 hPa. At the barometer station air pressure data is corrected to mean sea level and stored by a Campbell CR800 data logger before it is downloaded twice per day to Manly Hydraulics Laboratory's central computer by telephone link.

Figure 2.2 presents a flowchart of the air pressure data collection, distribution and presentation system operated by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory.





Solar panel

Data logger and communications

Battery

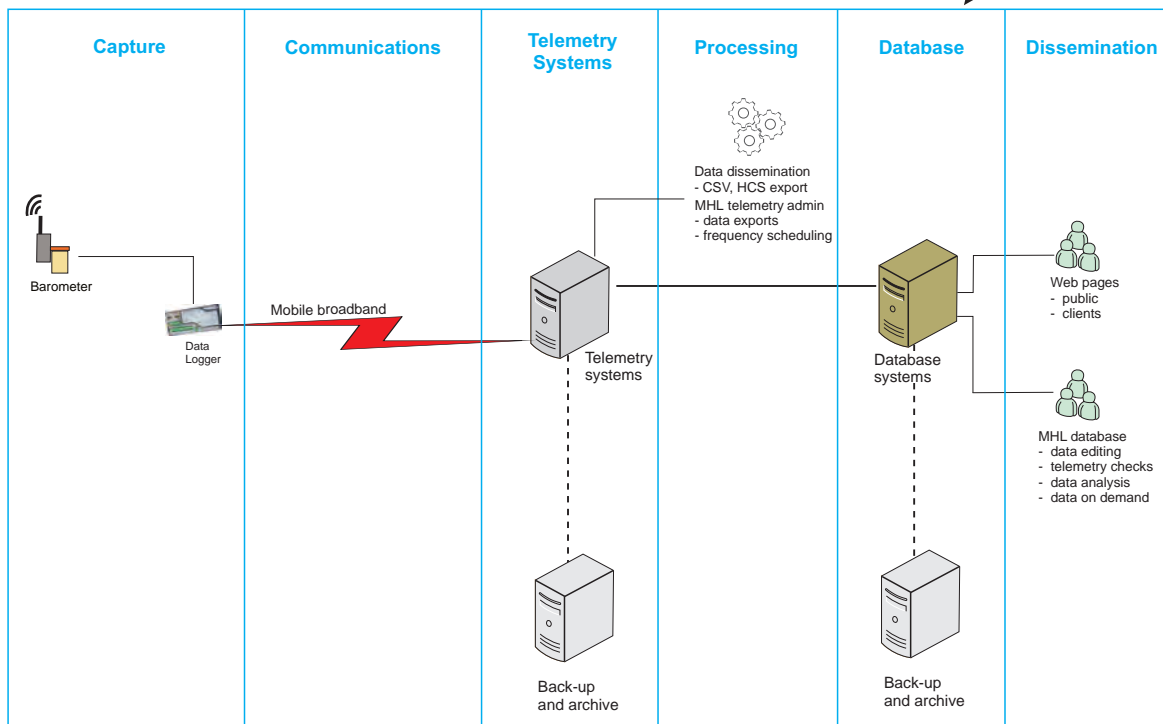
Barometer

Tweed Heads (Kingscliff) barometer



Vaisala digital barometer

DATA TRANSFER
via telephone modem
(landline or cellular)



3. How to use this report

The wave and air pressure information is organised in a menu style.

From the NSW offshore Waverider buoy location map ([Figure 1.1](#)), a reference is given to a detailed station location map for each Waverider site and to the annual time history plots of wave height from which the user can readily check for data availability, storm events, etc.

Annual time history plots of air pressure are referenced from the NSW barometer location map ([Figure 2.1](#)).

Once a choice has been made of the duration for which wave or air pressure information is required, a variety of ways exist in which a detailed examination of the data can be made. Samples of the selected data presentation formats are provided in [Appendix A](#).

In addition to the offshore Waverider buoy and air pressure data presented in this summary, details of project-specific sites for which data is available in the same formats are catalogued in [Sections 7](#) and [9](#).

The appropriate information can then be ordered from the Laboratory.

THE SITE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PRESENTED AS A CATALOGUE OF DATA FOR EACH SITE. THE GRAPHICAL SCALES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE. AT THESE SCALES THE INFORMATION IS NOT NECESSARILY DIRECTLY SUITABLE FOR ANALYSIS PURPOSES. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS REPORT ONLY BE UTILISED TO SELECT THE DATA SET REQUIRED. THE FORMAT APPROPRIATE TO THE INTENDED USE CAN THEN BE DETERMINED AND THE DATA PRESENTED ACCORDINGLY.

4. How to access the data

Four modes of database access/distribution are available:

- direct access at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory using a screen terminal for data review in plot or table form
- hard copy tables and plots at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory
- data can be provided in digital form by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory by email or on CD/DVD suitable for transfer to a personal computer
- automated ftp or email distribution from Manly Hydraulics Laboratory to any remote computer.

Quality controlled data can be requested by contacting MHL by email via data-request@mhl.nsw.gov.au

Plots of near-real time wave data and air pressure data for the previous four days can also be accessed by the internet through Manly Hydraulics Laboratory's home page at:

www.mhl.nsw.gov.au

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| ANY FEES CHARGED BY MANLY HYDRAULICS LABORATORY FOR THE PROVISION OF DATA ONLY INCLUDE QUALITY CONTROL, COMPUTING, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND DISSEMINATION COSTS. |
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5. Wave climate program summary 2017–2018

5.1 Data capture

Based on offshore wave data recovery achieved by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory over the past 25 years, the target average annual data recovery for all offshore Waverider buoy stations is 85 percent. During normal operations this target is readily achieved by the Waverider buoy network. Any data loss longer than one week is usually due to loss or damage to Waverider buoys by ship collisions. The monthly percentage data capture during 2017–2018 for each Waverider buoy station is provided in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 New South Wales wave climate: 2017–2018 data capture

| Waverider site | Data capture (%) | | | | | | | | | | | | Total year |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | |
| Byron Bay | 97 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 97 | 98 | 96 | 94 | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Coffs Harbour | 92 | 99 | 84 | 100 | 85 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 94 | 35 | 88 | 68 | 87 |
| Crowdy Head | 94 | 83 | 87 | 23 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 90 | 81 | 87 | 90 | 82 | 83 |
| Sydney | 88 | 75 | 75 | 85 | 85 | 87 | 86 | 81 | 96 | 94 | 97 | 97 | 87 |
| Port Kembla | 96 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 79 | 92 | 99 | 99 | 94 | 99 | 92 | 95 | 95 |
| Batemans Bay | 52 | 61 | 86 | 98 | 89 | 48 | 50 | 78 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 79 |
| Eden | 100 | 87 | 100 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 96 | 83 | 73 | 97 | 94 | 87 | 92 |
| Total Months | 88 | 86 | 90 | 86 | 90 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 90 | 86 | 94 | 89 | 89 |

Data recovery at two Waverider stations during 2017–2018 was below 85 percent. The higher than average data loss at these stations was due to:

- Crowdy Head – the Waverider buoy went adrift on 29 September 2017 resulting in data loss until the buoy was replaced on 24 October 2017. Poor sea and weather conditions during October 2017 delayed the replacement of the buoy. A GPS tracking device attached to the buoy facilitated the successful recovery of the buoy approximately 3 km off Crowdy Beach.
- Batemans Bay – periods of data loss during July and August 2017 and December 2017 and January 2018 were caused by faulty Waverider receiving station computers and software. A faulty Waverider buoy on-board data logger memory card prevented recovery of wave data lost during December 2017 and January 2018.

Detailed station location information and data plots for 2017–2018 for all offshore sites are presented in [Figures 5.1 to 5.14](#).

5.2 Storm events

Days on which the significant wave height exceeded 3 metres at each offshore Waverider buoy site are summarised on [Figure 5.15](#).

5.3 System down time

A summary of system down time for periods longer than one day for each offshore site is presented on [Figure 5.15](#).

5.4 Significant developments 2017–2018

5.4.1 Waverider buoy tracking by GPS

GPS tracking units supplied by Pivotel[®] are currently being attached to Waverider buoys to check their position once per day. However, should a buoy move outside a predetermined watch-circle MHL is notified by SMS (on a mobile phone) or by email with position updates every hour. A webpage interface operated by Pivotel allows registered users to configure the operation of the GPS tracking units and plot the location of the NSW Waverider buoys. The successful operation of the tracking units and software has resulted in the successful recovery of five Waverider buoys that have gone adrift since the tracking units were introduced in November 2015.

During 2017–2018 the GPS tracking units facilitated the recovery of three Waverider buoys:

- the Crowdy Head Waverider buoy went adrift on 29 September 2017 following damage to the mooring system. The buoy was recovered on the same day drifting about 3 km off Crowdy Beach
- on 29 March 2018 the Coffs Harbour Waverider buoy went adrift after the mooring was severed by a ship propeller. The buoy was recovered drifting about 12 km off Sawtell on 31 March 2018
- the Coffs Harbour Waverider buoy went adrift on 27 May 2018 after the mooring was severed by a large vessel. The buoy drifted south in the East Australian Current covering about 160 km in two days before it was recovered 21 km south-east of Laurieton on 29 May 2018.

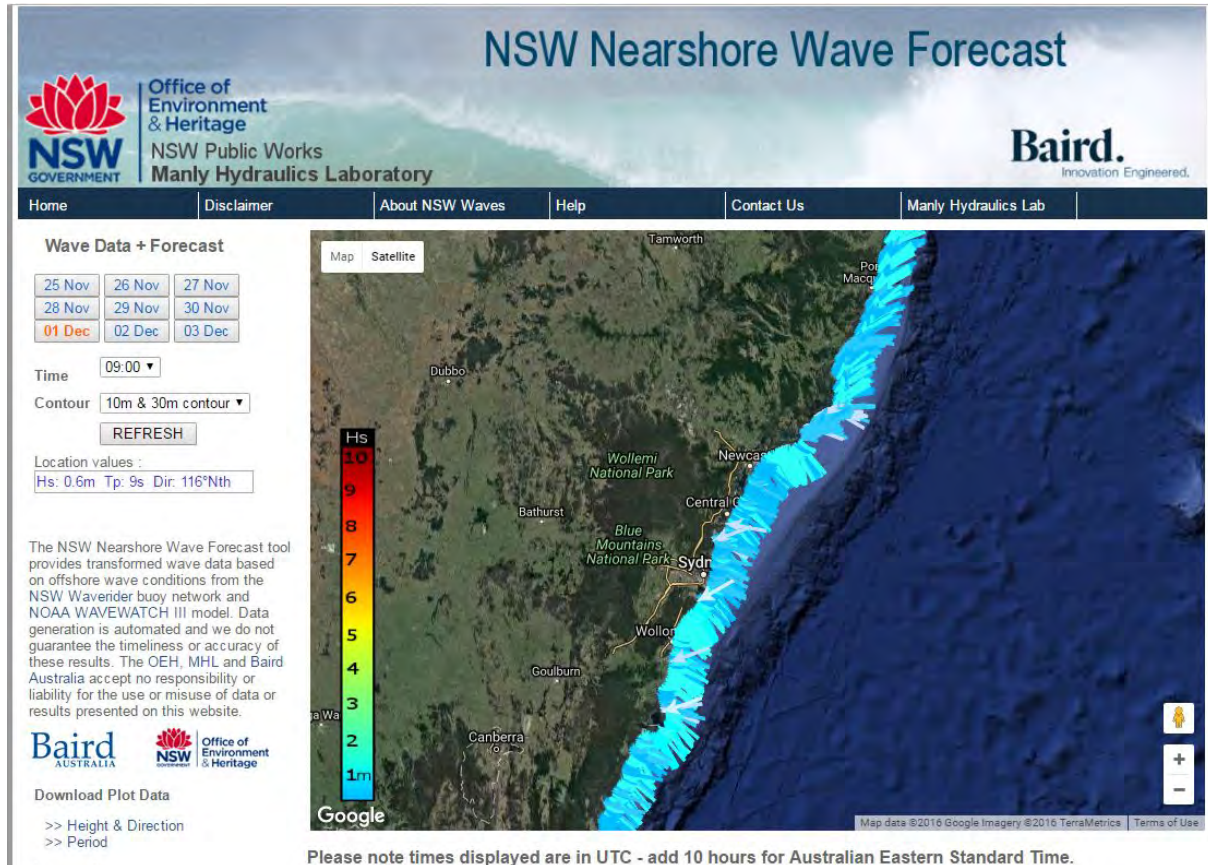
5.4.2 Relocation of Batemans Bay Waverider receiving station

Due to circumstances beyond MHL's control, on 19 March 2018 the Batemans Bay Waverider buoy receiving station at South Durras was moved to the Batemans Bay NSW Marine Rescue base. Due to the location of the Batemans Bay Marine Rescue base the Waverider buoy had to be moved approximately 4 km south to provide 'line-of-sight' between the receiving station antenna and the buoy to ensure good reception of the Waverider buoy radio signal. During the three months following the receiving station relocation data recovery averaged 99%.

5.4.3 NSW nearshore waves

Further refinement of a numerical nearshore wave transformation toolbox that provides an output of wave conditions near the shoreline along the length of the NSW coast was undertaken. The 'NSW Nearshore Waves' project is a collaboration between OEH, MHL and Baird Australia. The project has developed a suite of tools to efficiently transfer offshore wave conditions measured by the NSW Waverider buoy network, and simulated by global and regional ocean wave models, to nearshore locations along the entire NSW coastline. Nearshore wave conditions over the previous four days at the 10 m depth contour at a

spacing of 100 m and at the 30 m depth contour every 1000 m are available. In addition to the output derived from the Waverider buoy network, forecast wave conditions based on six-hourly data from the Wave Watch 3 (WW3) wave forecasting model are available for three days into the future. A screen shot of the NSW Nearshore Waves homepage follows.



The NSW Nearshore Waves webpage is:

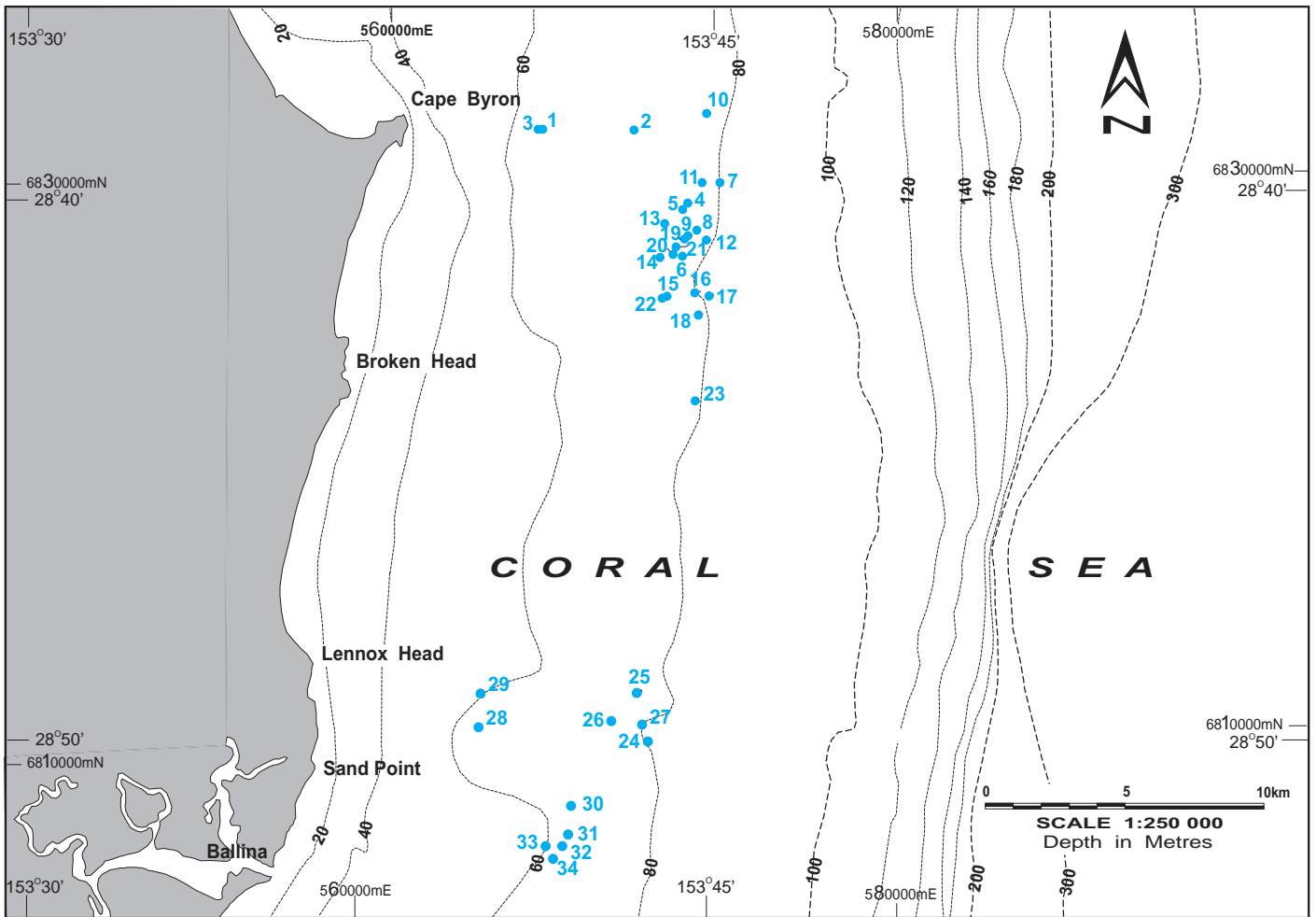
<http://nearshore.waves.nsw.gov.au>

5.4.4 Extreme wave analysis

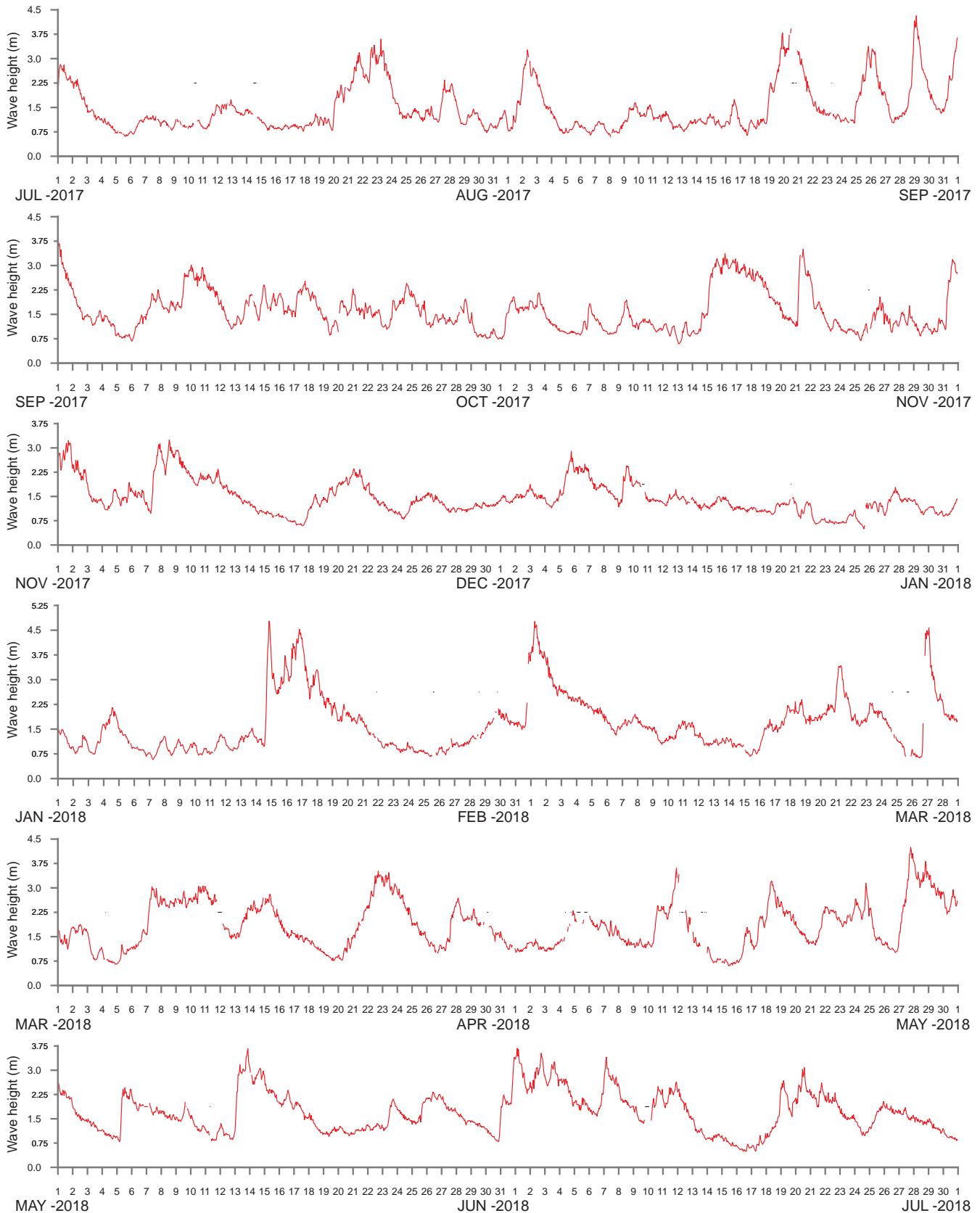
The last comprehensive analysis of NSW ocean storm wave data was undertaken in 2010. Since that time there have been several major coastal storms with all Waverider stations recording at least one storm event in the top five of all events recorded. These wave records are, therefore, missing from the extreme value analysis of wave heights currently used for the design of NSW coastal structures and coastal management purposes. During 2016–2017 an update of the 2010 extreme wave height analysis commenced which will result in the issue of a technical report detailing the analysis methodology and study results in 2019.

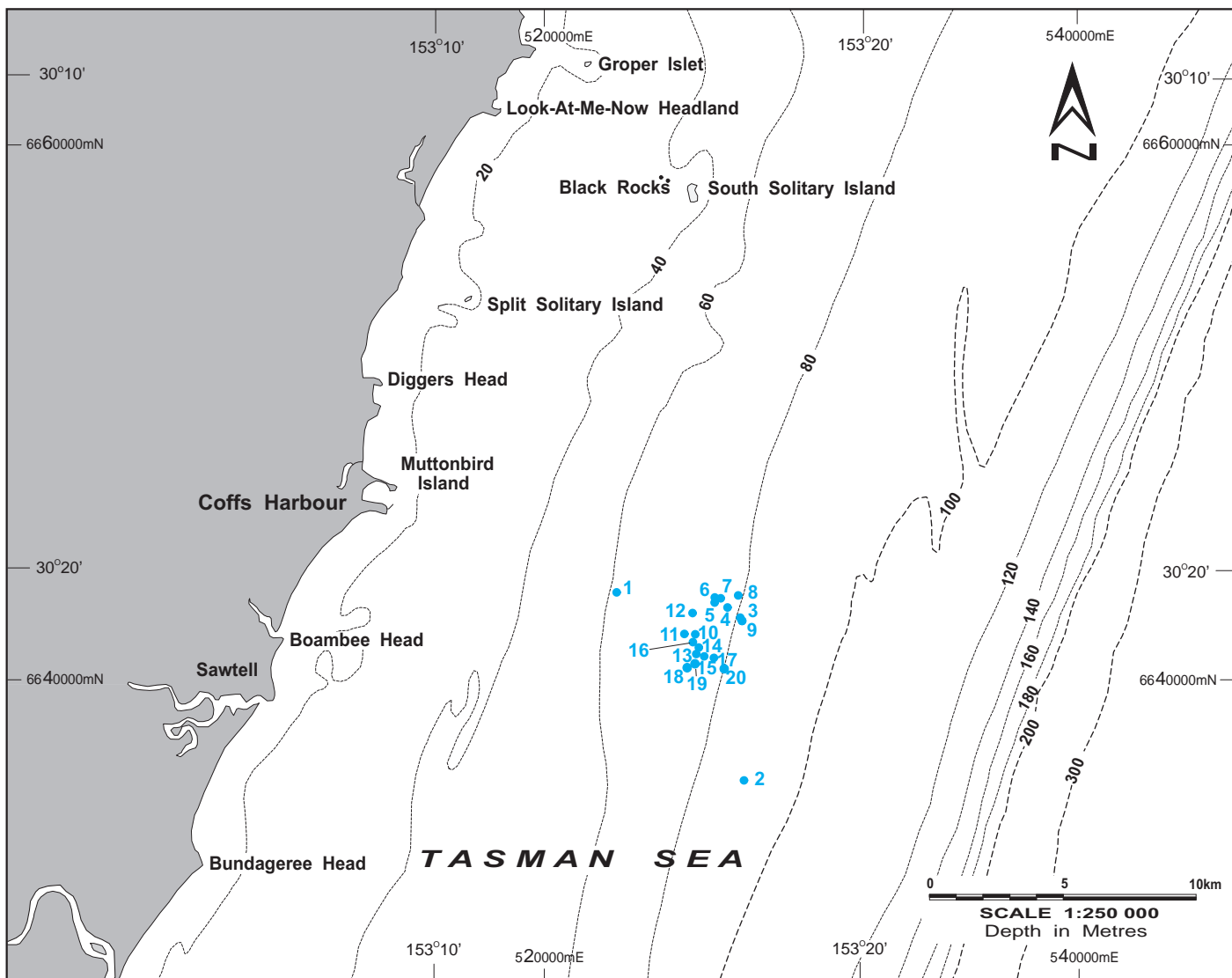
5.4.5 ITC Developments

Further development work was completed enabling the storage of the time series wave database in the cloud. A public Application Program Interface (API) was also completed for web applications and map-based applications. Data processing and dissemination for registered users is now undertaken via the MHL cloud hosts.

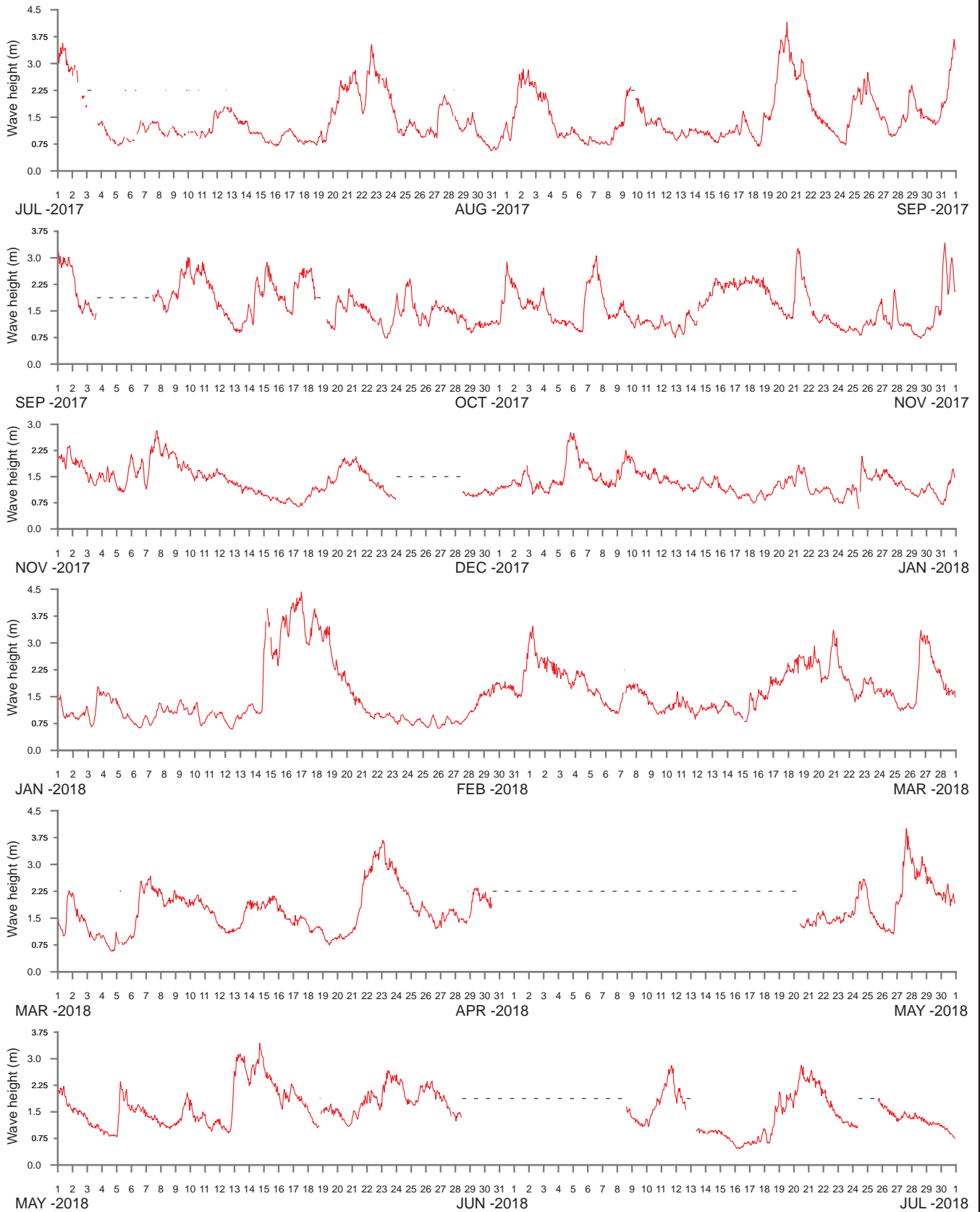


| DEPLOYMENT LOCATION | LOCATION DETAILS | | | | WATER DEPTH (m) | DEPLOYMENT PERIOD | |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Latitude (S) | Longitude (E) | MGA (Zone 56J) Easting Northing | | | First Date | Last Date |
| 1 | 28°38'24" | 153°41'18" | 567280 | 6831690 | 64 | 14-Oct-1976 | 07-Jun-1978 |
| 2 | 28°38'24" | 153°43'18" | 570530 | 6831670 | 70 | 03-Aug-1978 | 13-Jun-1979 |
| 3 | 28°38'24" | 153°41'12" | 567110 | 6831690 | 62 | 08-Aug-1979 | 09-Aug-1983 |
| 4 | 28°39'48" | 153°44'30" | 572470 | 6829080 | 77 | 09-Aug-1983 | 13-Dec-1983 |
| 5 | 28°39'54" | 153°44'24" | 572310 | 6828890 | 77 | 07-Feb-1984 | 25-Sep-1984 |
| 6 | 28°40'48" | 153°44'24" | 572300 | 6827230 | 73 | 25-Sep-1984 | 30-Jun-1985 |
| 7 | 28°39'24" | 153°45'12" | 573620 | 6829810 | 80 | 27-Aug-1985 | 22-Nov-1985 |
| 8 | 28°40'18" | 153°44'42" | 572790 | 6828140 | 78 | 12-Dec-1985 | 24-Mar-1987 |
| 9 | 28°40'25" | 153°44'31" | 572480 | 6827950 | 78 | 24-Mar-1987 | 19-Nov-1987 |
| 10 | 28°38'05" | 153°44'54" | 573150 | 6832250 | 77 | 03-Dec-1987 | 07-Apr-1988 |
| 11 | 28°39'24" | 153°44'49" | 572980 | 6829800 | 77 | 18-May-1988 | 07-Nov-1988 |
| 12 | 28°40'30" | 153°44'55" | 573130 | 6827780 | 82 | 06-Dec-1988 | 08-Dec-1988 |
| 13 | 28°40'12" | 153°44'00" | 571650 | 6828350 | 72 | 10-Jan-1989 | 05-Aug-1989 |
| 14 | 28°40'49" | 153°43'55" | 571500 | 6827200 | 71 | 29-Aug-1989 | 14-Dec-1989 |
| 15 | 28°41'35" | 153°44'03" | 571730 | 6825790 | 74 | 07-Feb-1990 | 06-Dec-1990 |
| 16 | 28°41'30" | 153°44'40" | 572730 | 6825950 | 73 | 06-Dec-1990 | 08-May-1991 |
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| 20 | 28°40'46" | 153°44'12" | 571970 | 6827300 | 72 | 21-Jul-1993 | 11-Nov-1993 |
| 21 | 28°40'37" | 153°44'15" | 572060 | 6827570 | 72 | 01-Dec-1993 | 20-Jul-1994 |
| 22 | 28°41'36" | 153°43'57" | 571560 | 6825760 | 72 | 20-Jul-1994 | 05-Feb-1996 |
| 23 | 28°43'32" | 153°44'40" | 572700 | 6822180 | 72 | 05-Feb-1996 | 28-Nov-2001 |
| 24 | 28°50'09" | 153°43'43" | 571080 | 6809970 | 71 | 29-Nov-2000 | 23-Jan-2001 |
| 25 | 28°49'14" | 153°43'38" | 570950 | 6811670 | 71 | 10-Feb-2001 | 29-Aug-2003 |
| 26 | 28°49'44" | 153°43'08" | 570030 | 6810570 | 71 | 29-Aug-2003 | 12-Aug-2004 |
| 27 | 28°50'02" | 153°43'24" | 570570 | 6810200 | 71 | 12-Aug-2004 | 01-Jan-2005 |
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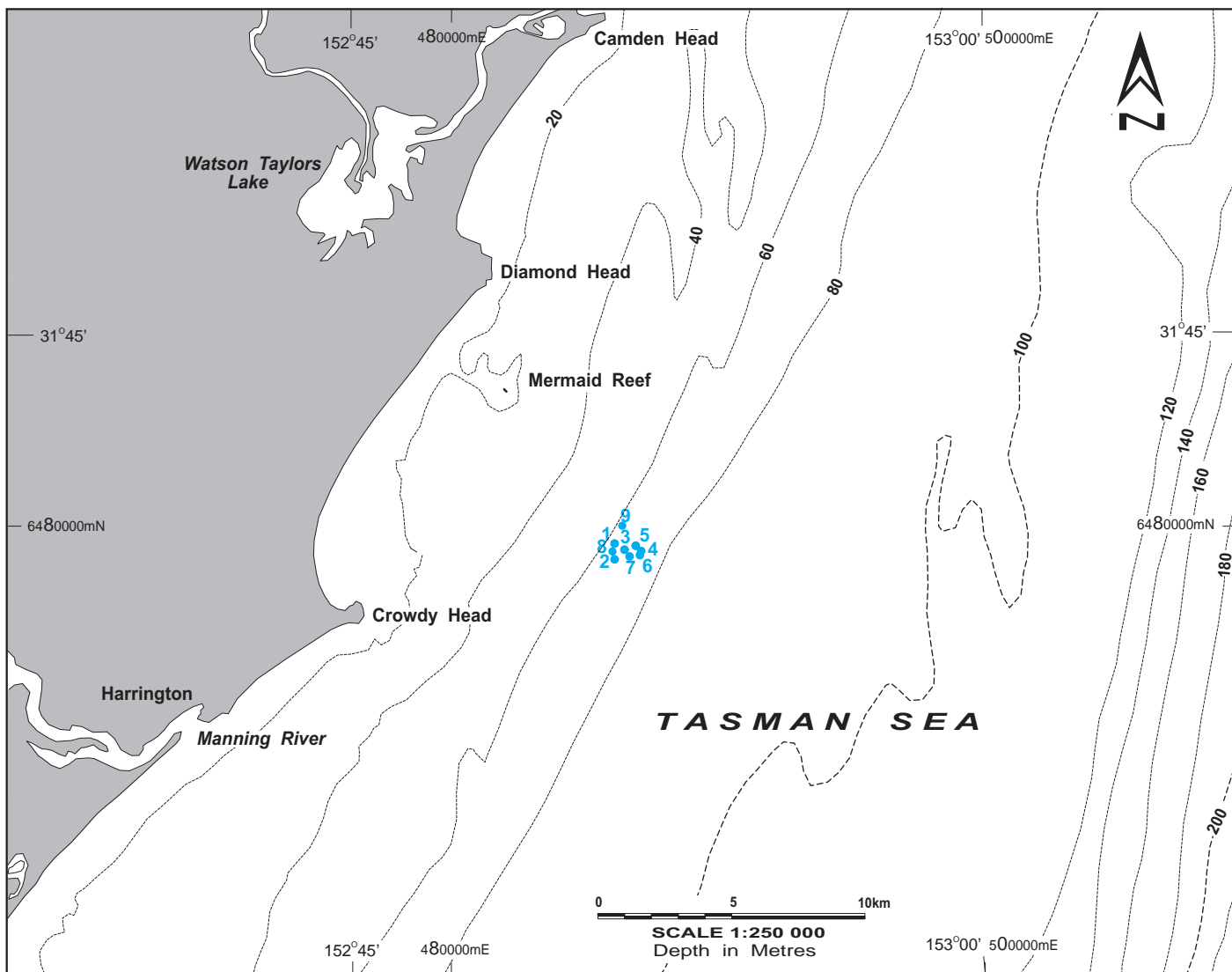




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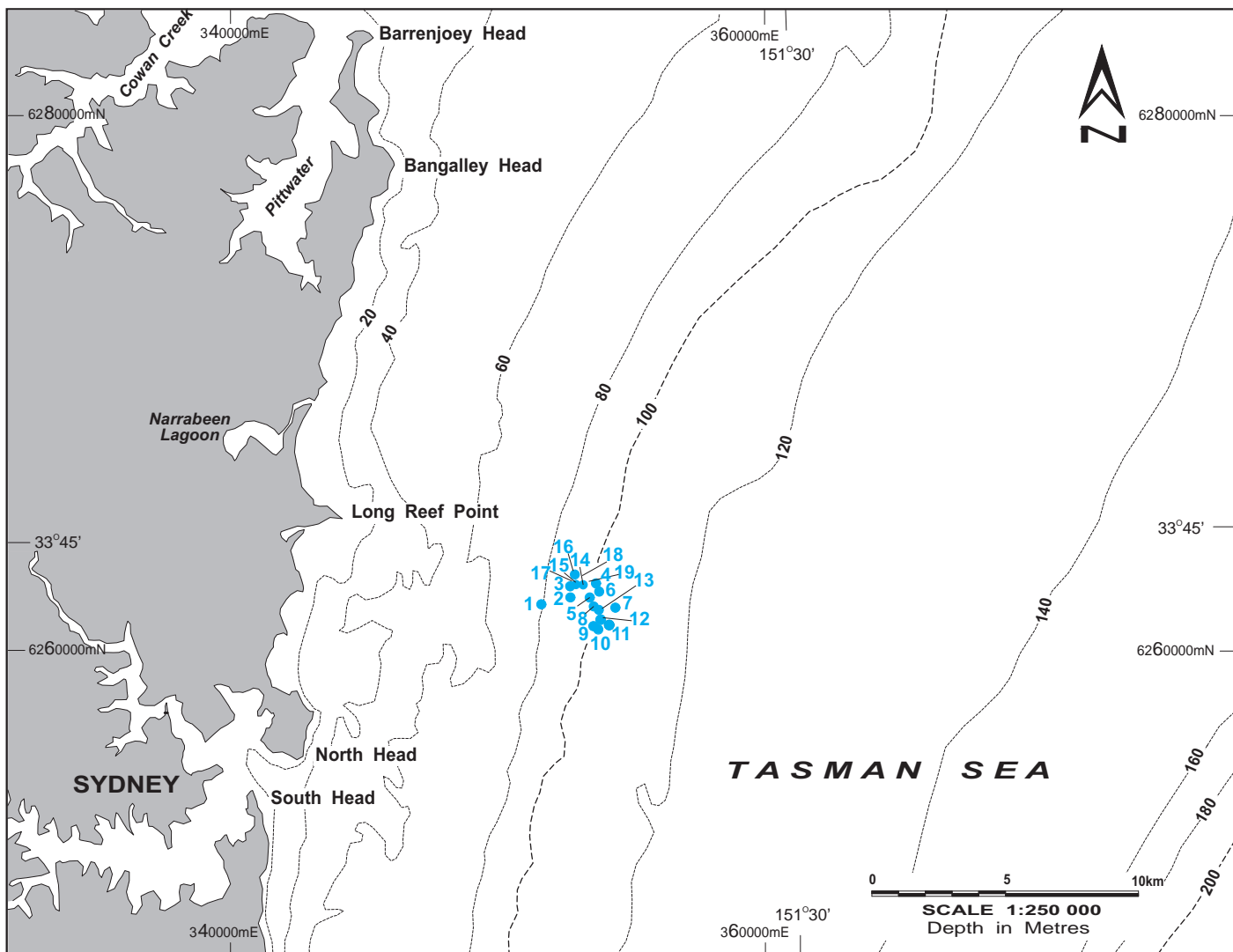
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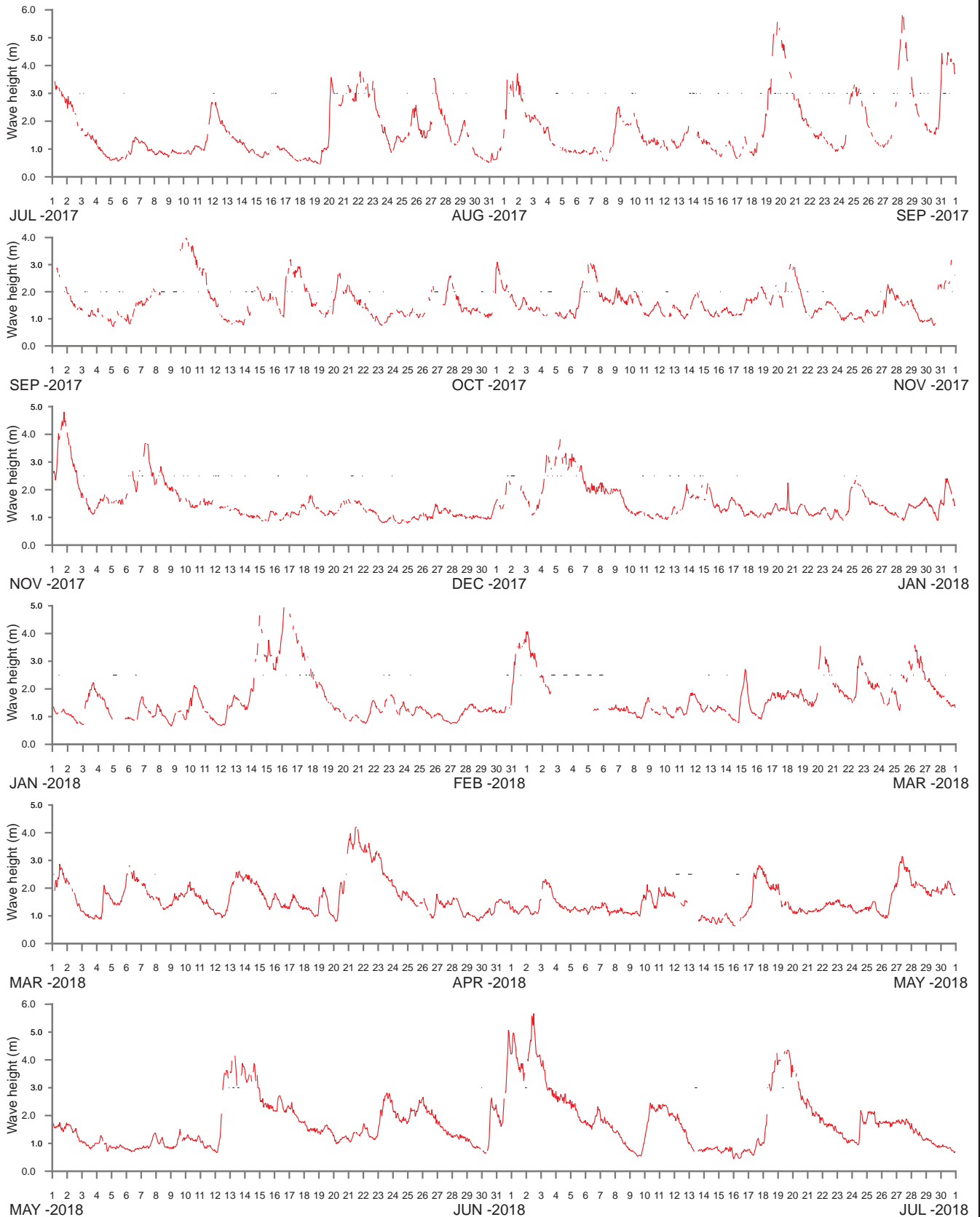
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| 8 | 31°49'26" | 152°51'08" | 485910 | 6479140 | 79 | 30-Oct-2012 | 04-Jul-2013 |
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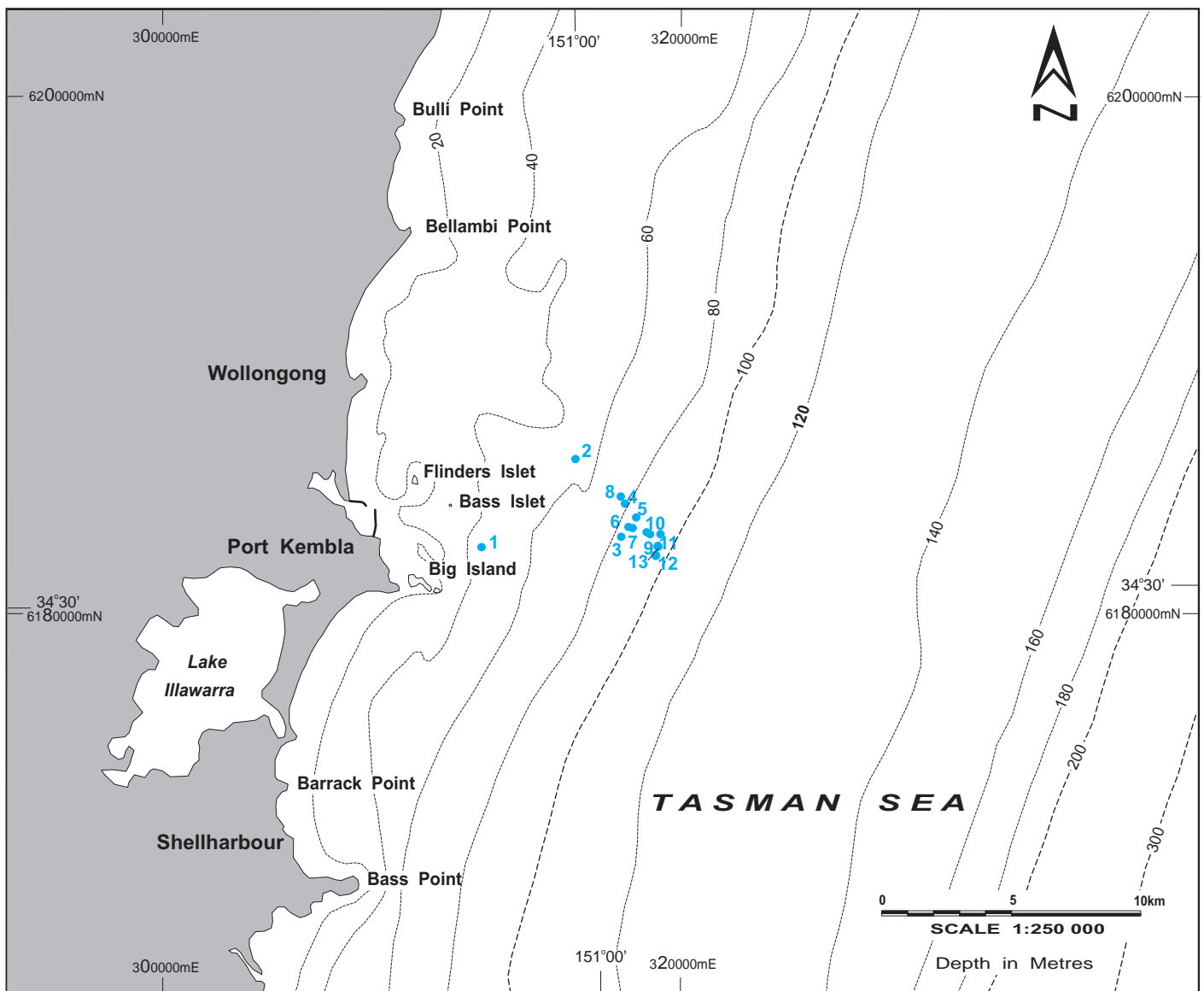
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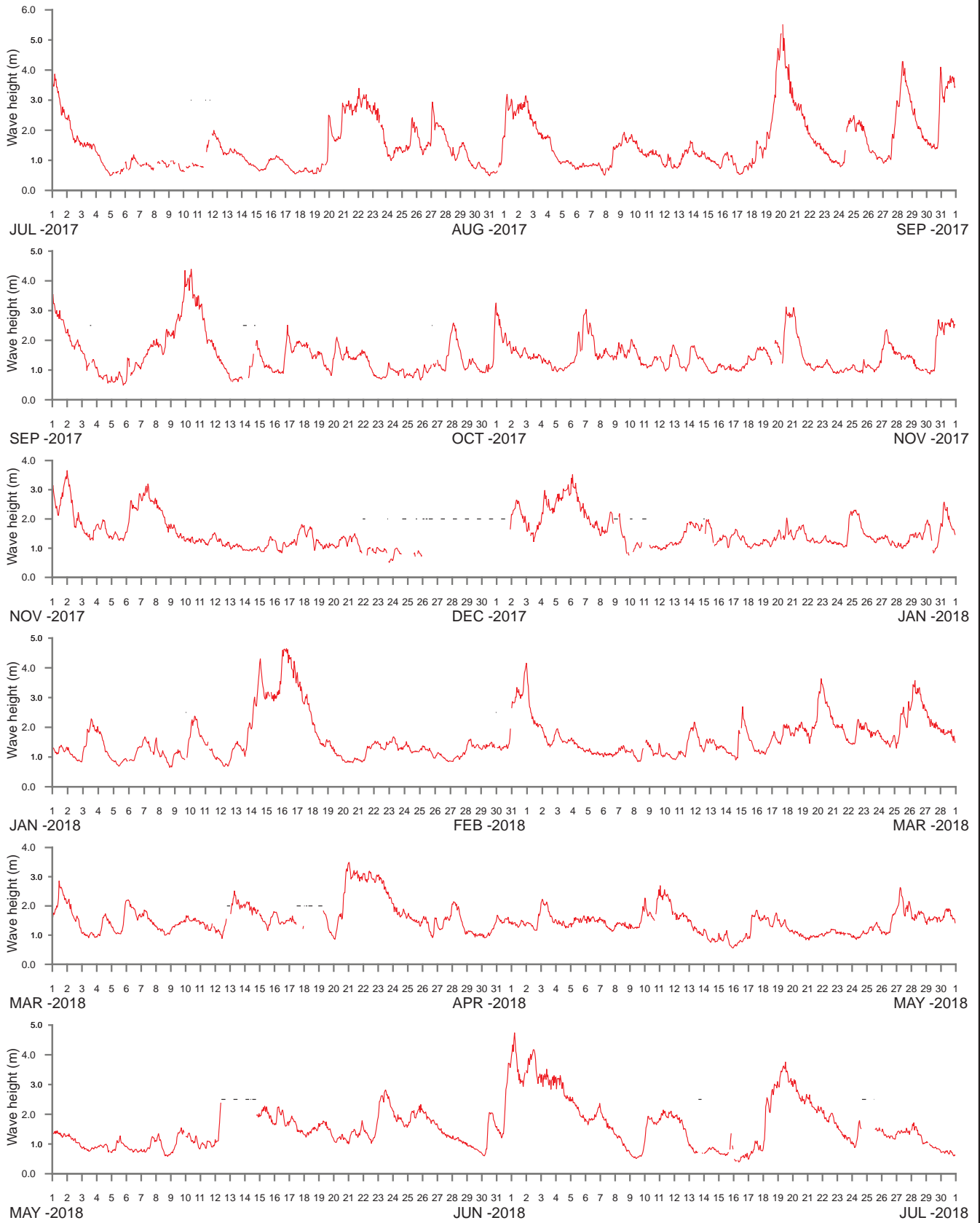
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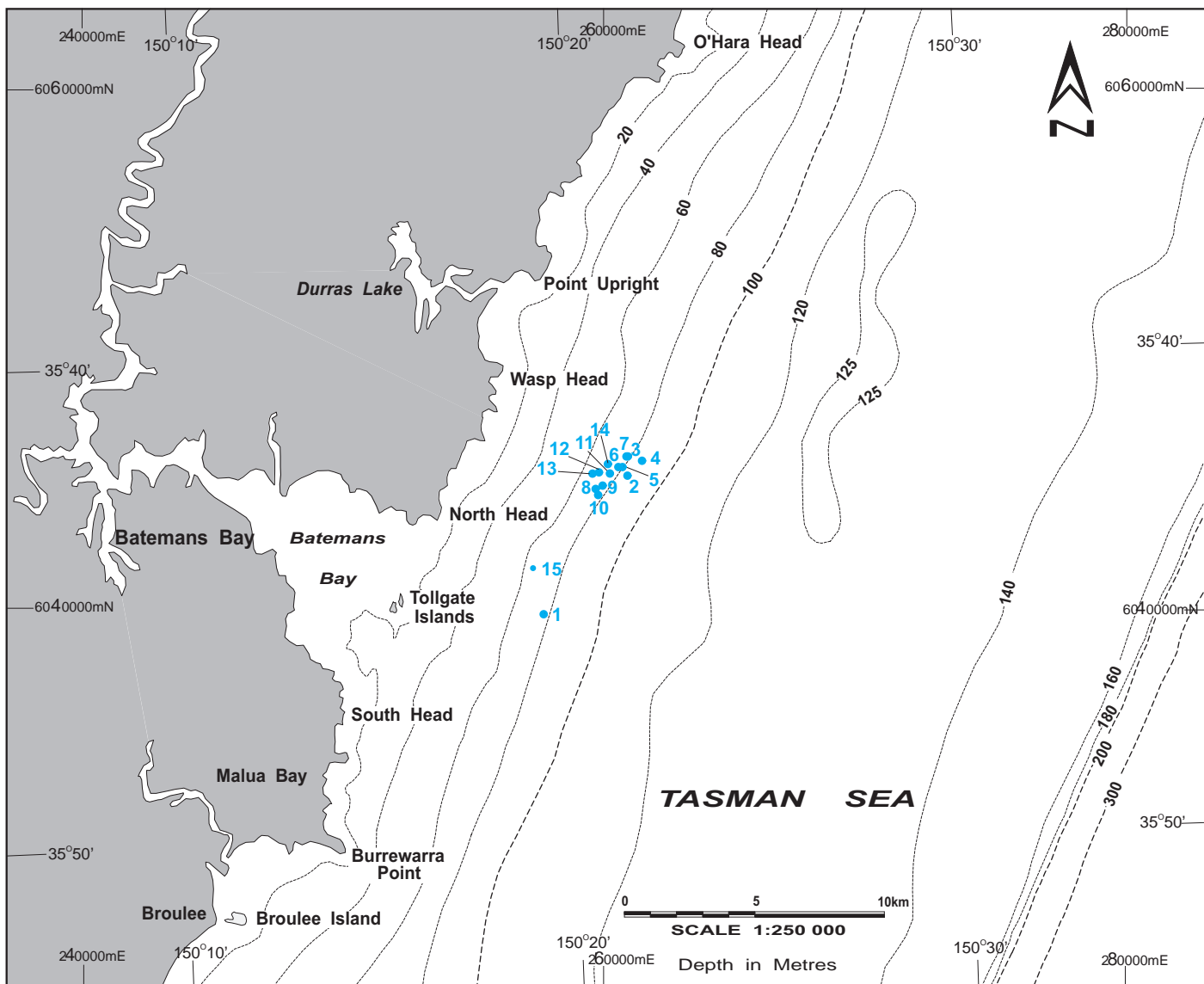
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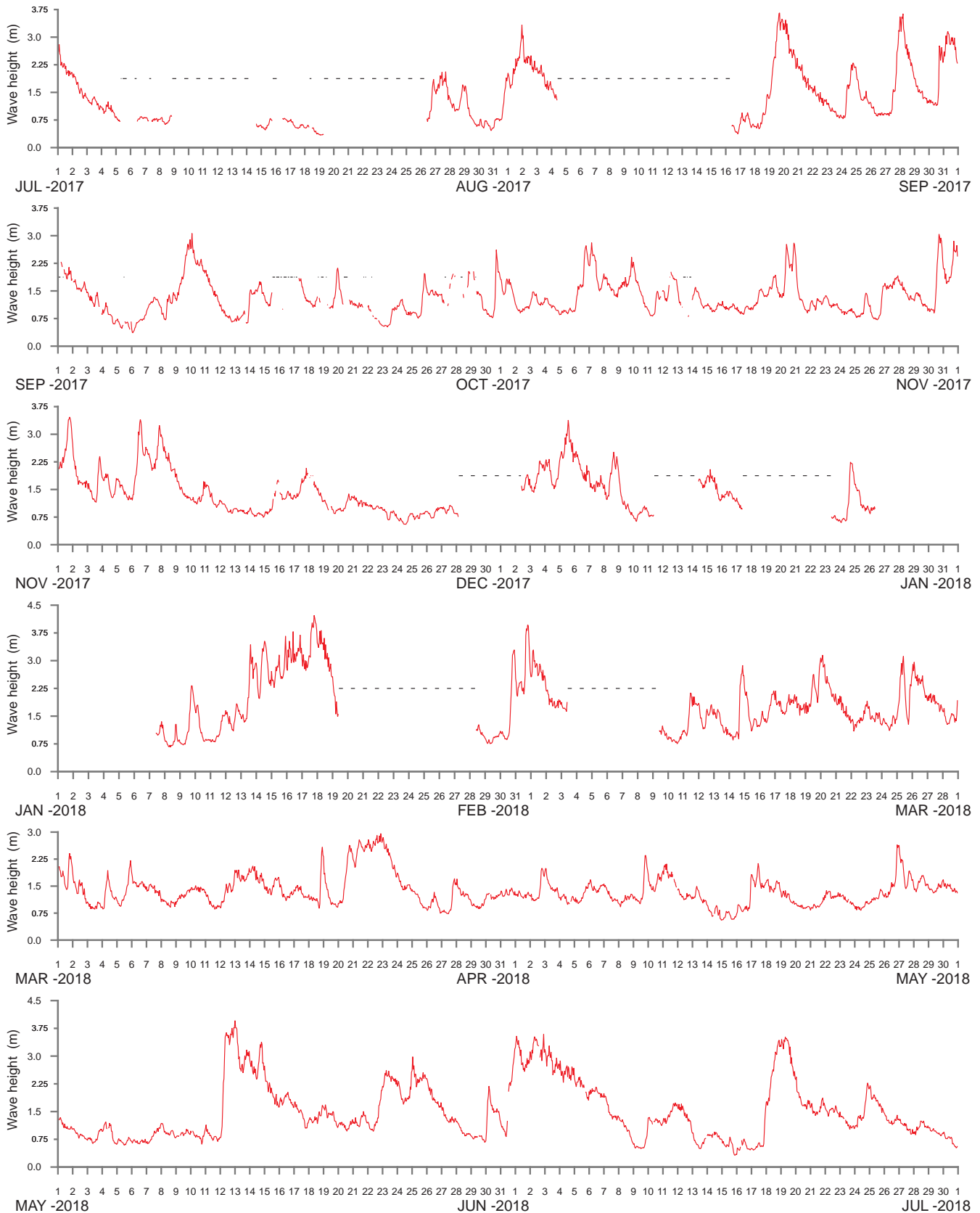
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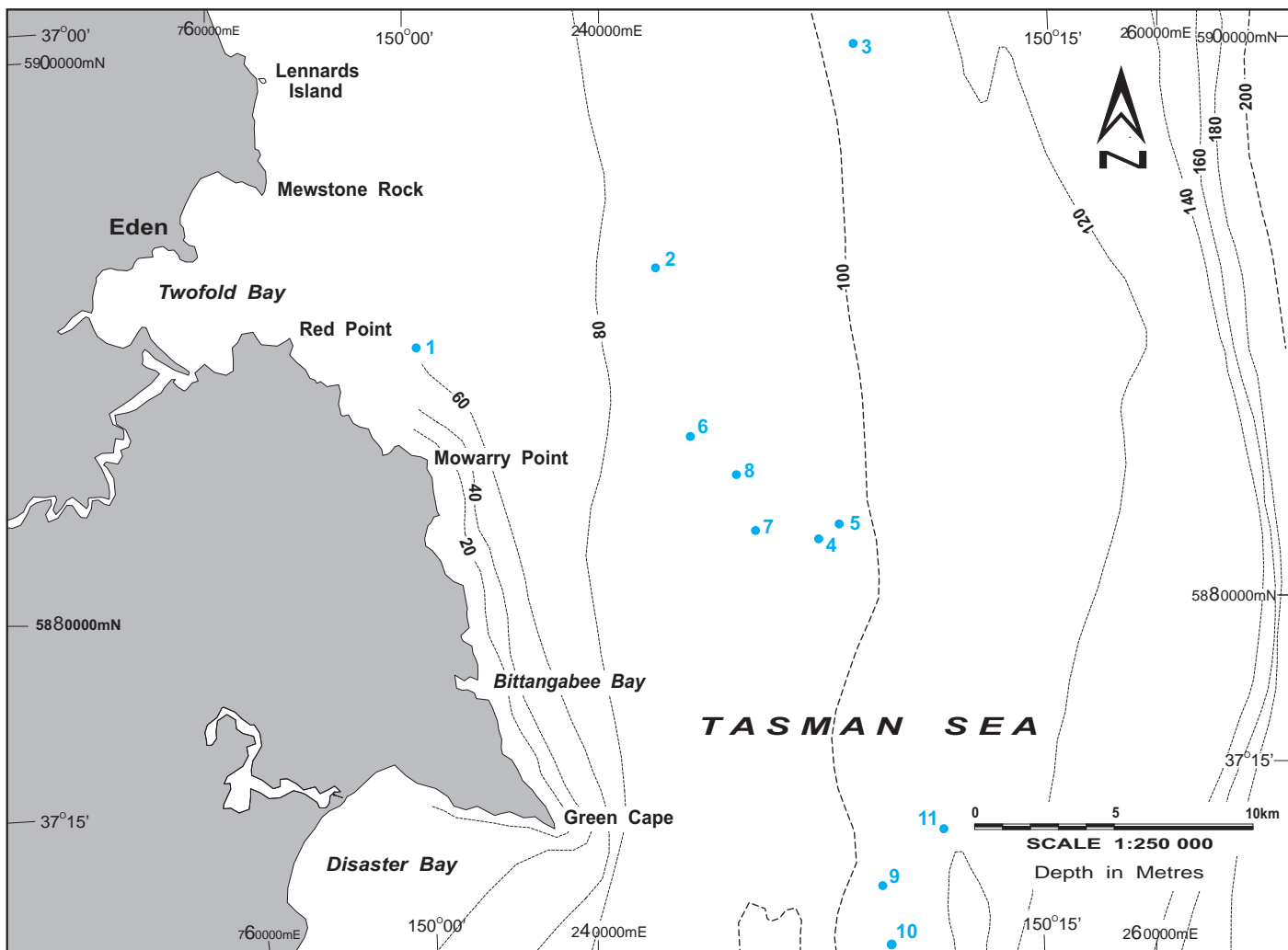
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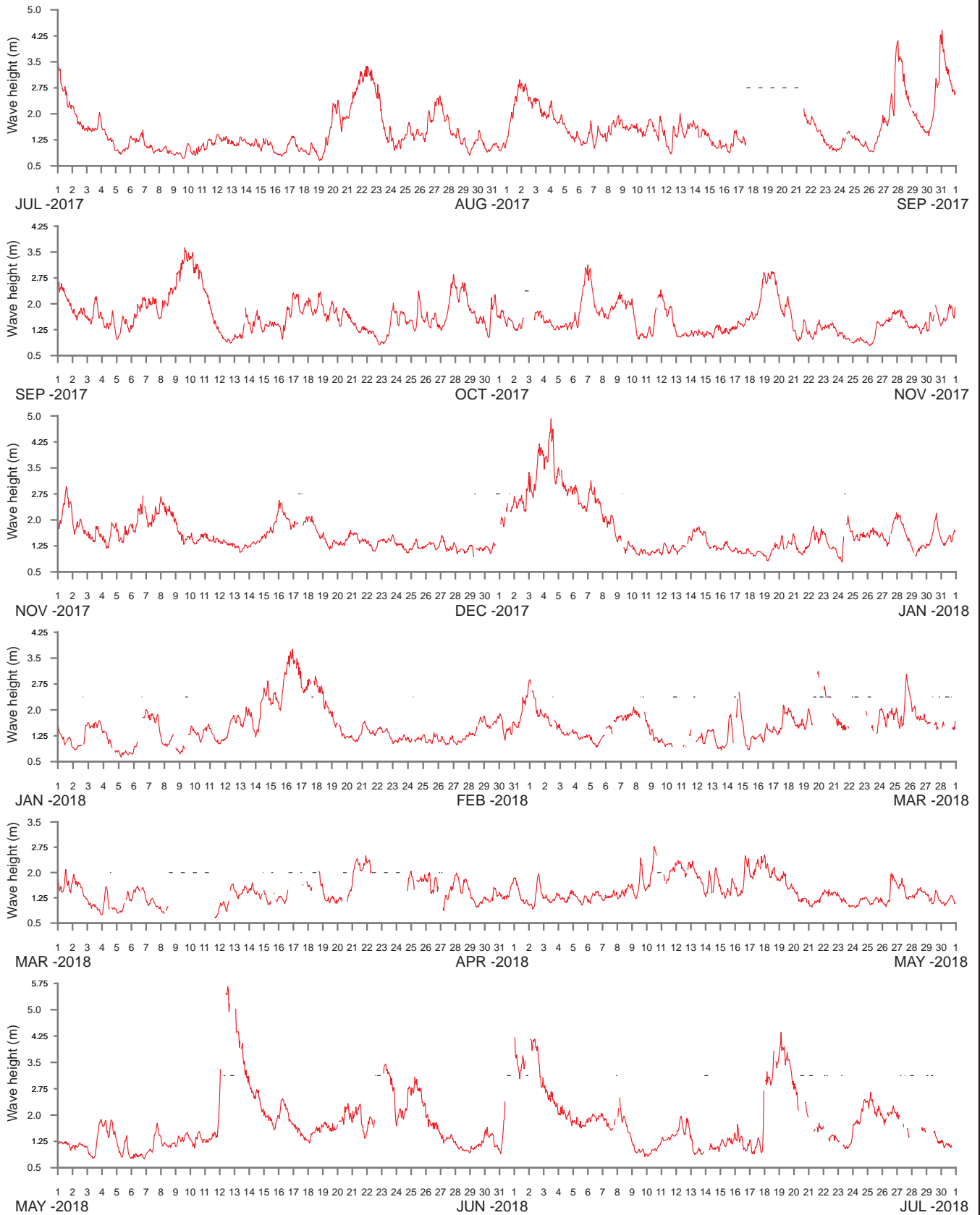
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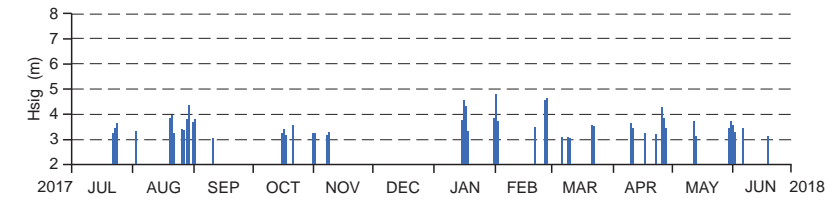
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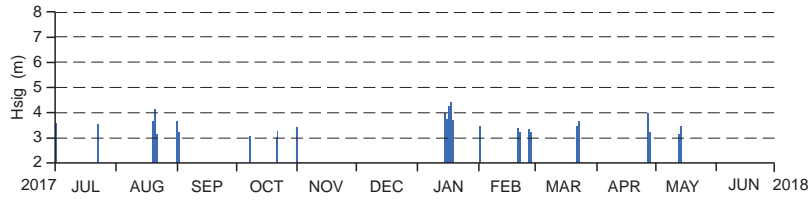
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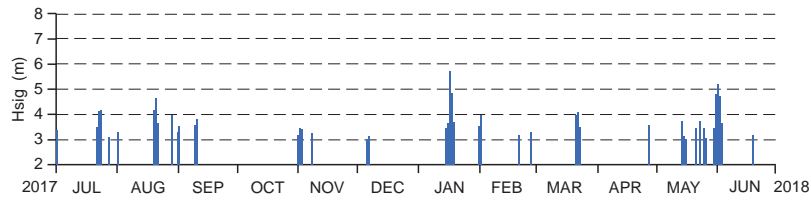
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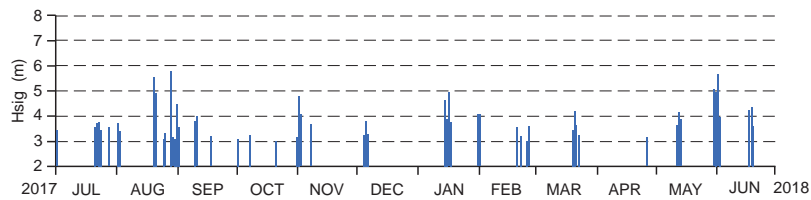
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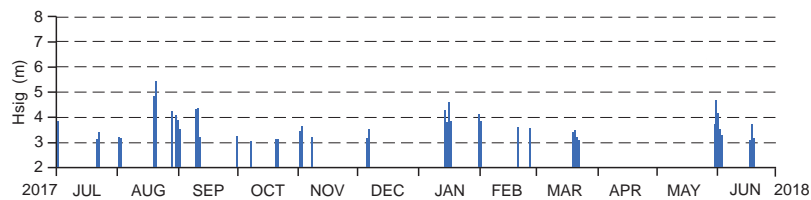
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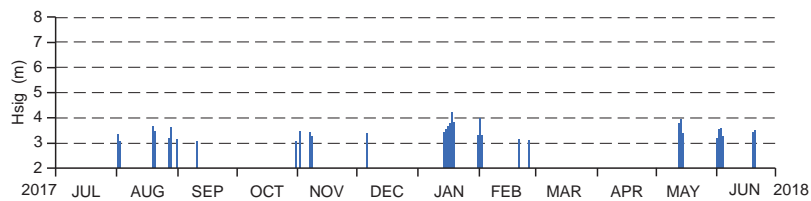
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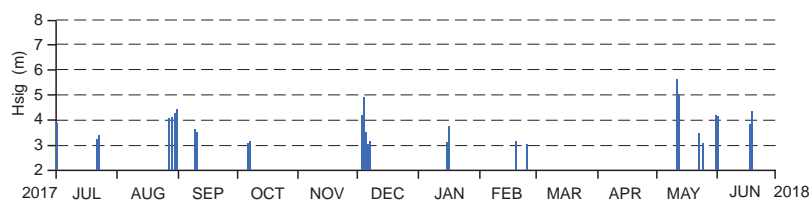
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6. Wave data capture and analysis

All analysed wave data from the offshore sites is archived on the Laboratory's central computer. This data set includes selected hand-analysed results for installations operational before 1978 that recorded data on strip chart. Analysed data for all sites is resident on hard disk, however, due to storage restrictions raw time series data is archived on an optical disk system. If required, raw wave data can be recovered from the optical disk system for further analysis.

6.1 Non-directional wave analysis

The first non-directional Waverider buoy was deployed by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory in February 1974 and initially recorded raw wave data traces on paper strip chart every six hours. In 1978 the introduction of the first electronic data loggers allowed more complete analysis but the record interval remained at six hours due to the limited memory capacity of these early loggers. In mid-1984 data logging and analysis was significantly enhanced with the introduction of the Manly Hydraulics Laboratory-developed programmable LSI-11 data logger. The LSI-11 data logger software was upgraded for the introduction of Directional Waverider buoys in March 1992. After over 20 years of service the LSI-11 system was phased out between October 2005 and December 2007 and was replaced with the current *MetOcean* PC data logging, processing and telemetry system.

The recorded 2048-second bursts (34 minutes) at each site are digitised at 1.28 Hz (0.78-second) intervals and the data is conditioned to remove erroneous data points. The data is then analysed using the standard zero crossing and spectral methods. This section briefly outlines the terminology associated with these two methods.

It should be noted that in addition to the offshore network the Laboratory undertakes site specific wave data capture programs associated with particular projects, such as breakwater design/construction, harbour design/construction, beach erosion studies, etc. A range of instruments can be used to obtain wave information.

In general, the following instruments/applications are employed:

- Directional Waverider buoys in deep or intermediate water depth to provide wave height, period and direction spectral information.
- Waverider buoys in deep or intermediate water depth to provide wave height, period and spectral information.
- Electromagnetic wave and tide monitoring systems (EWS) in shallow water to provide wave height, period, spectral and tidal information.
- From 1979 to 1989 Marsh McBirney and InterOcean S4 electromagnetic adaptive current meters were used to provide XY current information over the whole spectrum. The wave components are analysed and stored in a similar fashion to the Waverider and EWS data. Additionally, the current meters can provide wave direction information. When combined with an EWS or pressure sensor, estimates of the directional spectrum can be obtained.

- Teledyne RD Instruments Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) deployed on the seabed in shallow water to capture wave height, period and spectral information. The ADCP provides a comprehensive data set that can be processed to provide data on water level, wave conditions and current speed and direction through the water column above the instrument.

Site specific studies utilise the same software/hardware for record analysis as the offshore network and provide additional inshore information at specific sites. For this reason, a list of these study sites and their operational status has been included in [Section 7](#).

6.1.1 Zero crossing analysis

A direct, repeatable and widely accepted method to extract representative statistics from the wave traces is the zero crossing method ([Figure 6.1](#)). For this method, a 'wave' is defined as the portion of record between two successive zero upcrossings. The waves are ranked (with their corresponding periods), and the following statistics computed:

| | | |
|------------|---|--|
| H_{sig} | : | significant wave height = average height of the waves which comprise the top 33% |
| H_{10} | : | average height of the waves which comprise the top 10% |
| H_{max} | : | maximum wave height in a record |
| H_{rms} | : | root mean square wave height |
| H_{mean} | : | mean wave height |
| T_z | : | zero crossing period = mean period |
| T_{sig} | : | significant period = average period of the waves used to define H_{sig} |
| T_c | : | crest period = average time between successive crests (this involves a different definition of wave) |

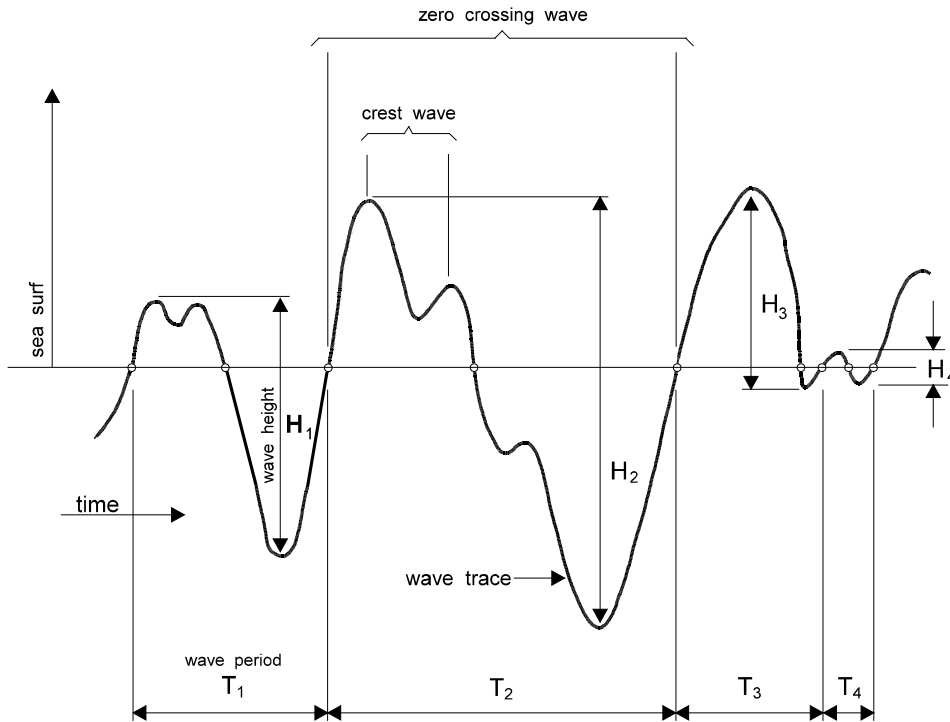


Figure 6.1 Zero crossing wave

6.1.2 Spectral analysis

The sea's motion at a point can be thought of as being composed of the sum of an infinite number of sine waves, each with its own amplitude (a), frequency (f) and phase (ϕ).

$$\eta(t) = \int_0^{\infty} a(f) \sin [2\pi ft - \phi(f)] df$$

Spectral analysis using the Fast Fourier Transform technique provides estimates of the components. Rather than plotting the amplitudes, it is conventional to plot the energy density, E (effectively a^2/df).

For convenience, and because users are often interested in the shape of spectra, the values are scaled to give unity area.

The following statistics are computed from the spectrum:

- T_{P1} : Period of highest peak
- T_{P2} : Period of second highest peak
- Y_{rms} : Root mean square surface vertical displacement

M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3

: Spectral moments - $M_n = \int E f^n \Delta f$

These provide parameters describing the shape of the spectrum. Spectral moments can also be related statistically to the zero crossing parameters:

$$H_{rms} \approx 2\sqrt{2M_0} = 2\sqrt{2}Y_{rms}, \text{ where } M_0 = Y_{rms}^2$$

$$H_{sig} \approx 4\sqrt{M_0} = 4Y_{rms} = \sqrt{2}H_{rms}$$

$$H_{10} \approx 5.1\sqrt{M_0} = 5.1Y_{rms}$$

$$H_1 \approx 6.68\sqrt{M_0} = 6.68Y_{rms}$$

$$H_{mean} \approx 2.5\sqrt{M_0} = 2.5Y_{rms} = 0.886H_{rms}$$

An example of a spectral diagram is presented in Figure 6.2.

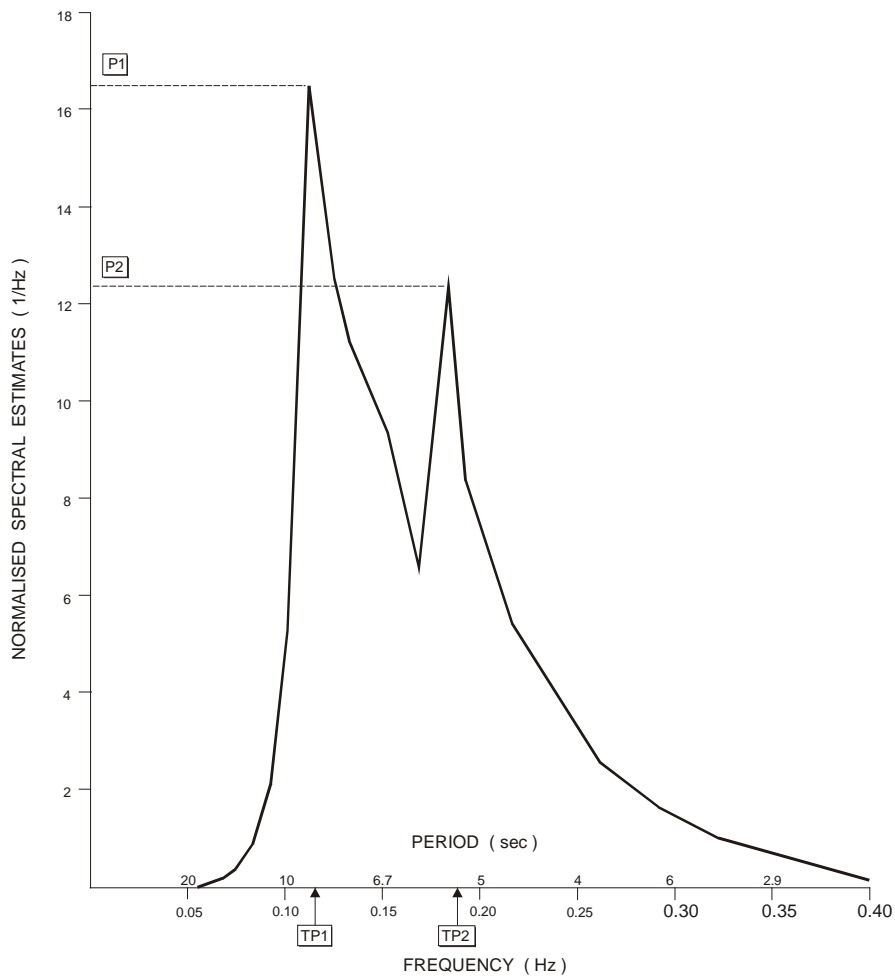


Figure 6.2 Spectral diagram

6.2 The Directional Waverider buoy

Manly Hydraulics Laboratory uses Directional Waverider buoys to monitor wave height, period and direction at the seven NSW offshore wave monitoring stations. The original Mark I version of the Directional Waverider buoy was introduced by Datawell in early 1990, followed by the Mark II buoy in mid-1995. The Mark III Directional Waverider buoy, introduced in the mid-2000s, represented a significant upgrade and included a GPS receiver to continuously report its location to the shore station enabling the buoy location to be tracked should it go adrift. Mark III buoys are used in the NSW Waverider buoy network.

The Directional Waverider buoy utilises a heave-pitch-roll sensor, two fixed 'X' and 'Y' accelerometers and a three axis fluxgate compass to measure both vertical and horizontal motion at a sample rate of 1.28 Hz (0.78 seconds). A single point mooring is used, with horizontal freedom ensured by the inclusion of a 30 m rubber shock cord in the mooring system. An on-board processor converts the buoy motion to three orthogonal (vertical, north-south, east-west) translation signals that are telemetered to the shore station. The directional spectrum is also routinely calculated by the buoy and transmitted to the receiving station for reformatting and storage prior to transfer to Manly Hydraulics Laboratory via the *MetOcean* email system.

Detailed information on the directional data analysis undertaken by the Directional Waverider buoy can be found in the Datawell Waverider Reference Manual, 2007.

7. Wave data index

Since 1974 wave data have been collected at over 40 locations along the NSW coast using a variety of wave motion sensors. This section includes a catalogue of all wave data stored on the Manly Hydraulics Laboratory central computer. Details of analysed wave data available are presented in three tables grouped according to the following categories:

- **Table 7.1:** Offshore stations – Waverider buoys deployed to provide deepwater wave data. The buoys are typically moored in a water depth of 80 m between 6 km and 12 km from the shoreline. At the buoy location the water is sufficiently deep that wave refraction, diffraction, shoaling and friction attenuation effects are minimal
- **Table 7.2:** Site specific stations – wave data collected by a variety of sensors in intermediate or shallow water. These stations gather wave data for particular projects such as breakwater design/construction, harbour design/construction, beach erosion studies, etc. The wave characteristics at these inshore locations may be significantly affected by refraction, diffraction, shoaling and friction attenuation
- **Table 7.3:** Long wave stations – water level data collected at selected EWS stations are filtered and analysed to provide long wave statistics. Long waves have periods that range from 30 seconds to several minutes and are often associated with storm wave activity off the NSW coast.

Due to limited storage capacity on the computer raw time series wave data is archived on optical disk. **Table 7.4** provides an index of raw data stored on optical disk. Prior to mid-2006, at most sites raw data was normally saved twice per day at 0900 and 2100 hours and every second hour during storm events (H_{sig} greater than 3 m for offshore sites). Since 2006, with the introduction of the *MetOcean* system, raw data is archived hourly for all wave data collection stations.

It should be noted that raw data is not available for all sites or before January 1981.

**Table 7.1 Analysed wave data at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory:
offshore stations – June 2018**

| Wave data site | Instrument | MGA location (Zone 56) | | Water depth (m) | Data available | | Record length (years) | Data capture (%) |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | | Easting | Northing | | First date | Last date | | |
| Byron Bay | Waverider buoy | 572 700 | 6 822 180 | 72 | 14-Oct-1976 | 26-Oct-1999 | | |
| Byron Bay | Directional Waverider buoy | 568 270 | 6 806 650 | 62 | 26-Oct-1999 | Present | 41.71 | 74.9 |
| Coffs Harbour | Waverider buoy | 525 920 | 6 641 140 | 72 | 26-May-1976 | 13-Feb-2012 | | |
| Coffs Harbour | Directional Waverider buoy | 524 880 | 6 639 880 | 72 | 14-Feb-2012 | Present | 42.12 | 85.6 |
| Crowdy Head | Waverider buoy | 486 720 | 6 478 910 | 79 | 10-Oct-1985 | 19-Aug-2011 | 32.72 | 86.7 |
| Crowdy Head | Directional Waverider buoy | 486 720 | 6 478 910 | 79 | 19-Aug-2011 | Present | | |
| Sydney | Waverider buoy | 353 490 | 6 261 200 | 85 | 17-Jul-1987 | 04-Oct-2000 | 13.23 | 92.2 |
| Sydney Directional | Directional Waverider buoy | 352 940 | 6 262 340 | 92 | 03-Mar-1992 | Present | 26.33 | 86.9 |
| Port Kembla | Waverider buoy | 318 720 | 6 183 460 | 80 | 07-Feb-1974 | 14-May-2012 | | |
| Port Kembla | Directional Waverider buoy | 318 310 | 6 183 740 | 80 | 20-Jun-2012 | Present | 44.42 | 82.6 |
| Batemans Bay | Waverider buoy | 259 780 | 6 045 320 | 73 | 27-May-1986 | 23-Feb-2001 | | |
| Batemans Bay | Directional Waverider buoy | 259 080 | 6 045 190 | 73 | 23-Feb-2001 | Present | 32.11 | 90.0 |
| Eden | Waverider buoy | 250 500 | 5 866 890 | 100 | 08-Feb-1978 | 16-Dec-2011 | 40.39 | 83.3 |
| Eden | Directional Waverider buoy | 251 120 | 5 871 940 | 100 | 16-Dec-2011 | Present | | |

**Table 7.2 Analysed wave data at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory:
site specific stations – June 2018**

| Wave data site | Instrument | MGA location (Zone 56) | | Water depth (m) | Data available | | Record length (years) | Data capture (%) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | | Easting | Northing | | First date | Last date | | |
| Tweed River | EWS | 553 860 | 6 883 725 | 4 | 20-Jan-1995 | 27-Nov-2008 | 13.86 | 68.4 |
| Tweed Heads Inshore | Waverider buoy | 555 294 | 6 883 017 | 13 | 21-Apr-1989 | 08-Nov-1989 | 0.55 | 97.0 |
| Tweed Heads | Marsh McBirney | 555 294 | 6 883 017 | 13 | 09-Jun-1988 | 10-Oct-1989 | 1.34 | 61.6 |
| Cook Island | Marsh McBirney / S4 | 556 003 | 6 881 182 | 12 | 09-Jun-1988 | 25-Oct-1989 | 1.38 | 40.8 |
| Fingal Head | Marsh McBirney / S4 | 556 079 | 6 879 564 | 12 | 09-Jun-1988 | 25-Oct-1989 | 1.38 | 30.7 |
| Coffs Harbour Entrance | Marsh McBirney | 514 665 | 6 646 863 | 9 | 04-Dec-1986 | 31-Oct-1987 | 0.91 | 52.9 |
| Coffs Harbour Jetty | EWS | 513 840 | 6 647 148 | 7 | 05-Nov-1986 | 15-Jan-1996 | 9.20 | 83.7 |
| Coffs Harbour Jetty MMcB | Marsh McBirney | 513 840 | 6 647 148 | 7 | 04-Dec-1986 | 20-Jan-1987 | 0.13 | 97.2 |
| Coffs Harbour Boat Ramp | Marsh McBirney | 513 674 | 6 646 699 | 6 | 21-Jan-1987 | 08-Mar-1987 | 0.13 | 90.6 |
| Coffs Harbour Quarry | Marsh McBirney | 514 163 | 6 646 618 | 6 | 10-Mar-1987 | 27-Apr-1987 | 0.13 | 84.1 |
| Muttonbird Island West | Marsh McBirney | 514 110 | 6 647 040 | 6 | 29-Apr-1987 | 17-Jun-1987 | 0.13 | 81.6 |
| Coffs Inner Hbr Entrance | Marsh McBirney | 513 790 | 6 647 313 | 4 | 19-Jun-1987 | 04-Aug-1987 | 0.13 | 89.2 |
| Muttonbird Island East | Marsh McBirney | 514 790 | 6 647 105 | 11 | 14-Aug-1987 | 06-Oct-1987 | 0.15 | 62.1 |
| Muttonbird Island South | Marsh McBirney | 514 415 | 6 647 000 | 7 | 07-Oct-1987 | 31-Oct-1987 | 0.07 | 96.0 |
| Coffs Harbour Central | Marsh McBirney | 513 927 | 6 646 790 | 8 | 05-Nov-1987 | 25-Nov-1987 | 0.06 | 96.4 |
| Coffs Inner Harbour | EWS | 513 920 | 6 647 470 | 4 | 16-Jan-1996 | 08-Oct-2011 | 15.74 | 83.8 |
| Crowdy Head Harbour | EWS | 476 318 | 6 477 138 | 2 | 07-Nov-1986 | 16-Jul-2012 | 25.71 | 75.5 |
| Jimmys Beach | EWS | 421 665 | 6 383 610 | 3 | 16-Dec-1983 | 08-Oct-1985 | 1.82 | 86.0 |
| Nelson Bay | EWS | 419 720 | 6 379 447 | 6 | 20-Jan-1981 | 18-Jun-1986 | 4.92 | 36.1 |
| Nelson Bay West Point | EWS | 419 470 | 6 379 465 | 5 | 19-Jun-1986 | 20-Apr-1988 | 1.84 | 87.6 |
| Swansea | EWS | 375 079 | 6 338 043 | 2 | 17-Dec-1987 | 12-Apr-1991 | 3.32 | 98.6 |
| Wamberal Beach | Direction Waverider | 356 089 | 6 299 724 | 11 | 05-Aug-2011 | 16-Mar-2012 | 0.61 | 92.7 |
| Broken Bay | Waverider buoy | 346 190 | 6 285 235 | 24 | 30-Jan-1981 | 02-Jun-1983 | 2.34 | 53.1 |
| Palm Beach | Marsh McBirney | 345 650 | 6 281 755 | 24 | 19-Jun-1981 | 14-Sep-1982 | 1.24 | 41.1 |
| Broken Bay Current | Marsh McBirney | 346 190 | 6 284 795 | 24 | 23-Nov-1979 | 15-Feb-1983 | 3.23 | 71.7 |
| Mackerel Beach | EWS | 342 270 | 6 281 775 | 2 | 17-Aug-1988 | 15-Oct-1989 | 1.16 | 97.1 |
| Narrabeen Beach | Direction Waverider | 342 875 | 6 267 444 | 10 | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 | 0.30 | 96.4 |
| Long Reef | Waverider buoy | 344 749 | 6 266 181 | 21 | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 | 0.30 | 98.9 |
| Melrose Park | EWS | 321 365 | 6 255 975 | 2 | 24-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 | 0.32 | 81.7 |
| Chiswick | EWS | 327 650 | 6 253 076 | 2 | 28-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 | 0.31 | 74.6 |
| Port Hacking Seaward | EWS | 328 830 | 6 227 575 | 3 | 06-Sep-1983 | 04-Jan-2014 | 30.33 | 77.8 |
| Deeban Spit | EWS | 327 850 | 6 227 474 | 2 | 15-Sep-1983 | 03-Oct-1986 | 3.05 | 51.4 |
| Port Hacking S'ward MMcB | Marsh McBirney | 328 830 | 6 227 575 | 3 | 06-Sep-1983 | 17-Nov-1986 | 3.20 | 56.6 |
| Deeban Spit MMcB | Marsh McBirney | 327 850 | 6 227 474 | 2 | 06-Sep-1983 | 28-May-1985 | 1.73 | 60.5 |
| Burraneer Point MMcB | Marsh McBirney | 327 763 | 6 227 931 | 6 | 06-Sep-1983 | 16-Dec-1985 | 2.28 | 53.8 |
| Port Kembla Inshore | Waverider buoy | 307 990 | 6 184 970 | 18 | 31-May-1978 | 26-Jul-1982 | 4.16 | 72.3 |
| Jervis Bay North | EWS | 287 850 | 6 120 050 | 6 | 11-Nov-1981 | 03-Jul-1989 | 7.65 | 62.4 |
| Jervis Bay South | EWS | 288 500 | 6 118 800 | 8 | 01-Sep-1981 | 18-Oct-1983 | 2.13 | 35.4 |
| Batemans Bay Inshore | EWS | 247 792 | 6 043 097 | 7 | 26-Feb-1987 | 08-Dec-1990 | 3.78 | 94.1 |
| Eden Inshore * | Waverider buoy | 758 230 | 5 892 820 | 9 | 24-Nov-1984 | 11-May-1987 | 2.46 | 75.8 |
| Eden Harbour * | EWS | 758 324 | 5 892 999 | 4 | 24-Nov-1984 | 13-Nov-2012 | 27.97 | 85.1 |

* Location is relative to origin of Zone 55

**Table 7.3 Analysed wave data at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory:
long wave stations – June 2018**

| Wave data site | Instrument | MGA location (Zone 56) | | Water depth (m) | Data available | | Record length (years) | Data capture (%) |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | | Easting | Northing | | First date | Last date | | |
| Tweed River | EWS | 553 860 | 6 883 725 | 4 | 20-Jan-1995 | 02-May-2005 | 10.29 | 78.8 |
| Coffs Harbour Jetty | EWS | 513 840 | 6 647 148 | 7 | 13-Jul-1987 | 15-Jan-1996 | 8.52 | 86.6 |
| Coffs Inner Harbour | EWS | 513 920 | 6 647 470 | 4 | 16-Jan-1996 | 04-Apr-2006 | 10.22 | 87.5 |
| Crowdy Head Harbour | EWS | 476 318 | 6 477 138 | 2 | 24-Jul-1987 | 07-Jan-2004 | 16.47 | 83.9 |
| Swansea | EWS | 375 079 | 6 338 043 | 2 | 09-Sep-1988 | 12-Apr-1991 | 2.59 | 98.3 |
| Mackerel Beach | EWS | 342 270 | 6 281 775 | 2 | 17-Aug-1988 | 15-Oct-1989 | 1.16 | 96.4 |
| Port Hacking | EWS | 328 830 | 6 227 575 | 3 | 20-Nov-1987 | 13-Apr-2004 | 16.41 | 87.6 |
| Jervis Bay North | EWS | 287 850 | 6 120 050 | 6 | 30-Jul-1987 | 03-Jul-1989 | 1.93 | 87.0 |
| Batemans Bay | EWS | 247 792 | 6 043 097 | 7 | 26-Aug-1987 | 08-Dec-1990 | 3.29 | 95.3 |
| Eden Harbour * | EWS | 758 324 | 5 892 999 | 4 | 28-Jul-1987 | 28-Feb-2006 | 18.60 | 90.4 |

* Location is relative to origin of Zone 55

**Table 7.4 Raw wave data at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory:
time series data – June 2018**

| Wave data site | Instrument | Site category | Available analysed data | | Available raw data | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | | First date | Last date | First date | Last date |
| Tweed River | EWS | Inshore | 20-Jan-1995 | 27-Nov-2008 | 20-Jan-1995 | 27-Nov-2008 |
| Tweed Heads Inshore | Waverider buoy | Inshore | 21-Apr-1989 | 08-Nov-1989 | 21-Apr-1989 | 08-Nov-1989 |
| Byron Bay | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 14-Oct-1976 | 26-Oct-1999 | 12-Aug-1983 | 26-Oct-1999 |
| Byron Bay | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 26-Oct-1999 | Present | 26-Oct-1999 | Present |
| Coffs Harbour | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 26-May-1976 | 13-Feb-2012 | 29-Jul-1983 | 13-Feb-2012 |
| Coffs Harbour | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 14-Feb-2012 | Present | 14-Feb-2012 | Present |
| Coffs Harbour Jetty | EWS | Inshore | 05-Nov-1986 | 15-Jan-1996 | 05-Nov-1986 | 15-Jan-1996 |
| Coffs Inner Harbour | EWS | Inshore | 16-Jan-1996 | 08-Oct-2011 | 16-Jan-1996 | 08-Oct-2011 |
| Crowdy Head | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 10-Oct-1985 | 19-Aug-2011 | 10-Oct-1985 | 19-Aug-2011 |
| Crowdy Head | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 19-Aug-2011 | Present | 19-Aug-2011 | Present |
| Crowdy Head Harbour | EWS | Inshore | 07-Nov-1986 | 16-Jul-2012 | 07-Nov-1986 | 16-Jul-2012 |
| Jimmys Beach | EWS | Inshore | 16-Dec-1983 | 08-Dec-1985 | 16-Dec-1983 | 19-Sep-1985 |
| Nelson Bay | EWS | Inshore | 20-Jan-1981 | 18-Jun-1986 | 20-Jan-1981 | 18-Jun-1986 |
| Nelson Bay West Point | EWS | Inshore | 19-Jun-1986 | 20-Apr-1988 | 19-Jun-1986 | 20-Apr-1988 |
| Swansea | EWS | Inshore | 17-Dec-1987 | 12-Apr-1991 | 17-Dec-1987 | 11-Apr-1991 |
| Wamberal Beach | Direct'n Waverider | Inshore | 05-Aug-2011 | 16-Mar-2012 | 05-Aug-2011 | 16-Mar-2012 |
| Mackerel Beach | EWS | Inshore | 17-Aug-1988 | 15-Oct-1989 | 17-Aug-1988 | 14-Oct-1989 |
| Narrabeen Beach | Direct'n Waverider | Inshore | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 |
| Long Reef | Waverider buoy | Inshore | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 | 27-Jul-2011 | 14-Nov-2011 |
| Sydney | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 17-Jul-1987 | 04-Oct-2000 | 17-Jul-1987 | 04-Oct-2000 |
| Sydney Directional | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 03-Mar-1992 | Present | 03-Mar-1992 | Present |
| Melrose Park (Parramatta R) | EWS | River | 24-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 | 24-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 |
| Chiswick (Parramatta River) | EWS | River | 28-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 | 28-Mar-1988 | 20-Jul-1988 |
| Port Hacking Seaward | EWS | Inshore | 06-Sep-1983 | 04-Jan-2014 | 06-Sep-1983 | 04-Jan-2014 |
| Deeban Spit | EWS | Inshore | 15-Sep-1983 | 03-Oct-1986 | 15-Sep-1983 | 03-Oct-1986 |
| Port Hacking Seaward MMcB | Marsh McBirney | Inshore | 06-Sep-1983 | 17-Nov-1986 | 06-Sep-1983 | 17-Sep-1986 |
| Deeban Spit MMcB | Marsh McBirney | Inshore | 06-Sep-1983 | 28-May-1985 | 06-Sep-1983 | 27-May-1985 |
| Burraneer Point MMcB | Marsh McBirney | Inshore | 06-Sep-1983 | 16-Dec-1985 | 06-Sep-1983 | 04-Sep-1985 |
| Port Kembla | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 07-Feb-1974 | 14-May-2012 | 31-Jul-1983 | 14-May-2012 |
| Port Kembla | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 20-Jun-2012 | Present | 20-Jun-2012 | Present |
| Jervis Bay North | EWS | Inshore | 11-Nov-1981 | 03-Jul-1989 | 27-Dec-1982 | 03-Jul-1989 |
| Jervis Bay South | EWS | Inshore | 01-Sep-1981 | 18-Oct-1983 | 04-Jan-1983 | 18-Oct-1983 |
| Batemans Bay | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 27-May-1986 | 23-Feb-2001 | 27-May-1986 | 23-Feb-2001 |
| Batemans Bay | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 23-Feb-2001 | Present | 23-Feb-2001 | Present |
| Batemans Bay Inshore | EWS | Inshore | 26-Feb-1987 | 08-Dec-1990 | 26-Feb-1987 | 08-Dec-1990 |
| Eden | Waverider buoy | Offshore | 08-Feb-1978 | 16-Dec-2011 | 26-Jul-1983 | 16-Dec-2011 |
| Eden | Direct'n Waverider | Offshore | 16-Dec-2011 | Present | 16-Dec-2011 | Present |
| Eden Inshore | Waverider buoy | Inshore | 24-Nov-1984 | 11-May-1987 | 24-Nov-1984 | 11-May-1987 |
| Eden Harbour | EWS | Inshore | 24-Nov-1984 | 13-Nov-2012 | 24-Nov-1984 | 13-Nov-2012 |

8. Air pressure program summary 2017–2018

8.1 Data capture

Since the introduction of the Vaisala digital barometers during 1999–2000, data recovery from the New South Wales coastal barometer network has been excellent. As shown in Table 8.1, during the 2017–2018 year all eight stations achieved 100 percent data recovery.

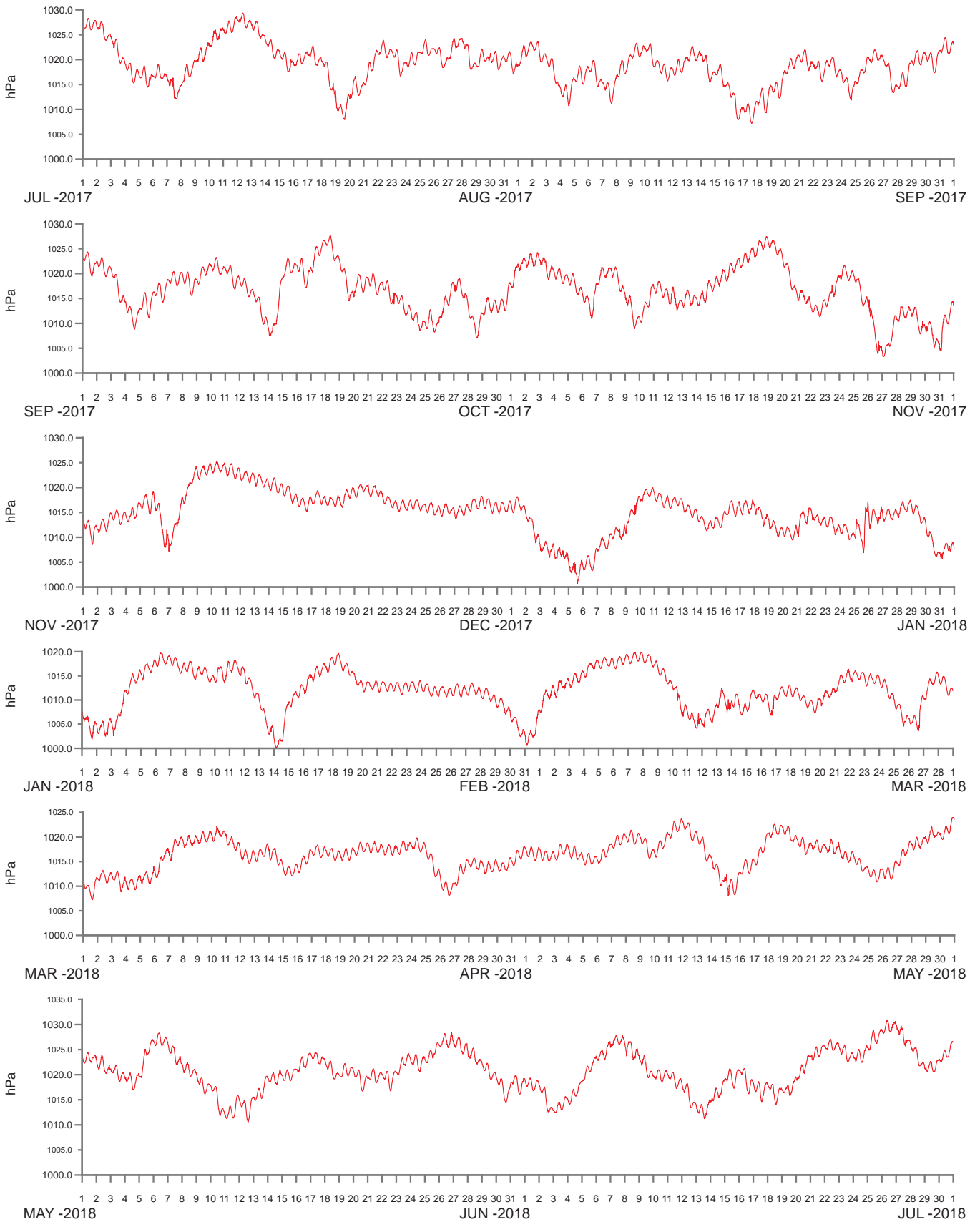
Table 8.1 New South Wales air pressure: 2017–2018 data capture

| Barometer / Water Level Site ¹ | Data capture (%) | | | | | | | | | | | | Total year |
|--|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | |
| Tweed Heads / Kingscliff | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Yamba / Lake Wooloweyah | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Port Macquarie / Settlement Point | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Newcastle / Stockton Bridge | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Sydney / Narrabeen Bridge | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Jervis Bay / Currarong Creek | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Tuross Head / Tuross Head | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Eden / Wonboyn Lake | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total Months | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

¹ Barometers are housed in OEH water level stations

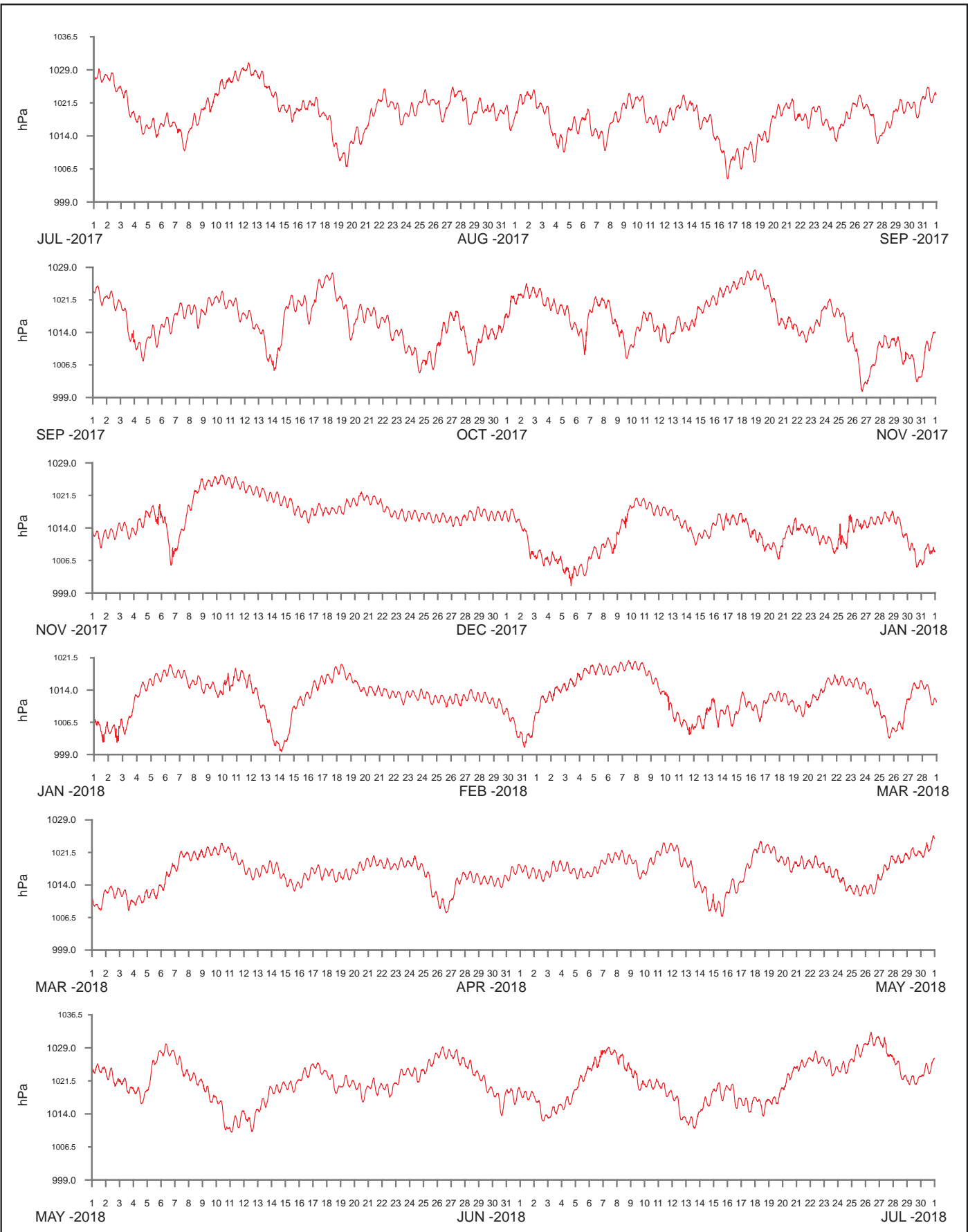
8.2 Internet access

Air pressure data is routinely telemetered to the Laboratory from the eight barometric stations throughout each day. Access to a seven-day time history plot of air pressure is available via the near-real time data link at www.mhl.nsw.gov.au/data/realtime/barometric/



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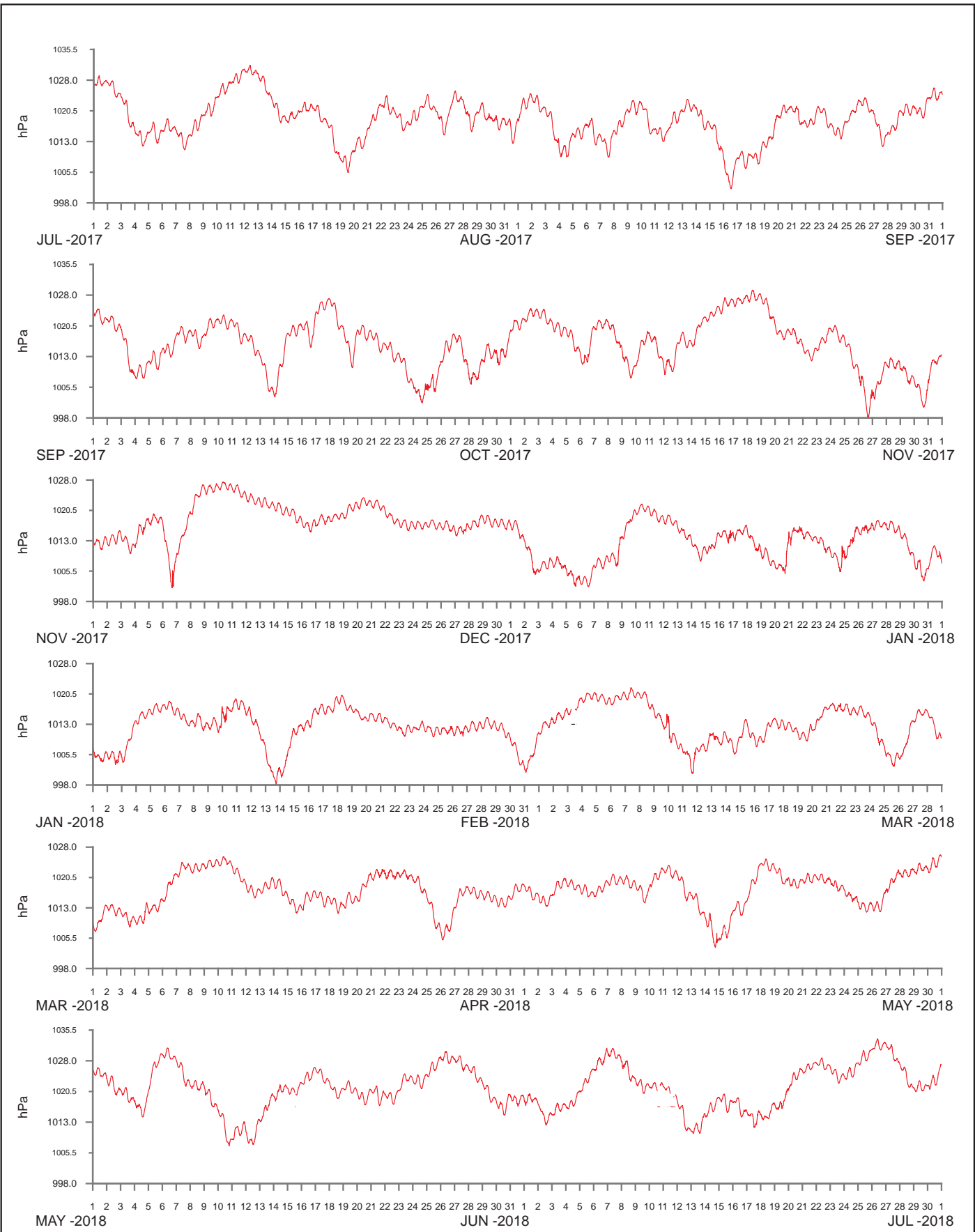


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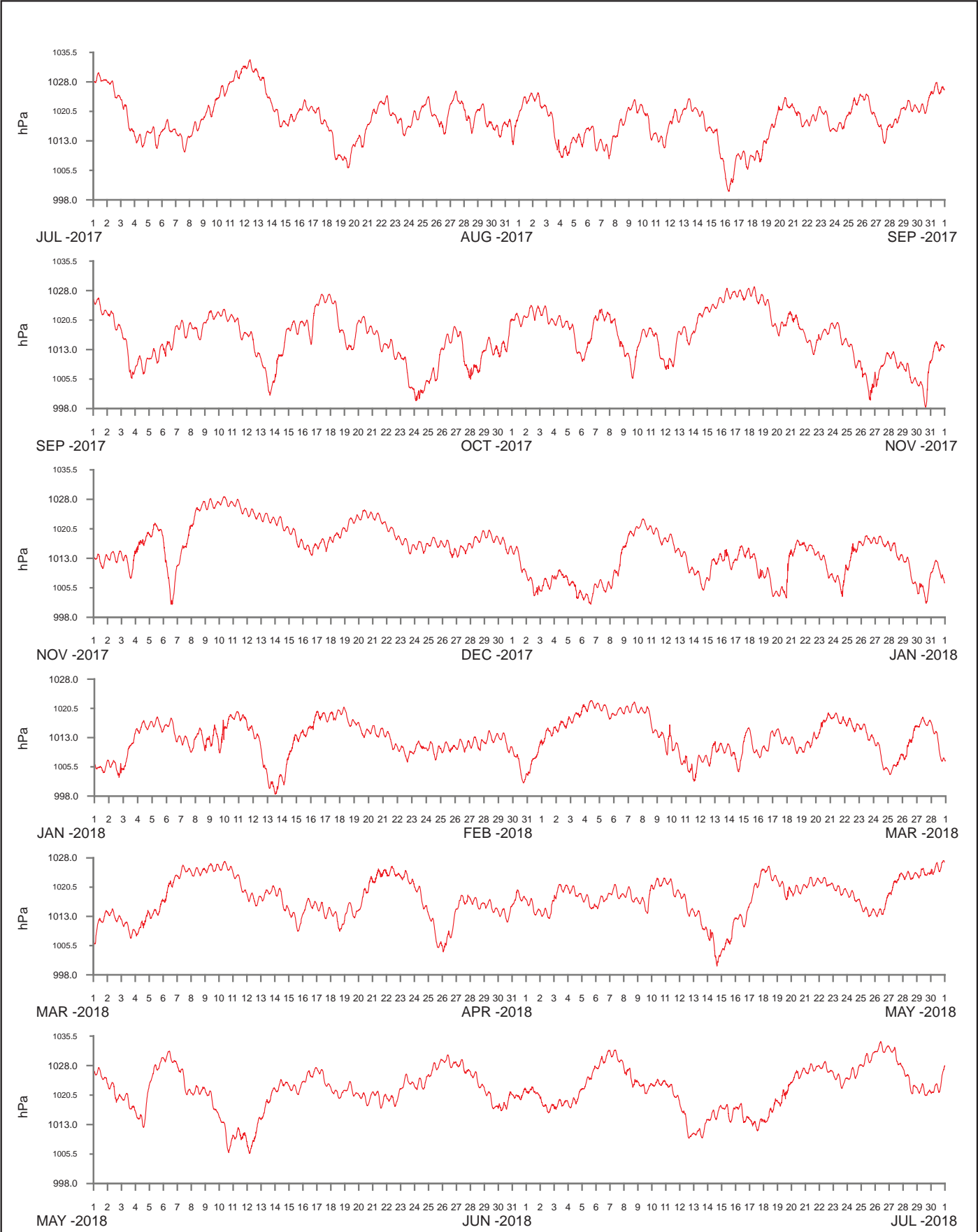


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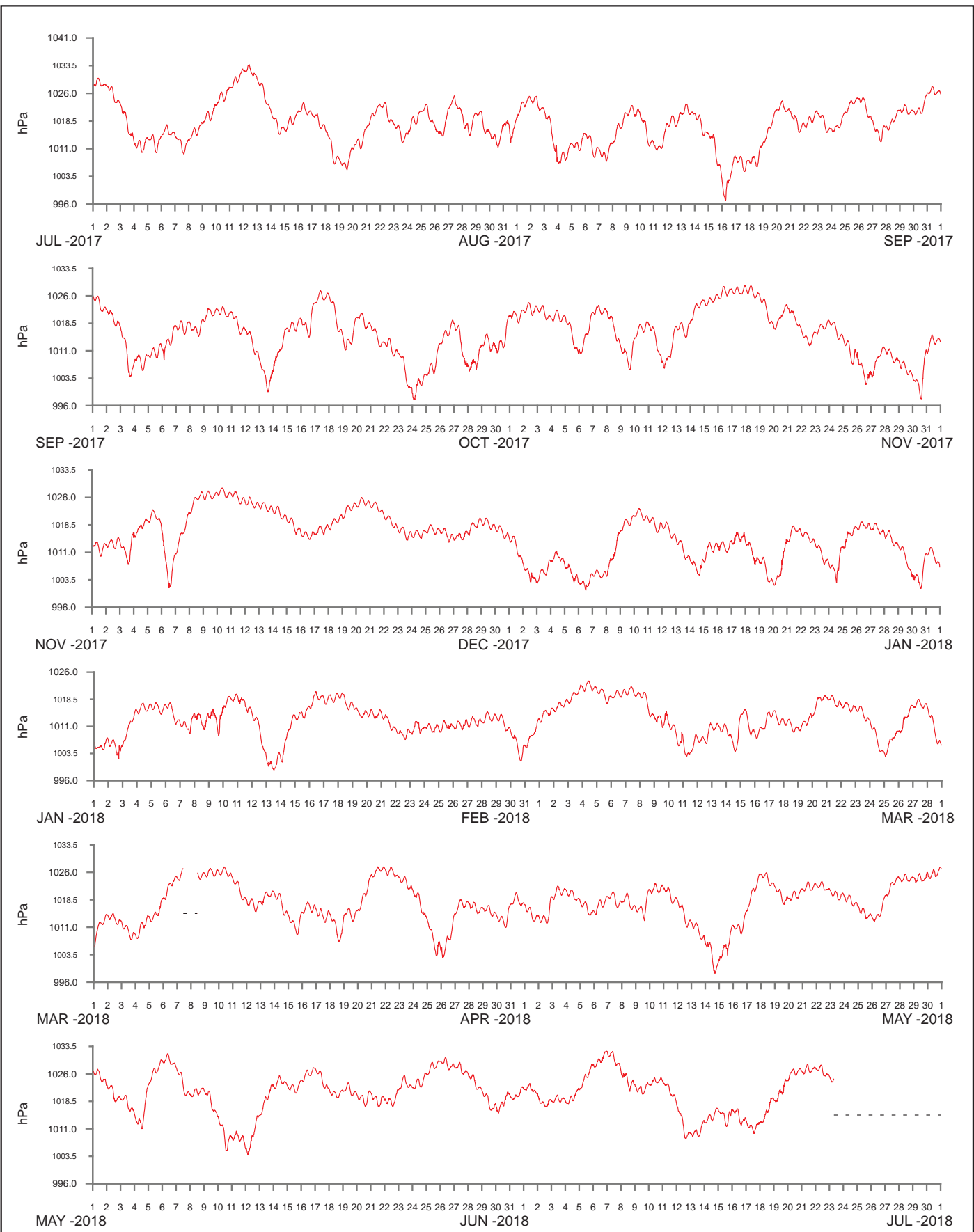
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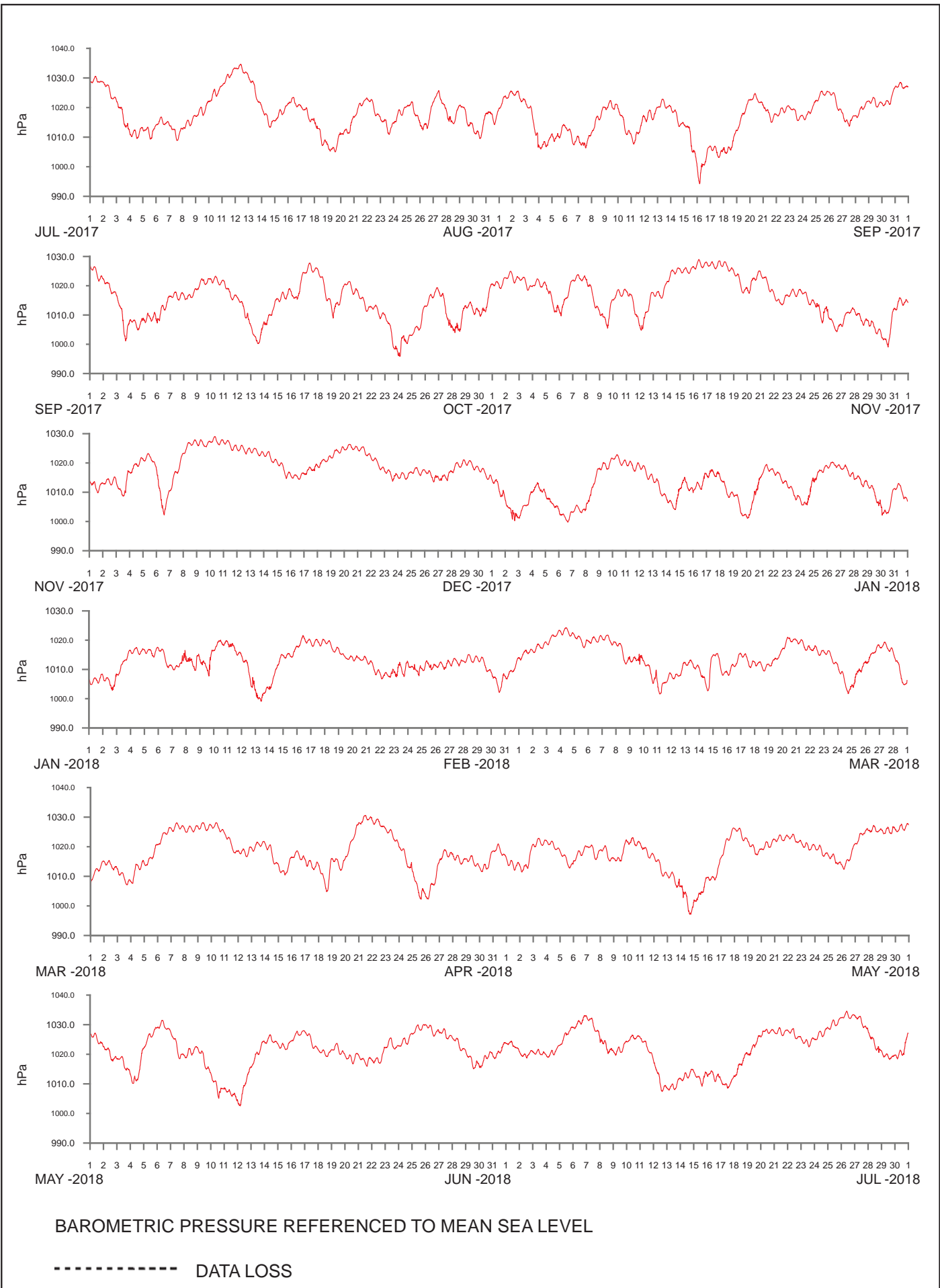
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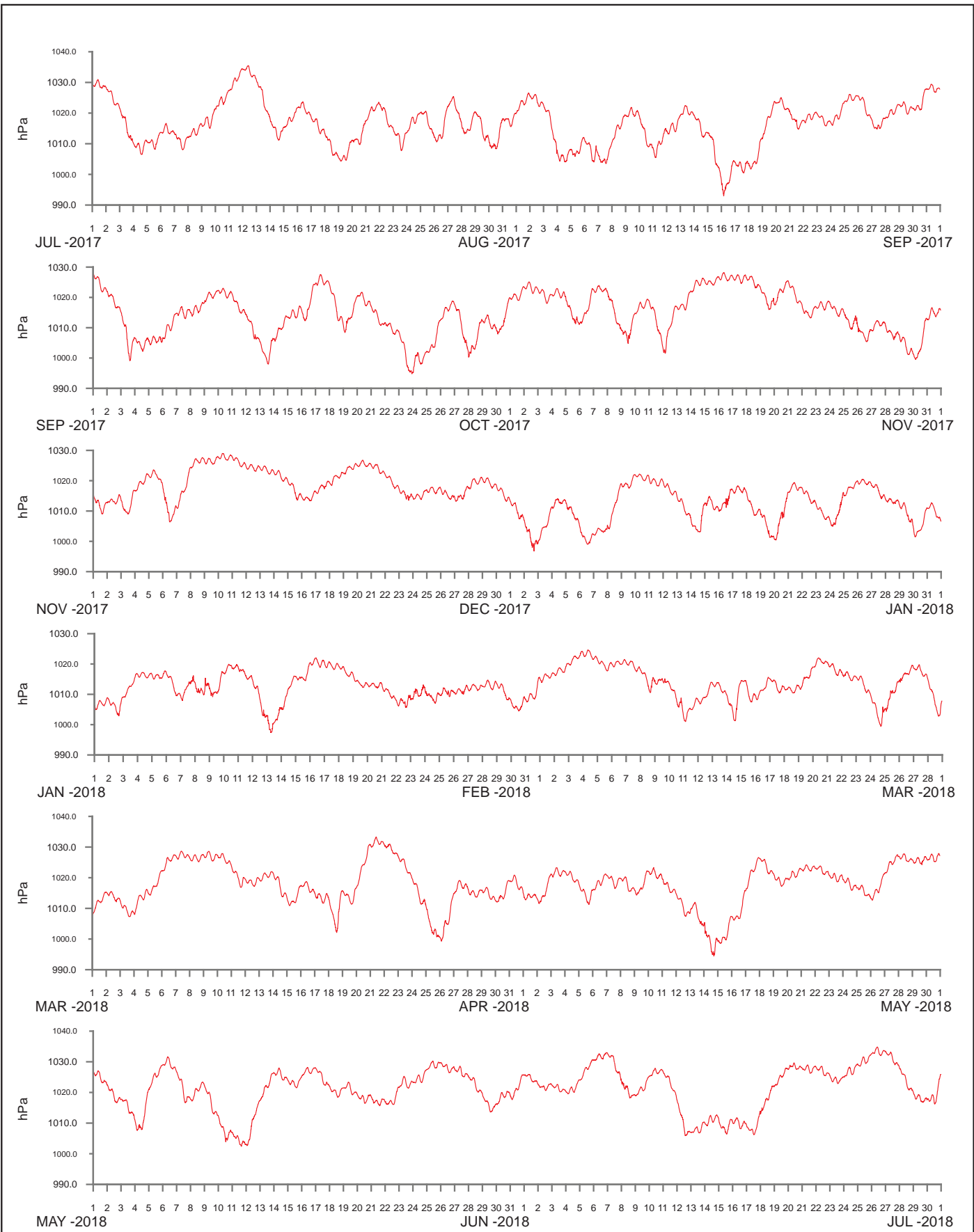
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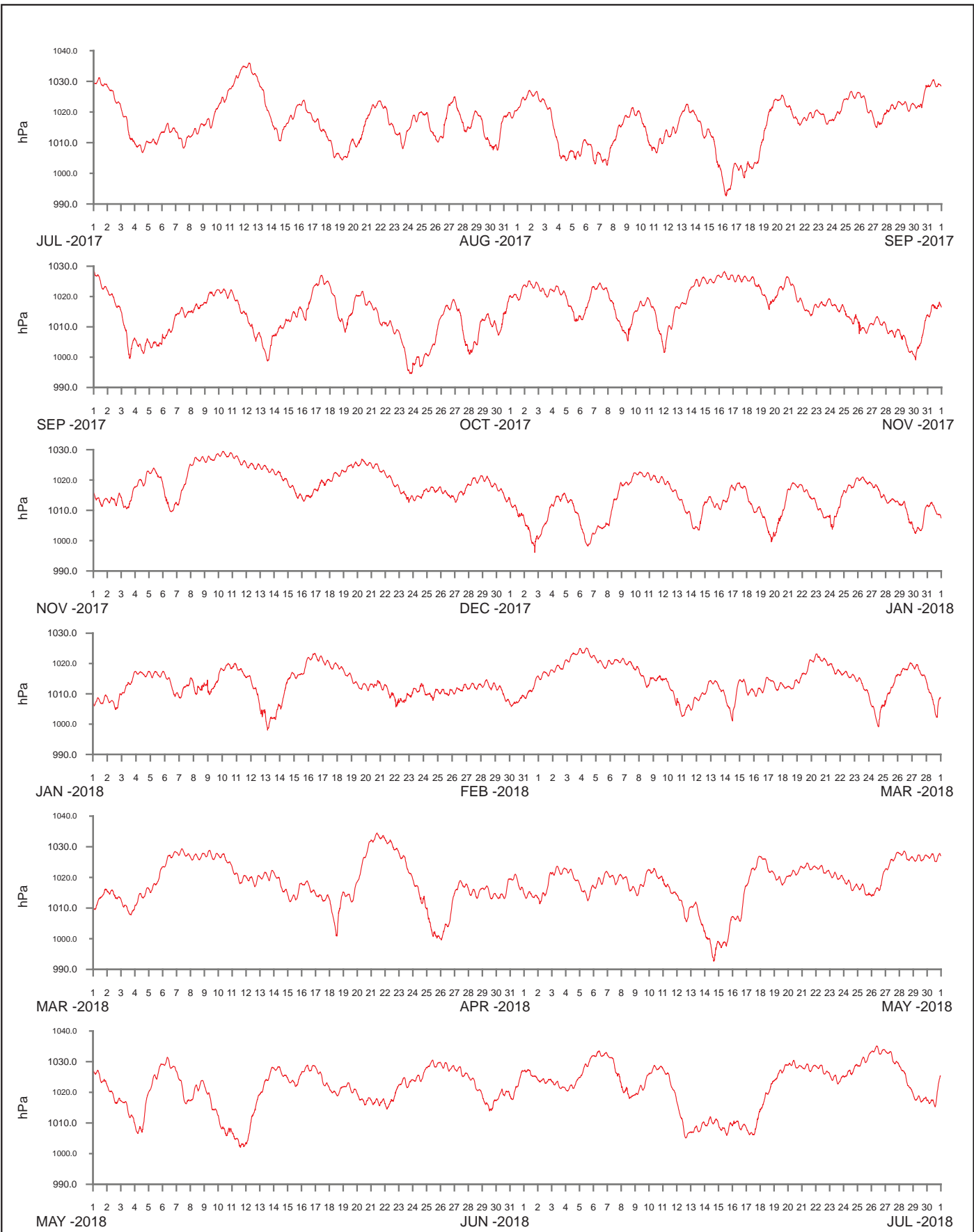
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9. Air pressure data index

Since 1987 air pressure data has been collected at 15 locations along the New South Wales coast. Table 9.1 presents a summary of the barometer stations for which data has been quality controlled and referenced to mean sea level. Where possible, gaps in the barometer datasets have been patched using information recorded by nearby barometers operated by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Table 9.1 Air pressure data at Manly Hydraulics Laboratory – June 2018

| Barometer site | Instrument | MGA location (Zone 56) | | Barometer height (m, MSL) | Data available | | Record length (years) | Data capture (%) |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | | Easting | Northing | | First date | Last date | | |
| Tweed Heads | MHL SPX100 | 554 010 | 6 884 210 | 20.0 | 06-Jun-1990 | 16-Dec-1994 | 4.53 | 100.0 |
| Tweed Heads | Vaisala PTB 200 | 556 889 | 6 873 602 | 3.5 | 14-Oct-1999 | Present | 15.71 | 100.0 |
| Byron Bay | MHL SPX100 | 562 040 | 6 831 590 | 100.0 | 22-Jul-1987 | 30-Sep-1999 | 12.19 | 100.0 |
| Yamba (Palmer's Is) | Vaisala PTB 200 | 529 490 | 6 739 613 | 3.7 | 24-Oct-1999 | 27-Sep-2009 | 9.93 | 100.0 |
| Yamba | Vaisala PTB 200 | 530 459 | 6 739 060 | 3.2 | 27-Sep-2009 | Present | 5.76 | 100.0 |
| Coffs Harbour | MHL SPX100 | 513 080 | 6 647 390 | 8.0 | 13-Jul-1987 | 30-Jun-1999 | 11.96 | 100.0 |
| Port Macquarie | Vaisala PTB 200 | 490 494 | 6 525 126 | 3.0 | 15-Sep-1999 | Present | 15.79 | 100.0 |
| Crowdy Head | MHL SPX100 | 476 344 | 6 477 095 | 4.0 | 24-Jul-1987 | 17-Jan-2000 | 12.49 | 100.0 |
| Newcastle | Vaisala PTB 200 | 386 190 | 6 360 977 | 4.5 | 24-Feb-2000 | Present | 15.35 | 100.0 |
| Sydney | Vaisala PTB 200 | 343 060 | 6 268 300 | 3.0 | 05-Aug-1999 | Present | 15.90 | 100.0 |
| Sydney | MHL SPX100 | 338 590 | 6 260 600 | 25.0 | 08-May-1992 | 18-Oct-2000 | 8.45 | 100.0 |
| Jervis Bay | Vaisala PTB 200 | 300 969 | 6 122 843 | 2.0 | 08-Feb-2000 | Present | 15.39 | 100.0 |
| Tuross Heads | Vaisala PTB 200 | 240 879 | 6 005 121 | 3.5 | 22-Aug-2008 | Present | 5.86 | 100.0 |
| Narooma | Vaisala PTB 200 | 242 095 | 5 988 377 | 2.3 | 09-Feb-2000 | 22-Aug-2008 | 8.53 | 99.9 |
| Eden * | Vaisala PTB 200 | 759 050 | 5 873 050 | 2.6 | 10-Feb-2000 | Present | 15.38 | 99.6 |

* Location is relative to origin of Zone 55

Appendix A Sample data presentation formats

TIME SERIES WAVE STATISTICS

- table available as a Microsoft Excel or text file
- all analysed data between nominated dates / times
- any wave data parameter can be selected
- for explanation of statistics see [Glossary](#)

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Date Generated: 25-Nov-15

COFFS HARBOUR WAVE DATA

Selection Restrictions : DATA_STATUS <= 6.0000

| Date/Time | Hmean (m) | Hsig (m) | Hmax (m) | Tz (s) | T P1 (s) | TP2 (s) | Wave Power (watts/m) | WDIR (deg TN) | Sea Temp (C) |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|---------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 21/02/2014 0:00 | 0.634 | 0.991 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 9.77 | 8.52 | 3886.9 | 94 | 25.1 |
| 21/02/2014 1:00 | 0.665 | 1.05 | 1.87 | 5.5 | 9.77 | 5.34 | 4318.6 | 103 | 25.05 |
| 21/02/2014 2:00 | 0.627 | 0.99 | 1.63 | 5.36 | 9.77 | 8.9 | 3842.5 | 106 | 25.05 |
| 21/02/2014 3:00 | 0.607 | 0.966 | 1.55 | 5.28 | 9.77 | 5.8 | 3521 | 103 | 25.05 |
| 21/02/2014 4:00 | 0.606 | 0.978 | 2.04 | 5.27 | 9.32 | 5.98 | 3602.4 | 117 | 25.05 |
| 21/02/2014 5:00 | 0.573 | 0.916 | 1.65 | 5.15 | 9.32 | 8.52 | 3221.3 | 153 | 25 |
| 21/02/2014 6:00 | 0.581 | 0.923 | 1.54 | 5.19 | 9.32 | 6.56 | 3348.3 | 129 | 24.95 |
| 21/02/2014 7:00 | 0.579 | 0.907 | 1.53 | 4.99 | 8.9 | 5.34 | 3162.2 | 132 | 24.8 |
| 21/02/2014 8:00 | 0.616 | 0.978 | 2.21 | 4.78 | 9.77 | 8.52 | 3311.8 | 99 | 24.7 |
| 21/02/2014 9:00 | 0.645 | 1.017 | 1.75 | 4.99 | 9.32 | 7.85 | 3991.3 | 119 | 24.6 |
| 21/02/2014 10:00 | 0.685 | 1.069 | 1.75 | 5.04 | 9.32 | 5.2 | 4094.4 | 151 | 24.55 |
| 21/02/2014 11:00 | 0.735 | 1.155 | 2.35 | 5.15 | 8.9 | 6.16 | 5069.8 | 154 | 24.6 |
| 21/02/2014 12:00 | 0.767 | 1.211 | 2.57 | 5.06 | 9.77 | 8.9 | 5460.6 | 167 | 24.8 |
| 21/02/2014 13:00 | 0.853 | 1.341 | 2.92 | 5.41 | 9.32 | 6.36 | 6627.7 | 162 | 24.95 |
| 21/02/2014 14:00 | 0.939 | 1.456 | 2.52 | 5.31 | 6.79 | 5.98 | 7897.4 | 157 | 24.9 |
| 21/02/2014 15:00 | 0.988 | 1.543 | 2.83 | 5.29 | 6.56 | 5.8 | 8522.5 | 174 | 25.1 |
| 21/02/2014 16:00 | 1.01 | 1.612 | 2.69 | 5.41 | 8.9 | 6.36 | 8852 | 147 | 25.1 |
| 21/02/2014 17:00 | 1.015 | 1.605 | 2.59 | 5.25 | 6.36 | 5.48 | 9400.8 | 175 | 24.95 |
| 21/02/2014 18:00 | 1.02 | 1.61 | 2.93 | 5.31 | 9.32 | 6.36 | 9912.2 | 148 | 24.75 |
| 21/02/2014 19:00 | 0.906 | 1.445 | 3.13 | 5.12 | 9.32 | 6.16 | 7790 | 153 | 24.5 |
| 21/02/2014 20:00 | 0.914 | 1.42 | 2.56 | 5.26 | 9.77 | 5.98 | 7917.2 | 164 | 24.15 |
| 21/02/2014 21:00 | 0.867 | 1.352 | 2.3 | 5.27 | 8.9 | 7.03 | 7136.6 | 139 | 24.4 |
| 21/02/2014 22:00 | 0.867 | 1.368 | 2.37 | 5.47 | 8.17 | 7.28 | 7317.5 | 133 | 24.95 |

STORM HISTORY TABLES

- table available as a Microsoft Excel file
- table provides storm start and finish dates
- lists duration in hours of H_{sig} exceedance for 3 metre to 8 metre thresholds in 0.5 metre increments for every recorded storm
- includes peak H_{sig}, H_{max} and wave power, mean H_{sig}, T_{sig}, T_{P1} and wave power recorded during storm
- deepwater wave direction (measured or hindcast) at storm peak (maximum recorded H_{sig}) is included
- blue text indicates full duration of storm not recorded
- for explanation of statistics see [Glossary](#)

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NSW Wave Climate

Crowdy Head Waverider Buoy Storm History

Site Commissioned: 10-Oct-85

Date Capture: 85.2%

| Storm Date | | Storm Duration (Hours) of Hsig (m) greater than: | | | | | | | | | | | Peak Hsig | Mean Hsig | Peak Hmax | Mean Tsig | Mean TP1 | Peak Power | Mean Power | Deepwater Wave Direction | |
|------------|-----------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Start | Finish | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 8.0 | (m) | (m) | (m) | (s) | (s) | (kW/m) | (kW/m) | (° TN) | (Compass) |
| 20-Oct-85 | 20-Oct-85 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 43.9 | 42.4 | 180 | S |
| 25-Oct-85 | 28-Oct-85 | 58 | 32 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 11.6 | 124.3 | 72.5 | 135 | SE |
| 18-Nov-85 | 19-Nov-85 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 56.6 | 54.7 | 180 | S |
| 22-Nov-85 | 22-Nov-85 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 180 | S |
| 23-Jan-86 | 25-Jan-86 | 27 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 79.7 | 54.5 | 90 | E |
| 12-May-86 | 15-May-86 | 28 | 21 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 114.8 | 71.0 | 90 | E |
| 15-Jun-86 | 18-Jun-86 | 48 | 29 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 100.1 | 67.7 | 90 | E |
| 30-Jun-86 | 1-Jul-86 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 6.4 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 93.6 | 74.5 | 135 | SE |
| 11-Jul-86 | 12-Jul-86 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 7.8 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 91.1 | 70.4 | 157 | SSE |
| 26-Jul-86 | 26-Jul-86 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 11.0 | 13.1 | 96.3 | 63.8 | 180 | S |
| 4-Aug-86 | 12-Aug-86 | 128 | 85 | 50 | 37 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 12.6 | 10.1 | 11.8 | 216.6 | 95.4 | 135 | SE |
| 22-Oct-86 | 22-Oct-86 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 135 | SE |
| 21-Nov-86 | 22-Nov-86 | 28 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 7.8 | 11.3 | 13.2 | 126.6 | 85.7 | 157 | SSE |
| 30-Nov-86 | 30-Nov-86 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 67.5 | 54.3 | 135 | SE |
| 9-Dec-86 | 9-Dec-86 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 68.3 | 53.0 | 180 | S |
| 17-Mar-87 | 17-Mar-87 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 5.5 | 9.2 | 11.1 | 53.4 | 53.4 | 112 | ESE |
| 31-Mar-87 | 1-Apr-87 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 7.7 | 10.9 | 12.9 | 111.2 | 78.3 | 180 | S |
| 9-Apr-87 | 10-Apr-87 | 31 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 8.0 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 102.2 | 73.8 | 180 | S |
| 18-May-87 | 19-May-87 | 31 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 10.6 | 12.0 | 88.1 | 69.0 | 180 | S |
| 28-May-87 | 28-May-87 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 6.5 | 10.1 | 12.2 | 69.5 | 58.7 | 180 | S |
| 12-Jul-87 | 13-Jul-87 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 9.3 | 11.1 | 55.2 | 49.8 | 180 | S |
| 4-Aug-87 | 4-Aug-87 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 82.4 | 68.8 | 180 | S |
| 18-Aug-87 | 18-Aug-87 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 50.9 | 48.3 | 112 | ESE |
| 1-Sep-87 | 2-Sep-87 | 33 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 8.1 | 11.8 | 13.5 | 173.4 | 93.9 | 180 | S |
| 1-Oct-87 | 1-Oct-87 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 6.1 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 77.5 | 62.0 | 180 | S |
| 5-Oct-87 | 6-Oct-87 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 7.1 | 10.5 | 11.9 | 115.2 | 72.8 | 135 | SE |

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Appendix B Glossary of terms

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| Air / Barometric Pressure | : the pressure of the atmosphere at a location due to the weight of a column of air above it. Air pressure is measured in hectopascals (hPa). |
| Average H_{sig} | : average significant wave height recorded during a storm event. |
| Average T_{P1} | : average spectral peak period recorded during a storm event. |
| Average T_{sig} | : average significant wave period recorded during a storm event. |
| Average Wave Power | : average wave power level recorded during a storm event. |
| Barometer | : a device used to measure variations in atmospheric pressure. |
| Correlation Coefficient | : measurement (between -1 and 1) of the quality of fit of a line through a set of data points. The closer the number to ± 1 the better the fit. |
| Data Capture / Data Recovery | : number of records collected divided by total number of possible records. Normally expressed as a percentage. |
| Date / Time | : for start of record. |
| Deep Water | : water sufficiently deep that surface waves are little affected by the ocean bottom. Generally, water deeper than one-half the surface wave length is considered deep water. |
| Diffraction | : the 'spreading' of waves into the lee of obstacles such as breakwaters by the transfer of wave energy along wave crests. Diffracted waves are lower in height than the incident waves. |
| Directional Waverider Buoy | : a floating device used to measure ocean wave height, period and direction. It is a registered trademark of the Dutch company Datawell. |
| E | : Normalised Spectral Estimate. |
| Effective Record Length | : total record length multiplied by the data capture rate. |
| Electromagnetic Current Meter | : a device that measures current and water pressure variations. If deployed in shallow water current and pressure data can be converted to wave height, period and direction. Current meters manufactured by the American companies Marsh McBirney and InterOcean are used by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory to collect wave data. |
| Electromagnetic Wave and Tide Monitoring System (EWS) | : linear electromagnetic gauge fixed to a structure used to measure water level variations caused by waves and tides. |
| ERR | : number of corrections or 'patches' in a record. |
| Fetch | : the horizontal distance over which a wind blows in generating waves. |
| Filtered Data | : raw data modified to remove wind waves, tide or some other frequency components. |
| Hindcast | : the prediction of wave characteristics using meteorological information as opposed to the measurements of these features. |
| H_1 | : average height of the waves which comprise the top 1%. |
| H_{10} | : average height of the waves which comprise the top 10%. |
| H_{max} | : maximum wave height. |
| H_{mean} | : mean wave height. |
| H_{rms} | : root mean square wave height. |

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| H_{sig} | : significant wave height = average height of the waves which comprise the top 33%. |
| LEN | : accepted record duration (normally in seconds). |
| Logger | : device for recording digitised data. |
| Long Wave | : waves with periods greater than 30 seconds. Often associated with storm wave activity along the NSW coast. |
| M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3 | : Spectral Moments - $M_n = \sum E f^n \Delta f$. These provide parameters describing the shape of the spectrum. |
| MS | : Mean Square displacement ($= Y_{rms}^2 = M_0$). |
| NPTS | : number of sample points in a record. |
| $\frac{P_2}{P_1}$ or $\frac{SP_2}{SP_1}$ | : ratio of second highest spectral peak to the highest. |
| Peak H_{max} | : highest maximum wave height recorded during a storm event. |
| Peak H_{sig} | : highest significant wave height recorded during a storm event. |
| Peak Wave Power | : maximum wave power level recorded during a storm event. |
| Percentage Exceedance | : percentage of time that a given value is exceeded. |
| Percentage Occurrence | : percentage of time that given value (or range of values) occurs. |
| Receiver | : shore-based device for receiving incoming wave signals. |
| Record | : burst of data from the wave measuring device (usually 2048 seconds). |
| Record Interval | : time between records (usually 1 hour). Prior to June 1984 the standard for wave data collection by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory was 6 hours. |
| Refraction | : the tendency of wave crests to become parallel to bottom contours as waves move into shallower waters. This effect is caused by the shoaling process which slows down waves in shallower waters. |
| Return Period | : expected average interval between the occurrences of events at a particular threshold. |
| S | : Spectral Estimate = $E \times M_0$. |
| S.E. | : Standard Error = rms y-deviation of data points from a fitted line. |
| Sample Increment | : time between sample points measured by the transducer. Sample points are normally spaced at 0.5 second intervals for ocean wave measurement. |
| Sea Waves | : waves in coastal waters resulting from the interaction of different wave trains and locally generated waves. Typically, sea waves are of short wave length and of disordered appearance. |
| Shallow Water | : water of such a depth that surface waves are noticeably affected by bottom topography. Generally, water depth less than one-half the surface wave length is considered shallow water. |
| Shoaling | : the influence of the seabed on wave behaviour. Such effects only become significant in water depths of 60 m or less. Manifested as a reduction in wave speed, a shortening in wave length and an increase in wave height. |
| Storm Event | : period of high wave activity. For the NSW coastline is normally defined as the time when a H_{sig} greater than 3 metres is recorded at an offshore wave recording station. |

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| Swell Waves | : wind waves remote from the area of generation (fetch) having a uniform and orderly appearance characterised by regularly spaced wave crests. |
| Total Record Length | : elapsed period from the date of commission to the end of data collection at a recording site. |
| T_c | : crest period = average time between successive crests. |
| T_{P1} | : peak period of the energy spectrum. |
| T_{P2} | : period corresponding to the second biggest peak of the energy spectrum. |
| T_{sig} | : significant period = average period of the waves used to define H_{sig} . |
| T_z | : zero crossing period = mean period. |
| Wave Direction | : the direction from which ocean waves approach a location. Generally, the principal wave direction is represented by the direction that corresponds to the peak period of the energy spectrum (T_{P1}). |
| Wave Height | : the vertical distance between a wave trough and wave crest. |
| Wave Length | : the distance between consecutive wave crest or wave troughs. |
| Wave Period | : the time taken for consecutive wave crests or wave troughs to pass a given point. |
| Wave Power | : the rate at which wave energy is transmitted in the direction of wave propagation. Normally expressed in kilowatts per metre of wave crest length. |
| Waverider Buoy | : a floating device used to measure water level variations caused by ocean waves. It is a registered trademark of the Dutch company Datawell. |
| Wind Waves | : the waves initially formed by the action of wind blowing over the sea surface. Wind waves are characterised by a range of heights, periods and wave lengths. As they leave the area of generation (fetch), wind waves develop a more ordered and uniform appearance and are referred to as swell or swell waves. |
| Y_{rms} | : root mean square amplitude (not to be confused with H_{rms}). |

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