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ABSTRACT:-

This report provides a summary of primary analyses of COPE data on wind, wave and beach processes observed at Burleigh Heads, in the City of the Gold Coast, on the south east Queensland coast. The data was recorded by volunteer observer Mr. F. Patterson during the period December 1980 to June 1987. The recordings were made daily during the six and a half year period. The information published is considered representative of the long term conditions. The station was still active at June 1988.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Programme

The Beach Protection Authority requires basic data on the behaviour of Queensland's beaches in order to provide well founded advice on coastal management to Local Authorities. The COPE project aims to collect information on wind, waves and beach behaviour in areas where extensive investigations are not practical and where otherwise little or no data exist.

The project is based on the recruitment of volunteer observers who are prepared to record a series of basic parameters once or twice daily for at least a three year period.

1.2 Site Selection

In selecting a site for a COPE station, consideration is given to:-

- (a) the general shoreline configuration and the possibility of extrapolation of data to other adjacent beaches;
- (b) the distribution of stations along Queensland's coastline;
- (c) the need to correlate the COPE data with planned or existing data collection programmes.

1.3 Instrumentation

The COPE observers are supplied with a basic kit of recording instruments including:-

- 30 metre Tape, Wind Meter, Stop Watch, 2.0 metre Measuring sticks, Recording Forms and Fluorescent Dye.

A graduated reference pole is installed on the beach to serve as the base point for all plan measurements and the control for vertical levelling.

1.4 Observers

The majority of COPE observers are volunteers, who may be local business people, local residents or school children. Some stations are operated by Government employees who carry out the observations as part of their official duties.

1.5 Accuracy

Individual observers differ in their subjective assessment of the various parameters recorded as part of the COPE programme. Wave parameters such as type, height, and angle of approach together with surf zone width and the location of the vegetation line all require visual assessment, the accuracy of which will vary from observer to observer and from recording to recording. Although the Authority is confident that all observers make their observations to the best of their ability and accepts these observations without adjustment, the existence of random and non-random errors in the recorded data is to be expected.

Problems associated with the use of data containing these errors are minimised in two ways. Firstly, regular visits are made to the COPE stations by the Authority's COPE Field Officer to provide a check on any bias introduced into the recordings by incorrect observation procedures. Secondly, it has been found that, with a large number of observations taken on a regular basis, a reasonable assessment can be made of the average climatologies of the observed parameters provided the observation errors are random. A minimum recording period of three years has been adopted for the analysis and publication of the data. Five day moving averages are applied to observations of the various beach width and foreshore slope parameters to smooth out random errors.

For these reasons, the Authority is of the opinion that published COPE data can be used with confidence provided the above inherent limitations are recognised.

1.6 Presentation of Data

The purpose of this report is to present COPE data for the six and a half year period 1980 to 1987 in a useful statistical form. No attempt has been made to interpret the observed data.

If the six and a half year period is representative of the long term average meteorological conditions, the statistics presented on wind, wave and beach movements can be regarded as typical. However, this recording period may be considered too short to be representative in terms of the average occurrence of extreme events such as cyclones and floods, and this should be taken into account when consideration is being given to the influence of such events on trends of long term beach behaviour.

2.0 STATION PARTICULARS

2.1 Location

Burleigh Heads is located within the City of the Gold Coast and lies approximately 10 kilometres south of Surfers Paradise on the south east Queensland coast. It is a 2 kilometre stretch of coastline bounded by Burleigh Headland to the south and South Nobby Headland to the north. The location of the Burleigh Heads COPE station is shown in Figures 1.1 and 1.2

2.2 Observers

This station has been operated by Mr. F. Patterson during the period December 1980 to June 1987. The Authority wishes to thank Mr. F. Patterson for his valuable service in gathering the data contained within this Report. At date of publication, Mr F. Patterson was continuing as observer.

2.3 Observed Parameters

The observer at this station recorded once daily at approximately 7.30 a.m.

This station has recorded:

- Wave Period
- Wave Height
- Wave Direction
- Wave Type
- Surf Zone Width
- Presence of Offshore Bar
- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- State of Tide
- Distance to Berm
- Berm Elevation
- Distance to Vegetation Line
- Sand level at C.O.P.E. reference Pole
- Foreshore Slope
- Longshore Current Speed
- Longshore Current Direction.
- Distance from Shoreline to Float (recorded from February 1986)

In addition a sand sample was collected at the station each month, and since April 1981, a profile of the beach has usually been recorded monthly.

2.4 Tidal Information

Tidal information is presented below. Datum is Low Water Datum.

| M.H.W.S. | 1.40 metres |
|----------|-------------|
| M.H.W.N. | 1.10 metres |
| M.S.L. | 0.77 metres |
| M.L.W.N. | 0.40 metres |
| M.L.W.S. | 0.10 metres |

A.H.D. is 0.87 metres above Low Water Datum.

Tidal information was obtained from the 1987 Department of Harbours and Marine Tide Book.

2.5 Description of the Beach

The beach at the Burleigh Heads COPE Station exhibits the following characteristics:-

- Typical beach slopes: Foreshore slope is in the range 1 in 8 to 1 in 30 $(7^{\circ} 2^{\circ})$.
- Beach width: Varied from 40 to 120 metres measured from the seaward toe of frontal dune to Low Water Mark over the six and a half year period.
- D50 sand size: 0.27 mm averaged over six and a half years.
- Adjoining Landform: Low narrow foredune backed by a high secondary dune with a prominent erosion scarp on its seaward face. Landward dunal areas have been levelled, cleared and used for public park and residential purposes.
- Vegetation: The foredune is vegetated with sand spinifex grass (Spinifex sericeus) and goat's foot convolvulus (Ipomoea pes-caprae).

A range of native and exotic grasses and shrubs have established a dense ground cover over the crest and seaward slope of the secondary dune.

2.5.1 Meteorological Events

The following cyclones were recorded by the Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology as having tracks within 500 kilometres of Burleigh Heads between December 1980 and June 1987. It is considered that these cyclone events may have had some effect on the condition of Burleigh Heads.

| Cyclone Cliff | 09/02/81 - 15/02/81 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cyclone Abigail | 22/01/82 - 05/02/82 |
| Low Pressure System | 03/06/83 - 06/06/83 (causing erosion) |
| Cyclone Ingrid | 20/02/84 - 25/02/84 |
| Cyclone Lance | 04/04/84 - 07/04/84 |
| Low Pressure System | 07/04/84 - 13/04/84 (causing erosion) |
| Low Pressure System | 18/05/84 - 23/05/84 (causing erosion) |
| Cyclone Pierre | 18/02/85 - 24/02/85 |
| Cyclone Vernon | 21/01/86 - 24/01/86 |

2.5.2 Coastal Works

Following erosion in June 1983 and April, May 1984, the Gold Coast City Council implemented a beach nourishment scheme which would provide protection for both the park and beach at Burleigh Heads.

Beach nourishment commenced in early October 1985 with 200,000 cubic metres of sand deposited onshore and a further 100,000 cubic metres placed nearshore, within 8 metres of water.

2.6 Supervision of Station

The observer was instructed in the recording programme by the COPE Field Officer and the initial instruction period was followed up with visits to the station during the period of recordings presented in this report.

Installation of the reference pole for this station has been carried out by the Gold Coast City Council and the Authority wishes to thank the Council for its assistance in all matters associated with the COPE project. Maintenance of the pole has been carried out by the Beach Protection Authority's COPE Field Officer.

3.0 DATA

3.1 General

COPE data for this station for the six and a half year period December 1980 to June 1987 is presented on the attached figures. The data has been analysed statistically and/or smoothed to reveal long term averages or trends. A brief description of each of the observed parameters is given below with the relevant figure references.

3.2 Wind

The observer recorded the wind speed at the beach using a hand held wind meter at 1.5 metres above beach level. Prior to February 1986 wind direction was estimated to the nearest compass sector. After this time wind direction is recorded in degrees by compass.

A summary of annual wind speed and direction percentage occurrences are shown as a wind rose in Figure 3. Where applicable, morning and afternoon readings as well as the overall average are shown.

Wind speed was recorded in miles per hour (m.p.h.) rather than knots after February 1986. The recordings are converted from (m.p.h.) to knots for Figure 3.

3.3 Waves

The average and maximum breaker height (trough to crest) is usually estimated to the nearest 0.1 metre. From experience the estimate of average breaker height has been found to be comparable with the equivalent deep water significant wave height.

Recordings of maximum wave height and method used to obtain wave height were introduced into the programme from February 1986. Wave type and state of tide were discontinued at this time.

The observers estimate the wave period by recording the time taken for eleven wave crests (the duration of 10 waves) to pass a point.

Wave direction was recorded in degrees of a compass from March 1986. The direction recorded was then converted to a sector (see following paragraph regarding sector system).

The wave direction is estimated as one of five direction sectors indicating the angle to the shoreline alignment from which the waves are approaching the surf zone. These sectors have been selected as:-

| Sector 1 | - | 0 ⁰ to | 60 ⁰ |
|----------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Sector 2 | - | 61 ⁰ to | 85 ⁰ |
| Sector 3 | - | 86 ⁰ to | 95 ⁰ |
| Sector 4 | - | 96 ⁰ to | 120 ⁰ |
| Sector 5 | - | 121 ⁰ to | 180 ⁰ |

Note: 0⁰ is the beach alignment to the left of the observer when facing seaward, and at the COPE station this direction is approximately 345⁰ true north.

Statistical representations of the observed wave data include:-

- (a) the percentage of wave height recordings which exceed any given wave height for all directions combined (Figure 4).
- (b) the percentage occurrence of various combinations of wave heights and periods and directions (Figure 5 and Figure 6).
- (c) surf zone width with an indication of the existence or otherwise of an offshore bar (Figure 7 to Figure 13.)
- (d) tabulation of the occurrence of various wave heights, periods, types and directions (Tables 1 to 8).

3.4 Longshore Currents

The observer measured the distance parallel to the shoreline that a float in the surf zone moved in one minute. Current direction is either upcoast or downcoast, upcoast being to the left when facing the sea from the beach. The readings are converted to a velocity which is plotted on a daily basis (Figure 14 to Figure 21). Mean upcoast and downcoast components and the overall annual means are also presented.

3.5 Beach Profile Parameters

Beach profile parameters were measured until 1983 using an Abney level, tape measure and reference pole. These include:

- Distance from the reference pole to the berm.
- Elevation of the berm.
- Distance from the reference pole to the vegetation line.
- The foreshore slope.

Since 1983 profiles have been recorded using a measuring stick, the reference pole, and a line of sight to the horizon.

Sand level at the reference pole was formally recorded from February 1986 and the measurement of foreshore slope was discontinued at this time.

Changes in these parameters with time indicate how the beach moves in response to varying wave attack. Plots of these parameters are shown in Figure 22 to Figure 28.

3.6 Monthly Beach Profiles

Beach profiles are normally taken at the beginning of each month. However, should the beach undergo appreciable erosion or accretion during the month, then the observer is requested to take another beach profile. Monthly beach profiles are shown in Figure 29 to Figure 35.

TABLE I

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 32

Year 1980

| | MEAN WAVE PERIOD | MEAN | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--|--|
| MONTH | | D HEIGHT Wave Type | | Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (5005) | (metres) | SP | PL. | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | | |
| JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER | 5.5 | 1.46 | 100.0 | _ | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | | | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 5.5 | 1.46 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |

SP – Spilling PL – Plunging

SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

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MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 359 Year 1981

| | MEAN | MEAN | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------|----------|--|------|---------|-------|------|--------|---------------|------|-------|-----|------|--|--|
| MONTH | PERIOD | HEIGHT | | W | ave Typ | e | | Wave D | ave Direction | | | | | | |
| | (SCCS) | (metres) | SP | PL | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | | |
| JANUARY | 7.8 | 1.22 | _ | - | _ | _ | ~ | _ | _ | _ | | _ | ·_ | | |
| FEBRUARY | 7.8 | 1.38 | - | _ | _ | - | _ | - | - | _ | - | _ | _ | | |
| MARCH | 8.5 | 1.27 | - | - | - | 100.0 | - | _ | - | - 1 | _ | - | - | | |
| APRIL | 8.2 | 1.06 | 16.7 | 10.0 | - | 73.3 | - | - | - | - | 100.0 | - | - | | |
| MAY | 9.0 | 1.41 | 41.9 | - | - | 58.1 | - | - | 3.7 | 3.7 | 92.6 | - | - | | |
| JUNE | 9.6 | 0.97 | 22.2 | | - | 77.8 | - | - | 11.1 | 18.5 | 70.4 | - | - | | |
| JULY | 8.3 | 0.81 | 25.8 | - |] – | 74.2 | - | - | 6.5 | 22.5 | 71.0 | - | _ | | |
| AUGUST | 10.0 | 0.90 | 45.2 | - | | 54.8 | - 1 | - | 6.5 | 25.8 | 67.7 | - | - | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 8.9 | 0.91 | 14.3 | - | - | 85.7 | - | - | 3.6 | 7.1 | 89.3 | - | - | | |
| OCTOBER | 8.3 | 1.26 | 16.7 | - | - | 83.3 | - | - | 10.0 | 26.7 | 63.3 | - | - | | |
| NOVEMBER | 7.8 | 1.29 | 30.0 | - | - | 70.0 | - | - | - | 30.0 | 70.0 | - | - | | |
| DECEMBER | 7.8 | 1.03 | 29.1 | 3.2 | - | 67.7 | - | - | 6.5 | 41.9 | 51.6 | - | - | | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 8.5 | 1.13 | 26.1 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 72.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 22.3 | 71.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |

SP – Spilling

PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Diversion

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION **OCCURRENCES**

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 361

Year 1982

| | MEAN WAVE PERIOD | MEAN | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|--|------|----------|-------|------|-----|----------------|------|------|-----|------|--|--|
| MONTH | | WAVE HEIGHT | Wave Type | | | | | | Wave Direction | | | | | | |
| | (secs) | (metres) | SP | PL | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | | |
| 743114 03/ | 2.0 | | 2 (| 10.7 | | 057 | | | | 34 5 | | | } | | |
| | 1.9 | 1.19 | 5.6 | 10.7 | - | 82./ | - | - | - | 24.7 | 79 2 | - | - | | |
| FEDRUARY | 8.4 | 1.39 | 10.7 | - | - | 07.5 | - | - | - | 21.4 | 07 1 | - | ~ | | |
| MARCH | 9.3 | 1.30 | 12.9 | - | - | 87.1 | - | - | - | 12.9 | 0/.1 | | - | | |
| APRIL | 8.1 | 0.90 | /6./ | - | - | 23.3 | - |] - | - | 31.1 | 65.5 | 5.4 | - | | |
| MAY | 8.0 | 0.92 | 12.9 | - | - | 87.1 | - | - | - | 9.7 | 90.3 | - | - | | |
| JUNE | 9.6 | 0.92 | 28.6 | - | - | 71.4 | - | - | - | 17.9 | 82.1 | - | - | | |
| JULY | 9.0 | 0.73 | 41.9 | - 1 | - 1 | 58.1 | 1 - | - \ | - | 9.7 | 90.3 | 1 ~ | } - | | |
| AUGUST | 8.5 | 1.03 | 22.6 | 3.2 | - | 74.2 | - 1 | - | - 1 | 51.6 | 48.4 | - | - | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 8.9 | 0.75 | 56.7 | | - | 43.3 | - | - | 16.7 | 30.0 | 53.3 | - | - | | |
| OCTOBER | 7.7 | 0.84 | 9.7 | { _ | { _ | 90.3 | - 1 | { _ | 25.8 | 9.7 | 64.5 | { ~ | - 1 | | |
| NOVEMBER | 8.5 | 0.99 | - | _ | _ | 100.0 | - | | | 30.0 | 70.0 | - | - | | |
| DECEMBER | 8.3 | 0.90 | 45.2 | - | - | 54.8 | - | - | 16.1 | 61.3 | 22.6 | - | - | | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 8.5 | 0.99 | 26.9 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 71.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 26.7 | 68.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | | |

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 334

Year 1983

| | MEAN | MEAN WAVE | | | Perce | ntage Oc | currence | - Wave | Type/W | ave Dir | ection | | |
|------------|--------|--------------|------|-----|---------|----------|----------|----------------|--------|---------|--------|-----|------|
| MONTH | PERIOD | HEIGHT | | V | ave Typ | e | | Wave Direction | | | | | |
| | (secs) | (metres) | SP | PL | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm |
| JANUARY | 8.4 | 1.13 | 9.7 | - | | 90.3 | - | - | - | 77.4 | 22.6 | - | _ |
| FEBRUARY | 7.7 | 0.88 | 17.9 | - | - | 82.1 | - | - | 10.7 | 46.4 | 42.9 | - | - |
| MARCH | 7.8 | 0.92 | 3.2 | - | - | 96.8 | - | - | 3.2 | 41.9 | 54.9 | - | - |
| APRIL | 7.9 | 0.85 | 20.0 | - | - | 80.0 | - | - | 3.3 | 26.7 | 70.0 | - | - |
| MAY | 7.6 | 0.96 | 12.9 | - | - | 87.1 | - | - | - | 51.6 | 48.4 | - | - |
| JUNE | 8.5 | 1.42 | 12.5 | - | - | 87.5 | - | - | - | 6.3 | 93.7 | - | - |
| JULY | 7.3 | 0.79 | 10.0 | - | - | 90.0 | - | - | - 1 | 40.0 | 60.0 | - | - |
| AUGUST | 7.4 | 0.85 | 38.7 | - 1 | - | 61.3 | - | - | 3.2 | 61.3 | 35.5 | - | - |
| SEPTEMBER | 6.5 | 0.79 | 56.7 | - | - | 43.3 | - | - 1 | 16.7 | 36.7 | 46.6 | | - |
| OCTOBER | 7.6 | 0.95 | 13.8 | - 1 | - | 86.2 | - | - | 6.9 | 20.7 | 72.4 | - | - |
| NOVEMBER | 6.5 | 0.96 | 68.8 | - | - | 31.2 | - | - | 12.5 | 37.5 | 50.0 | - | - |
| DECEMBER | 6.8 | 1.06 | 25.8 | - | - | 74.2 | - | - | - | 38.7 | 61.3 | - | - |
| WHOLE YEAR | 7.5 | 0.95 | 22.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 77.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 42.2 | 53.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 333

Year 1984

| | MEAN | MEAN | | | Percer | ntage Oc | currence | e - Wave | Type/W | ave Dir | ection | | | | |
|------------|--------|----------|------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|---------|--------|-----|------|--|--|
| MONTH | PERIOD | HEIGHT | | Ŵ | ave Typ | e – | | | Wave Direction | | | | | | |
| | (SECS) | (metres) | SP | PL | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JANUARY | 6.3 | 1.08 | 35.5 | | - | 64.5 | - | - | 6.5 | 29.0 | 64.5 | - | - | | |
| FEBRUARY | 6.4 | 1.02 | - | - | - | 100.0 | - |] - | 6.9 | 27.6 | 65.5 |] - | - | | |
| MARCH | 7.9 | 0.91 | 3.2 | - | - | 96.8 | 1 - | - | 3.2 | 16.1 | 80.7 | - (| 1 - | | |
| APRIL | 7.0 | 1.26 | 3.3 | - | - | 96.7 |] - | - | - | 10.0 | 90.0 | - | - | | |
| MAY | 8.0 | 1.12 | 6.5 | - | - | 93.5 | - | - | - | 6.5 | 93.5 | - | - | | |
| JUNE | 8.4 | 1.14 | | 4.0 | _ | 96.0 | - 1 | - | - | 28.0 | 72.0 | - | - | | |
| JULY | 8.7 | 0.75 | 42.9 | - | - | 57.1 | 1 - | - 1 | 4.8 | 38.1 | 57.1 | - 1 | - | | |
| AUGUST | 9.4 | 0.85 | 41.9 | - | - | 58.1 | _ | - | 3.2 | 22.6 | 74.2 | - | - | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 7.6 | 0.72 | 67.9 | _ | 1 - | 32.1 | _ | - 1 | 3.6 | 46.4 | 50.0 | - | - 1 | | |
| OCTOBER | 7.5 | 0.89 | 64.5 | - | - | 35.5 | I → | - | 6.5 | 32.3 | 61.2 | - 1 | - | | |
| NOVEMBER | 7.1 | 0.75 | 70.4 | - | | 29.6 | 1_ | | 111.1 | 55.6 | 33.3 | 1 | - 1 | | |
| DECEMBER | 7.4 | 0.86 | 88.9 | - | - | 11.1 | - | - | 22.2 | 44.5 | 33.3 | - | - | | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 7.6 | 0.95 | 33.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 66.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 28.5 | 66.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |

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SP - Spilling PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 353

Year 1985

| | MEAN | MEAN | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|---------------|--|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|----------------|------|------|----------|------|--|
| MONTH | PERIOD | HEIGHT Wave T | | | | Гуре | | | Wave Direction | | | | | |
| | (secs) | (metres) | SP | PL | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | |
| 18 MILED V | () | 0.60 | 07 t | | | 12.0 | | | | 20 7 | 45.2 | | | |
| | 6.9 | 0.69 | 8/.1 |] - | 1 - | 50.2 | - |] - | 16.1 | 38./ | 43.2 | - | - | |
| FEBRUARI MADCH | 7.0 | 1.00 | 40./ | - | - | 767 | - | - | - | 20.0 | 72.0 | - | - | |
| | 83 | 1.15 | 16.7 | 2 2 | - | 80.0 | | | | 50.0 | 50.0 | | | |
| MAY | 8.5 | 1.12 | 12.9 | 3.2 | 1] | 83.9 | 1] | | | 16.1 | 83.9 | | | |
| TUNE | 7.7 | 0.76 | 17.2 | 6.9 | | 75.9 | | - | | 37.9 | 62.1 | _ | - | |
| JULY | 8.1 | 1.00 | 19.4 | _ | _ | 80.6 | _ | _ | _ | 25.8 | 74.2 | _ | - 1 | |
| AUGUST | 7.2 | 0.81 | 12.9 | } | - | 87.1 | - | | 3.2 | 61.3 | 35.5 | <u>-</u> | - | |
| SEPTEMBER | 8.7 | 0.98 | - | 3.8 | - 1 | 96.2 | _ | - | 11.5 | 42.3 | 46.2 | _ | - | |
| OCTOBER | 7.4 | 1.04 | 19.4 | - | - 1 | 80.6 | - 1 | _ | 3.2 | 64.5 | 32.3 | - | - | |
| NOVEMBER | 7.1 | 0.95 | 50.0 | - 1 | - | 50.0 | - 1 | - 1 | 7.1 | 28.6 | 64.3 | - 1 | - | |
| DECEMBER | 6.6 | 0.86 | 10.7 | - | - | 89.3 | - | - | 21.4 | 53.6 | 25.0 | - | - | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 7.6 | 0.98 | 26.1 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 72,5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 38.2 | 56.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND TYPE/WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 300

| | MEAN WAVE PERIOD (secs) | MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres) | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|-----------|---------|-------------------------|----------------|-----|--|---|----------|-----|------|
| MONTH | | | Wave Type | | | | Wave Direction | | | | | | |
| | | | SP | PL. | Surge | SP/PL | Calm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm |
| JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER | 7.4 - 7.8 7.9 9.0 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.0 6.7 6.8 7.4 7.8 | 1.28 - 1.19 1.24 0.89 0.96 0.93 0.88 0.68 0.71 0.99 1.11 | 7.7 - 9.1 CR | -15.4 | - CR | 76.9 - 90.9 CR | - CR | | 7.7 - 6.3 3.3 9.7 6.9 29.0 6.5 46.4 77.4 34.5 (4.5) | 23.1 - 31.3 30.0 48.4 13.8 22.6 35.5 39.3 22.6 31.0 | 69.2 | | - |
| WHOLE YEAR | 7.8 | 0.96 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 83.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 28.7 | 29.7 | 41.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging SP/PL - Combined Spilling and Plunging CR - Ceased Recording Wave Type

ADMENDMENT

Year 1986

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Burleigh Heads

No. of Observations: 175

Year 1987

| | MEAN WAVE | MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres) | Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|-----|------------------|--|--|--|
| MONTH | PERIOD | | Wave Direction | | | | | | | | |
| | (0000) | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Calm | | | |
| JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER | 7.6 7.8 7.9 8.3 8.4 8.3 | 1.03 1.09 0.93 1.32 1.28 1.09 | - | 54.8 22.2 30.0 16.7 - 7.7 | 35.5 48.2 50.0 36.6 48.4 34.6 | 9.7 29.6 20.0 46.7 51.6 57.7 | | - - - - | | | |
| WHOLE YEAR | 8.0 | 1.12 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 42.6 | 35.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |

ADMENDMENT









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| | | | <u>5.</u> | | | | Record time | <u>TIME</u> | | | |
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| | (1) | WAVE HEIGHT (A Record the best es breaking wave heigh of a metre. If less t and go directly to Se | AVERAGE) timate of the a ti to the nearest han 0.1 record ction (ii). | verage 16 tenth as 0.0 | 17 | WAVE HEIGHT Record the best es breaking wave he observation period t metre. | (MAXIMUM) stimate of the maximur ight during the entin to the nearest tenth of i | | | | |
| | | WAVE HEIGHT M Record the method th Record 1 if visual est Record 2 if measured Record 3 if measured | IETHOD at you used to o timate with COPE stic by COPE pole | btain wave height. ks | 20 | WAVE PERIOD Record the time in seconds for eleven (11) wave creats to pass a stationary point just seaward of the surf zone. | | | | | |
| | | WAVE DIRECTIO Determine the direct entering the surf zo provided and reco degrees. | ion that the way ne using the co and the directi | es are 24 25 mpass on in | 26 | SURF ZONE WIDTH Record the time in seconds for a wave of average height to traverse the surf zone from break point to final run-up on the beach. | | | | | |
| • | (11) | CURRENT SPEE Measure in metres the of the dye patch is obser (1) minute period; if in record 000. | D distance that the o ved to move durin to long shore mo | entre of <u>30 31</u> g a one vement | | CURRENT DIRECTION When the observer faces the ses 33 0 — no long shore movement | | | | | |
| • | | DISTANCE FROM Record the distance shore to where the were commenced. | A SHORE in metres fro current measure | m the | 35 | OFFSHORE BAI is an off-shore bar break? 1yes 0no | <u>R</u> causing the waves to | 36 | | | |
| | (111) | WIND SPEED Record wind speed 1 calm record 00 and go | lo the nearest m directly to Sectio | .p.h. lí n (iv). | 38 | WIND DIRECTIC Determine the dire coming from using and record the direc | N ction that the wind it the compass provided tion in degrees. | 39 40 41 | | | |
| | (iv) | BERM ELEVATIO Record the elevation of of a metra. Measurement most seaward berm if | Derm to the nears his should be take more than one exi | st tenth 42 n of the sts. | 43 | DISTANCE TO THE BERM Record the distance, to the nearest metre, 44 45 46 from the reference post to the berm. Distances landward of the reference post are negative. e.g. 009 measures 9 metres seaward (No sign); -07 measures 7 metres landward. (Minus sign). | | | | | |
| | (v) | DISTANCE TO TH Record the distance for the average vegetation of the reference post a | HE VEGETATI om the reference line. Distances la re negative. | ON post to ndward | 49 | SAND LEVEL AT POLE Record to nearest tenth of a metre. 50 51 | | | | | |
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ALL OBSERVATIONS



Total No. of Observations : 2238



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SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1984

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