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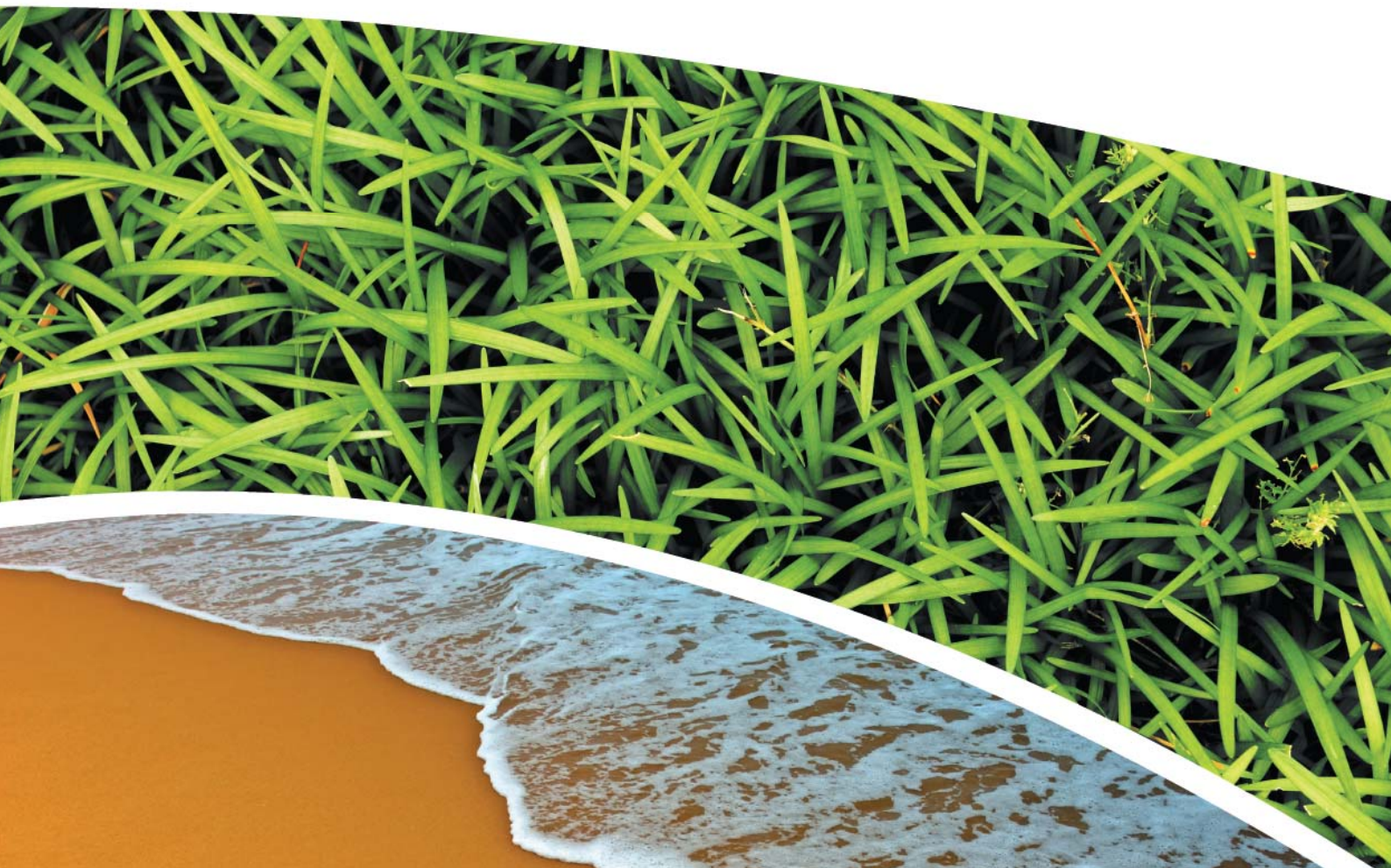

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REPORT COMPILED FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE DETAILING AIR, WATER AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING AT PINE DALE UNDERTAKEN IN SEPTEMBER 2021

1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of air, water, noise and meteorological monitoring undertaken at Pine Dale Mine, Blackmans Flat during the month of September 2021.

Air and water samples were collected by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff. Meteorological data was obtained from the site weather station.

This report satisfies the requirements to monitor environmental parameters as presented in the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 4911).

2 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical procedures used by RCA Laboratories – Environmental (NATA Accreditation number 9811) are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**.

Table 1 *Analytical Test Methods*

Analysis	Method	Units	Analysing Laboratory	NATA Accreditation Status
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	µg/m3	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter	ENV-LAB004	g/m2 per month	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
pH	ENV-LAB006	pH	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Conductivity	ENV-LAB010	µS/cm	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Total Suspended Solids	ENV-LAB009	mg/L	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Turbidity	ENV-LAB037	NTU	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	NATA Analysis
Oil and Grease	ENV-LAB022	mg/L	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	Non-NATA Analysis
Major Anions (Alkalinity, Cl, SO4)	ED037, ED041, ED045	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Major Cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K)	ED093	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Dissolved Metals	EG020F	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis

ALS Environmental has been used to obtain analysis of anions, cations and dissolved metals (NATA Accreditation number 825).

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of two (2) groundwater samples were collected from within the Pine Dale Mine site during September 2021. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**. Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 2 *Groundwater Analysis Results*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	09216880010	09216880011
Date Sampled	-	02/09/2021	02/09/2021
Time Sampled	-	16:14	16:52
Depth to Water from Surface	m	23.99	6.08
Water Level (AHD)	m	893.62	889.28
Temperature	°C	16.3	14.9
pH	pH	***6.04***	***6.18***
Conductivity	µS/cm	***1280***	802
Turbidity	NTU	64	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	2.0	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	33	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<5	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (CaCO3)	mg/L	72	
Total Alkalinity (CaCO3)	mg/L	72	
Sulphate (as SO4)	mg/L	454	
Chloride	mg/L	40	
Calcium	mg/L	95	
Magnesium	mg/L	44	
Sodium	mg/L	50	
Potassium	mg/L	16	
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.04	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	1.9	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.073	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.024	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	11.3	
Trigger Values			
pH trigger level[a]	pH	6.2 – 8.0	6.3 – 8.0
Conductivity trigger level	µS/cm	1180	852
Water Level (AHD)[b]	m	887.90	883.28
Revised Trigger Values[c]			
pH trigger level[d]	pH	5.6	6.3
Water Level (AHD)[b]	M	887.9	--

Indicates analysis was not required.

[a] pH trigger value is exceeded if the pH is outside the nominated range.

[b] Water Level trigger is exceeded if the AHD water level drops below the nominated trigger level.

[c] Proposed trigger values to be used alongside the currently approved trigger values.

[d] pH trigger value is exceeded if pH is below the nominated value.

Results shown in ***bold italics*** indicates exceedance of trigger value.

Results shown in <u>underline</u> indicates exceedance of revised trigger value.

3.2 SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Quarterly surface water monitoring was not required to be undertaken during September 2021; the next sampling is scheduled for November 2021.

4 AIR QUALITY RESULTS

4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

Monitoring for TSP and PM_{10} using HVAS was removed from Environment Protection Licence 4911 in November 2020. The Pine Dale Mine Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan (AQGGMP) was reviewed and updated to reflect this change. The updated AQGGMP was submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for endorsement. The AQGGMP was endorsed by DPIE on 4 December 2020 and was subsequently uploaded onto the Pine Dale Mine website.

4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST MONITORING

The depositional dust monitoring exposure period for September 2021 was 3 August – 3 September 2021. Depositional dust gauges at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2016 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016. The September exposure period was 31 days which is within the 30 ± 2 days dust exposure period stipulated in AS/NZS 3508.10.1:2016. Depositional dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 3**. Depositional dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 3 *Depositional Dust Monitoring*

Deposit Gauge	Number of Days	Notes	Insoluble Solids	Ash	Combustible Matter
D1	31	IT	0.1	<0.1	0.1
D3	31	I	0.4	0.2	0.2
D4	31	I	0.4	0.3	0.1
D5	31	I	0.6	0.1	0.5
D6	31	I	0.2	<0.1	0.2

All units are g/m^2/month

I – Insects (eg, Ants, Spiders)

T – Tree litter (leaves, gumnuts)

4.2.1 ALLOWABLE DEPOSITIONAL DUST LIMITS

The EPA long term (annual average) deposited dust limit is $4g/m^2$ per month. The rolling annual average depositional dust results for all sites within the period (October 2020 – September 2021) are in compliance with consent conditions. The annual average for dust gauges D1, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than or equal to $0.7g/m^2$ per month. Annual averages are shown in the depositional dust gauge graphs provided in **Appendix B**.

5 METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

Pine Dale Mine records meteorological data continuously via an onsite weather station. Details of the weather data recorded during the period 1 to 30 September 2021 are shown in **Appendix C**.

10 minute data availability during this period was 100%.

6 BLASTING RESULTS

No blasting was undertaken during this month as mining operations have ceased since the end of March 2014.

7 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Quarterly noise monitoring was undertaken at Pine Dale on the 8 September 2021. Results are contained within the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Noise Survey Report (RCA Report 13856-413/0). There were no measured noise contribution from Pine Dale Mine identified during the noise survey.

8 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

All of the approved minable reserves at the Pine Dale Mine have now been exhausted. Operational mining and the last coal sales ceased as of the end of March 2014.

Pine Dale Mine has been placed in care and maintenance since April 2014. All former operators have been made redundant; however, some statutory positions still remain.

9 SUMMARY

During the month of September 2021 environmental monitoring results were found to be generally in compliance with stipulated criteria with the exception of:

- The pH at onsite groundwater locations P6 and P7 were below the lower site-specific trigger values.
- The electrical conductivity at onsite groundwater location P6 was above the site-specific trigger value.

The pH at P6 was above the revised lower site-specific trigger value and is therefore compliant; there is no limit for electrical conductivity as part of the revised trigger values and the electrical conductivity concentration at P6 is compliant. The revised trigger level for pH is the same as the current trigger level and as such pH at P7 is non-compliant.

All depositional dust gauge results are well below the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m^2.month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

Meteorological monitoring was undertaken for the entire month of September with 100% data capture.

Quarterly noise monitoring was undertaken during September 2021. The noise monitoring survey results show no noise contribution from Pine Dale Mine.

Pine Dale Mine ceased operation in March 2014 and therefore no blasting occurred at the site.

10 LIMITATIONS

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The information in this report is considered accurate at the date of issue with regard to the current conditions of the site. Conditions can vary across any site that cannot be explicitly defined by investigation.

Environmental conditions including contaminant concentrations can change in a limited period of time. This should be considered if the report is used following a significant period of time after the date of issue.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix A

Monitoring Locations

EP PDH7/GW Site E

EP DDH7/GW Site A

EP DDH5/GW Site B

EP PDH1/GW Site C

EP DDH4/GW Site D

Water Cart Dam (The Bong sample location)

PCB1

PCB7

EPL Site 2

S1

S2

PCB2

PCB3

NM1

DI

EPL Site 3 (S3)

The Bong

Old Shaft

NM2

D3

NM3

P6

S4

S5

S6

P7

EPL Site 13

D4

NM4

S7

NM6

D6

Blue Lake

Pine Dale Mine

D5

NM5

EPL Site 14

LEGEND

- Noise Monitoring Location
- Depositional Dust Monitoring Location
- Groundwater Monitoring Location
- High Volume Air Sampling Location
- Metorological Monitoring Location
- Surface Water Monitoring Location

0 175 350 700 1,050 1,400

metres

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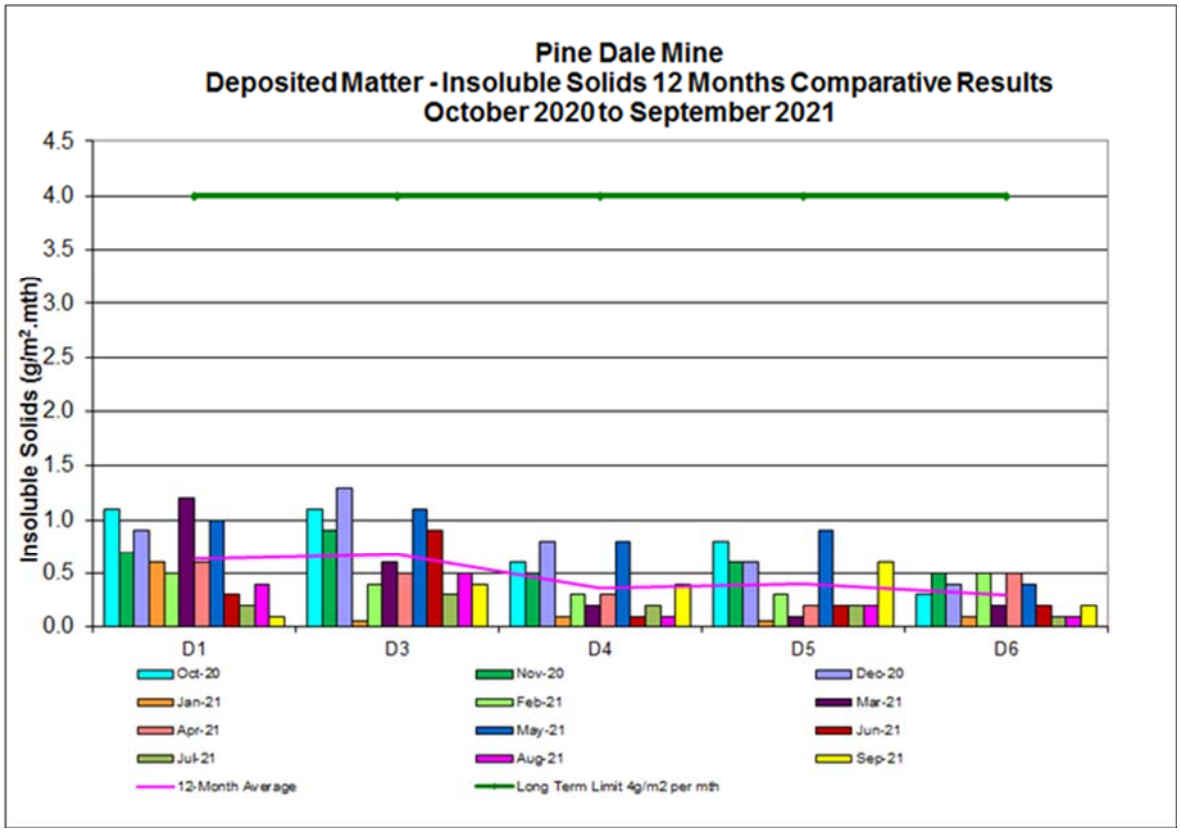
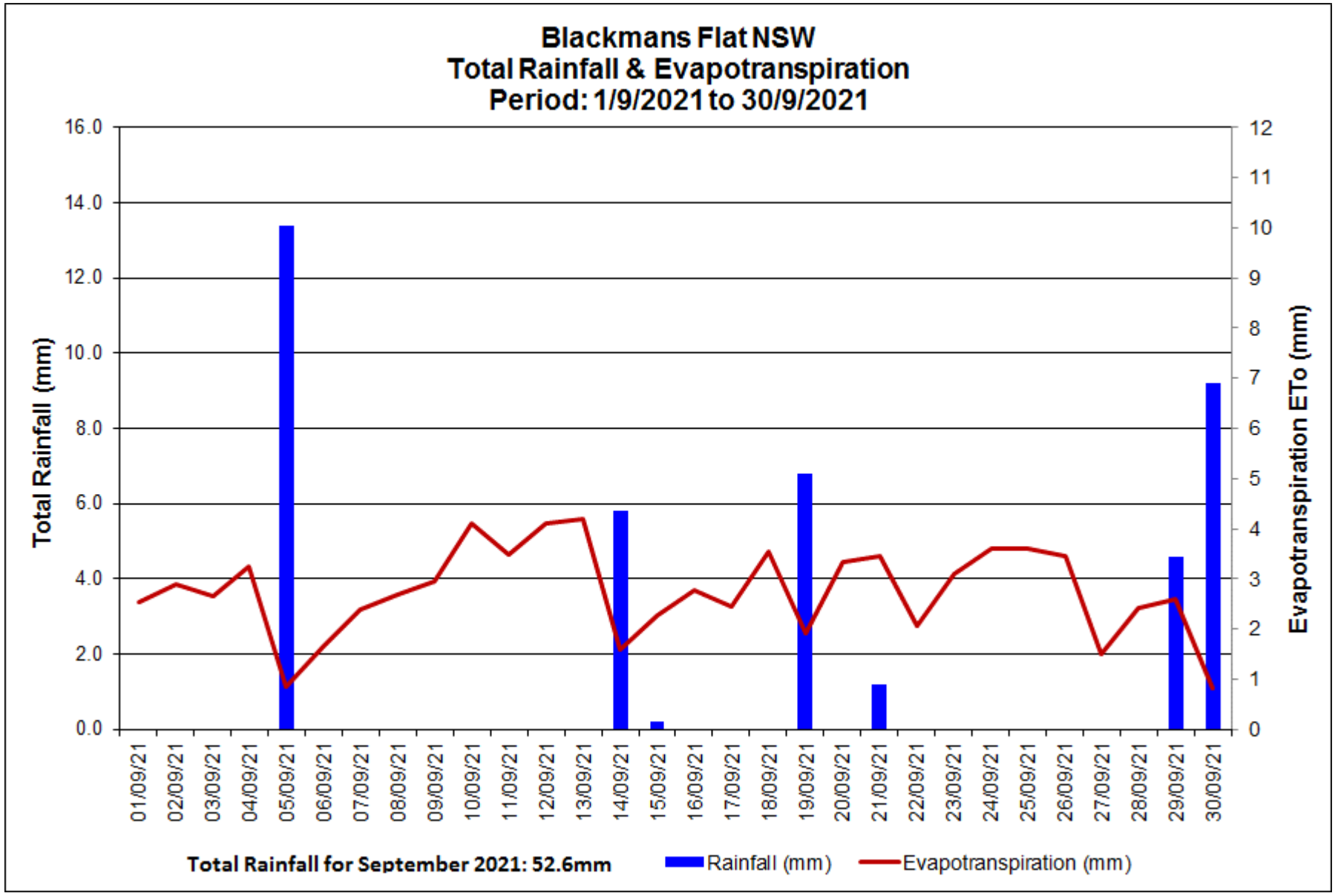
Appendix B

Depositional Dust Graph


Pine Dale Mine
Deposited Matter - Insoluble Solids 12 Months Comparative Results
October 2020 to September 2021
Insoluble Solids (g/m².mth)
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
D1
D3
D4
D5
D6
Oct-20
Nov-20
Dec-20
Jan-21
Feb-21
Mar-21
Apr-21
May-21
Jun-21
Jul-21
Aug-21
Sep-21
12-Month Average
Long Term Limit 4g/m2 per mth

Appendix C

Meteorological Data



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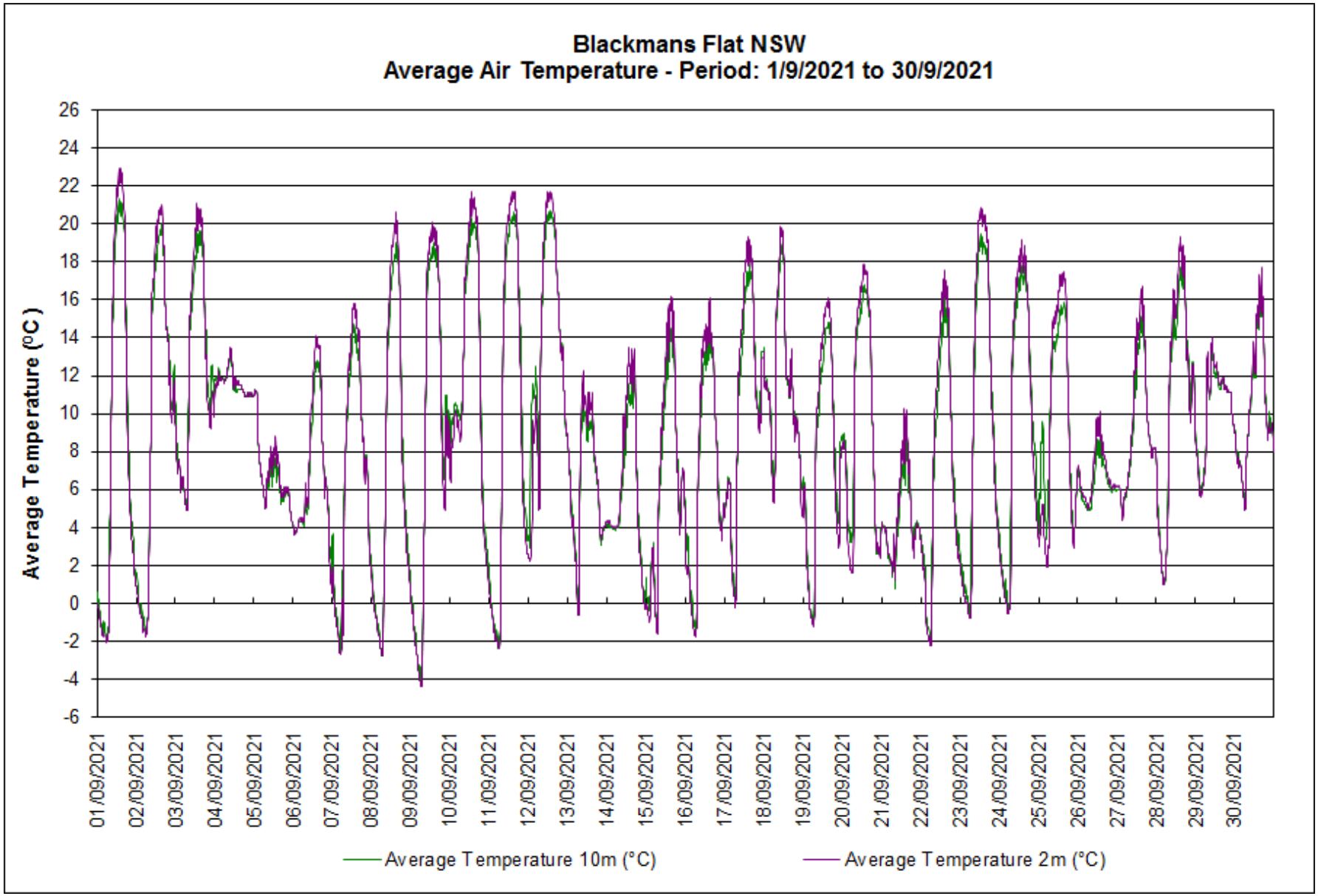

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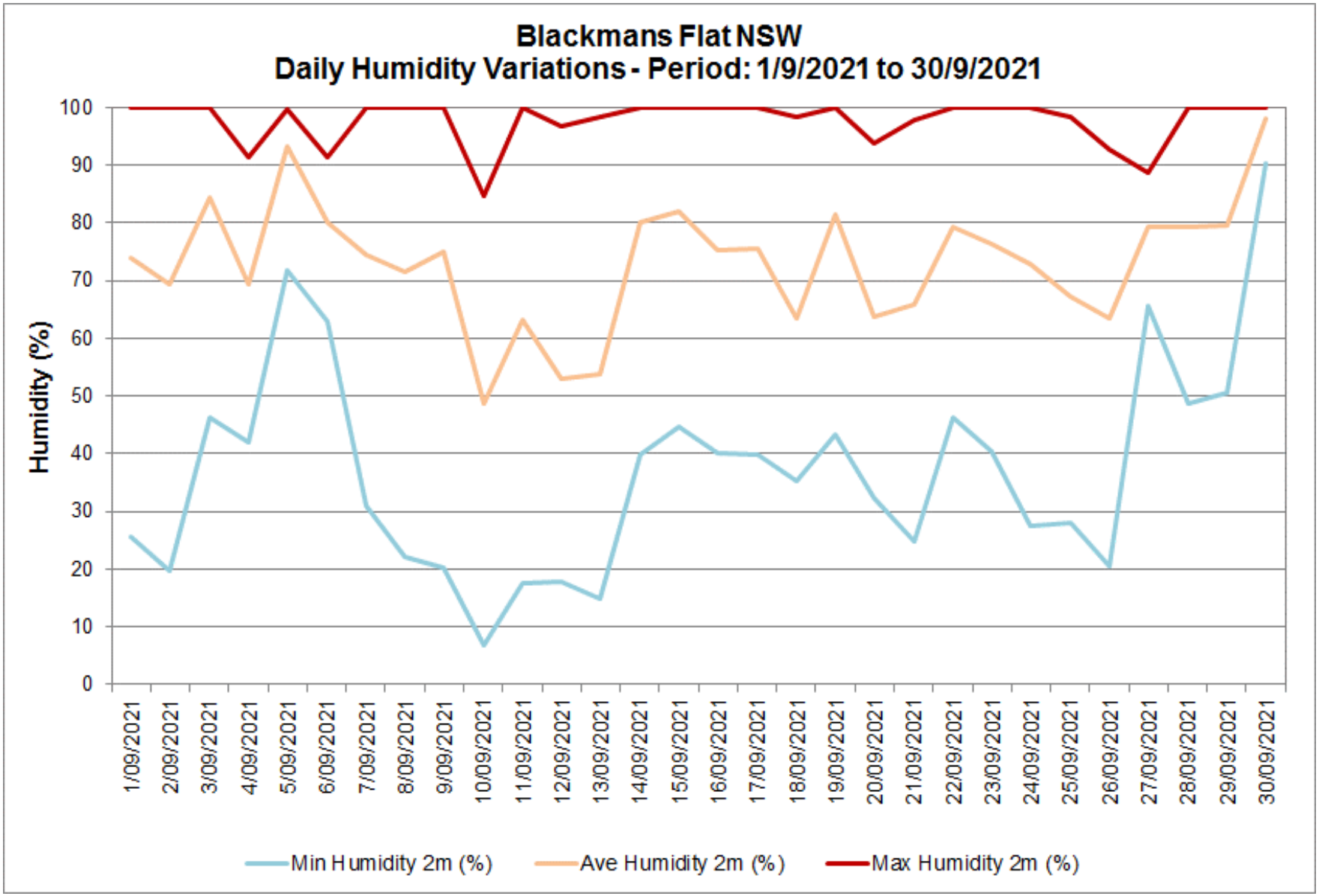
Blackmans Flat NSW
Daily Humidity Variations - Period: 1/9/2021 to 30/9/2021
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80
70
60
50
40
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10
0
1/09/2021
2/09/2021
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4/09/2021
5/09/2021
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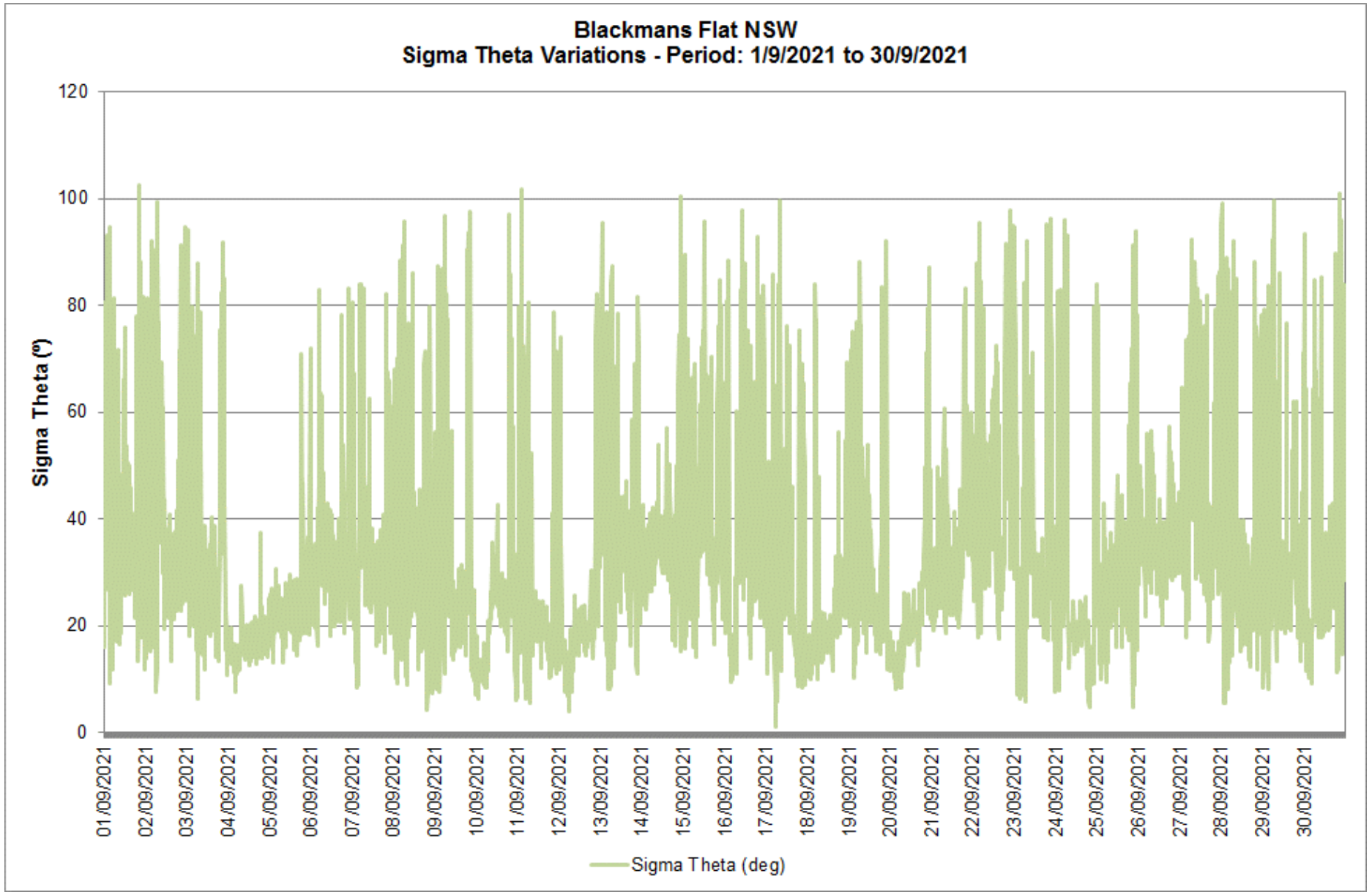
Min Humidity 2m (%)
Ave Humidity 2m (%)
Max Humidity 2m (%)


Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/9/2021 to 30/9/2021
Sigma Theta (°)
120
100
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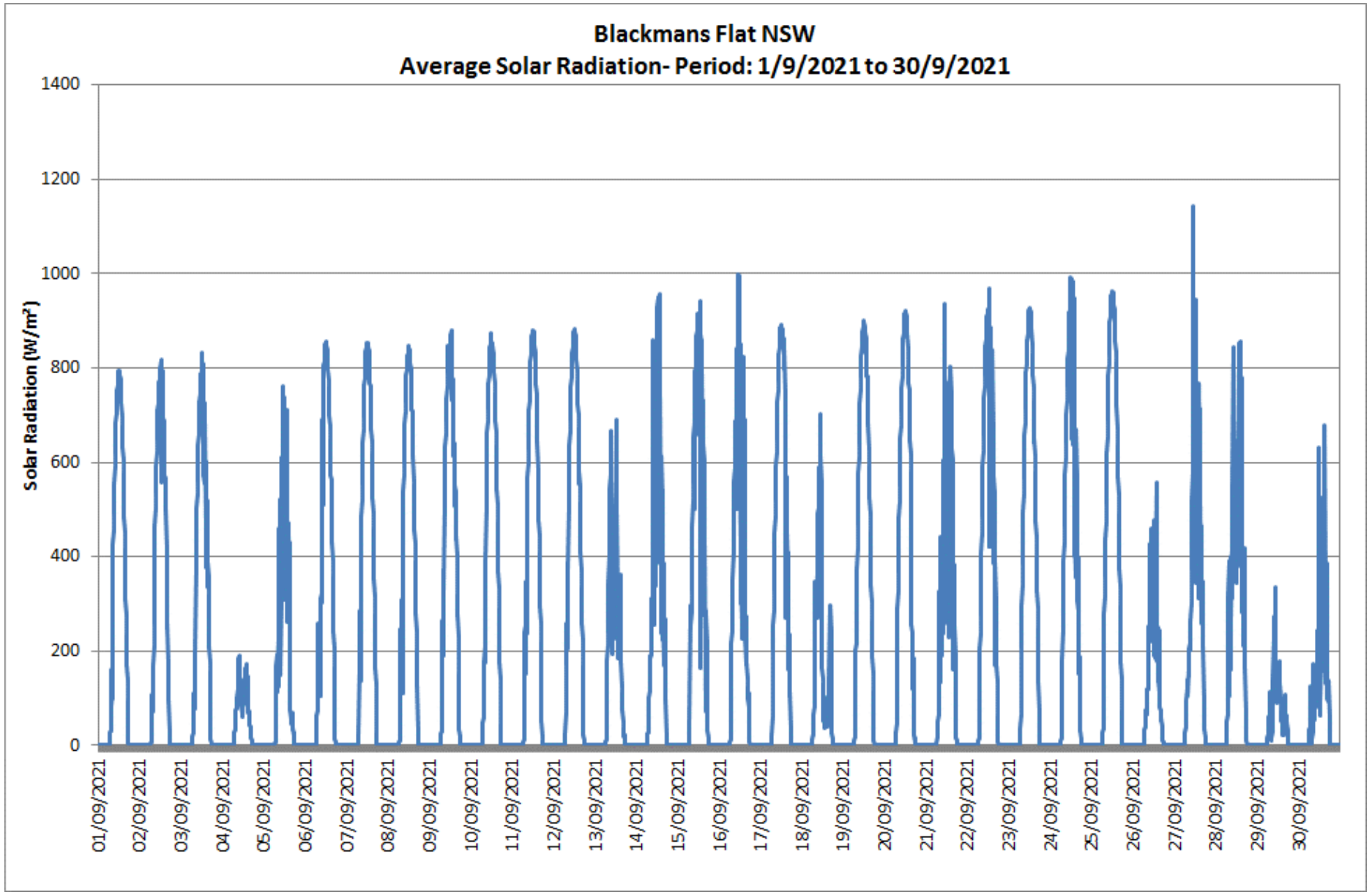
Sigma Theta (deg)


Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/9/2021 to 30/9/2021
Solar Radiation (W/m²)
1400
1200
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600
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200
0
01/09/2021
02/09/2021
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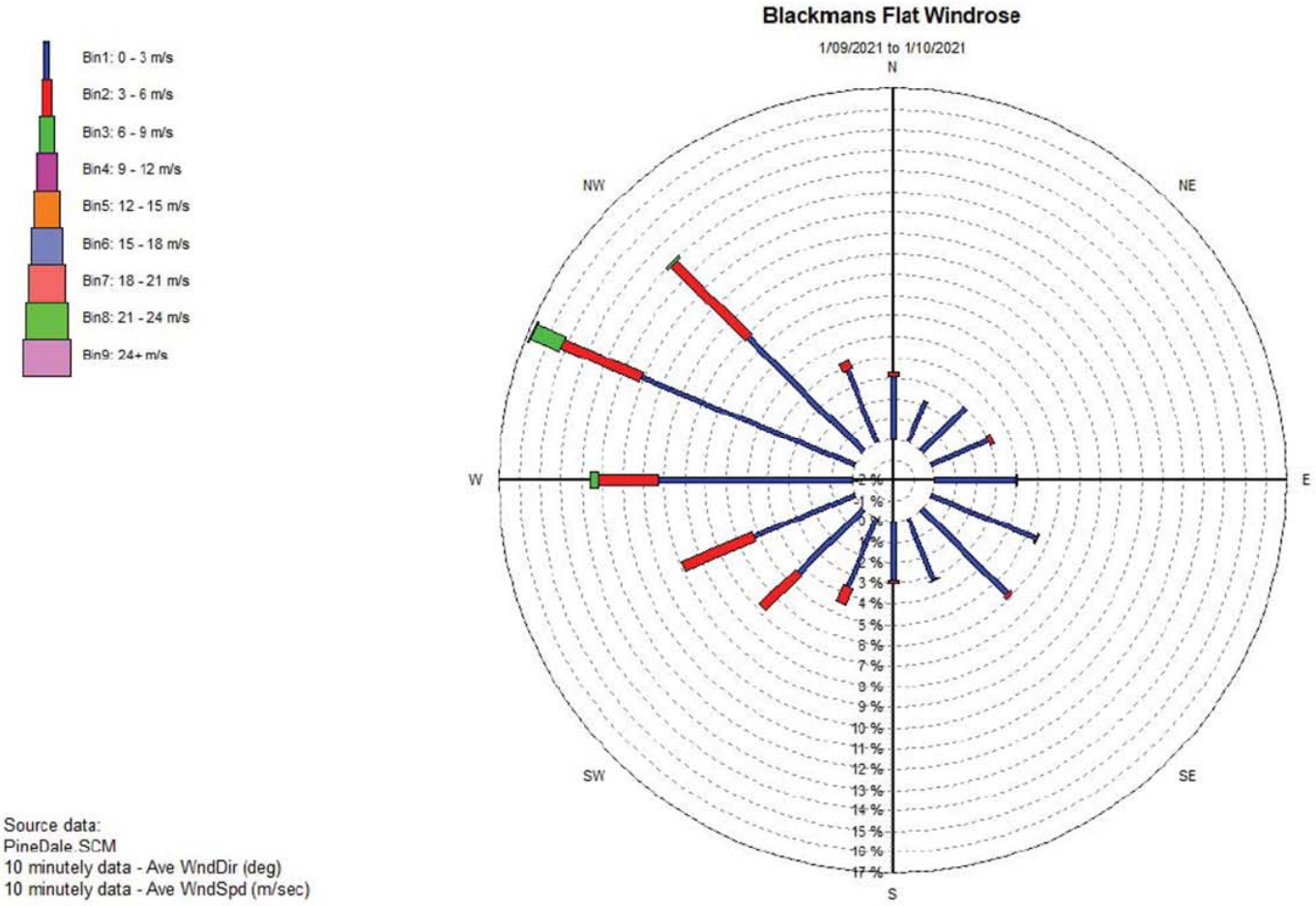

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10 minutely data - Ave WndSpd (m/sec)