



MARSAR FILE 78/\* 1205

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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VESSEL VH-DSJ AFLT.  
(MS/FR/NAVAL)  
TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUS KING ISLAND  
CHART DA/AUS 789

CLASSIFICATION

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Former Papers		Archival Action		Later Papers	
Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date	Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date

BROADCAST MESSAGES						SEARCHES AND RESULTS	
CRS	Type	DTG	Big/Small Ship	Interval	Cancelled	AIR SEARCH PLANNED	Yes/No
VIM	XXY	210948Z	RTG/RTF	1/2 HR	AMENDED	AIR SEARCH CARRIED OUT	Yes
VIM	XXY	211958Z	RTG/RTF	4 HR	212152Z	AIR SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	No
VIM	XXX	212152Z	" "	"	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH PLANNED	Yes
VIM	LQ	220434Z	" "	2 HR	221904Z	SEA SEARCH CARRIED OUT	Yes
VIM	XXX	230213	" "	4 HR	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	No
VIM	XXX	221904	do	2 HR	230213Z	* Delete as required.	
VIM	XXY	231900	do	4 HR	232328		
	ca	240645	-	2 HR	242348		

SAR PHASE				CO-ORDINATION	
Type	AFTN Address	Declared	Cancelled	FILE RAISED BY	
DETRESFA	by AMMLYU		250900		JTB
				INITIAL CO-ORD	Soc MELB.
				MOC ASSUMED CO-ORD	
				CO-ORD PASSED TO	

INCIDENT OPENED 21 / 10 / 1978 INCIDENT CLOSED 25 / 10 / 1978.



INCIDENT TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OBERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTED BY SOE MELBOURNE 033392476 THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITIES INVOLVED \_\_\_\_\_

CRS Wim POLICE K1 004-621211, 224 AD(SO) VIC, TAS.

DEFENCE Sejnav DEFENCE HOBART, 024, Lakes Entrance.

OTHER CONTACTS Tlx/Ph. No. Tlx/Ph. No.

- 1. GRAHAM OLIVER 004-621368 9. AL BELADARA / VM4076
- 2. HM CURRIE 004-621493 10. BRISBANE TRADE/WAV
- 3. SMITHSON - TAS Seafoods 004-521496 11. IRON LYNCHIA / VM80 NORMAN / VM 2627
- 4. NANCY HEATH / VLNN 12. GOLIATH / VKGH PISCESIS / VK 3648
- 5. BALAMARA / VM 4076 13. IRON MESSIAH / VLKH MATTHEWMAN / GOS
- 6. REE MELBOURNE 03 338 4450 14. NGARUA / ZMSJ
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. SAFOCRAN ALBANY / ZTEN
- 8. NANCY HEATH 16. 307AWT CHEMIST / 6MVF

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ REG/SAIL No. \_\_\_\_\_ RADIO C/S \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ TONNAGE \_\_\_\_\_ SPEED \_\_\_\_\_

COLOUR: HULL \_\_\_\_\_ DECK \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERSTRUCTURE \_\_\_\_\_

FUNNEL/SAILS \_\_\_\_\_ HULL MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINE TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ FUEL \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

**SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (If 'YES', insert details)**

ANCHOR YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ LIFEBOOYS YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

FLARES YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ EPIRB YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

DINGHY YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

LIFERAFT YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ WATER YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

LIFEJACKETS YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

RADIO YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ FREQS \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONS ON BOARD** Age Sex Address Phone No.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Skipper)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**VOYAGE DETAILS**

DEPARTED \_\_\_\_\_ DTG \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_

INTERMEDIATE PORTS AND TIMES \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACTS** Address Phone No.

OWNER/AGENT \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_



## NARRATIVE:

## LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a Distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.
2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AUSREP was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNN was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.
3. SOC AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. Nancy Heath was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only Nancy Heath was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately but the others were not as they could enter the area later "Nancy Heath" which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham Light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. SOC AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things (perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Otway at 0903Z and requested all work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSC advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC works out the rest. As SOC seemed unsure of procedures ACSC agreed to provide Seacurrent and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOC. The target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC and who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC ALSO requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.
6. A King Island cray fisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
7. The xxx message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
8. SOC AMML amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a Sea Current/Wind Current sector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.
9. This new splash point was close to Victoria so it was suggested that ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.



10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.
11. "Nancy Heath" reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
12. An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splashpoint.
13. Orion reported an oil slick in position 3920Z 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to detain a sample.
14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/W2E remained in the position of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.
15. RCC AMML requested submarine drift. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.
16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour achieved.
17. The "Nomad" collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.
18. The Urgency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued.
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.
20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.
21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would re see him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.
23. Incident closed.



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MARSAR 78/1205


31 JAN 1979

A.S. (Finance Branch)  
CANBERRA

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft -  
Charter of Fishing Vessels.

Three Treasury Vouchers are hereby forwarded for payment. The Vouchers are for the charter of three fishing vessels, the HELEN D, BALAMARA and NAUTILUS 1. The vessels carried out a surface search for the missing aircraft in the Bass Strait area on 22 October 1978.

2. The charter was authorised by the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre and it is requested that appropriate accounting and payment action be taken.

  
(W.M. Blumenfeld)  
for FAS (CSD)

*Not within  
scope of  
request*





AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

AUSTRALIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM AND SAR ORGANISATION

QUESTIONNAIRE OF SHIPS PARTICULARS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built \_\_\_\_\_

If name changed, previous name and call sign \_\_\_\_\_

GROSS TONNAGE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ SPEED \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF VESSEL \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF ENGINE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CREW \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PASSENGERS (IF ANY) \_\_\_\_\_ DR. CARRIED  
Yes/No\*

PORT AND NATION OF REGISTRY \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIFEBOATS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF MOTORISED LIFEBOATS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF INFLATABLE LIFE RAFTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ MAN, \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ MAN,  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ MAN,

RADIO EQUIPMENT

W/T Main Transmitter Freq. (M/F & H/F) \_\_\_\_\_

W/T Reserve/Emergency TX Freq. \_\_\_\_\_

R/T Main Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ VHF Channel 16

R/T Emergency Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ (156.8M<sub>2</sub>) Yes/No\*

Lifeboat/Life raft Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ EPIRB Yes/No\*

Radio Watch Keeping Hours \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/CHARTERER \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN AUSTRALIAN AGENTS \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU RECEIVE COPIES OF NAVAUS MESSAGES YES/NO\*

DO YOU RECEIVE WEAPONS PRACTICES NOTICES YES/NO\*

DO YOU HOLD ON BOARD ANNUAL SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN NOTICES TO  
MARINERS YES/NO\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Master

\* Delete whichever not applicable.





# MINUTE

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(W.M. Blumenfeld)  
for FAS (CSD)



P.D. 11  
TELEPHONE 36 1101  
G.P.O. BOX 308 C  
HOBART 7001  
HRP:GJB  
FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT  
MR. Plummer



# TASMANIA POLICE

(82)

Our Reference ..... AV 63/78  
Your Reference .....

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
80 ELIZABETH STREET  
HOBART

4th January, 1979.

Mr. David Simmonds,  
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre,  
Department of Transport,  
P.O. Box 367,  
CANBERRA.                      2601  
A.C.T.

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft

Attached for your information and attention are three Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

Statements are also enclosed by the persons who undertook the search following a telephone call from your office at approximately 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st October, 1978.

  
(D. Finch)  
ACTING SECRETARY



C Desc. FWA.



448  
P.D. 41  
TELEPHONE 38 1101  
G.P.O. B. 308 C  
HOBART 7001 HCR.LM



# TASMANIA POLICE

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT  
MR. Rainbird

Our Reference ... AV 63/78 ~  
Your Reference .....

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
80 ELIZABETH STREET  
HOBART

21st December, 1978

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
HOBART.

## Search Carried out for Missing Aircraft

The three attached Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for your information and consideration please in transmitting the file to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration of having the vouchers paid for.

The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on 21st October, 1978. To date, no evidence has been obtained to indicate what happened to the plane or pilot during the flight mentioned.

(H. C. Rainbird)  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
(OPERATIONS)





**TASMANIA POLICE**

My Reference ..... RME:CF  
Your Reference .....

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN:  
Superintendent's Office,  
North West 10,  
BURNIE.

18th December, 1978.

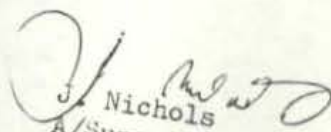
Commissioner of Police,  
HOBART.

Sir,

Search carried out for missing aircraft

The attached treasury vouchers (3) for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for information and transmission to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration as to payment.

I consider the amounts claimed to be reasonable. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich, which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

  
J. Nichols  
A/Superintendent

AV-63/78

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A/C(o)



Mr. [Name] [Address] [City] [State]

Office in Charge.  
[Address]  
[City] [State].

*[Signature]*  
( T. J. DEWITT )  
1/2 [Address] [City] [State].  
[City] [State].

TASMANIA



POLICE

FILE NUMBER

09-051

District	Division	Station	Date
North - Western	No. 10.	CURRIE.	5th. Dec. 1978.

**SUBJECT:** RE: Search Carried Out For Missing Aircraft.

Sir,  
I respectfully report on search carried out for missing aircraft on King Island on the 22nd of October 1978 by three (3) fishing boats, The HELEN D, The NAUTILUS 1 and the BALAMARA.

On Monday the 4th of December 1978 the three owners of the above mentioned boats came to the Currie Police Station to make a Declaration in relation to costs incurred by them during the search and to apply for Re-imbusement.

I obtained a statement from each of the three owners in relation to their expenses, I also listed their respective costs on treasury vouchers which are attached. Costs incurred were as follows.

Graham John OLIVER.  
HELEN D.

Fuel. 27.00  
Wages of Deckhand. 100.00  
Personal & running cost. 260.00  
Estimated loss of catch. 300.00  
Total. 687.00

John Thomas HENDERSON.  
BALAMARA.

Fuel. 27.00  
Wages of Deckhand. 100.00  
Personal & running cost. 292.50  
Estimated loss of catch. 150.00  
Total. 569.50

Donald Hugh BOWLING.  
NAUTILUS 1.

Fuel. 39.45  
Wages of Deckhand. 100.00  
Personal & running cost. 292.50  
Estimated loss of catch. 150.00  
Total. 581.95

Total combined cost of the three boats. 1838.45.

Please find attached relevant statements together with Voucher for each of the abovementioned costs.  
Forwarded for information and transmission please.





## STATEMENT

Date 4/12/78

Name of Witness	OLIVER	Graham John
	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names
Address	P.O. BOX 237, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman.	
	Age	38 (8/12/39.)

**States—** At about 9 pm on Saturday the 21st of October 1978, I received a phone call from Marine Operations, CANBERRA, I was requested to organize some boats to carry out a sea rescue search North of Cape Wickham, King Island for a missing Light Aircraft. I then organized three of the largest boats on the Island one of which is my own to commence a sea search early on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978. I also received a second phone call on the 21st of October from Melbourne confirming that the boats would be required for the search.

At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in My boat the HELEN D together with Hugh BOWLING on the NAUTULIS 1 and John HENDERSON on the BALAMARA and travelled to the North Western tip of King Island and for the next 13 hours we carried out a search of the surrounding area for the missing plane.

There were two persons on my vessel Daniel Scott my deck hand and myself. I would estimate that the vessel used approximately 180 litres of diesel fuel during the course of the search. I would also estimate a loss for a bag of Crays valued at about 300 dollars, other costs incurred were that of my deckhand whom I paid the sum of 100 dollars for the days search. Also I estimated my cost and other running expenses to be about 20 dollars per hour.

After completing a thorough search of the areas directed to us by Melbourne radio we all returned to Currie harbour just as darkness was falling it was approximately 6.30 pm.

*Graham Oliver*

Graham Oliver.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4 pm on Monday the 4th of December 1978.  
( I.R.DAVIS.)  
1/C Constable. No. 1049.



REFERENCE  
 to be made by Claimant  
 to Department  
 awarding Cheque)

# STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to Graham John OLIVER  
 (Name in block letters)

P. O. Box 237, Currie, King Island.  
 (Full postal address in block letters)

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address) —

Claimant's Special  
 Instruction regarding  
 Payment if desired.

FINANCIAL YEAR,  
 19 78 / 79

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.  
 Minister's General  
 Authority Dated  
 Stores Order No.  
 Reference No. or Ledger A/c.  
 Goods Received  
 Recorded on Plant or  
 Equipment Inventory  
 Services Rendered  
 Measurements, Calculations, Additions  
 Authorized by  
 Funds Available  
 Audited Dept'l Ledgers  
 Date of Supply, or  
 Date of Service,

Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.  
 DEPARTMENT  
 HEAD OF SERVICE.

Signature

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	
	\$	c
180 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre.	27	00
Wages of Deckhand	100	00
Personal and Sundry running costs \$20 per hour.	260	00
Estimated loss of Catch. 1 Bag. of Crayfish	300	00.
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>00</b>

to  
 Eighty seven dollars

*Graham Oliver*

cents. \$ 687 00  
 (Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid



TASMANIA



POLICE

## STATEMENT

Date 4/12/78

Name of Witness	HENDERSON	Date	4/12/78
	Surname (in capitals)	John Thomas	Christian Names
Address	Post Office, Currie, King Island.		
Occupation	Fisherman.		
		Age	35 (3/6/43)

States— At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the BALAMARA to assist in a search for a missing aircraft North West of King Island. There were two other boats with me the NAUTILUS 1 and the HELEN D. CRANE and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 180 litres of fuel during the days search. I was able to work a few pots on a bag of crays during the day as I also incurred a cost of 100 dollars in wages for my deckhand. I would estimate my personal and sundry running costs for the days search at about \$22.50 per hour for the 13 hour search.

After completing the search I returned to Currie Harbour at darkness.

*John T. Henderson*  
John T. HENDERSON.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station on Monday the 4th. of December 1978. at 5pm.  
( I.R.DAVIS.)  
1/C Constable. No. 1049.



REFERENCE  
 made by Claimant  
 by Department  
 forwarding Cheque)

# STATE OF TASMANIA

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Dr. to John Thomas HENDERSON.  
 (Name in block letters)

Post Office, Currie, King Island.  
 (Full postal address in block letters)

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Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.  
 HEAD OF SERVICE.

Minister's General  
 Authority Dated

Stores Order No.

Reference No. or Ledger A/c.

Goods Received  
 Recorded on Plant or  
 Equipment Inventory

Services Rendered

Revisions, Calculations, Additions

Authorized by

Funds Available

Related Dept'l Ledgers

Balance of Supply, or  
 Balance of Service,

PARTICULARS

Total

AMOUNT  
 \$

c

180  
 263 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre  
 Wages of Deckhand

Personal and Sundry running costs \$22.50 per hour.  
 Estimated loss of Catch. 1/2 Bag of Crayfish.

27	00
100	00
292	50
150	00

569 50

Amounting to  
 One hundred and Sixty Nine dollars  
 Fifty cents.

*John T. Henderson*  
 (Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

TREASURY.





STATEMENT

Date 4/12/78

Name of Witness	BOWLING:	Hugh (Donald)
	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names
Address	Box 130, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman	Age 39 (20/6/39.)

States - At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the NAUTLISS1 to assist in a sea rescue search North West of King Island for a missing aircraft. There were two other boats with me in the search they were Graham Olivers HELEN D and John Hendersons BALAMARA.

There were only two persons on my vessel Raymond BOWLING my deckhand and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 263 litres of deiseil fuel during the 13 hour search. I would also estimate a loss of 1/2 bag of Grays during the day as I was able to work a few of my pots on the return trip from the search area. I also incurred a cost for my deckhand of 100 dollars for the days search and also personal and sundry expenses of about \$22.50 per hour.

After completing a complete search of the directed areas I in company with the other two boats return to Currie harbour at approximately 6,30pm. I did not follow the other two boats all the way to the harbour but stopped to pick up some pots north of Currie.

*D.H. Bowling* D.H. BOWLING.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4.35 pm on  
 Monday 4/12/78/  
 ( I.R.DAVIS.)  
 1/C Constable. No. 1049.



# STATE OF TASMANIA

Dr. to Donald Hugh BOWLING.  
 (Name in block letters)  
P.O. BOX 130 Currie, King Island.

(Full postal address in block letters)

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address) —

Claimant's Special Instruction regarding Payment if desired.

Signature

FINANCIAL YEAR,  
 19 <sup>78</sup> / <sup>79</sup>

DEPARTMENT  
 Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.

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Total \$

Date of Supply, or  
 Period of Service,  
 19 <sup>78</sup>

PARTICULARS

AMOUNT  
 \$ c

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amounting to

Five Hundred and Eighty One dollars Ninety Five. cents. \$ 581 95

*D. Bowling*

(Signature of Claimant)

NEED:

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

ECTOR, TREASURY.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 3 35

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC Melbourne

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAP/REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

18/2 921 - 938

HS

TEXT:

What height was acft reporting sightings  
acft under water

below 5000. Saw it once orbited  
but could not sight again due rough  
seas.

SOC has doubts but has briefed  
aircraft to keep lookout.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 2 49

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ SOC MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. 78/205

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

16/2 899 - 908

TEXT:

Report for aft Cowes - King I

Saw underwater object like aircraft-

39.18.5 S 144.36 E

check. Depths &amp; underwater rocks etc pls?

Nil marked in chart. Depth 30 fathoms  
approx.

OK This



*Judy,  
Put on Masar File 78/1205  
pls*

**INWARDS**

25 OCT 1978

OP  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30276

25/10/78

MINISTER  
SECRETARY

COPY FOR  
DEP SEC (AIR)  
FAS(AO)  
FAS(GF)  
FAS(FW)  
FAS(CS)  
SAS(AW)  
AS(OS)  
AS(GA)  
AS(SI) AIR LIQUIDE  
AS(ES)

DIRECTOR P.R.  
DAM  
ADPR MELBOURNE  
DIRECTOR VIC/TAS

COPY TO  
FAS(AO)

FROM  
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 2 25 OCT 1978 1000

- MISSING CESSNA 182 VH-DSJ KING ISLAND AREA.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 24 OCT
  - 7 CIVIL AIRCRAFT SEARCHED AN AREA OF 5000 SQ. NM
  - DEBRIS SIGHTED CLOSE TO VICTORIAN COASTLINE AND DETAILS PASSED TO ACSC FOR INVESTIGATION BY MARINE CRAFT.
- TOTAL SEARCH HOURS TO DATE 62 HOURS 35 MINS.
- ANALYSIS OF OIL SAMPLE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 25 OCT
  - 1 CIVIL AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT DETAILED SEARCH WITHIN 24 NM OF DATUM
  - APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS OF FLYING REQUIRED
  - INTENDED THAT ACTIVE SEARCH OPERATIONS CEASE 1900 HOURS (EST) 25 OCT
  - AIRCRAFT AND SHIPPING TRANSITTING THE AREA WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN LOOKOUT FOR POSSIBLE WRECKAGE
  - DEPARTMENTAL AERO COMMANDER WILL CARRY OUT RANDOM BEACH SEARCHES LATER IN THE WEEK.

SENT: 251157 A E S T #  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30276



*Miss J  
e Desc. for Masar File*



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TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30499

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- FURTHER TO INITIAL NOTIFICATION BY AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION BRANCH RE MISSING CESSNA 150 VH-DSJ.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY ON NIGHT OF 21 OCT CONSISTED OF
  - 3 SORTIES ALONG VH-DSJ INTENDED TRACK
  - 1 SHIP TRACKED THROUGH AREA
  - KING ISLAND POLICE CHECKED FOR UNUSUAL SIGHTING OR HEARING REPORTS
  - NIL SIGHTING OR HEARING.

SEARCH 22 OCT

- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND
- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT COASTAL SEARCH
- 1 RAAF ORION CARRIED OUT DETAILED SEARCH OF PROBABLE MARITIME AREA
- 3 VESSELS SEARCHED WEST COAST AND ISLANDS OFF KING ISLAND
- OIL SLICK SIGHTED IN SEARCH AREA

SEARCH 23 OCT

- 2 CIVIL AIRCRAFT INCLUDING G.A.F. NOMAD AND ONE RAAF ORION CONTINUED SEARCHING
  - VESSEL "NOMAD" INVESTIGATED OIL SLICKS AND DEBRIS SIGHTED BY SEARCH AIRCRAFT
  - CONFIRMED DEBRIS NOT FROM AIRCRAFT
  - SAMPLE OF OIL SLICKS COLLECTED FOR ANALYSIS.
- SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

SENT

SENT:- 241233 A E S T #  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30499



NARRATIVE:

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Meecorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.
2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AVSSES was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNH was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessels.
3. SOE AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. 'Nancy Heath' was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the 'xxx' message but only 'Nancy Heath' was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup> the others were not as they would enter the area later. 'Nancy Heath' which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Bluffham light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. SOE AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things <sup>(perhaps a UFO)</sup> shortly after departing Cape Olney at 0903Z and requested we work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSE advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC works out the rest. As SOE seemed unsure of procedures ACSE agreed to provide sea current and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOE the



NARRATIVE:

- target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC also requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.
6. A King Island crayfisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
  7. The XXX message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
  8. SOC AMML amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a beam current/blind current sector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.
  9. This new splash point was close to Mittern so it was suggested by ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Mittern fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.
  10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.
  11. 'Nancy Heath' reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
  12. An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splash point.
  13. The Orion reported an oil slick in position 3900S 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to obtain a sample.



NARRATIVE:

14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/WZE remained in the position of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.
15. RCE AMMOC requested submarine drift. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.
16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st. was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour advised.
17. The 'Nomad' collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.
18. The Agency message was cancelled at 232328 Z but the air search continued.
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two clypts off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.
20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.
21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Baker Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would return him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.
23. Incident closed. *W. Daly*



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Ops Melbourne AUTHORITY VICPOL  
TEL. NO. 03-6620911. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.  
TAP. REF. 0733-0762. CO-ORDINATOR PdD.  
16/1

TEXT: No reply to our P 260742 Z  
What was outcome?

Sorry for not replying, his fault,  
oversight etc.

Wreckage turned out to be the  
kids from some crayfish boxes.

Do we want telex on that?

No, OK, as long as we know.

TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~TO~~ SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. -

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0601-0604.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

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TEXT: Wreckage picked up by  
Police, not yet identified.

TVM.

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VKC AA30717  
ACSC AA62349

P 260742Z OCT 78  
FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO POLICE OPS MELBOURNE  
INFO POLICE LAKES ENTRANCE ( D24 PLSE ON PASS )

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ MISSING BASS STRAIT  
A. ACSC P 232328Z OCT 78.

1. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SOC MELBOURNE (TULLEMARINE)  
THAT AIRCRAFT VH-FYR HAS SIGHTED WRECKAGE 400 METRES OFF  
90 MILES BEACHES NEAR LAKES ENTRANCE IN A SOUTH EASTERLY  
DIRECTION FROM RAYMOND ISLAND AT 260705Z OCT 78.
2. DESCRIPTION: 3 PIECES MEASURING 3FT x 26 4 FT, WHITE  
IN COLOUR. ONE PIECE MEASURING 2 FT BY 20 INCHES. ALL  
PIECES SEEM TIED TOGETHER OR FLOATING TOGETHER.
3. LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE NOTIFIED ON BEHALF OF SOC MELBOURNE  
WITH REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE.  
LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE HAS INDICATED IMMEDIATE ACTION.
4. OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION TO BE REPORTED IN FIRST INSTANCE  
TO SOC MELBOURNE WITH COPY THIS CENTRE.

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\* CORRECTION - LINE 2 SHLD READ MEASURING 3FT BY 4FT TKS  
SENT ONE FIN

VKC AA30717  
ACSC AA62349





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lakes Entrance Pol. AUTHORITY Vic POL.  
TEL. NO. 051-551206. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.  
TAPE REF. 0568-0595 CO-ORDINATOR PDD.  
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TEXT:

Give details of wreckage  
sighting + SOC's phone No.

Can he see if it can be recovered?

Yes, will do.

TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc AMML.  
TEL. NO. —  
TAPE REF. 0545 - 0568.  
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AUTHORITY DoT  
MARSAR NO. 78/1205  
CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: Fish spotter VM FYR  
Wreckage at 07005.

400 metres off 90 metre mile beach  
SE of Raymond Island.  
Lakes Entrance.

3 pieces of 3' x 4' white.  
1 piece — 2 x 20"  
Tied together.

must have been low!!!

Can we send a boat out?  
Will contact local police.

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SITREP 5 VH-DSJ.....DAY 5 WED 25OCT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WITH 20KTS N WIND SEA STATE SLIGHT SWELL.

SEARCH DETAILS.

ETV B58 FROM MOORABBIN IN 2 SORTIES COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF THE SEA AREAS WITHIN 39D4S 14350E 39D4S 14453E 3950S 14453E 3950S 14350E. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS SIGHTED. THE COVERAGE FACTOR ACHIEVED TODAY WAS 1.0 AND POD 78PER CENT. AVERAGE COVERAGE FACTOR OF TO DATE 1.05 CUMULATIVE POD 97 PER CENT. THE LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND ON PREVIOUS DAYS RESULTED IN A COVERAGE FACTOR OF 0.5 AND CUMULATIVE POD 74PER CENT. FOR INFORMATION THE KING ISLAND COASTLINE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SEARCHED TWICE AND THE NORTHERN HALF 4 TIMES. THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE WAS SEARCHED 6 TIMES FROM TORQUAY TO WARRNAMBOOL PLUS 3 TIMES CAPE OTWAY TO TORQUAY. SEARCH HOURS 25 OCT ETV 0920. PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 71.55.

DISTRESS PHASE CANCELLED AND SEARCH ACTION TERMINATED AT 250900.  
INTENTIONS: A DOT ACFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH PURPOSES FOR USE BY THE RCC/SOC ON SAT 28 OCT.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT  
FINAL

1. MELBOURNE RCC ADVISE SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ TERMINATED. NIL FOUND.
2. THANKS FOR ALL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING SEARCH.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0332 - 0344

CO-ORDINATOR PAB

16/1

TEXT:

Search terminated.

Yes we got that and acknowledged.

Said that oil sample not yet known.

Search "suspended" as he calls it

Will probably be called: "inconclusive."

He also dwelled shortly on the  
depth of Bass Strait and a few  
other irrelevancies.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: JOINT SLOMO OBS

AUTHORITY VIKER FOLD

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

41, 601 - 624

RB

TEXT:

RE INFO ST. SLOMO.

THEY DISCUSSING IF THIS MNG + ONE OF HIS  
KELSOH ACTS. SAID BLOKE HAD OBS 18/10/78  
ENQUIRING INTO EXPECTED PRRK FOR METEORITE  
ACTIVITY. SPOKE " AMERICAN ENGLISH AS THE ' FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE "

SAID IF BLOKE PLANNING TO DILBARKE +  
WANT INFO - GOOD WAY OF DOING IT!

THANKS HIM FOR REPLY,

CONSIDER NFA RB.



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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

A. ACSC 240445Z OCT - CQ BCAST

1. CANCEL CQ BCAST IN REF - AIR SEARCH CONTINUES

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *see MEL*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*14/1**590**LS.*

TEXT:

*helped 250000**Expenses 4/5 same in MELB. APPROX. AT**250000. Help cost not being sent.*



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Acc Mel

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE/REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 S13 -592

~~W/D~~ ab.TEXT: SINGAP 25 Oct.1 Hc to NR K.I.  24 x 48.

REARREST SURPIC 250000.

DRIFT. - WIND GETTING UP FR NORTH. - SE SAW

? HV FROM ABULO BAY - NO

VESSEL FR K.I. ALL TWO POLICE

OIL SLICK ANALYSIS - POOL ON FIGHT ANALYSIS.

OIL SLICK ON TRACK.

INTENTIONS PROBABLY WHAT UP TODAY

SOME REASON WAS WRAPPED UP SAUCE

WAS CASE SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH

OIL SLICK INVESTIGATION





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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO RCC MELB

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TYPE REF 0233. 0244  
14/1 ~~0244~~

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: Told them CQ on wreckage  
not heard due lateness at night  
Recommended relocation of wreckage  
this a.m. before diverting ships  
to look for it.

Rgr good idea will check  
with Eric when he comes in.

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GM

ARE WE TO CONT BCAST OF YR CQ 240445Z RE MARSAR 78/1205  
2 HRLY ?

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GM OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205CQ  
PLS HOLD BCAST FIR TIME BEING AS WE ARE GETTING UPDATED  
POSITION OF WRECKAGE BEFORE CONTINUING

OK FINE NOT MANY LSN YET ANIWAY X OUR SS SKED  
AT 0748

OK OM MY TKS CULTR

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SITREP 4 VH-DSJ

DAY 4 TUESDAY 24 OCT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WIND MODERATE NORTHERLY BECOMING LIGHT VARIABLE. CLOUD SCATTERED WITH SOME SHOWERS LATE AFTERNOON.

SEARCH DETAILS.

DNS C172 CONTINUED SEARCH OF COASTAL AREAS OF NORTH KING ISLAND.

A NOMAD AIRCRAFT FROM AVALON AND FIVE LIGHT TWINS FROM MOORABBIN

COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF AN AREA ENCOMPASSED BY TORQUAY - 3902S 14450E

-4000S 14450E - 4000S 14410E - LAVINIA POINT - 3940S 14340E -

3915S 14340E - 3915S 14455E - CAPE FRANKLIN.

MUCH DEBRIS WAS SIGHTED BY THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING CLOSE TO THE

VICTORIAN COASTLINE. MUCH COULD BE DISCOUNTED BUT POSITIONS OF

POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT WRECKAGE WERE PASSED AMSC CANBERRA FOR

TRANSMISSION TO SHIPPING IN THE ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE LOCAL VESSELS.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE OIL SAMPLE PICKED UP ON 23 OCT HAS YET TO BE

RECEIVED. SEARCH HRS 24OCT GAF 1/5 0600 DNS 0149 ETV 0210 BOC 0313

RTO 0410 MBT 0406 MBQ 0342

TOTAL SEARCH HRS 24OCT 25.10 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 62.35.

SEARCH DETAILS FOR 25OCT.

ETV IS TO MAKE A SEARCH OF AN AREA 24NM RADIUS OF COMPUTED DATUM

3928S 14421E, REQUIRING 8 SEARCH HRS.

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TRANSHL AA32900ZCZC TLX292 240906

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FOLLOWING DEBRIS SIGHTED

(A) TWO RECTANGULAR OBJECTS ONE WHITE AND ONE BLUE TWO FEET BY TWO FEET . POSITION 143 DEG 58E 38 DEG 57S AT 0515Z 24 OCT

(B) YELLOW OBJECT ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT POSITION 144 DEG 08E 38 DEG 43S AT 0650Z 24 OCT

NIL RECOVERY DUE LACK OF SURFACE CRAFT. REQUEST ADVISE SHIPPING IN AREA.

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VIM DE ACSC  
GE OM PLS SUSPEND CQ BCAST FOR THE NITE.  
WE ARE NOT YET AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TOMORROW BUT WILL LET  
YOU KNOW ASAP OK?

OK W ILL DO

THANKS AND CUL OM  
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SURPIC AS REQUESTED FOR 240700

NAME	CALLSIGN	POS	CSE	SPD	DESTINATION
MARYHOLYMAN	GOSS	4043S 14535E	315	12.5	AAAD
JEPARIT	VLGV	3754S 14007E	144	13.0	AMML
IRON SIRIUS	GVWE	3900S 14323E	096	14.0	ASSY
CAPE HAWKE	GOXV	3925S 14711E	270	14.0	AMML
LADY GAY	VLLG	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	
LADY RACHEL	VMRL	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	

REMARKS:

VLLG AND VMRL BOTH TUGS TOWING VK2436 TO BASS STRAIT OIL PLATFORM AREA.

FOLLOWING FROM SIBOEN/JWXD:

POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG (T) 12 MILES OFF STOP  
NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN STOP MASTER

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SIBOEN JWXD POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG 12 MILES  
OFF STOP NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN  
MASTER

(1600 138 12)

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec MRL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

141 1477 - 1507

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TEXT:

? ADOL SHIPPING.

SEARCH UP GRAB C OSMY TORQUAY  
40-50 mile off coast.ADOL Bay NE ADOL.  
AND ONLY COAST TRAFFIC  
POLICE NO GOOD, -  
AC IN AREA 6.

REQUEST SURVEIL ANYWAY OK.

SEARCHING AGAIN TOMORROW,

SAID IF BODY SIGHTED ADOL US  
+ WE WILL ADOL SHIPPING.



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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

1. VIM PLS BCASST FOLLOWING CQ ON RECEIPT RTF/RTG AND  
2 HRLY UFN2. CQ DE VIM AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE APPROACHES  
AIRSEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 2 OBJECTS APPROX  
4FT SQUARE IN APPROX POSITION 3847S 14400E AT 240430.  
VESSELS TRANSITTING AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP LOOKOUT  
REPORT FURTHER SIGHTINGS AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLEACSC 240445Z OCT 78  
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ARMY DE ACSC REQUEST RELAY OSCAR TO NAVY UNABLE TO GET DIRECT

O 240445Z OCT 78  
FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO VIM  
DEFNAV CANBERRA  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT  
1. VIM PLS BCAST FOLLOWING CQ ON RECEIPT RTF/RTG AND  
2 HRLY UFN  
2. CQ DE VIM AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE APPROACHES  
AIRSEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 2 OBJECTS APPROX  
4FT SQUARE IN APPROX POSITION 3847S 14400E AT 240430.  
VESSELS TRANSITTING AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP LOOKOUT  
REPORT FURTHER SIGHTINGS AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE  
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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	RCC Melb.	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	1438 - 1458	CO-ORDINATOR	GM

TEXT:

acft has sighted 2 objects in  
water off Wya river

1 blue one white

both about 4 ft square

They are trying to get in touch with  
Apollo Bay Fish Coop - can we  
do any shipping in area altho  
acft did not see any

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TRANSML AA32900ZCZC TLX135 240130

JJ AMMLYO AMMLYU AMMLYC AMHOYA ANMLYA AMMOYC

JJ AMMZTW

230916 AMMYF

FM 11SQN TO HQOC, COCOC, DEFAIR CANBERRA, DEFENCE CANBERRA, ACSC  
CANBERRA, OCC MELBOURNE, COCSC, AIRTPTGP MELBOURNE, MARINE OPS  
CANBERRA, 92WG. STOP  
PART TWO OF TWO

CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND  
FOUND SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 3917S0 14406E5 AT 2301501.  
PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE  
OIL SLICKS HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITED THE DEBRIS UNTIL  
NOMAD REACHED THE AREA AT 230432Z4. NOMAD ADVISED US THAT THE  
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SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD  
TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC.  
POSITION 3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND  
INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION  
3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE.  
TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL OFF TASK AT 230800Z3.  
AREA SEACHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9 14352E5.

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DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF, DEFENCE FOR JOPS, AIRTPTGP FOR OSOS

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MARINE OPS  
DEFENCE



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TRANSML AA32900ZCZC TLX133 240126

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FM 11SQN TO HQOC, COCOC, DEFAIR CANBERRA, DEFENCE CANBERRA, ACSC  
CANBERRA, OCC MELBOURNE, COCSC, AIRPTGP MELBOURNE, MARINE OPS  
CANBERRA, 92WG. STOP

PART ONE OF TWO PARTS

MSGID/11SQN/PURPLE/05/OCT

REF/HQOC/221132Z1/OCT/78/GREEN/05/OCT

MISSN/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE

LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT

FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 252

TASK/AAED/222217Z6/222319Z9/230800Z3/230840Z7/AMES

AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2

AREA/3948S4/14450E4

CREW//PC-FLTLT DAVIDSON/TC-FLTLT TARRY

WEA/4/080/ST/090/10/H/AL005/340T/035K/NON/020T/07K

WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021

EXPEN/MK25 SMOKE/32/0//SSQ41/8/0//MK58 SMOKE/4/0

EQUAL/RETRO GUN/222217Z6

NARR/AT ON TASK TIME LOCATED SAR DATUM BUOY DROPPED BY RESCUE  
251, IT HAS DRIFTED OVERNIGHT TO POSITION 3925S9 14351E4. TWO  
SMALL OIL SLICKS WERE SIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT  
230005Z STARTED EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT  
WITH 2NM TRACK SPACING.

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MELBSAR AA31591

SVC ACSC VIM  
2336Z

YOUR MESSAGE 232253Z SIBOEN AT PRESENT STEERING 277 FOR  
CAPE OTWAY STOP IF QOUREEEEE U REQUIRE SHIP CAN STEER 270 AND ARRIVE  
REQUIRED AREA 1600 ROCAL TIME TODAY

MASTER

RGR PSE PASS OUR THANKS BUT NO DIVERSION REQUIRED PSE  
KEEP LOOKOUT FOR WRECKAGE OIL SLICKS ETC ACSC 232337Z

ALSO UIN VIEW OUR NEXT SKEDS AROUND 5 AND 7 PM THIS EVENING  
COULD WE BROADCAST CANCELLATION NOW PLS ?

NEG TKS OM PSE KEEP ON HAND FOR THE MOM WILL HAVE A CANCELLATION  
FOR U LATER

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE CANCELLATION BUT IT SAYS TO BE  
BROADCAST ON NEXT SKEDS IE AT 5 AND 7 PM APPROX  
THIS EVENING IN MEANTIME NO BROADCASTS OF XXX ???

SRI JUST SEEN CANCELLATION OK OM PSE BCASST CANCELLATION NOW  
AS PER OFFICIAL CANCELLATION TKS

THE OFFICIAL ONE SAYS NEXT BIG SMALL SHIPS SKED OUR NEXT  
SMALL SHIPS SKED IN EEE IS AT 0333Z AND OUR NEXT SKED  
IE WEATHER ETC IS AT 0948 MGMT

RGR UNDERSTAND PSE BCASST CANCELLATION NOW AND AGAIN FOR SMALL SKED K  
OK MANI TKS

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ACSC AA62349

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SIG KAO

MARSAR 78/1205 AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

A. REF ACSC 231900Z OCT 78 X X X BCAST.

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AIRCRAFT. AIR SEARCH CONTINUES.

2. VIM PLS BCAST CANCELLATION ONCE ONLY NEXT BIG/SMALL SKED.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

SEA CURRENT DATA.

BEST AVBL INFO FROM PUBLICATIONS AND VESSEL REPORTS  
CONFIRM THAT CURRENT TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF  
KING ISLAND IS EASTERLY DECIMAL 5 KNOTS (12MPD).

SW DRIFT FROM AIRCRAFT DATUM BUOYS CONSIDERED TO BE  
A RESULT OF GREATER WIND DRIVEN SURFACE CURRENT  
(WINDS GENERALLY NE OVER LATER STAGES)

EASTERLY SEA CURRENT MAY BE INCREASED BY PERIOD OF  
WESTERLY WINDS.

TIDAL EFFECTS IN APPROX OIL SLICK POSITION SHOW A NORTH/  
SOUTH FLOW/EBB OF APPROX DECIMAL 75 KTS

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Rec MCL*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*141 389 - 435*

*LB.*

TEXT:

*Cape Otway Cape Wickham area S. Coast.*

*Discussed. areas Bay D'Ar S.W.*

*Navy West E*

*Shannon E.*

*? where do we go.*



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MELBSAR AA31591

SIBOEN JWXD SHIPS POSITION 3851SOUTH 14550 EAST PLEASE  
INDICATE IF XXX 78/1205 IS STILL IN FORCE STOP  
THIS VESSEL MIGHT PASS INDICATED POSITION  
IN THE AFTERNOON IF YOU REQUIRE US TO DO SO  
.....MASTER

RGR PSE PASS FOLLOWING

SIBOEN/JWXD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITION REPORT. AIR SEARCH STILL IN PROGRESS  
EEE IN PROGRESS. NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR DIVERSION OR YOUR ASSI  
SRI ASSISTANCE. REQUEST YOU ADVIISE YOUR ETA AREA. REGARDS ACSC  
232253Z

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OK WILL PASS IT ON

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM <i>TO Jans</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>141</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>ES</i>
<i>525 - 302</i>	

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*Daily Service*

*Base at Smeeth*

*Harbour Smeeth.*



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TRANS AA30260  
ACSC AA62349

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND

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RTG/RTF ON RECEIPT AND 4 HRLY UFN.

2. X X X DE VIM BASS STRAIT CHART BA1695B LIGHT AIRCRAFT 1POB  
ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN ESTIMATED  
POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z OCT APPROX. AIR SEARCH CONTINUES.  
VSLs TRANSITTING WESTERN BASS STRAIT PLEASE REPORT POSITION, COURSE  
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MOST PROBABLY FROM A SHIP. RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US  
TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

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NEW ENDING ADDED

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SEARCH HOURS 23 OCT. GAF 1 0305 DMU 0617 RESCUE 252 0813

TOTAL FOR DAY 17.35 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 37.25

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OIL SLICKS AND KNOWN MOVEMENT OF THE SEA SURFACE SINCE DAY ONE TO

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CORRECTED COPY (NOTE INCLUSION OF FURTHER CO-ORD 39.40S 144.21E)

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SBC AMML  
TEL. NO. 03-3392476.  
TAPE REF. 1407-1414,  
13/2

AUTHORITY DOT  
MARSAR NO. 70/1205.  
CO-ORDINATOR P&D

TEXT: RCC still open?

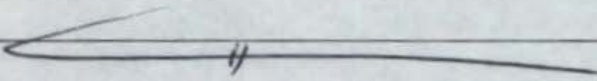
No.

Seems one coordinate missing  
on Sitrep No. 3, last line, or  
else is search area triangular?

Will ring you back in morning, OK?

No, want it now, as we have to  
prepare broadcast to shipping.

OK, will call back.



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WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021  
EXPEN/MK25 SMOKE/32/0//SSQ41/8/0//MK58 SMOKE/4/0  
EQMAL/RETRO GUN/222217Z6

NARR/AT ON TASK TIME LOCATED SAR DATUM BUOY DROPPED BY RESCUE 251,  
IT HAS DRIFTED OVERNIGHT TO POSITION 3925S9 14351E4. TWO SMALL OIL  
SLICKS WERE SIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT 230005Z STARTED  
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT WITH 2NM  
TRACK SPACING. AT 230132Z1 IN CONTACT WITH NOMAD AND PASSED HIM  
POSITION OF OIL SLICKS. CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND FOUND  
SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 3917S0 14406E5 AT 2301501. PASSED  
THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE OIL SLICKS  
HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITED THE DEBRIS UNTIL NOMAD REACHED  
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PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC. POSITION  
3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER  
OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION 3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED  
BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE. TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL  
OFF TASK AT 230800Z3. AREA SEARCHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9  
14352E5.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 1404 - 1447.  
13/2

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Nil RAAF A/c available to-morrow.

NOMAD A/c to go out to-morrow,  
plus "lighties."

Area: 20 x 35 miles North King Island.

"NOMAD" picked up sample of oilbirds.  
Will be examined.OK, can ACSC be included in  
sitrep pls?Thinks they have gone to ACSC.  
Checking..... no you not on them.  
Will fix.Re broadcast does he want any  
further to-morrow?

No, Wants shipping reports.

Explained re broadcast.

Oh, well at least till midday  
to-morrow. OK, will arrange.

P.T.O.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~TO~~ SOC ML.  
TEL. NO. —  
TAPE REF. 1404 - 1447.

AUTHORITY DOT  
MARSAR NO. 78/1205.  
CO-ORDINATOR PDD

TEXT: SOC ML has assessed drift in SW direction, based on:

a. Position of re-located marker buoy dropped by RAAF. Direction  $230^\circ$  / 0.5 knot(?)

b. NE winds. Wind has picked up in area.

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VIM DE ACSC

GE OM JUST HAD RATHER DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH GENT (WHO HAD A FEW UNDER HIS BELT) THRU POLICE STATION AU E E AT GEORGETOWN TASMANIA; THIS GENT PICKED UP ON 4525KHZ AT 0442 THIS AVO : 'MAYDAY 3 TO E E TIMES' AND NOTHING A E E ELSE CAN YOU MONITOR THAT FREQ FOR A WHILE AT ALL?

OK WILL DO NOW TKS

FOR INFO THIS GENT COULD NOT REPLY AS HE COULD NOT TRANSMIT AND THEY HAVE JUST COME ASHORE IN GEORGETOWN HE SAID IT WAS VERY FAINT AND MY EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW HIM OVER FONE NOR E E NOT VERY GOOD. POLICE WILL TRY TO GET A STATEMENT FROM HIM AND IF ANY FUT E E FURTHER INFO COMES TO LIGHT FROM THAT WE WIL LET YOU KNOW OK??

OK TKS THINK CHANCES WE WILL HEAR ANITHING VERY SMALL SIEEEING WAS OVER 4 HOURS AGO BUT WILL MONITOR ANIWAY TKS CUL

YES I REALIZE TIME FACTOR IS NO HELP BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE EFFORT Z E E SINCE NIL ELSE AT MOM

OK UNDERSTAND BI NOW

TVM OM AND BEFORE I GO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS (RADIO WISE)

NO DONT THINK SO THAT FREQ 4525 IS A FISHINGFREQ OR A FREQ FOR LIMITED COASTSTNS AND RECKON SOME OTHER F/V SHOULD HAVE HRD SOMETHING IF IT HAD BEEN ANI ACTIVITY ON FREQ K

YES AGREE AND THANKS OM WIL LET YOU KNOW AND IF YOU COULD MONITOR FOR SAY ABOUT HALF HOUR OR SO (OTHER DUTIES PERMITING)

OK WILL DO BY THE WAY SHALL WE CONTINUE BCST OF YR MARSAR OVERNIGHT OR SUSPEND BCSTS AFTER DARK K

YES WILL BE SUSPENDED WIL SENT YOU OFFICIAL DITTIE ON THAT WHEN IS YOU R NEXT BC DUE?

WILL BCST TO BIG SHIPS ON MY WHRSKED 1948LT AND SENT LAST TO SMALL SHIPS ON MY SKED AT 1733LT K

OK MAKE THE BIG SHIP 1948 THE LAST ONE FOR THE NITE OK?

OK TKS OM CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO <i>Jsp</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>14/ 263-273</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>MS</i>

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*In Normal Cells*

*Sub surface current*

*3 miles diam in wind 24 kts NO NET*

*Flow THROUGH base ss.*

*Info*

*LANE + Director NASAL MET. + OCEANOGRAPHY*



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *JOPS*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*N/A*

*LS*

TEXT:

*WAWKA WANG BEE ST RA SUBSARAR CEMENT,  
GIVEN,*

*SMERP HAWIARA GIVEN - Search continues,*



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MARSAR 78/1205 - VHDSJ SEARCH

SIGHTING REPORT

MR ANDREW BATES (TEL 037929395) REPORTS EXPLOSION IN SKY  
APPROX 0915 SAT NIGHT. SIGHTING MADE FROM VESSEL IN APPROX  
POSN 3800S 14454E DIRECTION OF PORT ARLINGTON QUOTE IN SKY  
CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM GROUND UNQUOTE

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

18 JUL 23 2007

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *LCC MC*  
TEL. NO. *05-338 4450*  
TAPE REF. *14/2 262 -*

AUTHORITY  
MARSAR NO.  
CO-ORDINATOR *MS.*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*BATEL SIGHTING PALLA*





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ MR ANDREW BARTLE

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 792 9395

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1

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LB.

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

TAKING PART IN 100 YACHT RACE PORT PHILIP BAY  
SIGHTED EXPLOSION IN SKY DET PORT ALLINGTON  
IN SKY COULD BE FROM GROUND.  
HIS OTH APP. SPOIL GROUND LT BUOY



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Acc MRU.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*155*

*LS.*

TEXT:

*GUIDANCE CONTROL SHEET FOR WILKINSON.  
RE SUB SURFACE CURRENT - EXPLAINED NIN  
INNO HALL + RO TO NAVY IN.*

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GA DE ACSC RE THE XXX ON THE OVERDUE AIRCRAFT PLS DROP DOWN TO  
FOUR HRLY FROM NOW ON TKS

RGR OK WILL ODO

FINE TKS VM CU

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *302 Soc Rec M2*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*14/1 116 - 152**CS.*

TEXT:

*Give details of peak magnetic activity**ORION MAY HAVE SIGHTED SENSITIVE.*



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Sydney obs.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*14/2**88 1111 0059 -**MS.*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*21 st Peak of Meteorite Stream.**Area N.E. of Snow Max.**LACE LITE Sighting**max Stream 3 am on**10-15 sightings per hour*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Mr Stone OBE.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *981053*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *14/1 25-*

CO-ORDINATOR *KS*

TEXT:

*No Reply 230055.*

*0105.*

*0115*





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO MILBOURN OBSERVY.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 21 -

15.

TEXT: OBSERVY CAME UNK.

SMOK MUSEUM

663 4811

NO WATCHED OBSERVY - DEMO ONLY.

AT STREAMS ~~CROSSING~~ NEARLY ONE.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/ ~~TO~~ SMITHURST

AUTHORITY Fleet Ops Manager

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. ANL

TAPE REF. CMOC FOWC.

CO-ORDINATOR GM

TEXT:

Report from Empress of Australia  
may be relevant to Plure search in Strait  
3<sup>RD</sup> Mate and lookout both reported

what they describe as a brilliant-

white light moving very fast no indication  
of height moving from E to W ahead of them

(221445z)

posn 39523 14534 E 1245 pm last night

Course of ship 334/17.0.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SOC DARWIN  
QUOTE..

2. AIRCRAFT REPORT UFO  
VH-DRB C421 ENROUTE TENNANT CK-DARWIN FL180 REPORTED BRILLIANT  
WHITE LIGHT AT LEVEL 30 MILES NORTH OF HIM, IN TINDAL AREA FOR  
3-4 SECS TRACKING N-SW ON DESCENT THEN DISAPPEARING.  
VH-CKU C402 FROM MATARANKA ON SAME TRACK AND LOWER SAW SAME THING  
AT 0946Z. BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT FALLING FAST AND IRRIDESCENT,  
NOTHING IN AREA, NOTHING ON RADAR, CANNOT EXPLAIN IT.

...UNQUOTE  
SIMILAR INCIDENT REPORTED THIS AREA 010225Z AUG 78.  
BT

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WX REPORT FROM R252 IN SEARCH AREA

0030 WIND 030/15 MAJOR SWELL 8FT DIRECTION 210 DEG TRUE

VIS 10NM + HAZE.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Rec Mac*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *—*

CO-ORDINATOR *LS*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*Call New Research Folio 0930*



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TO  
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62053  
ARMY AA62053  
ACSC AA62349

DE ACSC PLS RELAY TO ALL ADDEES TKS

P 222345Z OCT 78  
FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO DEFENCE CANBERRA  
DEFNAV CANBERRA  
BT

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

1. C182 AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ OVERDUE OF FLT MOORABBIN/KING ISLAND  
21OCT78 - AIR/SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS
2. OIL SLICK SIGHTED DURING SEARCH IN POSITION 3919S 14401E  
MAY BE RELEVANT
3. RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE HAS REQUESTED ANY V  
AVAILABLE SUB SURFACE CURRENT DETAILS THIS AREA FOR SALVAGE/  
INVESTIGATION PURPOSES

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SS AMMLYC

222300 AMMOY~~XXXXXXXX~~

VH-DSJ OVERDUE KING ISLAND

AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING VESSELS REPORTED IN BASS STRAIT AREA  
 IN RESPONSE TO URGENCY BROADCAST 210948GMT ON NOTIFICATION  
 OF DISTRESS PHASE.

0950	NANCY HEATH/VKNH	3902S	14416E	C0277	SPD12
1000	BRISBANE TRADER/VJMV	4008S	14602E	C0328	SPD16
1000	IRON WHYALLA/VMBD	3909S	14542E	C0102	SPD10.5
1000	GOLIATH/VKGGH	4014S	14643E	C0023	SPD13.8
<del>1000</del>	<del>IRON MONARCH/VLKG</del>	<del>3751S</del>	<del>14002E</del>	<del>C0144</del>	<del>SPD16</del>
1000	SAFOCEAN ALBANY/ZTEN	3912S	14620E	C0277	SPD17
1000	NGAPARA/ZMJT	4103S	14737E	C0293	SPD11
1230	BOTANY CHEMIST/6MY	3849S	14507E	C0285	SPD13

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ACSC DE VIM 2238Z 22ND

REF BOTANYCHEMIST 6MYX POSN GIVEN AT 211230GMT POSITIO N 3849S  
1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE

RGR TKS OM THAT THE SAME AS BEFORE ALL OK JUST NOT SURE OF LONG WILL  
ASSUME 14507E.TKS AGAIN AND CU

OK 1457E AS SENT FM HIM

~~TOB~~ CULTR

RGR AS MATTER OF INTEREST ASSUME THAT WAS RTF?  
RTG

OK #

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GM VIM DE ACSC

AT 211237Z U HAD QSO WITH BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYX FOR A POSITION  
IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING AIRCRAFT POSN GARBLED ON YOUR TLX  
REQUEST CHECK AND ADVZ POSITION AGAIN PSE OM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

OK WILL DO AND CALL BACK SHORTLY

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *see MRU*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2*

*1486 - 1490*

*RS*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*Abollo Bay Area WZG UNRESLT  
IN AREA 0200Z.  
NEXT SEND 2341*





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Melb Rec.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2. 1425-1483.**el*TEXT: *Requested.*

- ① change in drift if any when known or assessed.
- ② drift of airt/wreckage assuming it submarined along bottom - said mariners more interested on surface movement - realised info hard to get at but require it more for enquiry later.
- ③ name of ship which was NE of KD at 1100z on night plane went down, as reckoned pilot could have been disoriented if he saw vsr which had a lot of bright lights on & if airt was flying upside down. (info) freighter moving W to E.

*Nomad has been tasked to collect oil sample - Yes Aesc aware from Green - ok wrongly*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

(contd)

TEXT:

addressed but will send now.

10x as at 2002 KJ.

600x 10 kts. 2/8 li st sea low

swell

left in area 2130Z.

said east current incl

oil sample taken.

confirmed MPP 39135 14338E

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COMMUNICATIONS

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SS AMOCYU AMKIYS AMLTYU AMLTYS AMWYYS AMDVYS

221129 AMMLYC~~CONFIRM~~

ATTN SARO

ADDITIONAL SAR BRIEFING FOR R251.

FISHING VESSEL NOMAD WILL POSITION OVERNIGHT AT 3919S 14401E TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF OIL FOR ANALYSIS. FISHING VESSEL NOMAD CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY CALLSIGN WZG PAINTED ON WHITE WHEELHOUSE ALSO CARRYING YELLOW DINGHY ON WHEELHOUSE. FREQS IN USE 4535 KHZ SHIP/SHORE AND 2112 KHZ SHIP/SHIP. IF UNABLE TO CONTACT F/V NOMAD RELAY TO AMML RCC VIA AMKI FS 123.9 MHZ

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62349

VIM DE ACSC...1909Z

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FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO MELBOURNE RADIO/VIM  
DEFNAV CANBERRA  
INFO POLICE OPS MELBOURNE (D24)  
POLICE OPS HOBART  
AD(SO) VIC  
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SIG KAO

MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND

A. ACSC 212152Z OCT 78 - URGENCY BROADCAST

B. ACSC 220434Z OCT 78 - CQ BROADCAST (NOTAL)

1. VIM PLS CANCEL CQ BROADCAST IN REF B AND AMEND URGENCY BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS. BROADCAST RTG/RTF ON RECEIPT AND 2 HRLY UFN.

2. X X X DE VIM BASS STRAIT CHART BA1695B. LIGHT AIRCRAFT 1

POB ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN

ESTIMATED POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z APPROX.

VESSELS IN AREA ARE REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT FOR SURVIVOR WITH

LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE AND IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN SAMPLE

OF OIL SIGHTED IN POSITION 3919S 14401E AT 220522Z

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GM OM - DAWN JUST STARTING TO BREAK HERE NOW, WHEN WILL  
YOU WANT THE (PRESUME UPDATED) MARSAR REINSTITUTED??

RGR OM HAVE ONE NOW BEING TYPED UP ALSO INTEND CANCELLING THE  
CQ AS ITS NOW INCORPORATED IN THE XXX KKKKK

OK OM I WILL AWAIT YR CALL BACK WHEN READY (MAYBE THE UFO'S DID  
GET HIM HA HA)

HA HA BUT NOT FUNNY POOR CHAP KK  
YES AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND O DOUBLY BAD FOR HIS FAMILY.  
I OK AWAITING YR CALL TKS VM

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RAYQCX/AIRTPTGP MELBOURNE

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MSGID/11SQN/BROWN/05/OCT

REF/HQOC/221132Z1/OCT/78/GREEN/05

MISSN/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE

FORCE/92WG/P3//RESCUE 252

TASK/AAED/222130Z0/222245Z7/230600Z1/230645Z0/AMES

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RAYWACX/ACSC CANBERRA  
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RAYRC/RCC MELBOURNE  
ZEN/COCOC  
RAYQJG/COCSC  
RAYQCX/AIRPTP GP MELBOURNE  
ZEN/AOCCSYD  
RAYRMF/AOCCTVL  
RAYSNE/AOCCDAR  
RAYGPE/AOCCPEA  
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DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF, DEFENCE FOR JOPS, AIRPTTGP FOR OSOS

PAGE 2 RAYRMB 673 UNCLAS  
MSGID/HQOC/GREEN/05/OCT  
MISSION/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE  
LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT  
FORCE/92WG/P3//RESCUE252  
TASK/AAED/222130Z/222245Z/230600Z/230645Z/AMES  
AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2  
NARR/CONFIRM OIL SLICK IN POSN 3919S 14401E THEN SQUARE SEARCH  
ON DATUM 3916S 14406E, ALT 1000FT, START POSN 3918S 14404E.  
SUGGESTED TR SP 2NM - ADJUST FOLLOWING AREA WX ASSESSMENT. DATUM  
MARKED BY R251 WITH SAR DATUM BUOY - 113QN PURPLE 867 REFERS.  
F/V NOMAD, C/S WGZ IN AREA ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SAMPLE OF OIL SLICK  
LISTENING OUT 4535KHZ. ASSIST VESSEL TO HOME TO OIL SLICK. HOURLY  
REPORTS VIA AOCC. MAINTAIN WATCH ON KI FIS 123.9MHZ, PASS REPORTS  
AS NECESSARY. EXCLUDE LAND MASSES FROM SEARCH AREA.  
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INFO RAYUDN/HQEDN  
RAYQJG/COCS  
RAYWACX/ACSC  
RAYQCX/AIRTPTGP MELBOURNE  
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MSGID/11SQN/PURPLE/867/OCT/SAR CESSNA 182  
REF/HQOC/211437Z8/OCT/78/GREEN/867/OCT  
MISSN/COPS/SAR/MISSING CESSNA 182  
FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 251  
TASK/AAED/211758Z4/211910Z4/220525Z6/220649Z3/AAED  
ACFT/P3B/A9-297//3NM  
CREW/B/PC-FLTLT FEENEY/TC-FLTLT SIGSTON  
WEA/O////20/CLR/AL005/135T/D10K/NON/O90T/D8K/1///3027  
TMPOS/220435Z6/3924S8/14437E9

PAGE 2 RAYUDN 528 UNCLAS  
EQMAL/APX-7/211805Z7/RETRO DISPENSER/211758Z4/ASA-16/211800Z2  
LAMP/BDHI FUNCTION OF ASA-16 ONLY WAS UNSERVICEABLE  
NARR/ON ARRIVAL AT SEARCH AREA, DATUM POSN 3914S7  
14346E8, WAS MARKED WITH A SSQ-41 3HR LIFE SONOBUOY.  
RADAR CONTACTS WITHIN 20NM OF DATUM WERE CHECKED  
VISUALLY BEFORE BEGINNING SECTOR SEARCH BECAUSE  
LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE NOT YET GOOD FOR A VISUAL  
SECTOR SEARCH. AT 1930Z3 SECTOR SEARCH 10NM RADIUS WITH  
20 DEG ANGLE BETWEEN SEARCH LEGS WAS BEGUN.  
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH 2NM TRACK SPACING, FIRST  
LEGS 8NM FROM DATUM WAS BEGUN AT 2053Z.  
THE EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH TO 20 NMS FROM DATUM  
WAS COMPLETED AT 0017Z8. FOR INFORMATION, THE  
SSQ-41 AT THE DATUM POSN APPEARED TO DRIFT  
SOUTH WESTERLY 1000 TO 1300 YDS IN THE 1 HR  
42 MINS TT WAS USED. THIS INFORMATION IS BASED  
ON RADAR FIXING OFF CAPE WICKHAM. THE CLA  
SEARCH AT 3 NM TRACK SPACING WAS COMMENCED  
AT 0041Z5. COORDS OF AREA SEARCHED AT 3 NM  
TRACK SPACING ARE 3854S0 14351E4, 3844S9 14439E1,

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3923S7 14503E3 AND 3939S4 14358E1. CONDITIONS  
WERE GOOD FOR SEARCH AND LARGE NUMBERS OF  
BIRDS, FISH AND PIECES OF WOOD WERE SEEN. A  
NUMBER OF SLICKS WERE ALSO SEEN AND ONE  
WAS MARKED WITH AN SAR DATUM BUOY (24 HR LIFE, 245 MHZ)  
AS REQUESTED BY RCC MELBOURNE. POSN  
OF DATUM BUOY IS 3919S2 14401E0 AND TIME OF DROP WAS  
0522Z9. NO AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS SEEN.

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HQOC FOR MOPS  
DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF  
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GE OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205==

PLS SUSPEND CQ RE OIL SLICK OVERNITE AND RESUME AT DAYBREAK

OK WILL ODO TKS

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MELBSAR AA31591

DE VIM 0919Z

U STILL WANT US KEEP BROADCASTING MARSAR EVERY HOUR PLS ??

SEC PLS SUSPEND OVERNITE OM

OK WILL DO AND START AT DAYLITE ??

YES PLS WE WILL UPDATE INTERVAL THEN

OK MANI TKS CU

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MELBSAR AA31591

DE VIM 0812Z

RE MARSAR 78/1205

SMALL SHIP ISEEEE PISCESIS VK3648 REPORTS IN SEARCH AREA  
WILL CONTINUE TILL AFEEE DARK THEN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON  
SEARCH NIL SEEN

RGR ANY CHANCE OF IT PICKING UP A SAMPLE OF THE OIL SPILL  
HAVE BROADCAST SAME BUT HE DID NOT MENTION IT WILL TRY AND  
RAISE IM AGEN AND ASK HIM IF POSS

TKS OM CU CU

VIP

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO 302 MELB.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 13/2 1145 - 1150	CO-ORDINATOR VJ

TEXT: VMR says not involved in SAR.  
Aren't we assisting with Lt. A/C in Bass St.

Assisting yes but coord with KLL Amore  
Isome him tele no.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO *SBC ammc*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 3384450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*13/2 1096-1145**VSD*

TEXT: *Passed drift as experienced by  
Nancy Heath of Easterly 2-3 kts.  
That would be combination of sea current <sup>and wind</sup>  
and blind current. Suggested that if  
wind change goes thru as forecast  
that sea current is Easterly at  $\frac{1}{2}$  knot*

*Rgr. What is crayfisherman's name &  
number as oil slick possibly light aviation  
spirit in stationary point. Will try  
Apollo Bay vessel to take a sample  
but if no luck wants K.I. crayfisherman  
to take sample first light. Ocean has  
marked point.*

*Rgr gave Graham Owen's name & tele no.*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Acc Mac*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*1082*

*KS*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sat current MPP SPK 11*

*3913 143.38E*

*AWT SWANIKICANT CHANNEL,*

*40 mile across DEPT LINK*





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 132/1016-104P

CO-ORDINATOR

IKJ

TEXT:

Required depths in form of  
reported air slick - gave time  
average of 50 fms. over also  
bottom 1/2.

He said AAA 9/c land data  
marker and that source of slick  
had not moved -



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM <del>TO</del> Lec MRU.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 13/2 1007 - 1018	CO-ORDINATOR LH.

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

Datum for tomorrow 230210

request we work out - understand we have computer - NO OK will work it themselves.

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E DE VIM 220455Z

FM BELAMARA TWO HOURS STEAMING FROM POSN OF OIL SLICK SO UNABLE  
OBTAIN THAT SAMPLE (

RGR OK OM AND PSE TO TK HIM WILL C WHAT ELSE CUMS UP

OK

AM ABT TO SEND THE CQ NW

OK FINE

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220435Z

BELAMARA REPORTS NOT 10 MILES OF CAPE WICKHAM AND HOLDING SEARCH  
PATTERN HEADING FOR CURRIE KING ISLAND

PRESUME THAT NOW 10 MILES ETC?  
SRI 10 MILES NORTH OF CAPE WICKHAM

RGR HAVE CQ REF OIL SLICK FOR U SEEMS THAT BELAMARA MAY BE ABLE  
TO OBTAIN THE SAMPLE GIVE HIM THE DETAILS PSE POSN IS 16MILES  
NE CAPE WICKAM BUT IF HE DOESN'T VOLUNTEER NO WORRIES K

OK WILL ASK HIM AND CALL U BACK LTR

OK TKS OMB  
MELBSAR AA31591

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FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO VIM  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - DITCHED AIRCRAFT  
1. PLSE BDCAST FOLLOWING CQ BIG/SMALL ON RECEIPT AND TWO  
HOURLY UFN  
2. CQ DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART 1695B  
SEARCH AIRCRAFT REPORTS SIGHTING OIL SLICK IN POSN 3920S  
14404E. POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH DITCHED AIRCRAFT.  
VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SAMPLE IF POSSIBLE.  
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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *See REC MRL.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *03 339 4450*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *1254 - 1263*

CO-ORDINATOR

*CS*

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

*BELOWNA EST CURRENT E. LATS.**PARSED CB HEADING REPORT.*





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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAMILTON (ML)	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. CARLISLE 051 832340	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 14/2 1230 - 1254	CO-ORDINATOR <u>LS</u>

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

MANA BRANCH CB OPERATOR

CALL FM CB OPERATOR A/C HALL  
 7.30 - 8 PM MAYBE 2 AM. WARRIVILLE  
 (W. B. D. WILSON PRAM)  
 CB VAQ644 - NO PHONE.

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MELBSAR AA31591

220330Z  
FROM BELAMARA ESTIMATED DRIFT EASTWARDS ABOUTN 2 KNOTS OR LESS

RGR THAT ABOUT WHAT WE THORT OK THANKS VM OM  
WE WILL ON PASS TO RCC NOW TKS

OK OUT FOR NOW

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *RC*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *03 3384470*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*1/2**- 1202**16*

TEXT:

*BALAMARA**RTA 0345*

*DRAGON JUST GONE WITH SUCK TOO  
BIG FOR LT AIRCRAFT - R CALL  
BALAMARA OFF THAT ONE - DON  
DESCRIPTION OF BUCKETS GIVEN -  
REQUEST CURRENT DETAILS FOR BALAMARA.*



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BALAMARA ADVISES HAS ALSO JUST RECOVERED THE RED BUCKET  
REPORTED EARLIER

RGR THATS FINE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE  
CRASH SEC PLS WE JUST TALKING TO RCC NOW  
ANY MARKINGS ON BUCKET AT ALL PLS

SEC

ALSO THE RCC HAVE NOW INFO US THAT THEY DO NOT REQUIRE THE  
OIL SLICK INVESTIGATED AS THEY THINK IS TOO BIG TO  
BE CONNECTED WITH THE PLANE  
OK ON PASSING TO VSL NOW

RGR AS ALOS ALSO CAN U ASK IF HE CAN GIVE US THE WEATHER DETAILS  
IN THE AREA AND ALSO IF HE CAN GIVE US ANY IDEA OF THE CURRENT  
AS THEY WILL BE BASING THE SEARCH TOMOORROW ON IT TKS

SEC

WIND EASTERLY FIVE KNOTS CURRENT UNKNOWN THE BUCKET IS UNMAKED  
BUT HAS BEEN USED TO FOR PAINTING WHITE PAINT IN BOTTOM AS  
HAS BEEN IN WATER SOME TIME WEED GROTH INSIDE

RGR THATS FINE TKS VM OBVIOUSLY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE  
ACFT BUT PLS THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS KK

OK HE AT PREVIOUS MENTIONED POSN AND NOW TUN TURNING SOUTH  
AND SEACH SEARCHINT TOWARDS KING SILAND

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM HAVE U HEARD ANYMORE FROM THE NGAPARA  
LATELY KK

NIL

OK FINE HOPE HE HAS RESUMED HIS VOYAGE BY NOW  
OK PLS ASK THE BALAMARA IF HE CAN GIVE US THE CURRENT DETAILS  
AS SOON AS HE CAN TKS

OK WILL DO

NO CONTACT WITH NGAPARA AND SHE HAS NOW SAILED OFF TO THE WEST

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM  
OK CUL OM TKS

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MSG ONPASSED BELAMARA - HE SAYS WILL TAKE HIM ABOUT 1/2 HOURS  
TO GETEEEEEE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET TO THAT POSITION  
AND WILL THE AIRCAREEEEE AIRCRAFT BE IN THE AREA TO PINPOINT  
THE SLICK THEN?

RGR WE WILL FIND OUT TKS

OK CALL BACK WHEN READY TKU CUL

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RE THE SEACH IN THE BASS T STRAIT CAN U PLS PASS TO  
BELAMARA THAT AN OIL SLICK HAS BEEN SIGHTED BY  
THE SEARCH AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 3919S 14402E AND THE  
RCC REQUECST THAT HE INVESTIGATE IF POSSIBLE KK

R WILCO

RGR FINE SHOULD S JUST BE ABOUT NEAR HIS POSITION TKS VM

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FROM/TO	22C MRL	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	m/z - 1149	CO-ORDINATOR	LS

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

OIL Slick sighted by A/c 3919-SS  
144.02E.  
Any vessel to investigate. Will check  
+ Adv.

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VSSAR AA22393

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ACSC DE VIS 220300Z

RE YR REQUEST FOR INFO ON NOMAD HERE ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
TO US =

*not within  
scope of  
request*

- (1) NOMAD/VJ2539 LICENSEE N.L. BRIEDEN PO BOX 4529 GPO SYD  
2524/6280/4120
- (2) NOMAD/VJ5997 LICENSEE H.M. COOPER 25 JUDD ST CRONULLA 2230  
2182/2112/2284?/2524/4136.3
- (3) NOMAD/VJ6920 LICENSEE W.G. ROBERTS 35 WIGRAM RD GLEBE 2037  
2182/2201(RX)
- \* (4) NOMAD/VK2627 LICENSEE A.J. HUNTER 50 PASCOE ST APOLLOBAY 3233  
2182/2201/4125/2112/4535/4620/6215.5
- (5) NOMAD/VL2555 LICENSEE R.F. BRADFORD 246 KING ST CLONTARF  
2182/2201/2100/2524/2284
- (6) NOMAD/VL3139 L.C. HAMILTON PO BOX 49 TOWNSVILLE QLD  
2182/2201/6204/2524
- (7) NOMAD/VL4491 E.R. BRIESE PO BOX 124 MOSSMAN/QLD 4873  
2182/2524
- (8) NOMAD/VL4781 R.K. TUCKER 75 ESPLANADE MANLY 4179  
NO FREQUENCIES GIVEN ON LICENSE
- (9) NOMAD/VL5128 H.D. MARTIN 344 JACKSON RD SUNNYBANKHILLS 4109  
2182/2201/4136.3/6204
- (10) NOMAD/VM5219 R.G. WAKEFIELD 74 DAVALLIA RD DUNCRAIGWA 6023  
2182/2201/4136.3/2524

*Don't release -  
personal info*

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REF SEARCH FOR AURCRAFT IN BASS ST REQUEST ANY AVBL DETAILS  
ON VESSEL NOMAD RPT NOMAD WE HAVE ONE LISTING BUT MAYBE U HAVE MORE  
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FREQS

RGR WILL CALL BACK

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FROM BELAMARA 220215Z

CAN STAY IN AREA UNTIL AROUND 1.30P LOCAL TIME THEN HAVE TO RETURN  
TO PORT BEFORE DARK SAME APPLIES TO TOHER TWO VSL IN AREA

ALSO NGAPARA SAYS VSL CURRENTLY ALONG SIDE (NOMAD RR VSL NOMAD)  
AND TRYING TO ESTABLISH QSO AND FREQ AVAILABLE ASKING NOMAD TO RE  
RECOVER BUCKET

SEC

ONLY NOMAD WE HAVE IS SLOOP CALLSIGN VL 3139  
FREQ 2182 2524 4136.3

WILL C IF WE CAN GET FURTHER K

OK TKS MAY GET IT VIA NGAPARA SHORTLY TKS NIL ELSE FOR NOW

OK CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VH-DSJ DETRESFA

1. VESSELS BALAMARA/VM4076 NAUTILUS/VM4729 HELEN D/VM4774  
COMMENCING DRIFT LINE SEARCH FROM 3913S 14338E TRACKING  
100 DEG TRUE. WEATHER REPORTED AS LIGHT ENE BREEZE SEA  
TEMPERATURE "COOL BUT NOT COLD" (NO THERMOMETER AVBL)  
VESSELS WILL SEARCH DRIFT LINE TO EAST FOR 11NM THEN SOUTH  
FOR 6NM. LEGS 1 TO 1 AND ONE HALF HOURS.
2. NGAPARA/ZMJT SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET 220135 IN 3919S  
14355E ENDEAVOURING RECOVERY - VESSEL BOUND PORT LINCOLN

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R WILO ATTEMPTEEEEEE

ACSC DE VIM 220145GMT

FM NGAKARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR 78/1205

R WILCO WILL ATTEMPT RECOVER BUCKET

(SMALL SHIPS IN AREA WARNED BY VIM OF NGAKAREEEEEEE NGAPARA  
MANOEUVRING)

RGR TKS OK NIL ELSE

TKS CUL

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220153Z

FROM BALAMARA NOW COMMENCING SEARCH FROM GIVE POSITION TO EASTWARDS  
FOR 11 MILES THE SOUTH FOR 6 MILES FOR 1-12WWWWEEE 1-1/2  
EACH LEGS

THAT SHOULD BE 1-1/2 HOUR EACH LEG

OK FINE TKS UNDERSTOOD REQUEST U ASK HIM HOW LONG VSLS CAN STAY  
ON SEARCH TKS

OK WILL COME BACK ON THAT

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FROM BALAMARA 0140Z

WHR LIGHT BREEZE ENE AND NO THERMOMETER FOR SEA TEMP  
BUT FROM HAND FEEL SAYS COOL BUT NOT COLD

RGR TKS VM

OK OUT FOR NOW

HE IS COMMENCING THE SEARCH OF AREA AS OF NOW

OK TKS AND DID HE ACK THE LAST ABOUT PROCEEDING EASTERLY ALONG  
DRIFT LINE

YES AND ONPASSING TO THE OTHER TWO VSLs IN HIS AREA

GOOD TKS ON CUL

SAID SIGHT THE ORION ABT HOUR AGON NIL SINCE THAT

OK FINE TKS AND IN CASE ORION SEES ANYTHING WHAT FREQ U HAVE HIM ON  
PSE

HAVE TOLD THE BALAMARA THAT ORION WILL POSSIBLE CALL UP ON 2182 IF  
WISHES TO GET IN CONTACT

OK FINE THAT ALL TKS AND CU

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VIM DE ACSC REF NGAPARA SIGHTING BUCKET  
PSE PASS FOLLOWING

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NGAPARA/ZMJT

RYC . RCC REQUESTS RECOVERY OF BUCKET IF POSSIBLE  
ACSC 220140Z

R WILCO

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *bcu*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2 - 1085*

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TEXT:

*Panned bucket sighting  
Request recovery if possible -R.*

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ACSC DE VIM 220135GMT  
FM NGAPARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR

SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET FLOATING IN POSITION 39.19S  
143.55E

RGR OM PLS CONFIRM BUCKET

RR CONFIRMED

RGR FINE TKS VM FOR HIS REPORT WE WILL ON PASS TO THE  
RCC AT MELBOUMNE TKS

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VIM DE ACSC HERE ANOTHER FOR BALAMARA OR ONE OF THE OTHERS IN COY  
PSE

BALAMARA/VM4076

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE REQUESTS THAT ON ARRIVAL  
ORIGINAL SEARCH AREA VESSELS TRACK 100DEG TRUE ALONG ESTIMATED  
DRIFT LINE. TARGET FOR SEARCH SURVIVOR LIFEJACKET WRECKAGE  
OIL SLICK. RAAF ORION AIRCRAFT CALLSIGN RESCUE 251 IN SEARCH AREA.  
SEARCH DATUM 3920S 14425E AT 220300GMT. ALSO REQUEST LATEST  
WEATHER REPORT IN AREA INCLUDING ESTIMATED CURRENT AND WATER  
TEMPERATURE IF POSSIBLE. REGARDS ACSC 220045Z

REQUEST ADVZ WHEN PASSED PSE OM

OK

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FROM/TO *Acc*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2 1035-1070*

*AS.*

TEXT:

*EXPLAINED VSL INVOLVED. BALAMALA*

*NAUTICAL*

*HELEN IS.*

*OLION AREA 26 MILE EAST*

*? NEW DATUM - 3920S 14425E. MAY E. 0300Z*

*R2. VLS PRE PROCEED TO E FROM DITCHING POSN.*

*OK.*

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FROM BALAMARA/VM4076  
TWO VLS IN COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS  
X  
NAUTILASS VM4729 AND HELEN -D VM4774  
STILL ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM THE DITCHED AREA  
AND WILL BE SEARCHING THAT AREA ON ARRIVAL OF POSITION

NB... C'SIGNS SUPPLIED FROM HOBARTRADIO AS BALAMARA DID HAVE THE C/S

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VIM DE ACSC RE THE XXX U HAVE RUNNING ON THED DITCHED PLANE  
PLASE AMEND THE BROADCAST TO READ

'VESSELS WITHIN 50 NM RADIUS REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT' ETC ETC INSTEAD  
OF VESSELS IN AREA ETC ETC TKS

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FROM/TO *X Lindal (?)*

AUTHORITY *AUSTRALIA*

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *525-*

CO-ORDINATOR *[Signature]*

TEXT:

*? A/c Bass Strait*

*- Ring DOT (AO) Melbourne  
OK Mes.*

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AMD SEARCH AREA CO-ORDS AS FOLLOWS  
3854S 14351E  
3844S 14439E  
3957S 14525E  
4015S 14404E

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TRANSML AA32900



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc Rec

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 812 - 219

CO-ORDINATOR NS

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TEXT:

Let Nancy Hunt Drift

Do not suggest move on as new datum  
will be outside area - said in view of  
best able info I would suggest to - OK  
will advz new datum for XXX.

He is drift E @ 2k.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Lee Arubonanis*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *03 3284470*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *12/1 1035 Focus*

CO-ORDINATOR

*MS.*

TEXT:

*3913 143.38K.*

*BALONAN about 1 hour from dahan.*

*NANCY HEATH ADU2 SKT 2-3 km E.*



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VIM DE ACSC REF SERCH FOR AIRCRAFT MARSAR 78/1205

YOU HAD QSO WITH BALAMARA/VM4076 EARLIER  
AND HE SAID HE AND 3 OTHER VESSES IN SEARCH

RWEE REQUEST U ASK HIM PSE NAMES OF OTHER VSLs INVOLVED  
AND POSITION OF ALL OF THEM ALSO AREA BEING SEARCHED TKS

AT 0908LT HE CAME AND SAID WAS ABT 2 HOURS FROM THE AREA  
OK TKS IF U GET HIM BACK REQUEST THE OTHER INFO TOO TKS

OK WILL DO

ERE ONE

VKNH NANCYHEATH

ACSC CANBERRA

EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED 2 TO 3 KNOTS

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+RGR TKS COPIED CUL



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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM *10 Rec Me*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2 1023  
Low - 1035**15-*

TEXT:

*CLAY BEACH. How many in area.**Said WR THINK HELEN D+1 + BALMORA + 3.**LAND SEARCH. ON BEACHES. - WANT TO KNOW**How POIN IF POSSIBLE IN CASE BEACH PARTY**See anything for recovery.**I Will endeavour contact w/1 a see where they are.**Gave siting NAVY NORTH ~~BE~~ SET TO BE**ABULD.**ORION IN SEARCH AREA - NO LIGHTS. AS**MON.*

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METVR AA31434

OCEAN FORECAST FOR WATERS 38/50S BETWEEN 141 AND 160E ISSUED 2245Z  
ON 21/10/78.....

PART 1. WARNINGS...  
NIL.

PART 2. SYNOPTIC SITUATION....

A HIGH IS CENTRED NEAR 34S 152E, 1027MB, MOVING SLOWLY EASTWARDS.  
A FRONT EXTENDS FROM 37S 130E TO 43S 144E TO 50S 152E AND IS  
MOVING EAST AT 30KTS.

FORECAST FOR 24 HOURS FROM TIME OF ISSUE...

(1) NORTH OF 42S: VARIABLE WINDS OF LESS THAN 10KTS, TENDING  
NORTHWESTERLY IN THE SOUTH AT 10-15KTS. SLIGHT SEAS RISING TO  
MODERATE.

(2) SOUTH OF 42S EAST OF THE FRONT: NORTHWEST WINDS, 15-20KTS  
IN THE NORTH, STRENGTHENING TO AVERAGE 20-30KTS IN THE SOUTH.  
MODERATE SEAS RISING TO ROUGH.

(3) SOUTH OF 42S WEST OF THE FRONT: WESTERLY WINDS, INITIALLY  
20-25KTS, GRADUALLY MODERATING. ROUGH SEAS BECOMING TO MODERATE.

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VIM PSE PASS FOLLOWING

MASTER

NANCY HEATH/VKNH

RYC. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SEARCH. FOR FURTHER SEARCH PLANNING  
REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATE OF STRONG EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED IN AREA  
REGARDS ACSC 212232Z

TKS OM#

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ANCYHEATH/VKNH MELBOURNERADIO 21 22 00GMT

ACSC  
CANBERRA VIA VIM

SEARCHED AREA INDICATED IN GOOD VIS AND WEATHER STOP  
RESULT NEGATIVE STOP IF FURTHER SEARCHES  
CARRIED OUT PLEASE NOTE STRONG EASTERLY SEA EXPERIENCED  
AT ABOVE AREA

MASTER

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FROM/TO *See MSL*

AUTHORITY *Rec*

TEL. NO. *03 3384450*

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2 950-1000*

*LS.*

TEXT:

*Arrived Heaving rest Cape off.*

*" " " Cape atway.*

*0913-152, LAST COMM.*



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TRANS AA58067  
ACSC AA62349

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FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO VIM  
DEFNAV CANBERRA  
INFO POLICE MELBOURNE  
POLICE HOBART  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.  
A. MY 211958Z OCT 78  
1. VIM PLS AMEND XXX BROADCAST TO READ AS FOLLOWS AND **B**ROADCAST  
HOURLY RTG/RTF UFN.  
2. X X X DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART BA 1695B. LIGHT AIRCRAFT  
1POB ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN ESTIMATED  
POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z APPROX. VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED  
TO LOOKOUT FOR 1 SURVIVOR IN LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE. AIR AND  
SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.  
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COR BROADCAST LIFEJACKET

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INFO POLICE MELBOURNE  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

A. MY 211958Z OCT 18

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HOURLY RTG/RTF UFN.

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SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 21 29

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *L. O'way*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *12/2. 952-980.*CO-ORDINATOR *ep*

TEXT:

*Crane Siteup.*

*lady heard plane pass  
over about 6:30 to 7:00 PM  
last night but paid no  
attention as normal occur-  
ence.*

*keeper saw plane fly  
towards Melb 9:00 PM last  
night.*



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 21 15

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO 3XY

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2.1 - 952

CO-ORDINATOR *ef*

TEXT:

*Info on a/cft  
referred to soc netb.*





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 21 07

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO: AAR MELB.

TEL. NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 935-947

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR *P*

TEXT:

*Req. info on AFT.**Crave facts & contact airways  
Ops MELB.**Lgn.*

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC AA62553

MELBSAR AA31591

DE VIM 212100Z

MVSL BALAMARA/VM4076 CONTACTED VIM . HER QTH JUST NNW OF KING  
ISLAND AND FEW HOURS FROM ESTIMATED DITCHED POSN OF LIGHT  
AIRCRAFT . SHE REPORTS THREE OTHER VESSELS IN AREA ENGAGED  
IN SEARCH .

FYI .

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ACSC AA62349

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Hobart.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 002-381101.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 888-933.CO-ORDINATOR ed

TEXT:

Ref airt.

Rgn. Police Hobart aware.  
Gave datum for 212000Z  
also fact re MR Oliver of KD  
unaware of new datum. Pls  
to info, also re phoning in  
msg for brief.

Pls alert authorities & fish  
co-ops.

Rgn send telex  
will do.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *D24*AUTHORITY *VIC POL*TEL. NO. *03-6671632*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *13/2.0788*

CO-ORDINATOR

*exo*TEXT: *(INSP. HINDS)*

*Sitrep - pls advise local police  
and fish - co-ops.*

*O.K. Will do!*



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 16 19

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc. net/b.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 800-888  
12/2

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT:

Ref a/cft.

Datum given (39145 14346E)  
last conversation checked & is  
the one - Rgr.

Police Tas info but  
still unsure of D24 - however  
could advise D into D24 and  
alert FITR co-ops.

Rgr will do.

[A.C. Soc. confirmed also  
on other phone]





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 16 03

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc MVB HUGHES AUTHORITY DOT.  
TEL. NO. 03-339- MARSAR NO.  
TAPE REF. 12/2. 819-800. CO-ORDINATOR *RF*

TEXT: *Ref a/cft.*

① Has Police Hobart SAR Div been informed

② D24 been informed.

Rgn not aware if Police Hobart been infod but THINKS so and D24 not infod - but why D24 -

Explained now new SP. mid l. O'way - l. Wickham therefore assistance from F.V315 & F. loops thru D24 also told him when KD boat owner (Oliver) rings in msg will have to give him new SP. Datum - 40m from Lennie's Datum Soc has 3914S 14346E Orion to search 20m radius round.

Beast to rescue during msg. Soc requested V315 in area

Soc has just come on & vague on Sit.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 14 18

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *See Amml*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF

*783 - 788*

CO-ORDINATOR

*VSD*TEXT: *Amended S.P. 328°T Cape Wickham 27m**20 0915Z**(21)**Will have OK10W to search area Am.  
+ light off coastal.**Will have bay/sherman search 10 miles  
around new datum.**Said to use drift (S/E, W/E) of abt 100/6nm  
at 212000Z.*







DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP  
SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 2

SEARCH RADIUS AREA FOR

212000 GMT

DRIFT ERROR

(d<sub>e</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

DISTRESS CRAFT POSITION ERROR (FIX + DR)

15 + 15% of 45

(X) 21.75 NM

SEARCH CRAFT POSITION ERROR

(Y) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

TOTAL PROBABLE ERROR OF POSITION (c)

$$\sqrt{d_e^2 + X^2 + Y^2}$$

21.75 NM

SAFETY FACTOR FOR THIS SEARCH

(f<sub>s</sub>) 1.1

SEARCH RADIUS (R) = (c) × (f<sub>s</sub>)

(R) 23.9 NM

ROUNDED UP

24

AREA COVERAGE

SEARCH OBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

CLOUD BASE \_\_\_\_\_ FT

VISIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_ M/KM

WIND \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CLOUD COVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ %

SEARCH HEIGHT

\_\_\_\_\_ FT

SEARCH HEIGHT

\_\_\_\_\_ FT

UNCORRECTED SWEEP WIDTH

(W<sub>u</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

(W<sub>u</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

WHITECAP CORRECTION FACTOR

(f<sub>w</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_

(f<sub>w</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_

CLOUD COVERAGE FACTOR

(f<sub>c</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_

(f<sub>c</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_

SWEEP WIDTH

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

COVERAGE FACTOR DESIRED

(C) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_

TRACK SPACING DESIRED  $\frac{W}{C}$

(S) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

(S) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

PROBABILITY OF DETECTION

(P) \_\_\_\_\_

(P) \_\_\_\_\_

Computed by *[Signature]*

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

3931 S. 14354E

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP  
SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 4

		2109 20		2120 00			
T/I			10.6 HRS.				
W/N.	315/5		315/5 →		PLAT ↓		
SEA CURRENT	100/.5 KTS		15 KTS. 100/5.333		100/5.33		
WIND CURRENT	20° L		10.5 KTS 115/.53 →		115/.53		
MIN. LEEWAY							
MAX. LEEWAY							





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *See Ammel*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*15/2 707-753**VSD*

TEXT:

*Helend + 1 other boat going out at  
first light from Leville up West  
coast then NW of Cape Whitham 10mm  
Lt. Oliver in charge. will ring ACSC  
for assessment of drift so he can  
reducer search.*

*Said forecast was for a SE change  
about 1000 local.*



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

REF YOUR LAST RE BOTANY CHEMIST VESSEL BIT FAR TO NORTH SO PLS  
THANK MASTER BUT RELEASE HIM FROM FURTHER ACTION

WILL CO TKS

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553V

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'78 OCT 21 12 46

MIP

ACSC AA62553  
MELBSAR AA31591

BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYN NR3 MELBOURNERADIO 21 1237GMT

ACSC  
CANBERRA

1230GMT POSITION 3849S 1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE  
MASTER

+RGR SEC WHILE I CHECK  
WILL CHECK WITH SOC AS THIS FELLOW MAY BE ABLE TO HELP AS WELL

IN MEANTIME PLS SUSPEND XXX UNTIL FIRST SKEDS IN AM AND WE WILL  
ADVISE YOU OF INTERVAL

OK CUL THEN

RGR#

MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553



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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) Sol Amme

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 033392476

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 646 - 707

CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Peculiar transcript. Saw things 5 mins  
after dep Cape Otway at 0903Z. Then  
came rough engine then nothing.  
Request block out some sort of drift location  
of King Island. How drift goes  
for somebody in life jacket  
Station 335 kept black train 10 nm. <sup>search time</sup> 2000Z  
w/v Lt. NW @ 5 knots. 315/35.

seeing things 5-6 mins after Otway  
about 0906-0907.

0913 repd ruff engine

shortly after no comms





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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO *Soe Amml*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *0333 92476*

MARSAR NO.

TYPE REF. *1372 889 - 619*

CO-ORDINATOR *VJD*

TEXT: *Vis V good bape Wickham to bape Otway  
Another He to run around K.I.*

*He was orbiting when he saw <sup>UFO</sup> object.  
Report Nancy Heath go <sup>10 05</sup> ~~10~~ min N of bape  
Wickham. <sup>100yds if Prob.</sup> 335°T - 10 miles  
Meat <sub>ES</sub>*

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

LS PASS FLWG MSG TO MASTER NANCY HEATH  
MASTER  
NANVYHEATH/VKNH  
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THROUGH A POSITION 335 DEGS TRUE  
CAPE WICKHAM LIGHT 5 NAUTICAL MILES THE MOST PROBABLE POSITION  
OF THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IF IT IS DOWN IN THE SEA AND THE IF  
NOTHING SIGHTED PLS RESUME COURSE TO DESTINATION  
REGARDS ACSC CANBERRA 211140Z OCT 78

OK OM  
OK WILL ONPASS

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

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GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

PLS THANK FOLLOWING VESSELS AND REQUEST THEY PROCEED

VJMV VMBD VKGH ZMJT

OTHERS MAY STILL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

TKS OM

OK TKS WILL DO

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553





## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM <sup>TO</sup> *Grassy K.I. Police*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *21211*  
*004 6112113*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*13/2 625 - 545**VDD*TEXT: *Enginering alert light off*

*yes. husband gone to airport as ATC  
Melle put them on alert for off due  
to land with rough engine. Has been  
trying to contact husband by radio  
but no joy.*

*Suggested she contact Firebrigade who  
would also have radio.*

*She said she would & ask them  
to report status.*

*Rgn will ring back.*

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

STILLWANT US TO HANG ON ?

NO THORT U SAID SEC NOT ME

URE PROBLY RITE STI OM CULTR⊕

MELBSAR AA31591

⊕⊕⊕ AA62553

DDVBI WAY VKNH RECKONS HE WILL BE AT LINE 11PM LT

OK OM WILL PSASS TO SOC MELB AND GET LATEST CU⊕

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ACSC AA62553

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC AA62553  
MELBSAR AA31591

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DE VIM

NGAPARA ZMJT PSN 2000LT GOOSE ISLAND LIGHT BEARING  
050 DEGS 14 MILES CSE 293 DEGS SPEED 11 KNOTTS STOP  
NO SIGHTINGS OR HEARINGS

SAFOCEAN ALBANY POSITION 2000LT TWO MILES NORTH RONDONDO  
ISLAND FROM SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE COURSE 277 TRUE SPEED  
17 STANDING BY VHF CHANNEL 16

SEC





MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO G. Oliver

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 204 621368

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 502 - 525

VJD

TEXT:

no boats in area. Usually  
Apollo Bay boats or Bankers boats  
but last boat left yesterday. That  
is Cape Wickham.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 10 49

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) <i>Tasman Sea Foods</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. <i>Smithton - McHewson</i>	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>004521496</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>WJD</i>
<i>13/2 471 - 502</i>	

TEXT: *No Smithton boats in area as all in port.*

*Alcalone Queen*  
*Loell Barry Funnell - 004 621447*  
*(copy file) Graham Allen - 621368*  
*(copy file) Leo Newman 621176*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Hm Laurie.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *004 621 493*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*13/2 471 -*

*VSD*

TEXT: *Nothing heard.*

*Hm Grassy*

*004 621 493*

*Nothing heard.*



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FROM NANCYHEATH VKNH

WHEN WAS AIRCRAFT LAST SIGHTED OR LEAVE OTWAY OR ANY OTHER  
RELEVANT DETAILS PLS ?

RGR LAST REPORT ESTIMATED TO BE 5-10MILES NORTH WEST OF CAPE  
WICKHAM HEADING SOUTH X COMMS WERE LOST SHORTLY AFTER SO SOC  
IS NOT SURE WHETHER AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON TO KING ISLABD OR ATTEMPTED  
TO RETURN TO CAPE OTWAY X AT MOM SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR SO  
NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR VKNH X HOWEVER WE FEEL HE MAY BE ASKED TO DO  
ONE SWEEP FOM ABOVE POSIT TO KING IS AHEN HE GETS THERE  
BY THE WAY PLS DROPS XXX TO HOURLY NOW

OK WILL DO TKS WILL ON PASS VKNH







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FROM TO SOC MGR B  
TEL. NO. 03 33 92476

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TAPE REF

13/2 393-471

TEXT: advised SOC of ship which reported their point.

Rgr. r/c reported UFO above him, then rough running engine as afterthoughts.

Sol's EST Point 5-10 nm NW of Cape Melkham  
at 0915Z

Requested we ask local fishing boats operating in area if anything seen or heard

Rgr

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VKNH 3902S 14416.5E CO 277 SPEED 12 KNOTS *Nancy Heath*

VJMV 40.08S 146.02E CSE 328 16 KTS 1000Z BRYBANETRADER

VMBD 3909S 14542E 102 T 10.5 KTS AT 1000Z *Iron Whysalla*

VKGH 211000Z 40.14S 146.43E CSE 023 T 13.8 KTS *Goat*

VLKG 211000Z 37.51S 140.02E CO 144 SPEED 16 KTS *Iron monarch*  
CCN TIME 210930Z

MNY TKS WILL ADVISE SOC MELBOURNE AND DECIDE NEXT ACTION X  
UOK OK MANI TKS CUL

VKNH MAY PROCEED TO A POSSIYION ON THE LINE CAPE OTWAY TO KING  
ISLAND AND WHEN SHE REACHES THERE IF U WILL ASK HER TO ADVISE US  
WE MAY HAVE SUM EMPLOYMENT FOR HER IF SHE IS WILLING

OK WILL TELL EM TO LET US KNOW WHEN I N QTH

TKS OM CULTR  
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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: *SOE AmML*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF:

CO-ORDINATOR

*386 Not taped**VJD*

*Manlykally*  
TEXT: *One in close to Cape Otway  
then south to Cape Wickham.  
A/c probably around north tip  
of King Island & unlikely to  
have turned back.*

*In that case we might wait a while  
before directing Manlykally.*

*Yes agreed*

*Sold him XXX broadcast thru VIM.  
Iks.*



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GE OM DE ACSC XXX MSG COMING ABOUT LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING  
ISLAND BELIEVE NANCYHEATH/VKNH MAY BE IN VIVINITY X CAN U GIVE  
HER A CALL AND ASK FOR POSIT AND IF ANYTHING HEARD OF AIRCRAFT  
EN ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND

SEC AVE CALLED VKNH OR WILL CALL U BAK ALSO WILL DELAY  
MY OCEAN FCAST TILL U U CUM UP

MNY TKS OM

SEC VKNH NOW

QTH EXACTLY CENTRED ABEAM PORT PHILLIP BAY

~~BB~~STKS HAVE U GOT THE XXX

YES SEC

BROADCAST HOURLY ?

HALF HOURLY

OK TKS CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING IS.

1. VIM PLS BCASST FOLLOWING URGENCY MESSAGE RTG/RTF ON RECEIPT AND HALF HOURLY UFN
  2. X X X AUSTRALIA SOUTH COAST CHART AUS422 SINGLE ENGINED LIGHT AIRCRAFT ENROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND NOW OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND. ONE PERSON ONBOARD
- SHIPS IN AREA ARE REQUESTED TO PASS POSITION COURSE AND SPEED AND MAKE HEARING OR SIGHTING REPORTS

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FROM/TO *ATC Ops Melb*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

*13/2 363-386*

CO-ORDINATOR

*VJ*

TEXT:

*Distress Phase on Lt. Ape Wendell  
to King Islands*

*King Island & Cape Otway*

*Single Eng C182 VH-DST*

*.KI via Cape Otway. Rough number  
motor due KI 0928 ~~h~~*

*1 P.O.B.*