RESEARCH SUMMARY

CRUISE FR 1/92

Sailed	Sydney	2200 hrs	Tuesday	21 January 1992
Called	Watsons Bay	0800 hrs	Friday	24 January 1992
Called	Watsons Bay	1600 hrs	Sunday	26 January 1992
Called	Watsons Bay	0900 hrs	Wednesday	29 January 1992
Arrived	Sydney	1400 hrs	Friday	31 January 1992

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TRACING SEWAGE IN SYDNEY'S COASTAL WATERS AND SEDIMENTS USING ORGANIC MARKERS

Phase II

Post Commissioning of the Deep Ocean Outfall

Research Summary

Franklin Cruise FR 1/92

Sydney Outfall Studies

Scientific Objectives

The study was designed to repeat sampling and subsequent chemical analyses for sites examined during the Division's 1989 cruise aboard Franklin in Sydney's nearshore waters. The 1989 work was undertaken before the commissioning of the deep ocean outfalls. The expanded 1992 program repeats the earlier sampling after the three deep ocean outfalls had been commissioned (1991). In time, comparison of results outlined for the two cruises will enable the impact of the deep ocean outfalls to be better assessed.

- To determine the distribution, fate and impact of Sydney's sewage effluent using combined chemical, microbiological and physical oceanographic data.
- To collect water and sediment and related samples for laboratory determinations of organic marker compounds, other chemical and biological parameters and indicator micro-organisms.
- To determine the physical oceanographic features of near-shore coastal waters adjacent to Sydney, with particular reference to major deep water sewage outfalls.

Cruise Objectives

- Conduct regular CTD stations and underway ADCP measurements along the cruise track.
- Deploy and recover chemistry moorings, one at site of DOOM and one at DOOB.
- Collect water and sediments at stations adjacent to the NSW east coast in the Sydney region. Multiple casts will be required at a large number of stations.
- Collect underway surface water temperature, salinity pH and fluorescence data.
- Conduct daily ADCP transects to the 1000 m contour in addition to the continuous ADCP measurements routinely performed.
- Provide appropriate sample collection and preparation facilities for external
 organisations (ANSTO, metals; CSIRO Centre for Advanced Analytical Chemistry,
 rapid detection methods; Sydney Water Board, viruses and microbiology; NSW
 State Pollution Control Commission, Oceanography, microbiology; University of
 Western Sydney, Microbiology) undertaking collaborative studies with the Division
 of Oceanography.

Cruise Summary

For convenience this report divides the FR1/92 cruise into four legs:

- leg 1: Sydney to Jervis Bay and return comprising two sections (T1,T2) to the 1000m contour
- leg 2: Sydney to Malabar and return including three sections (T3,T5,T7) to the 1000m contour. Two chemistry moorings were deployed in the vicinity of the Bondi and Malabar deep ocean outfalls (Table 1).
- leg 3: Sydney to Bondi and Malabar vicinity and return with three sections to 1000m (T6, T8, T10) and one 10 nautical mile section from the mouth of Botany Bay (T4).
- leg 4: Sydney to Bondi and North Head regions and return with two sections to 1000m (T9, T11) and one 5 nautical mile section off Dee Why Point (T12). The two moorings were recovered prior to commencing the transect. An additional personnel change was made on the last day of the cruise prior to conducting a final two stations within Sydney Harbour at Watsons Bay and Farm Cove.

Cruise tracks for the four legs are shown in Figures 1-5, with Figure 2 illustrating the position of all transects in the Sydney area.

Leg 1

Two east-west transects were undertaken, one commencing inside Jervis Bay (T1) and the second south of Jervis Bay (T2, Fig 1).

Station details (all legs):

- 1. CTD dip(s) with samples taken for hydrology (2-4 depths or more) and other chemical and biological assays.
- 2. Grab sample for sediment

Further details on station location and samples collected are provided in Table 2.

The station positions were chosen based on their occupation on a previous RV Franklin cruise (FR 13/89; Cresswell 1989).

Aquisition of ADCP data was commenced on leg 1 upon leaving Sydney Harbour and was continued for the duration of the cruise. Current and salinity and temperature data will only be referred to briefly in this summary. For further details on both ADCP measurements and a preliminary description of salinity and temperature features from FR 1/92 refer to Cresswell and Peterson (1992).

Leg 2

On departing Sydney Harbour two small chemistry moorings were deployed in the vicinity of the Malabar and Bondi deep ocean outfalls (DOOM, M2 and DOOB, M1; Table 1, Figure 3). Both moorings comprised a dual chamber sediment trap (4m from bottom), dialysis bags containing either triolein, hexane or octanol for concentrating dissolved organics (4m, CSIRO CAAL) and a Seastar *in situ* water sampler (3m) which collects both particulate and dissolved material. Both moorings were fitted with Seastar acoustic releases. The moorings were designed so that all chemical instrumentation could be suspended under the rear A-frame during deployment.

Following mooring deployment CTD sections were performed with sampling details as for leg 1 and as given in Table 2. Multiple dips were required at many stations. Sections were completed in the following order:

Section T3, west to east, mouth of Botany Bay to 1000m contour. Stations were undertaken at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 nautical miles (nm) from the shore and at the 1000m contour. Franklin then steamed inshore to commence T7.

Section T7, west to east, Stations as for T3 with additional stations at 10 and 15 nm. This section reoccupied stations undertaken on cruise FR 13/89 (Nichols and Bavor, 1989). Of particular interest was the observation of a strong transmissometer signal at stations 28-31 (Figure 6). All stations are north of DOOM and the result is consistent with the observed inshore northerly current based on ADCP measurements (Cresswell and Peterson, 1992). T7 was also the transect concentrated on by external collaborators aboard Franklin on leg 2 (Table 2, see also Appendix). Surface water fluorescence, temperature and salinity plots for section T7 (Figure 7) indicate several of the oceanographic features described in Cresswell and Peterson (1992). Of interest is the occurrence of lower salinity surface water between stations 28 and 29 (close to DOOM). Fluorescence generally decreased along the section, although higher fluorescence was associated with cooler waters observed at station 34 (10 nm).

Upon completion of section T7, we steamed south approximately 2 miles and commenced Section T5. Five stations (0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4 nm) were first occupied in an east to west direction, with the sixth station (5 nm) following. As for section T7, this section (T5) occupied stations previously undertaken on cruise FR13/89. Franklin then steamed to Watsons Bay for personnel changeover prior to commencement of leg 3.

Leg 3

Section T10 was commenced (west to east) with stations undertaken as for Section T7 (Figure 4). This section again reoccupied stations from cruise FR13/89. On finishing CTD stations along T10, Franklin steamed back inshore along T10 then proceeded south to commence section T8 (west to east).

Section T8 was completed (stations 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 nm and 1000m contour). Franklin then proceeded south and completed sections T6 (east to west) and T4 west to east. The latter section was to 5nm only offshore.

In addition to the CTD sections the rubber duck was deployed at six stations (43,48,51,52,57,60) during leg 3 for collection of surface waters for metal assays (ANSTO).

On completing section T4 we steamed again to Watsons Bay for further personnel changes.

Leg 4

The two chemistry moorings were successfully recovered at the commencement of leg 4. The acoustic release for M1 (DOOB) did not release and the mooring was recovered by using the surface float line (added to the mooring as a safety measure). M2 released as expected. The sediment trap for M2 was recovered inverted and appeared to have tangled with other components of the mooring upon deployment. Care will be required with future similar moorings to ensure this is avoided. The particulate matter samples obtained from the Seastar water samples (over 500L filtered at both sites) were both very rich and had a distinctive sewage odor, suggesting transport of sewage effluent material is occuring in bottom waters.

Three CTD sections (Figure 5) were then undertaken as follows:

Section T9 (west to east) with stations at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 nm and at the 1000m contour. This section occupied stations performed on cruise FR13/89.

Section T11 (east to west) with stations as for section T9.

Section T12 off Dee Why Point (west to east) with stations at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5nm. Upon completion of CTD stations on section T12, a number of ADCP sections (both west to east and east to west) were performed for calibration purposes along this section.

Further personnel were picked up at Watsons Bay on the final day of the cruise. Two stations were undertaken within Sydney Harbour at Watsons Bay and Farm Cove. These two stations were performed to provide information on material entering Sydney's coastal waters from estuarine environments.

Franklin docked at White Bay, Balmain at 1400. Visitors from the NSW State Pollution Control Commission, the Sydney Water Board and Naval architects were provided with tours of the vessel.

General comment

The temperature and salinity data from the CTD casts and the current data from the ADCP have been examined in a preliminary manner (Cresswell and Peterson 1992). The oceanographic features that they revealed in the Sydney area included an East Australian Current eddy, a northward undercurrent, mid shelf currents that appeared independent of those further on and off shore, nearshore currents, a slope water intrusion that reached the inner half of the shelf, and a cold filament of water that had upwelled as much as 100 miles further north and was advected southward along the edge of the eddy.

It will be some months before all the data and samples collected during the cruise are analysed in detail. Together the data from this multidisciplinary study will provide a wealth of information on the complex interaction of the chemistry, physics and biology (in particular microbiology) in Sydney's coastal water. These results will aid future management strategies and decisions to be made on the disposal of Sydney's sewerage effluent.

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Leg 1	January 21-24	Leg 3	January 26-29
Leg 2	January 24-26	Leg 4	January 29-31

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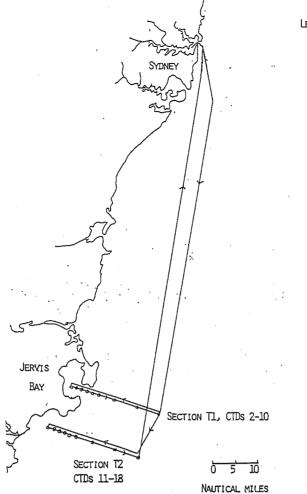


Figure 1 Cruise track leg 1. Numbers indicate sections and stations (Table 2)

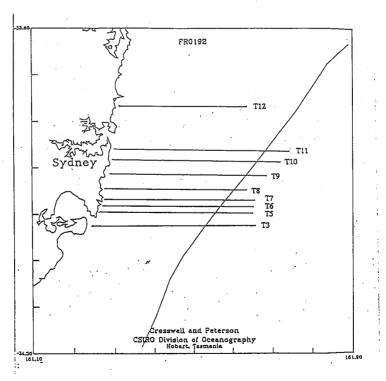


Figure 2. Sydney survey area showing positions of all transects undertaken on legs 2-4 (from Cresswell and Peterson, 1992)

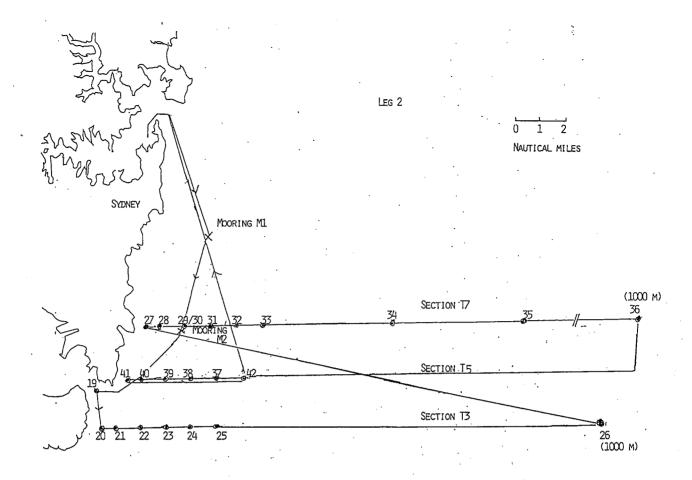


Figure 3. Cruise track leg 2. Numbers indicate sections and stations (Table 2) and moorings (Table 1).

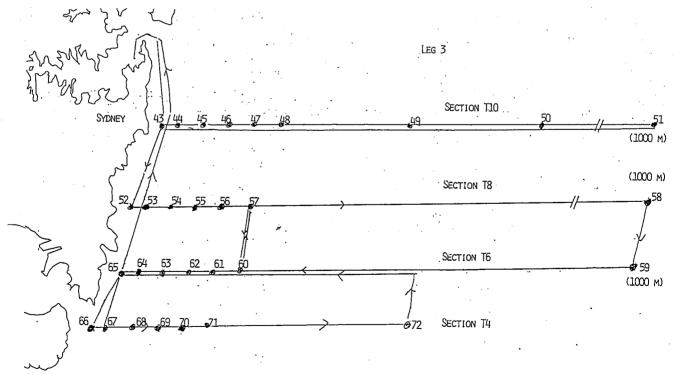


Figure 4. Cruise track leg 3. Numbers indicate sections and stations (Table 2)

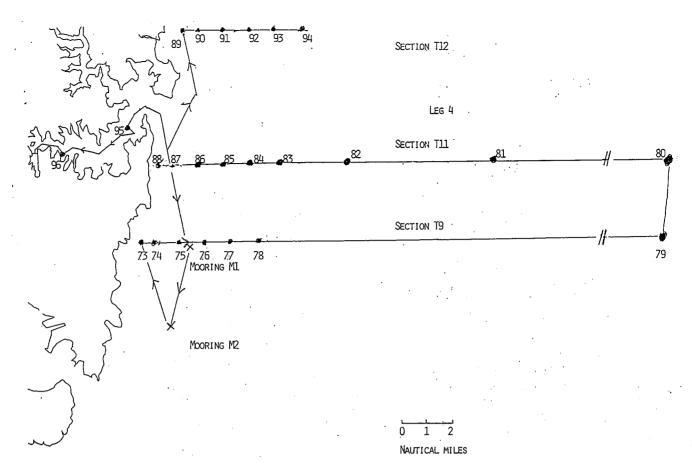


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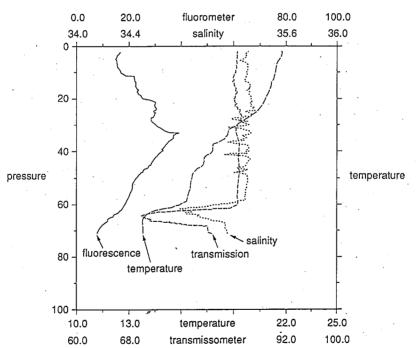


Figure 6. CTD profiles of temperature, fluorescence, salinity and transmission for station 30

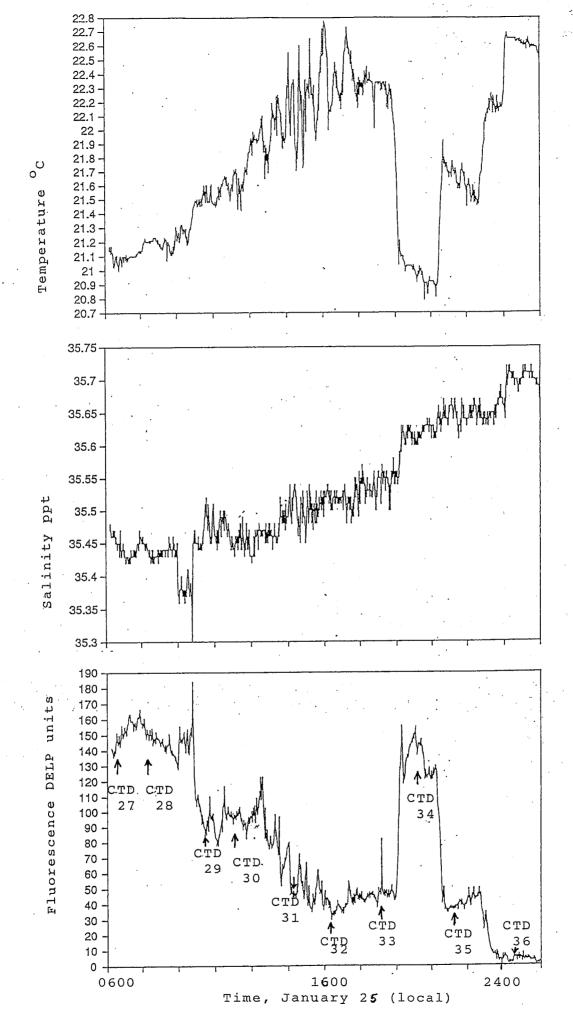


Figure 7. Section T7 (west to east) surface water fluorescence, salinity and temperature. Station positions as shown

Table 1: Mooring details

Number	Location*	Equipment
M1	33°55.02'S 151°18.40'E (Bondi)	Acoustic release, Seastar water sampler, sediment trap, dissolved organics concentrating equipment
M2.	33°58 21'S 151° 17.64'E (Malabar)	Acoustic release, Seastar water sampler, sediment trap, dissolved organics concentrating equipment

Abbreviations

ADCP	Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
ANSTO	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
CTD	Conductivity, Temperature, depth
DOOM	Deep Ocean Outfall Malabar
DOOB	Deep Ocean Outfall Bondi
SPCC	State Pollution Control Commission (NSW

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Appendix

External collaborators - brief project details (see Table 2 for site locations)

CSIRO Centre for Advanced Analytical Chemistry (leg 2)

- 1. Solvent filled dialysis cells were successfully deployed at two moorings located close to the Malabar and Bondi deep ocean outfalls. Following sample analysis, the following information will be obtained:
- (i) a comparison of the dialysis and Seastar preconcentration methods for monitoring organic pollutants (in collaboration with CSIRO Oceanography, Hobart)
- (ii) a field comparison of hexane, octanol and triolein as in situ preconcentration solvents
- (iii) time-integrated concentrations of "bioavailable" organochlorine pollutants discharged from the outfalls
- 2. A rapid fluorimetric assay for faecal coliforms, based on the detection of beta-galactosidase activity, was set up onboard ship. Satisfactory operation was maintained over three days. Depth profiles of enzyme activity were obtained at each CTD station sampled during Leg 2. Preliminary inspection of results indicated that the assay data is consistent with the hydrographic data on plume dispersal. Data to be provided by the University of Western Sydney and Sydney Water Board will allow correlation of the assay results with microbiological parameters such as faecal coliforms.

Sydney Water Board (Leg 2)

An intensive three day study of the water column and sediments from the Malabar offshore area was carried out in collaboration with the CSIRO Division of Oceanography as part of the post-commissioning program of the Malabar deep ocean outfall.

The aims of the study are to investigate the distribution and survival of health-related microorganisms in the water column and examine the role marine sediments may play in storing and resuspending micro-organisms in the water column.

The CTD was used to collect 120L of water at selected sites (surface and bottom samples). The samples were then ultrafiltrated to 1.2L. The concentrated water sample was used for human virus (Enteroviruses, Adenoviruses, Reoviruses) and bacterial testing. The membrane filtration method was used to enumerate and identify indicator bacteria (faecal coliforms, faecal streptococci and *Clostridium perfringens* spores) and the bacteriophage MS2. Sediment samples were also collected at the same sites by the use of a sediment grab. Virus and bacterial testing was also carried out on these samples.

University of Western Sydney (Leg 2)

Standard Methods - Membrane Filtration (APHA) were used to enumerate faecal caliform populations (a routinely used bacterial assay to indicate recent sewage contamination in water) in surface and bottom water samples for the following sampling stations:

20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 (no sample), 41 and 42.

Samples were collected, filtered and incubated in transit (note - samples 38, 37 and 42 were refrigerated at 4°C and filtered upon arrival at the Water Research Laboratory, UWS-Hawkesbury, approximately 5 hrs following collection). Typical colonies were confirmed from positive plates, onshore in the laboratory.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (Leg 3)

Broad project objectives were to:

- 1. To collect particulate trace metals samples for the determination of concentration transects seawards form the Sydney coastline for a range of trace heavy metals.
- 2. To characterise the nature of marine particulates in the Sydney coastal region both away from and associated with the Sydney deep-water sewage effluent outfalls.
- 3. To determine the reactivity of particular bound iron species forming surface coatings on natural particular matter.
- 4. To elucidate the kinetics and mechanisms involved in phase transformations of natural and terriginous marine particles in the Sydney coastal region through the interpretation of data regarding the nature, composition and oceanic residence times of these particles in association with other ancillary oceanographic data (pH, salinity, dissolved oxygen, light, currents and dissolved organic matter).

Surface water was collected using Go-Flo bottles deployed from the rubber dinghy at selected stations. In addition sediment was obtained from the Smith MacIntyre grab. Both types of samples will be analysed for a wide range of metals.

NSW State Pollution Control Commission (Leg 3)

The aim of this study was to obtain a regular array of microbiological assays to compliment the CSIRO CTD/fluorometer/transmissometer casts and sewage tracer (coprostanol) sampling. These samples were collected in duplicate during legs 2-4, and have undergone subsequent analysis.

The SPCC conducted a parallel experiment which included a month long deployment of 5 current meter moorings, and an intensive 2 day experiment (during leg 4) tracing and sampling effluent from DOOM. Samples from the labelled effluent plume will be analysed for ammonia (AIMS), coprostanol (CSIRO) and microbiological indicators including *Clostridium perfringens*. Analysis of this experiment will be done in consultation with the complementary FR1/92 data.

Electronics Section Cruise Report: Technician: P Adams

Exabyte Tape Drives

The Exabyte tape drives were picked up from Karinsky's, in Sydney, after a ROM update, and reinstalled on the boat.

The drives did not function correctly due to:

- 1. The ROM update was not compatible with the Vax tape driver
- 2. Bus terminator resistors had been inserted during testing and not removed
- 3. The drive ID number had been changed during testing and hadn't been restored

After rectifying the above the Unit functioned correctly for the rest of the cruise.

Acoustic Releases/Moorings

Seastar Acoustic Releases were tested and installed on two shallow moorings. One unit, serial No R20J03 would not communicate with the deck unit and had to be recovered with the anchor still attached.

Ship's Intercom

This became very noisy during the cruise. The amplifier boards were removed, cleaned and reinstalled, fixing the problem.

GO Block

Upon initial testing the displays would register nothing but zero's. Large amounts of corrosion were found on the connector to the electronics board on the block itself. This connector was removed and a flying connector was installed in it's place. This enabled the rate to function correctly but not cable out.

A faulty hall effect transducer was drilled out and a makeshift part manufactured with parts sent from Hobart.

The block was installed and tested for cable out and cable rate. The strain indicator was not working, however this parameter has not been available from some time due to the missing cable angle arm.

CTD System

The NEC Pinwriter proved to be very fragile regarding the paper feed mechanism.

Approximately 15% of the time the paper appeared to stick to the platen at the end of the station when the screen dump had finished. This did not generate any error messages and when the bottle firing file was printed out, it would jam.

No fault could be found with the printer feed mechanism.

One possible cause of the problem is the large temperature and humidity variations within the OP's room causing the moisture content in the printer paper to change, this is not helped when the doors are left open in an attempt to maintain a comfortable working temperature.

NEC APCIV

The Compaq portable computer and EGA screen were returned to Hobart after all files and relevant software had been backed up.

A NEC APCIV was installed in it's place. All relevant software was installed on this machine along with all files from the Compaq.

Electronics Documentation

The manual listing for the electronics section was updated and new shelving was installed in the workshop to accommodate the data books. Some obsolete manuals were returned to Hobart.