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Executive Summary

NorthConnex is a new multi-lane road link project, joining the M1 Pacific Motorway (formerly known as the F3 Sydney-Newcastle Expressway) at North Wahroonga and the Hills M2 Motorway at Baulkham Hills.

The Project has the following purposes:

- Construction and operation of two road tunnels for traffic traveling north - south between the M1 Pacific Motorway and the Hills M2 Motorway.
- M2 integration works.
- Construction of access points and improvements to intersections and interchanges in the vicinity of NorthConnex.
- Construction of ventilation facilities.
- Motorway control Centre.
- 11 temporary construction facilities to support the construction of the proposal.

Ecotech Pty Ltd has been commissioned by Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture for air quality monitoring, data collection and reporting at six external ambient air quality monitoring stations: Ashley Avenue AQM (Air Quality Monitoring), Carden Park AQM, Headen Park AQM, James Park AQM, Larchmont Place AQM and Thornleigh Golf Centre AQM.

1.0 Introduction

Ecotech Pty Ltd was commissioned by Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture to provide monitoring and data reporting for the NorthConnex ambient air quality and weather monitoring network, located as detailed in Table 1. Ecotech commenced data collection in October 2018.

This report presents the available data for August 2021.

The data presented in this report:

- Describes air quality measurements;
- Compares monitoring results;
- Has been quality assured;
- Conforms with NATA accreditation requirements, where applicable.

2.0 Monitoring and Data Collection

2.1. Siting Details

The NorthConnex Project monitoring network consists of six ambient air quality and weather monitoring stations. The station locations and siting details are described below.

Table 1: NorthConnex Project Monitoring Site Locations

Site Name	Geographical Coordinates	Height Above Sea Level (m)
Ashley Avenue	33°45'13.87" S, 151°2'45.11" E	126
Carden Park	33°42'48.15" S, 151°6'33.10" E	187
Headen Park	33°43'29.42" S, 151°4'44.38" E	175
James Park Hornsby	33°42'2.28" S, 151°6'48.59" E	175
Larchmont Place	33°45'24.12" S, 151°2'46.97" E	110
Thornleigh Golf Centre	33°43'28.06" S, 151°5'11.99" E	182

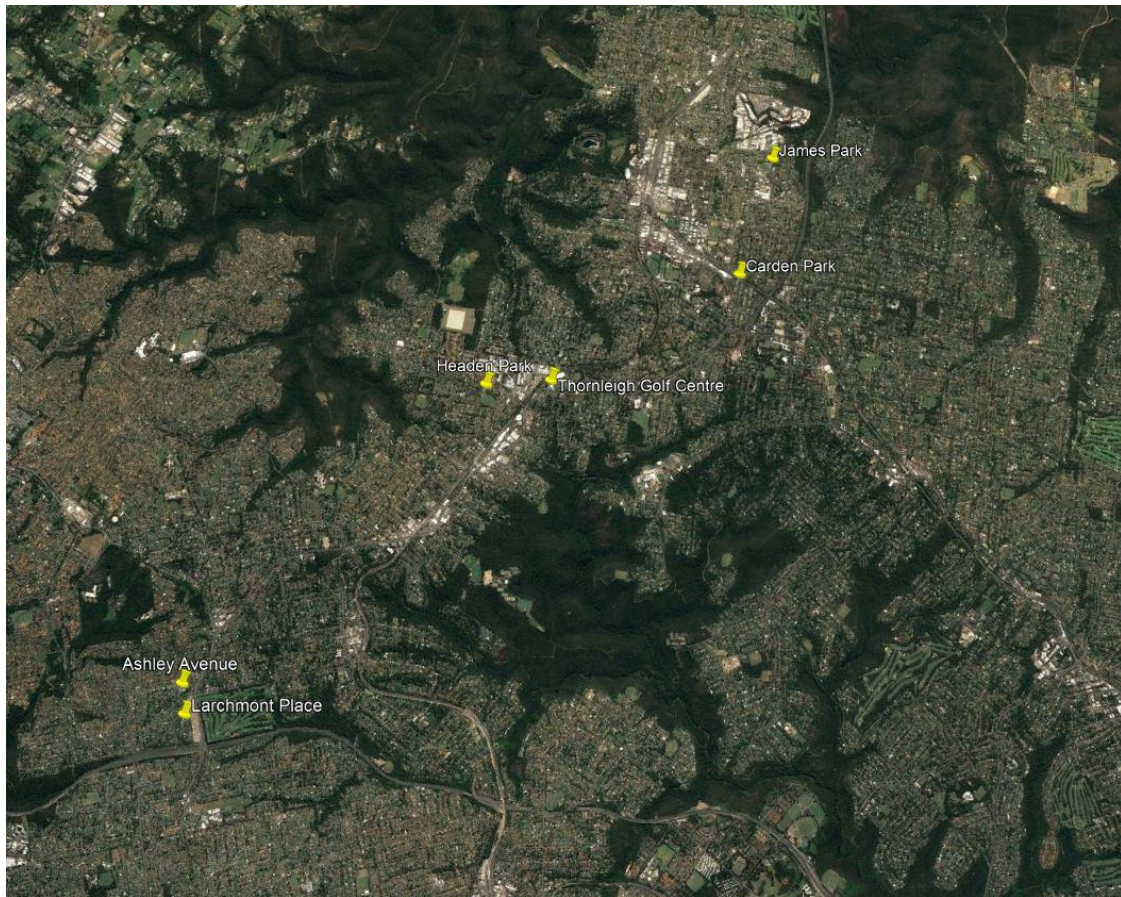


Figure 1: NorthConnex Project Monitoring Station Locations

Stations are audited against the guidelines and mandatory requirements in the standards below, as relevant:

- *AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016 "Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – guide to siting air monitoring equipment".*
- *AS/NZS 3580.14:2014 "Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring applications".*

Audits against *AS/NZS 3580.1.1 2016* were conducted at all sites. Audit results are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2. Monitoring Station Siting Audit Against AS/NZS 3580.1.1 2016

Site Name	Audit date	Site classification	All guidelines met?	Deviations from guidelines
Ashley Avenue	16/12/20	Neighbourhood	Yes	No
Carden Park	16/12/20	Neighbourhood	Yes	No
Headen Park	16/12/20	Neighbourhood	Yes	No
James Park Hornsby	15/12/20	Peak	Yes	No
Larchmont Place	16/12/20	Neighbourhood	No	Trees
Thornleigh Golf Centre	16/12/20	Peak	No	Trees

Audits against AS/NZS 3580.14 2014 were conducted at all sites. Audit results are detailed in Table 3.

Table 3. Monitoring Station Siting Audit Against AS/NZS 3580.14 2014

Site Name	Audit date	All requirements met	All guidelines met?	Deviations from guidelines
Ashley Avenue	16/12/20	Yes	Yes	No
Carden Park	16/12/20	Yes	Yes	No
Headen Park	16/12/20	Yes	Yes	No
James Park Hornsby	15/12/20	Yes	Yes	No
Larchmont Place	16/12/20	Yes	Yes	No
Thornleigh Golf Centre	16/12/20	Yes	Yes	No

2.2. Monitored Parameters

Table 4 below details the parameters monitored and the instruments used at the NorthConnex Project monitoring stations. Sampling of all parameters is continuous. For meteorological sensors, the elevation given in the table below is the height above ground level at the monitoring station. For gaseous and particulate parameters, the elevation given in the table below is the sample inlet height above ground level at the monitoring station. Appendix 1 defines any abbreviated parameter names used throughout the report.

Table 4: Parameters Measured at the NorthConnex Project Monitoring Stations

Station(s)	Parameter Measured	Instrument and Measurement Technique	Elevation
Ashley Avenue Carden Park Headen Park James Park Larchmont Place Thornleigh Golf Centre	CO	Ecotech Serinus 30 – NDIR gas filter correlation infrared photometry	2 m
	NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	Ecotech Serinus 40 – gas phase chemiluminescence	2 m
	PM _{2.5}	Met One BAM 1020 – Beta ray attenuation	2 m
	PM ₁₀	Thermo – 1405 TEOM (Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance)	2 m
	Ambient Temperature	Met One 062MP	2 m
	Ambient Temperature	Met One 062MP	10 m
	Wind Speed (horizontal)	Gill Windsonic Op3	10 m
	Wind Direction	Gill Windsonic Op3	10 m
	Sigma	Calculation	-

2.3. Data Collection Methods

Table 5 below shows the methods used for data collection.

Table 5: Methods

Parameter Measured	Data Collection Methods Used	Description of Method
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	AS/NZS 3580.5.1 –1993 ¹	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air - Method 5.1: Determination of oxides of nitrogen-Chemiluminescence method
CO	AS/NZS 3580.7.1 –1992 ²	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 7.1: Determination of carbon monoxide—Direct-reading instrumental method
PM ₁₀ (TEOM)	AS 3580.9.8-2008	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 9.8: Determination of suspended particulate matter - PM ₁₀ continuous direct mass method using a tapered element oscillating microbalance analyser.
PM _{2.5} (BAM 1020)	AS/NZS 3580.9.12-2013 ³	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient Air - Method 9.12: Determination of suspended particulate matter—PM _{2.5} beta attenuation monitors
Vector Wind Speed (Horizontal)	AS 2923-1987 ⁴	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring applications
Vector Wind Direction	AS 2923-1987 ⁴	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring applications
Sigma	AS 2923-1987 ⁴	Methods of sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring applications
Ambient Temperature	USEPA (2000) EPA 454/R-99-005 ⁵	Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring applications

¹ Superseded by AS 3580.5.1 – 2011 but specifically referenced in ministerial conditions.

² Superseded by AS 3580.7.1 – 2011 but specifically referenced in ministerial conditions.

³ As approved by the Department of Planning and Environment on 8th September 2017.

⁴ Superseded by AS/NZS 3580.14 2014 but specifically referenced in ministerial conditions.

⁵ Superseded by AS/NZS 3580.14 2014 but specifically referenced in ministerial conditions.

Note: Two different measurement techniques are used for monitoring PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} at the NorthConnex Project Stations. Studies conducted in Canada, the United States and other countries have found that the Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) monitors can under report concentrations compared to the Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAM), especially when the air contains a large proportion of semi-volatile particulate matter, which may be the case during cooler seasons when the air contains less coarse dust and a greater proportion of semi-volatile organic compounds such as those associated with wood smoke. As a result, it is normal to see occasional periods where PM₁₀ < PM_{2.5} and this situation does not necessarily indicate a fault with either instrument.

2.3.1. Compliance with Standards

Unless stated below, parameters are monitored at the NorthConnex Project monitoring stations according to the methods detailed in Table 5.

- Measurement of PM₁₀ data at Thornleigh Golf Centre does not conform with AS 3580.9.8-2008 and is not covered by Ecotech's NATA scope of accreditation between 01/08/2021 to 01/09/2021, due to unconfirmed calibration date of TEOM.

2.3.2. Data Acquisition

Data acquisition is performed using a PC based Congrego logger (using Congrego®) situated at each of the monitoring sites. Each logger is equipped with a 3G modem for remote data collection. The recorded data is remotely collected from the Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) loggers on a daily basis (using Airoadis™ version 5.1) and stored at Ecotech's Environmental Reporting Services (ERS) department in Melbourne, Australia. Data samples are logged in 5-minute intervals.

2.4. Data Validation and Reporting

2.4.1. Validation

The Ecotech ERS department performs daily data checks to ensure maximum data capture rates are maintained. Any equipment failures are communicated to the responsible field engineers for urgent rectification. Ecotech ERS maintains two distinct databases containing non-validated and validated data respectively.

The validated database is created by duplicating the non-validated database and then flagging data affected by instrument faults, calibrations and other maintenance activities. The data validation software requires the analyst to supply a valid reason (e.g. backed by maintenance notes, calibration sheets etc.) in the database for flagging any data as invalid.

Details of all invalid or missing data are recorded in the Valid Data Exception Tables.

Validation is performed by the analyst, and the validation is reviewed. Graphs and tables are generated based on the validated five minutes and one-hour data as appropriate.

When considering negative values recorded by the BAM instruments in accordance with the guidelines stated in AS/NZS 3580.9.12:2013: *“Occasionally BAMs may record short-term (<24 h) negative PM_{2.5} concentrations. This is often associated with the loss of moisture or semi-volatile compounds in the collected particulate matter from the filter media that can occur during the measurement process. Short term negative values resulting from such loss should be considered to be real data and should not be invalidated from the dataset”.*

2.4.2. Validation notes

Small daily offset adjustments have been made to correct for zero reference drift in the CO analysers which should stabilise over time. These adjustments are within the zero tolerances of AS/NZS 3580.7.1 –1992⁵ and do not impact the data validity.

2.4.3. Reporting

Data is reported in six Microsoft Excel format files named

- *NorthConnex_Ashley Avenue_ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*
- *NorthConnex_Carden Park_ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*
- *NorthConnex_Headen Park_ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*
- *NorthConnex_James Park Hornsby_ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*
- *NorthConnex_Larchmont Place_ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*
- *NorthConnex_ Thornleigh Golf Centre _ Monthly Data Report_ August 2021.xls*

Each Excel file consists of 6 worksheets:

1. Cover
2. Contents
3. 5 Minute Data
4. 1 Hour Data
5. 24-hour Data
6. Valid Data Exception Report

The data contained in this report is based on Australian Eastern Standard Time.

All averages are calculated from the five-minute and the one-hour data. Averages are based on a minimum of 75% valid readings within the averaging period. Where data capture is low for a particular parameter, summary values (e.g. monthly maximum and minimum) may be based on less than 75% valid samples. The reader should use caution when interpreting these values as they may not be representative of conditions for the entire sample period.

⁵ Superseded by AS/NZS 3580.7.1 – 2011 but specifically referenced in ministerial conditions.

Averaging periods of eight hours or less are reported for the end of the period, i.e. the hourly average 02:00am is for the data collected from 1:00am to 2:00am. One-hour averages are calculated based on a clock hour. One day averages are calculated based on calendar days.

3.0 Air Quality Standards and Goals

The air quality goals and criteria for pollutants monitored at the NorthConnex project ambient monitoring sites are based on SSI 6136 Planning Approval Condition E9. The air quality goals and criteria are shown in Table 6 below.

Note: The measurement uncertainty (as outlined in Table 7) is not considered when assessing exceedences of the air quality standards/goals. Exceedences are only reported for above goal values, based on the decimal places reported. Daily averages for PM_{2.5} are calculated from integer 1 hour measurements and expressed to one decimal place

Table 6: NorthConnex Project - Air Quality Goals

Parameter	Time Period	Goal Level	Units
CO	8 Hours (rolling, based on 1-Hour averages)	9.0	ppm
NO ₂	1 Hour	0.12	ppm
PM ₁₀	1 Day	50	µg/m ³
PM _{2.5}	1 Day	25	µg/m ³

Note:

This table includes all valid data points that exceed the defined air quality standards. The Ambient Air Quality NEPM includes a provision for excluding 1-day PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5} averages associated with “exceptional events” from the total exceedences of the Air Quality standard. The definition of an “exceptional event” is included below for reference. It is the responsibility of the end user of this data to evaluate whether any reported exceedences are associated with exceptional events and are eligible to be excluded from the exceedence total. Monitoring and reporting of exceedences during the operational project will be in accordance with the Planning Approval Conditions E7, E8 and E9.

As per the Ambient Air Quality NEPM, **Exceptional event** means a fire or dust occurrence that adversely affects air quality at a particular location, and causes an exceedance of 1 day average standards in excess of normal historical fluctuations and background levels, and is directly related to: bushfire; jurisdiction authorised hazard reduction burning; or continental scale windblown dust.

4.0 Calibrations and Maintenance

4.1. Units and Uncertainties

The uncertainties for each parameter have been determined by the manufacturer's tolerance limits of the equipment's parameters, and by the data collection standard method.

The reported uncertainties are expanded uncertainties, calculated using coverage factors which give a level of confidence of approximately 95%.

Table 7: Units and Uncertainties

Parameter	Units	Resolution	Uncertainty ⁶	Measurement Range ⁷
NO, NO _x (S40)	ppm	0.001 ppm	± (6% of reading + 0.011 ppm) K factor of 2.0	0 to 0.5 ppm LDL= 0.0004 ppm
NO ₂ (S40)	ppm	0.001 ppm	± (6% of reading + 0.011 ppm) K factor of 2.0	0 to 0.5 ppm LDL= 0.0004 ppm
CO (S30)	ppm	0.1 ppm	± (7% of reading + 0.8ppm) K factor of 2.0	0 to 50 ppm LDL=0.04 ppm
PM _{2.5} (BAM1020)	µg/m ³	1 µg/m ³	24Hr: ± (5.5 % of reading + 4.0 µg/m ³) (in range 0 - 100 µg/m ³) Hr: ± (8 % of reading + 8.0 µg/m ³) k factor of 2.0	0 to 1000 µg/m ³ LDL _{24hr} =1.0 µg/m ³ LDL _{hr} =4.8 µg/m ³
PM ₁₀ (TEOM)	µg/m ³	0.1 µg/m ³	±5.0 µg/m ³ or 3.6% of reading, whichever is the greater K factor of 2.0	0 µg/m ³ to 1 g/m ³ LDL=5µg/m ³
Vector Wind Speed	m/s	0.1 m/s	±0.4 m/s or 2 % of reading, whichever is greater K factor of 2.0	0 to 30 m/s
Vector Wind Direction	deg	1 deg	±4 deg K factor of 2.0	0 to 360 deg Starting threshold: 0 m/s
Ambient Temperature	K	0.1 K	± 0.6 K K factor of 2.0	263.15 to 323.15 K

⁶ Uncertainties are calculated based on the full measurement range unless stated otherwise

⁷ The max measurement range for gas analysers is defined as the full scale (FS=Span/0.8)

4.2. Maintenance

4.2.1. Calibration & Maintenance Summary Tables

The last calibrations for the following parameters were performed on the indicated dates. Data supplied after this time is subject to further validation, to be performed at the next calibration cycle.

Note: Maintenance and calibration dates may differ, as calibrations may be less frequent than scheduled maintenance visits.

Table 8-13 indicate when the particulate and gas and meteorological equipment were last maintained/calibrated.

“Calibration cycle” refers to the frequency of calibrations and intermediate calibration checks. The most frequent check or calibration is listed here.

Table 8: NorthConnex Project Ashley Avenue Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	23/08/2021	Non scheduled	23/08/2021	28/07/2021	Monthly
CO	23/08/2021	Non scheduled	23/08/2021	28/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀	12/08/2021	Monthly	10/06/2021	5/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	12/08/2021	2 Monthly	12/08/2021	10/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma ⁸	12/08/2021	Monthly	16/12/2020	28/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	12/08/2021	Monthly	14/12/2020	22/07/2020	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	12/08/2021	Monthly	14/12/2020	22/07/2020	Yearly

⁸ Original wind sensor installed back on the 23rd of December 2020

Table 9: NorthConnex Project Carden Park Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	11/08/2021	Monthly	11/08/2021	26/07/2021	Monthly
CO	11/08/2021	Monthly	11/08/2021	29/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀	11/08/2021	Monthly	22/06/2021	2/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	11/08/2021	2 Monthly	11/08/2021	22/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma	11/08/2021	Monthly	2/10/2020	26/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	26/08/2021	Non scheduled	26/11/2020	5/12/2019	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	11/08/2021	Monthly	26/11/2020	5/12/2019	Yearly

Table 10: NorthConnex Project Headen Park Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	11/08/2021	Monthly	11/08/2021	30/07/2021	Monthly
CO	11/08/2021	Monthly	11/08/2021	28/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀	11/08/2021	Monthly	25/06/2021	4/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	11/08/2021	2 Monthly	11/08/2021	10/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma ⁹	11/08/2021	Monthly	6/10/2020	27/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	11/08/2021	Monthly	3/12/2020	2/12/2019	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	11/08/2021	Monthly	3/12/2020	2/12/2019	Yearly

⁹ Original wind sensor installed back on the 3rd of December 2020

Table 11: NorthConnex Project James Park Hornsby Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	10/08/2021	Monthly	10/08/2021	22/07/2021	Monthly
CO	10/08/2021	Monthly	10/08/2021	22/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀	10/08/2021	Monthly	28/06/2021	2/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	10/08/2021	2 Monthly	10/08/2021	28/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma ¹⁰	10/08/2021	Monthly	5/10/2020	26/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	10/08/2021	Monthly	30/11/2020	5/12/2019	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	10/08/2021	Monthly	30/11/2020	5/12/2019	Yearly

¹⁰ Wind sensor calibrated on 5/10/2020 and installed at this site on 30/11/2020.

Table 12: NorthConnex Project Larchmont Place Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	12/08/2021	Monthly	12/08/2021	29/07/2021	Monthly
CO	12/08/2021	Monthly	12/08/2021	29/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀	12/08/2021	Monthly	8/06/2021	05/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	12/08/2021	Monthly	12/08/2021	08/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma	12/08/2021	Monthly	2/09/2020	27/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	12/08/2021	Monthly	4/12/2020	3/12/2019	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	12/08/2021	Monthly	4/12/2020	3/12/2019	Yearly

Table 13: NorthConnex Project Thornleigh Golf Centre Maintenance Table August 2021

Parameter	Date of Last Maintenance	Maintenance Type	Date of Last Calibration	Prior Calibration	Calibration Cycle
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	27/08/2021	Non scheduled	10/08/2021	26/07/2021	Monthly
CO	10/08/2021	Monthly	10/08/2021	26/07/2021	Monthly
PM ₁₀ ¹¹	10/08/2021	Monthly	TBA	04/03/2021	3-monthly
PM _{2.5}	10/08/2021	2 Monthly	10/08/2021	16/06/2021	3-monthly
WS/WD/Sigma	10/08/2021	Monthly	2/09/2020	28/06/2018	2-yearly
Ambient Temperature 2m	10/08/2021	Monthly	16/06/2021	4/12/2019	Yearly
Ambient Temperature 10m	10/08/2021	Monthly	16/06/2021	4/12/2019	Yearly

¹¹ TEOM unit replaced on 27/07/2021

5.0 Results

5.1. Data Capture

Valid data capture refers to the amount of valid data collected during the report period. It is based on 5-minute data, for gaseous and meteorological parameters and 1-hour data for particulate parameters.

The percentage of valid data captured is calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Valid Data capture} = (\text{Reported air quality data} / \text{Total data}) \times 100\%$$

Where:

- Reported air quality data = Number of samples (instrument readings) which have been validated through a quality assured process and excludes all data errors, zero data collection due to calibration, equipment failures, planned and unplanned maintenance.
- Total data = Total number of samples (instrument readings) expected for the sampling period. Total data is calculated based on the same averaging period as “reported air quality data” and the duration of the corresponding report period. e.g. for 5-minute data collected over a month of 31 days, the total data would be equal to 12 (5-minute samples in an hour) x 24 (hours in a day) x 31 (days in a month) = 8928 samples.

Table 14 below displays data capture statistics for August 2021. **Bold** values in the table indicate data capture below 95%.

Table 15 below displays the percentage of negative values in the valid PM_{2.5} data provided.

Details of all invalid or missing data affecting data capture are included in the Valid Data Exception Tables, see section 6.0/ attached Excel file.

Table 14: Data Capture for NorthConnex Ambient Air Quality Network

Parameter	Data Capture (%)					
	Ashley Avenue	Carden Park	Headen Park	James Park	Larchmont Place	Thornleigh Golf Centre
PM _{2.5}	99.2	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.5	94.6
PM ₁₀	99.3	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.4
CO	94.9	95.1	95.1	95.8	95.1	95.3
NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	95.6	95.5	96.2	96.2	96.2	58.9
WS, WD, Sigma	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.4
AT 2m	99.3	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.4
AT 10m	99.3	0.0	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.4

Table 15: Percentage of PM_{2.5} Data <0

Percentage of PM _{2.5} Data <0 (%)					
Ashley Avenue	Carden Park	Headen Park	James Park	Larchmont Place	Thornleigh Golf Centre
9.2	7.7	13.3	1.1	0.4	4.1

5.2. Air Quality Monthly Summary

Table 16-21 below include a summary of any exceedances recorded at the NorthConnex Project stations during the reported period¹².

Table 16: NorthConnex Project Ashley Avenue Exceedances Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	-	-
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	40.5	22/08/2021

Table 17: NorthConnex Project Carden Park Exceedances Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	58.1	22/08/2021
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	47.3	21/08/2021
		76.4	22/08/2021

¹² Exceedances are reported for above goal values, based on the decimal places reported. Daily averages for PM_{2.5} are calculated from integer 1-hour measurements and expressed to one decimal place.

Table 18: NorthConnex Project Headen Park Exceedences Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	-	-
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	48.5	22/08/2021

Table 19: NorthConnex Project James Park Hornsby Exceedences Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	-	-
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	40.3	21/08/2021
		59.8	22/08/2021

Table 20: NorthConnex Project Larchmont Place Exceedences Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	-	-
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	38.1	22/08/2021

Table 21: NorthConnex Project Thornleigh Golf Centre Exceedences Recorded for August 2021

Parameter	Time Period	Value of Exceedence	Date of Exceedence
NO ₂ (ppm)	1 Hour	-	-
CO (ppm)	8-Hours rolling	-	-
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	1 Day	-	-
PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	1 Day	25.4	21/08/2021
		46.5	22/08/2021

5.3. Graphic Representations

This section displays graphs of the pollutants and meteorological parameters monitored at the NorthConnex sites for August 2021. The graphs are based on validated 5 minute or 1-hour data as applicable.

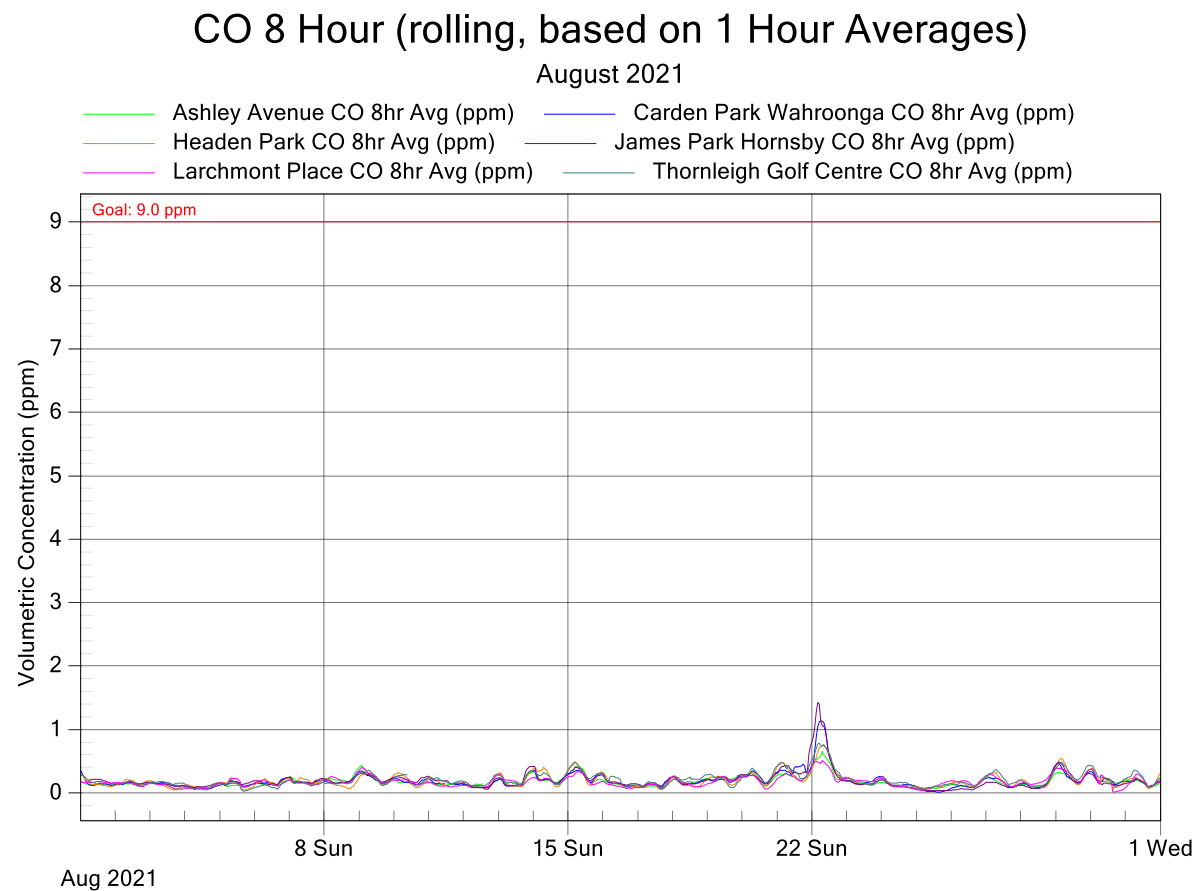


Figure 2: NorthConnex Project Air Monitoring Stations - CO 8 Hour Rolling Averages for August 2021

NO₂ 1 Hour Averages

August 2021

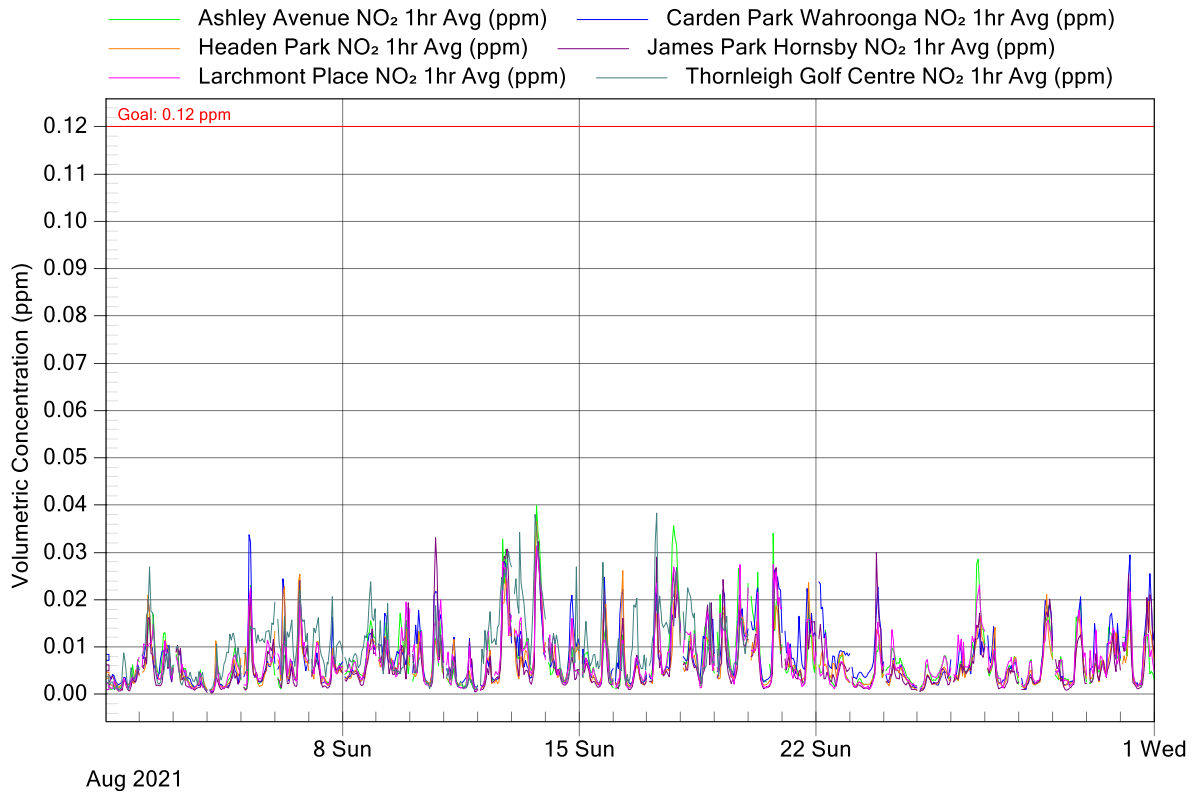


Figure 3: NorthConnex Project Air Monitoring Stations - NO₂ 1 Hour Averages for August 2021

PM₁₀ 1 Day Averages

August 2021

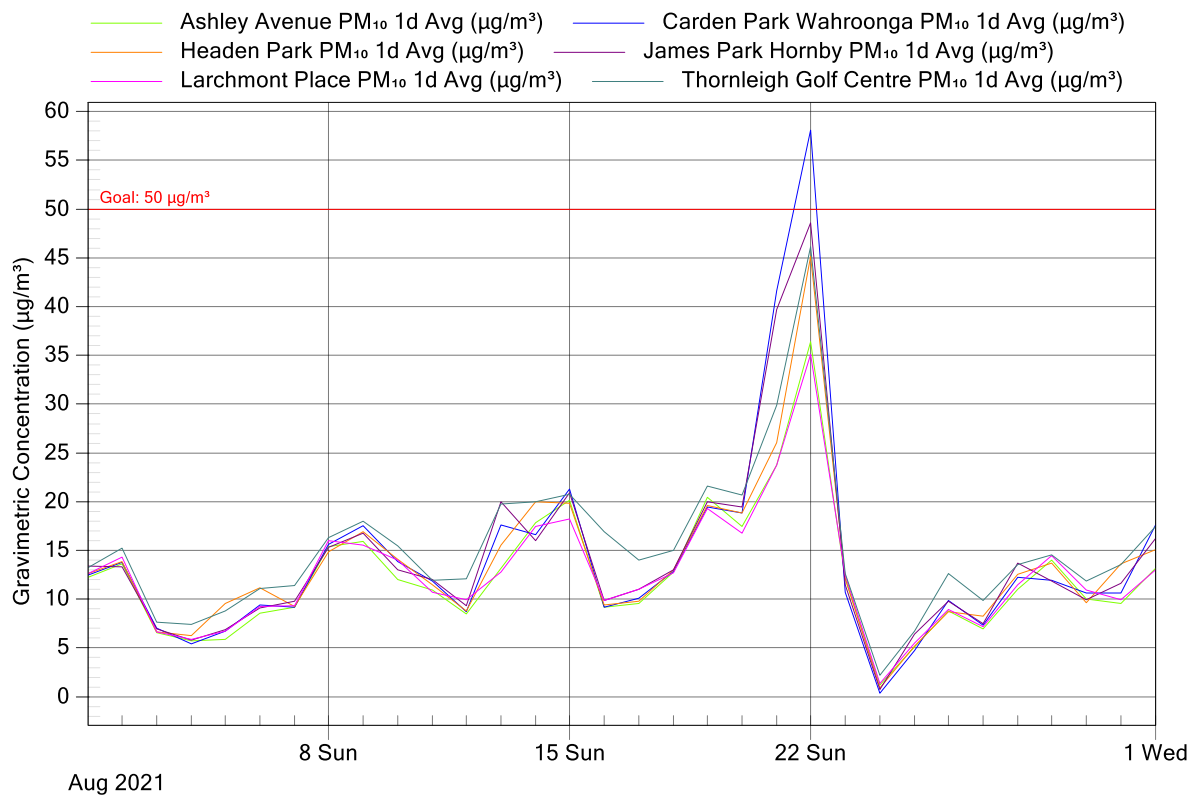


Figure 4: NorthConnex Project Air Monitoring Stations - PM₁₀ 1 Day Averages for August 2021

PM_{2.5} 1 Day Averages

August 2021

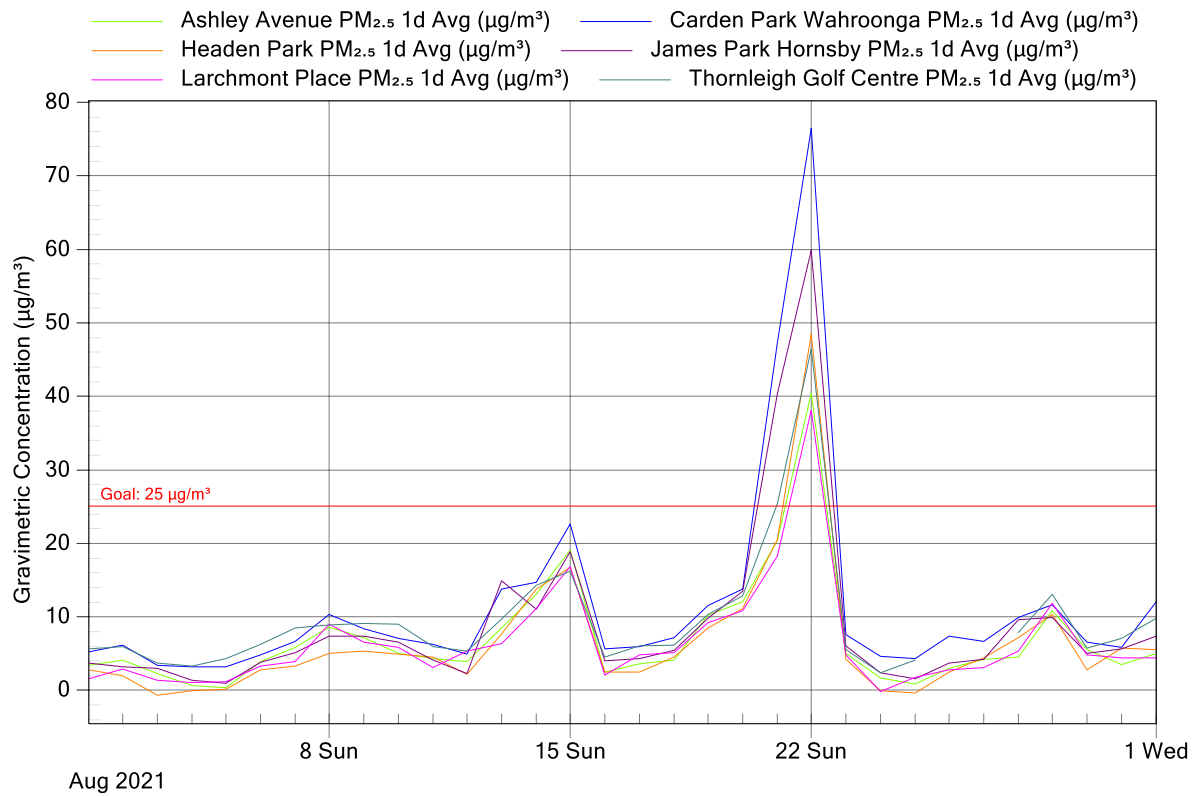


Figure 5: NorthConnex Project Air Monitoring Stations - PM_{2.5} 1 Day Averages for August 2021

Ashley Avenue - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021

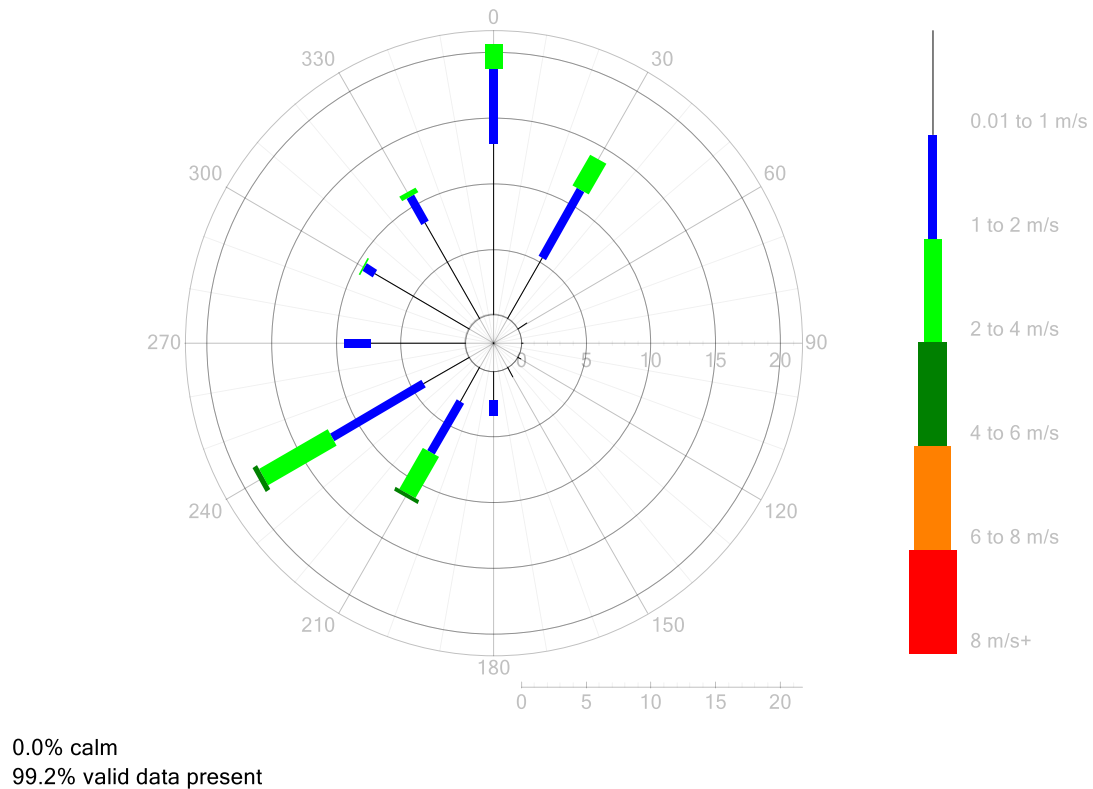


Figure 6: Ashley Avenue – Wind Rose for August 2021

Carden Park - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021

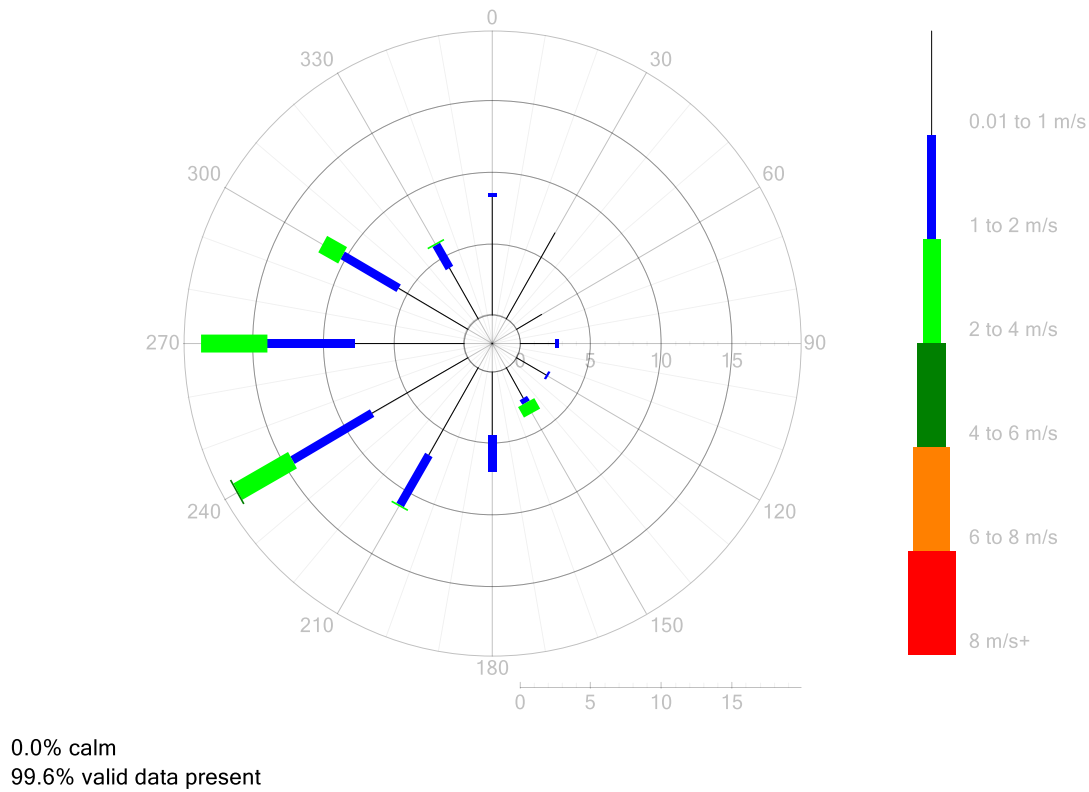
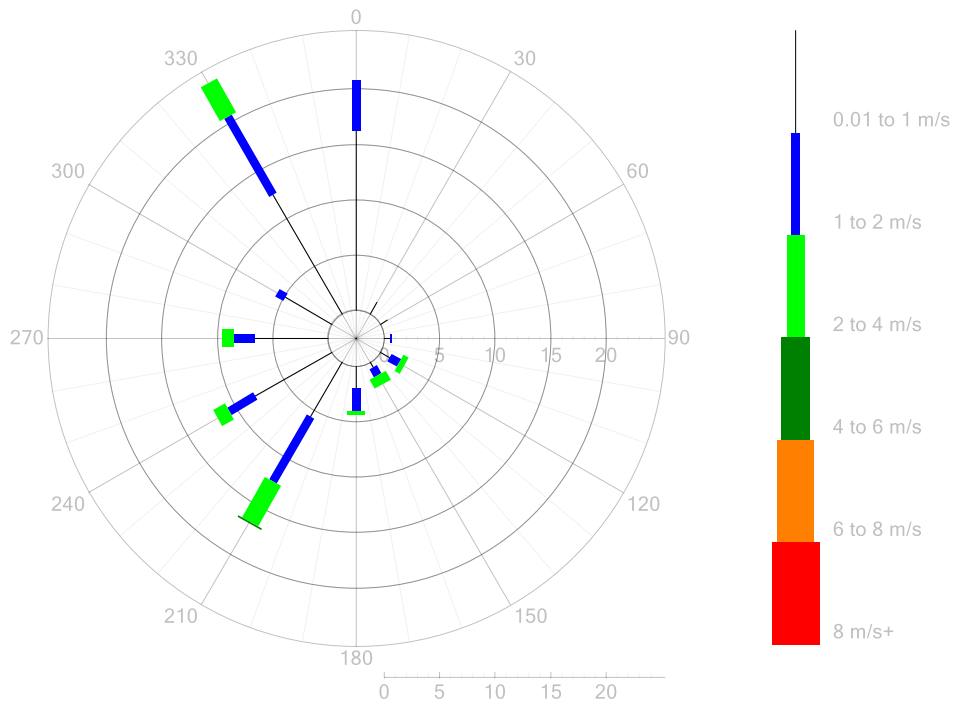


Figure 7: Carden Park – Wind Rose for August 2021

Headen Park - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021



0.0% calm
99.6% valid data present

Figure 8: Headen Park – Wind Rose for August 2021

James Park Hornsby - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021

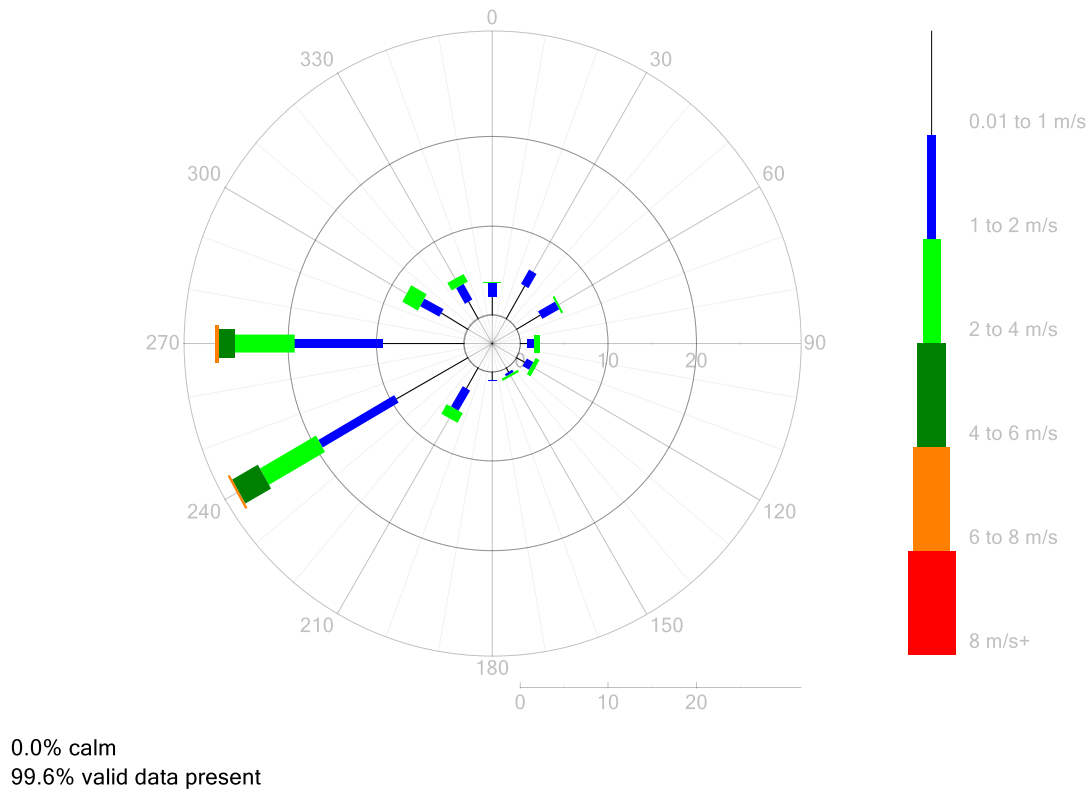
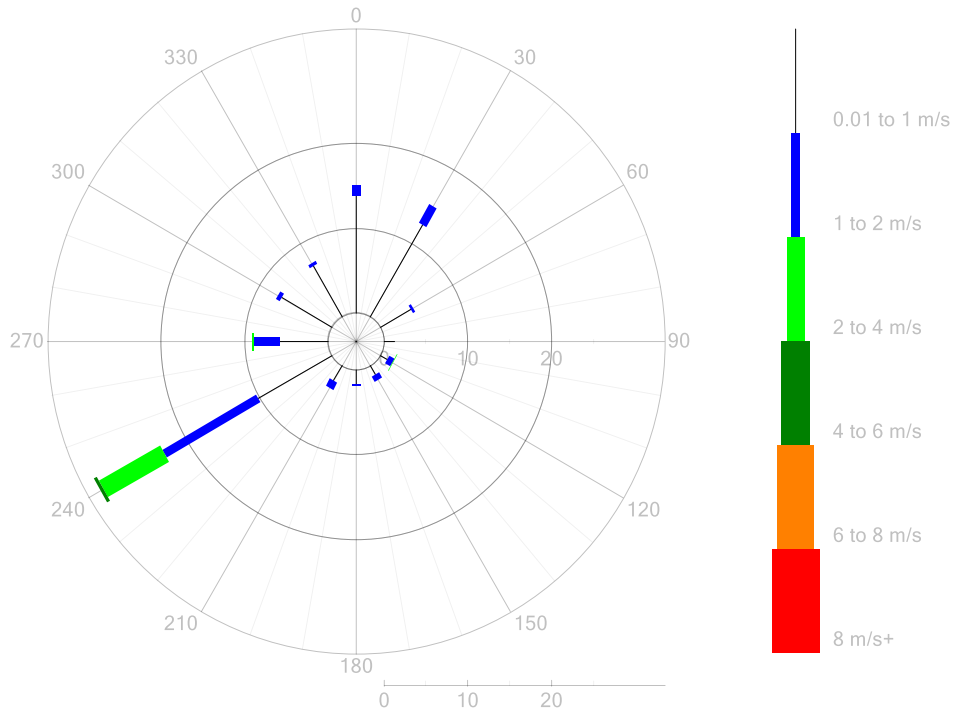


Figure 9: James Park Hornsby – Wind Rose for August 2021

Larchmont Place - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021



0.3% calm
99.6% valid data present

Figure 10: Larchmont Place – Wind Rose for August 2021

Thornleigh Golf Centre - Wind Rose (1-Hour Averages)

Wind Rose

August 2021

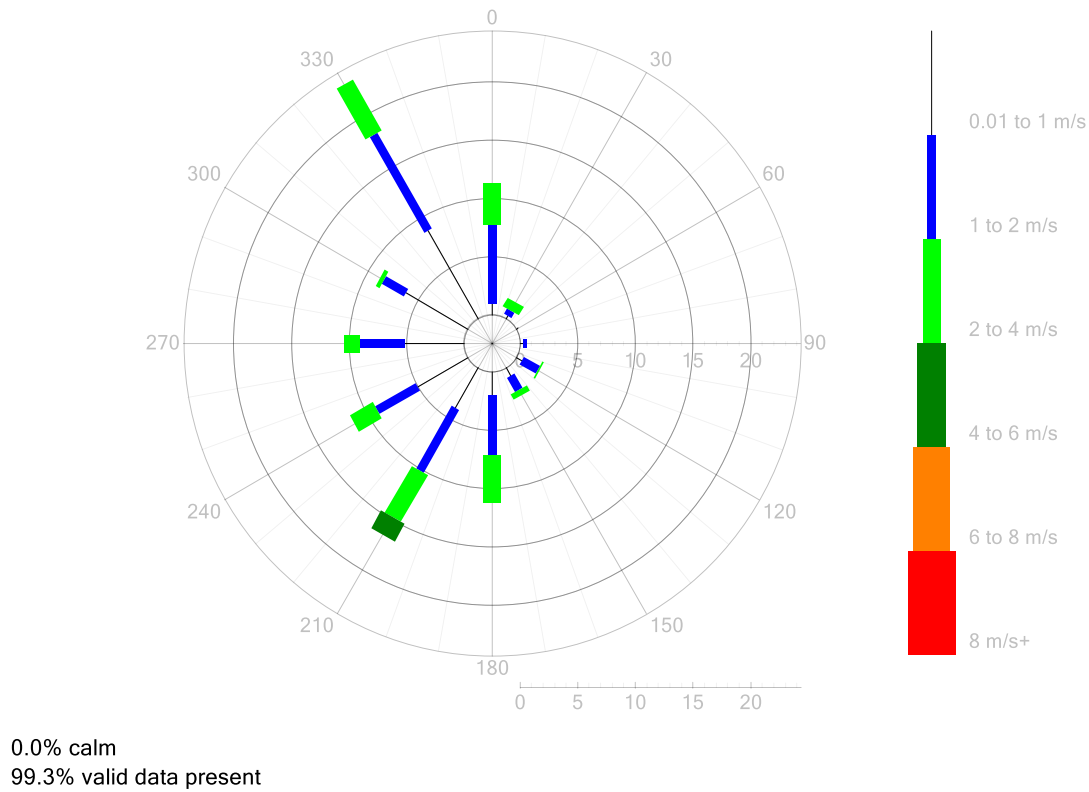


Figure 11: Thornleigh Golf Centre – Wind Rose for August 2021

6.0 Valid Data Exception Tables

Table 22-27 below detail all changes made to the raw data set during the validation process. An explanation of reasons given in the table can be found in Appendix 2.

Table 22: Ashley Avenue Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 01:45	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 50 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/2021
01/08/21 23:45	31/08/21 23:45	Background checks once daily for 5 minutes	CO	DP	20/09/2021
02/08/21 02:35	31/08/21 12:20	Intermittent instrument status error	CO	DP	20/09/2021
12/08/21 12:00	12/08/21 15:25	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance	All parameters	DP	20/09/2021
19/08/21 14:00	19/08/21 15:00	Non scheduled maintenance	All parameters	DP	20/09/2021
20/08/21 14:00	20/08/21 15:00	Non scheduled maintenance	All parameters	DP	20/09/2021
23/08/21 13:05	23/08/21 14:50	Non scheduled maintenance	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/2021

Table 23: Carden Park Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
31/07/21 23:55	02/08/21 23:40	Intermittent linear offset applied as required to correct baseline drift after automatic span or background checks. A value is 0.00 ppm and B value is -0.10 ppm	CO	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 00:00	26/08/21 14:10	Static offset of -2.0 degree K applied to correct the offset applied during maintenance on 26/07/2021	AT 2m	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 00:00	01/09/21 00:00	Instrument fault	AT 10m	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 00:00	01/09/21 00:00	Static offset of -0.002 ppm applied to correct baseline	NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 01:55	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 60 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 23:45	31/08/21 23:45	Background checks once daily for 5 - 10 minutes	CO	DP	20/09/21
04/08/21 11:25	31/08/21 11:40	Intermittent unrealistic NO ₂ negative data	NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/21
07/08/21 02:00	07/08/21 23:40	Static offset of -0.1 ppm applied to correct baseline drift after automatic span or background checks.	CO	DP	20/09/21
11/08/21 10:00	11/08/21 12:45	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance	All parameters	DP	20/09/21
11/08/21 12:40	11/08/21 23:40	Linear offset of A = -0.06 ppm and B = 0.00 ppm applied as required to correct baseline drift post maintenance	CO	DP	20/09/21
26/08/21 14:15	26/08/21 14:20	Non scheduled maintenance	Nil	DP	20/09/21
26/08/21 14:15	01/09/21 00:00	Static offset of +1.0 degree K applied as per the offset applied during maintenance on 21/09/2021	AT 2m	DP	20/09/21

Table 24: Headen Park Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
01/08/21 00:00	01/09/21 00:00	AT 10m reads lower than AT 2m sometimes but the data has been kept valid for reference purposes until an onsite check is performed.	AT 10m	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 01:45	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 50 - 105 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 09:20	01/08/21 23:40	Static offset of + 0.05 ppm applied to correct baseline drift	CO	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 23:45	31/08/21 23:50	Background checks once daily for 5 - 10 minutes	CO	DP	22/09/21
04/08/21 23:50	05/08/21 00:55	Linear offset of A = 0.00 ppm and B = -0.20 ppm applied as required to correct baseline drift after background check.	CO	DP	22/09/21
11/08/21 13:00	11/08/21 17:45	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance followed by instrument stabilisation	All parameters	DP	22/09/21
11/08/21 17:50	11/08/21 23:40	Static offset of + 0.15 ppm applied to correct baseline drift caused by instrument stabilisation post maintenance	CO	DP	22/09/21
11/08/21 23:55	12/08/21 00:55	Linear offset of A = 0.00 ppm and B = -0.05 ppm applied as required to correct baseline drift after background check.	CO	DP	22/09/21
18/08/21 23:50	19/08/21 00:55	Static offset of - 0.20 ppm applied to correct baseline drift after background check.	CO	DP	22/09/21

Table 25: James Park Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
31/07/21 23:55	06/08/21 23:40	Intermittent linear offsets applied as required to correct baseline drift after automatic span or background checks. A = 0.00 and B values range from -0.50 to -0.05 ppm	CO	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 00:00	01/09/21 00:00	Static offset of 0.001 ppm applied to correct baseline	NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 02:00	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 50-65 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	22/09/21
01/08/21 23:45	31/08/21 23:45	Background checks once daily for 5 - 10 minutes	CO	DP	22/09/21
10/08/21 11:00	10/08/21 14:15	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance	All parameters	DP	22/09/21

Table 26: Larchmont Place Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
01/08/21 00:00	01/09/21 00:00	Background checks once daily for 5 - 15 minutes	CO	DP	20/09/21
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 01:45	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 50 - 60 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	20/09/21
02/08/21 00:05	26/08/21 23:55	Intermittent linear offsets applied as required to correct baseline drift after automatic span or background checks. A values range from -0.10 to 0.00 ppm and B values range from -0.20 to 0.00 ppm	CO	DP	20/09/21
12/08/21 09:00	12/08/21 12:00	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance	All parameters	DP	20/09/21
16/08/21 19:10	31/08/21 10:25	Intermittent instrument status error	CO	DP	20/09/21
23/08/21 00:05	28/08/21 05:45	Intermittent static offset applied as required to correct baseline drift A values range from - 0.1 ppm to + 0.1 ppm	CO	DP	20/09/21
24/08/21 10:20	24/08/21 10:20	Data transmission error	PM ₁₀	DP	20/09/21

Table 27: Thornleigh Golf Centre Valid Data Exception Table

Start Date	End Date	Reason	Change Details	User Name	Change Date
01/08/21 01:00	31/08/21 01:45	Automatic span and zero checks once daily for 50 minutes	CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	23/09/2021
01/08/21 23:40	31/08/21 23:50	Background checks once daily for 5 - 15 minutes	CO	DP	23/09/2021
01/08/21 23:50	29/08/21 23:45	Intermittent linear offsets applied as required to correct baseline drift after automatic span or background checks. A value ranges from - 0.10 to 0.00 ppm and B values range from -0.20 to +0.10 ppm	CO	DP	23/09/2021
03/08/21 10:35	16/08/21 21:45	Intermittent unrealistic NO ₂ negative data	NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	23/09/2021
10/08/21 08:00	10/08/21 11:25	Scheduled 2 monthly maintenance	All parameters	DP	23/09/2021
16/08/21 15:00	16/08/21 16:00	Instrument fault - reading out of instrument range	PM _{2.5}	DP	23/09/2021
20/08/21 01:50	01/09/21 00:00	Instrument fault - noisy data	NO, NO ₂ , NO _x	DP	23/09/2021
23/08/21 13:15	24/08/21 11:00	Intermittent data transmission error	All parameters	DP	23/09/2021
26/08/21 06:00	27/08/21 12:00	Instrument fault - tape alarm	PM _{2.5}	DP	23/09/2021
27/08/21 13:00	27/08/21 14:55	Non scheduled maintenance	All parameters	DP	23/09/2021
27/08/21 15:00	27/08/21 23:45	Linear offset of A = -0.10 ppm and B = 0.00 ppm applied to correct baseline drift after maintenance	CO	DP	23/09/2021
27/08/21 22:40	27/08/21 22:40	Instrument status fault	CO	DP	23/09/2021

7.0 Report Summary

- The percentage availability for the following parameters were below 95% for the reporting month:
 - AT 10m at Carden Park.
 - CO at Ashley Avenue.
 - PM_{2.5}, NO, NO₂ and NO_x at Thornleigh Golf Centre

All other parameters were above 95% for the reporting month. Refer to Table 14 and Tables 22-27 for details.

- There was one PM₁₀ exceedance in Carden Park station and nine PM_{2.5} exceedances of the air quality goals at all the stations of the NorthConnex Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network for the reporting month. Please refer to Table 14-19 in Section 5.2 – Air Quality Monthly Summary for further information.
- It is noted that the percentage of negative PM_{2.5} readings was above 10% for Headen Park in the reporting month. Refer to table 15 for further details.

Appendix 1 - Definitions & Abbreviations

ERS	Environmental Reporting Services
AQMS	Air Quality Monitoring Station
AQM	Air Quality Monitor
BAM	Beta Attenuation Monitors
TEOM	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance
°	Degrees (True North)
K	Kelvin
LDL	Lower detectable limit
µg/m ³	Micrograms per cubic metre at standard temperature and pressure (0°C and 101.3 kPa)
AT	Ambient Temperature
calm	Wind conditions where the wind speed is below the operating range of the wind sensor
CO	Carbon monoxide
mm	Millimeters
NO	Nitric oxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide
NO _x	Oxides of nitrogen
PM ₁₀	Particulate less than 10 microns in equivalent aerodynamic diameter
PM _{2.5}	Particulate less than 2.5 microns in equivalent aerodynamic diameter
ppb	Parts per billion
ppm	Parts per million
WD	Vector Wind Direction

WS

Vector Wind Speed

Appendix 2 - Explanation of Exception Table

Automatic background check refers to when analyser samples zero air and measures the level of the concentration voltage. This voltage is taken as the zero-signal level and this value is subtracted from any subsequent readings as an active zero compensation. This is the analyser's fine zero measurement.

Beta count failure refers to a fault in the functioning of the EBAM. A one-minute beta count was less than the maximum acceptable counts during operation.

Calibration check outside tolerance refers to when the calibration values are outside the tolerance limits set for the precision check.

Calibration correction factor applied to data refers to an offset or multiplier applied to the data. This operation may be performed for a number of reasons including: (a) when a clear trend / drift outside the tolerance limit can be demonstrated by repeated operation precision checks, (b) when a correction is required on previously logged data due to a calibration check being outside the allowable tolerance

Commissioning refers to the initial setup and calibration of the instrument when it is first installed. For some instruments there may be a stabilisation period before normal operation commences.

Data transmission error refers to a period of time when the instrument could not transmit data. This may be due to interference, or a problem with the phone line or modem.

Equipment malfunction/instrument fault refers to a period of time when the instrument was not in the normal operating mode and did not measure a representative value of the existing conditions.

Gap in data/data not available refers to a period of time when either data has been lost or could not be collected.

Instrument Alarm refers to an alarm produced by the instrument. A range of alarms can be produced depending on how operation of the instrument is being affected.

Instrument out of service refers to a lack of data due to an instrument being shut down for repair, maintenance, or factory calibration.

Linear offset or multiplier refers to when an offset or multiplier has been applied between two points where the values of the offset or multiplier are different and the correction is interpolated between the two points.

Logger error refers to when an error occurs and instrument readings are not correctly recorded by the logger.

Maintenance refers to a period of time when the logger/instrument was switched off due to maintenance.

Overnight span/zero out of tolerance refers to when the span/zero reading measured by the analyser during an automatic precision check falls outside of the expected concentration limits.

Power Interruption refers to no power to the station therefore no data was collected at this time.

Remote Calibration refers to when a technician remotely connects to the station and manually performs a span check.

Stabilisation after power interruption refers to the startup period of an instrument after power has been restored.

Static offset or multiplier refers to when a single offset or multiplier has been applied to the data between two points either to increase or decrease the measured value.

Tape break refers to the breaking of the EBAM/BAM sample tape during operation.