Honeysuckle Creek and NASA Networks

Honeysuckle Creek's 26 metre antenna. Photo by Hamish Lindsay.



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Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station, circa 1971. Photo by Hamish Lindsay. All scans by Colin Mackellar unless otherwise noted. **Red = Australian public holidays.**

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February 2023

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August 1964, WRE personnel onboard an RAAF Bell Huey helicopter search for a location for the planned Apollo tracking station. Honeysuckle Creek was the site chosen. Photo from a second Huey by Dick Collins.



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Honeysuckle Creek Opening Day, **17 March 1967**. Prime Minister Harold Holt watches the 26-metre antenna respond to his commands from the Servo console. Photo preserved by Tom Reid.



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Madrid Apollo station near Fresnedillas, Spain. Photo preserved and scanned by Larry Haug.



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Honeysuckle Creek Skylab configuration after a snowfall. Photo by Paul Mullen from the cherrypicker positioned adjacent to the 26-metre antenna. Scan by Nick Mullen.



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July 4 1969, Walter Cronkite and his CBS News team visit Goldstone Apollo to film Apollo 11 preparations. Left: Cronkite with M&O Supervisor Tom Turnbull. Right: An interview with the family of BFEC dispatcher and mechanic Robert Burton. Photos: Bill Wood.

July-2023

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Right: The Honeysuckle Creek antenna tracks *Eagle* at Tranquility Base on **Monday July 21 1969** as the station prepares to receive live pictures from the lunar surface. Left: Part of the Honeysuckle team, just after Apollo 11. Photos: Hamish Lindsay.

August 2023

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Just after the Apollo 11 EVA on Monday 21 July 1969, David Cooke, Parkes Senior RF Engineer, stepped outside to take this photo. It's around 5:00pm and the storm which had threatened Parkes' Apollo support has passed.



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The security gate at Orroral Valley STADAN Station, ACT, during equipment installation, August 1965. Photo: Charles E. Gallagher for GSFC. With thanks to Joe Damiano and Rob Garner at GSFC.

<mark>October</mark> 2023

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David Johns took this photo of Carnarvon Tracking Station from NASA 421 in November 1972, just prior to Apollo 17. It was the last flight of a Goddard simulation team to Australia. Station staff have come out to see the Super Constellation skim just above the height of the 9 meter USB antenna.



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Tidbinbilla's newly constructed Big Dish, the 64-metre DSS43, dwarfs the original 26-metre DSS42 visible at left in this circa 1973 photo from Larry's Hill. From the Tidbinbilla archives. Scan: Glen Nagle.



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Hamish Lindsay took this photo of Honeysuckle's 26-metre dish from the apex of the quadripod. John Hart with the theodolite as at centre. Tony Salvage (white overalls) assists. The occasion is the Paraboloid Survey of the dish in preparation for joining the Deep Space Network – August 1974.