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Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: stock route, east of Green Timbers

Date Desc.: Elevation: 12/03/85 223 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6660700 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 764800 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

<u>Geology</u>

ExposureType: Undisturbed soil core Conf. Sub. is Parent. Mat.: No Data Geol. Ref.: No Data Substrate Material: No Data

**Land Form** 

Rel/Slope Class: No Data Pattern Type: No Data Morph. Type: No Data Relief: No Data Elem. Type: Terrace plain Slope Category: Level Slope: 0 % Aspect: No Data

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Hardsetting, Poached

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

 Australian Soil Classification:
 Mapping Unit:
 N/A

 N/A
 Principal Profile Form:
 Dr2.13

 ASC Confidence:
 Great Soil Group:
 Brown clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance:

Vegetation:

**Surface Coarse Fragments:** 

**Profile Morphology** 

A1 0 - 0.08 m Dark yellowish brown (10YR3/4-Moist); Brown (7.5YR5/4-Dry); ; Fine sandy clay loam; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm

consistence; Field pH 5.6 (pH meter); Common, fine (1-2mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to 
0.08 - 0.25 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3-Moist); Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Dry); ; Medium clay;

Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong

consistence; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

C 0.25 - 0.5 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3-Moist); ; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50

mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH

meter); Common, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -

2A11 0.5 - 1 m Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Light clay; Weak grade of

structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Cast; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 0.01m2) Medium (2-5mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm),

Nodules; Field pH 7.8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

2A12 1 - 1.9 m Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); , N30, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Distinct; , 10YR83, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Distinct; Medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; Strong grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Soft segregations; Field pH 7.8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots;

2B2 1.9 - 3.64 m Brown (7.5YR4/4-Moist); , N30, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Distinct; , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Prominent; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Very

few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.7 (pH meter);

**Morphological Notes** 

Crack depth 35cm length 3500. Strength of 2cm surface crust is 6. Boundary at 50 ?s.

This seems to me to be an early burial of an older groundsurface, seen now at 50cm. Cf

modern floodway distributaries. Repeat core for Fitz confirms burial

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at 55cm.

**Observation Notes** 

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, clay, second terraced fan

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## **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		changeable Cations			Exchangeable	CEC	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na Cmol (+	Acidity ·)/kg			%
0 - 0.02	6.83A	0.149A	7.06B	7.54	1.8	0.86				
0 - 0.08	6.66A	0.107A	4.89B	4.98	0.98999 99	1.17				
0.1 - 0.2	8.41A	0.156A	15.92B	16.79	0.6	5.89				
0.3 - 0.4	9.14A	0.649A	15.5B	15.85	0.47	10.17				
0.7 - 0.8	8.9A	0.715A	11.84B	11.94	0.49	7.79				
1.2 - 1.3	8.64A	0.763A	11.74B	12.28	0.55	8.04				
2.5 - 2.6	8.99A	0.85A	10.8B	12.01	0.62	7.7				
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Tota						Analysis
m	%	C %	P mg/kg	P %	N %	K %	Density Mg/m3	GV CS	FS %	Silt Clay
•••	70	70	mg/kg	70	70	70	wg/mo		70	
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	2.77C								19.2 30
0 - 0.08	<0.1B	2.22C	23.1J							18.8 25.2
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B	1.11C	3.5J							15.8 51.5
0.3 - 0.4	1.5B	0.93C	2.2J							16.2 53.8
0.7 - 0.8	0.5B	0.55C	17.6J							22.8 37.6
1.2 - 1.3	0.1B	0.49C	27.7J							23.6 40.8
2.5 - 2.6	0.6B	0.22C	17.6J							23 39.3
Depth	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat K unsat									
Берш	COLE	Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar		1 Bar	5 Bar 15 I		Jai	ix unsat
m		Jai.	0.05 Bai		g/g - m3/m		J Dai IJ I		m/h	mm/h

<sup>0 - 0.02</sup> 0 - 0.08 0.1 - 0.2 0.3 - 0.4 0.7 - 0.8 1.2 - 1.3 2.5 - 2.6

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## **Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15A2\_CA Exchangeable bases (Ca2+,Mg2+,Na+,K+) - 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for

soluble salts

15A2\_K Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_MG Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_NA Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts

19B1 Carbonates - manometric 3A1 EC of 1:5 soil/water extract 4A1 pH of 1:5 soil/water suspension

5A2 Chloride - 1:5 soil/water extract, automated colour

6B3 Total organic carbon - high frequency induction furnace, infrared

7B1 Water soluble nitrate - automated colour

9B1 Bicarbonate-extractable phosphorus - manual colour

P10\_CF\_C Clay (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method