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Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: F.J.(Fred) Whiteman, Moplain

Date Desc.: Elevation: 03/12/86 348 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6657650 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 785400 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

**Geology** 

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

Land Form

Rel/Slope Class:No DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No Data

Elem. Type: Hillslope Slope Category: Very gently sloped Slope: 1 % Aspect: 300 degrees

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Self-mulching, Trampled

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Ug5.32
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Prairie soil

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Complete clearing. Pasture, native or improved, cultivated at some stage

**Vegetation:** 

## **Surface Coarse Fragments:**

<u>Profi</u>	le M	orph	<u> 10lc</u>	ogy
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A11 0 - 0.1 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Moist); Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3-Dry); , 2.5YR44, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, angular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Common, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A12 0.1 - 0.2 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Moist); , 2.5YR44, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change

to -

B21 0.2 - 0.45 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/4-Moist); ; Medium heavy clay; Strong grade of structure, 10-20 mm,

Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, angular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, fine (1-2mm) roots;

B22 0.45 - 0.6 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/4-Moist); ; Medium heavy clay; Strong grade of structure, 20-50 mm,

Prismatic; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 2-10%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, angular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear,

Wavy change to -

C1 0.6 - 1 m Dark red (2.5YR3/6-Moist); , 5YR64, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; Light medium clay; Moderate

grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; 50-90%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subangular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Few (2 - 10 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5

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

C2 1 - 1.93 m Dark red (2.5YR3/6-Moist); , 5YR74, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; Light medium clay; Single grain grade of structure, <2 mm; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong

grade of structure, <2 mm; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 90-100%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subangular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Few

(2 - 10 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Veins; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

## **Morphological Notes**

A11

Parent rock is probably Garawilla Volcanics. 70-80 abundant fragments of basalt,

seemingly well structured. Shearvane difficult because of stone abundance. Tensile

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120-130 not possible because of broken rock and fragmented character. 157.04 has some grit in light to medium clay. 157.05 is gravelly light to medium clay.

## **Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: residual, basalt, Garrawilla Volcanics

#### **Site Notes**

Lightly trampled to otherwise virgin state, partly cleared. Few large belah, and cypress. Chocolate soil on basalt rising to a crest which stands a little higher than this slope, which could therefore be a pediment. The higher ground is sha

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# **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	рН	1:5 EC			le Cations		Exchangeable	CEC		ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca I	Mg	K	Na Cmol (+	Acidity +)/kg				%
0 - 0.02	7.62A	0.108A	26.71B	9.92	4.53	<0.01					
0 - 0.1	6.89A	0.225A	25.75B	13.01	3.16	0.18					
0.1 - 0.2	6.92A	0.116A	25.58B	14.09	1.56	0.16					
0.3 - 0.4	7.28A	0.054A	25B	16.41	0.93999 99	0.47					
0.5 - 0.6	8.01A	0.117A	24.63B	19.82	1.14	0.76					
0.7 - 0.8	8.43A	0.137A	25.43B	17.88	0.7	0.93999 99					
1.2 - 1.3	8.55A	0.099A	23.48B	14.8	0.79	1.04					
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Tota					article		Analysis
m	%	C %	P mg/kg	P %	N %		Density Mg/m3	GV	cs	FS %	Silt Clay
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	3.02C									12.9 61
0 - 0.1	0.1B	2.62C	43.4J								11.2 59.3
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B	1.7C	8.8J								11.1 63.8
0.3 - 0.4	0.1B	1.41C	5.5J								12.2 63.9
0.5 - 0.6	0.5B	1.16C	10.4J								11 67.4
0.7 - 0.8	25.9B	0.5C	11.6J								14.8 40.9
1.2 - 1.3	8.9B	0.06C	<1J								18.4 29.2
Depth	COLE	0-4				Water Cor		15 D	K s	at	K unsat
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar (	0.5 Bar g/g - m3/		5 Bar 1	15 Bar	mm	/h	mm/h

0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 0.1 - 0.2 0.3 - 0.4 0.5 - 0.6 0.7 - 0.8 1.2 - 1.3

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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