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Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: University of Sydney, I.A.Watson Research Farm

Date Desc.: Elevation: 25/02/88 229 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 S 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6648120 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data No Data Easting/Lat.: 770400 Datum: AGD66 Drainage:

<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 DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No Data

Elem. Type: Terrace plain Slope Category: Very gently sloped Slope: 1 % Aspect: 90 degrees

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Surface crust, Recently cultivated

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Dy4.63
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: No suitable

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

A1p 0 - 0.12 m Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); Dark grey (10YR4/1-Dry); ; Sandy clay loam; Massive grade of structure: Weak grade of structure. 2-5 mm. Granular: Sandy (grains

prominent) fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots; Sharp, Smooth change to -

A21 0.12 - 0.22 m Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR41, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Prominent; Clay loam; Weak grade of

structure, 50-100 mm, Platy; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Earthy fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few,

very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A22 0.22 - 0.35 m Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR41, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; Light clay; Moderate grade of

structure, 50-100 mm, Platy; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Abrupt, Smooth change to -

B21k 0.35 - 0.67 m Light brownish grey (10YR6/2-Moist); , 7.5YR32, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Single

grain grade of structure; Earthy fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 50-90%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subrounded, Calcarenite, coarse fragments; Very many (50 - 100 %), Calcareous, Very coarse (20 - 60 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH

meter); Few, fine (1-2mm) roots;

B22k 0.67 - 1 m Light brownish grey (10YR6/2-Moist); , 7.5YR32, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Single

grain grade of structure; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 20-50%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subrounded, Calcarenite, coarse fragments; Very many (50 - 100 %), Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

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

B23k 1 - 2 m Light grey (10YR7/2-Moist); , 7.5YR32, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Prominent; Light clay; Single grain grade

of structure; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 20-50%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subrounded, Calcarenite, coarse fragments; Very many (50 - 100%), Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Diffuse, Smooth change

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Pale brown (10YR6/3-Moist); , 10YR83, 20-50% , 30-mm, Distinct; Light clay; Massive grade of 2 - 2.8 m

structure; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Few (2 - 10 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6

mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

A1p

The A2 has yellowish colours suggesting slow drainage but mottles are lacking. The carbonate concretions at the top of the B2 show brownish yellow (10YR6/6) colours on

the outside, possibly a water-mottling effect. At 160cm there is a band

of stony carbonate-cemented material, coloured light brownish grey (10YR6/2). A21

Resembles Wiesenboden. A soil formed on Rolling Downs marl, with some sandy

surface wash.

Observation Notes

Parent Rock: residual, marl, Rolling Downs Group

Site Notes

A lot of calcrete lies on the surface 50m from here. Deep powdery topsoil once crust is penetrated. Small pieces of calcrete and siliceous gravel occur on the surface here.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		hangeable Mg	Cations K	Na	Exchangeable Acidity	e CEC	;	ECEC	: 1	ESP
m		dS/m	nu my		.`	Cmol (+)/kg						%
0 - 0.02	7.12A	0.056A	7.04B	2	1.09	<0.01						
0 - 0.1	7.3A	0.133A	5.24B	2.02	0.74	1.05						
0.12 - 0.2	7.24A	0.112A	15.31B	3.43	1.22	1.03						
0.25 - 0.35	7.86A		22.33B	5.23	1.16	0.96						
0.35 - 0.45	8.45A	0.131A	13.96B	3.07	0.47	0.96						
0.7 - 0.8	8.7A	0.125A	8.309999	4.3	0.37	0.95						
			В									
1.2 - 1.3	8.8A	0.134A	6.75B	6.54	0.73	0.44						
2.5 - 2.6	9.23A	0.14A	4.96B	10.92	1.11	4.46						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Tot	tal Bulk	F	article	Size	Analysis	6
·		Ċ	Р	Р	N	K	C Density	, GV	cs	FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B										7.1	14.7
0 - 0.1	0.2B	0.91C	11.9J								6.5	14.7
0.12 - 0.2	<0.1B		5.1J								5.1	33.1
0.25 - 0.35	<0.1B		1J								3.7	50.6
0.35 - 0.45	42.9B		1.9J								2.3	22.9
0.7 - 0.8	58.3B		<1J								2.2	20
1.2 - 1.3	44.5B		1J								3.9	22.7
2.5 - 2.6	40.4B	0.12C	<1J								8.1	29.3
Depth	COLE		Grav	imetric/Vo	olumetric \	Nater Co	ontents		Ks	at	K unsat	
		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar		15 Bar				-
m					g - m3/m				mm	ı/h	mm/h	
				-								

0 - 0.02 0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 0.12 - 0.2 0.25 - 0.35

0.25 - 0.35 0.35 - 0.45 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