

**Project Name:** Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley  
**Project Code:** EDGEROI **Site ID:** na030 **Observation ID:** 1  
**Agency Name:** CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

#### Site Information

<b>Desc. By:</b> W.T. Ward	<b>Locality:</b> recreation reserve, at Yarrie Lake
<b>Date Desc.:</b> 10/03/87	<b>Elevation:</b> 221 metres
<b>Map Ref.:</b> Sheet No. : 8837_S 1:50000	<b>Rainfall:</b> No Data
<b>Northing/Long.:</b> 6637900 AMG zone: 55	<b>Runoff:</b> No Data
<b>Easting/Lat.:</b> 742600 Datum: AGD66	<b>Drainage:</b> No Data

#### Geology

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

#### Land Form

<b>Rel/Slope Class:</b> No Data	<b>Pattern Type:</b> No Data
<b>Morph. Type:</b> No Data	<b>Relief:</b> No Data
<b>Elem. Type:</b> Lunette	<b>Slope Category:</b> Very gently sloped
<b>Slope:</b> 0 %	<b>Aspect:</b> No Data

**Surface Soil Condition (dry):** Loose

#### Erosion:

#### Soil Classification

<b>Australian Soil Classification:</b> N/A	<b>Mapping Unit:</b> N/A
<b>ASC Confidence:</b> Confidence level not specified	<b>Principal Profile Form:</b> Dy4.41
	<b>Great Soil Group:</b> Solodic soil

#### Site Disturbance:

#### Vegetation:

#### Surface Coarse Fragments:

#### Profile Morphology

A11	0 - 0.1 m	Brown (10YR4/3-Moist); Brown (10YR4/3-Dry); ; Sand; Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Moderate grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Moderately moist; Loose consistence; Field pH 6 (pH meter); Common, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
A12	0.1 - 0.25 m	Brown (10YR4/3-Moist); ; Sand; Single grain grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Moderately moist; Very weak consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-
A13	0.25 - 0.4 m	Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR83, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Sand; Single grain grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Moderately moist; Very weak consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -
A21	0.4 - 0.65 m	Light grey (10YR7/2-Moist); ; Sand; Massive grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Many (>5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH 7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -
A22	0.65 - 0.84 m	White (10YR8/2-Moist); ; Sand; Massive grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Many (>5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Common (10 - 20 %), Ferruginous-organic, Very coarse (20 - 60 mm), Nodules; Field pH 7.2 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -
B21	0.84 - 1.1 m	Strong brown (7.5YR5/8-Moist); , 10YR72, 20-50% , 30-mm, Prominent; , 7.5YR44, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Massive grade of structure; Moderate grade of structure, Prismatic; Rough-ped fabric; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Many (>5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to -
2A1	1.1 - 1.2 m	Pale yellow (2.5Y7/4-Moist); , 10YR82, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Prominent; Sand; Massive grade of structure; Massive grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -
2B2	1.2 - 1.6 m	Red (2.5YR4/8-Moist); , 5YR56, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 2.5Y62, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Prominent; Light clay; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Angular 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 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -

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3A1	1.6 - 1.85 m	Pale brown (10YR6/3-Moist); , 2.5Y62, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Sand; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Few (2 - 10 %), Ferruginous-organic, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -
3B21	1.85 - 2.23 m	Greyish brown (10YR5/2-Moist); , 2.5YR44, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 10YR61, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
3B22	2.23 - 3.2 m	Red (2.5YR5/6-Moist); , 7.5YR56, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 10YR72, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Prominent; Sand; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Platy; Massive grade of structure; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Clear, Smooth change to -
3D	3.2 - 3.53 m	Light brownish grey (10YR6/2-Moist); ; Light clay; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; Field pH 9 (pH meter);

### **Morphological Notes**

A11	Conspicuous bleach in A2. Na03007 (especially 115-120cm) is a paler band which seems to be cemented with fine quartz and could represent a buried topsoil. Compare similar band exposed in quarry pit. I interpret this as a buried topsoil but
A12	it could be bedding, and Grant McTainsh has found a lot of silt in it, suggesting an aeolian contribution. The material beneath is red -mottled and grades at 160cm to sands with less clay, and brown concretionary-like structures, possibly a
A13	second topsoil - are these A2 concretions as in A2n? - on alluvium with B2, clayey. 3B2 is differentiated into two levels, clayier above (3B21), sandier below and less structured. One rounded quartz pebble at 98cm, .6cm diameter. A larger
A21	ferruginous one at 105cm. NOTE: There is a conflict between lab. and field sample numbers as no samples were submitted from na03004, -06, -07, -09, -10 and -12, the others being numbered successively. This will result in mismatches of lab. a
A22	nd field results if blanks are not inserted and the following samples are not renumbered: lab -04 to become -05; -05 -> -08; -06 -> -11. LESSON: Provide a number for each layer described and give that number to the sample sent to lab.

### **Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: aeolian sediment, sand, mixed texture, non-calcareous lunette on fifth fan

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**Laboratory Test Results:**

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**Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15A2_CA	Exchangeable bases (Ca <sup>2+</sup> ,Mg <sup>2+</sup> ,Na <sup>+</sup> ,K <sup>+</sup> ) - 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
P10_CF_Z	Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method