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SUMMARY

The gravity survey was carried out along a seismic traverse from Lake Galilee No. 1 well to Drummond Group outcrops in the east. In addition, work was done on several cross traverses, and on a line extending eastwards from the end of the seismic line. This has produced a strip of detailed gravity data across the boundary between the Galilee and Drummond Basins.

No large difference from the previous reconnaissance results has been observed, but the present survey has revealed several short wavelength anomalies which were not previously recorded. These may add significantly to the structural picture of the area.

1. INTRODUCTION

During the period 11 October to 26 November 1971, the Bureau of Mineral Resources (BMR) carried out a gravity survey in the Galilee Basin concurrently with a seismic survey (Harrison et al., 1971), over traverses totalling 185 km in length. The main objective of these surveys was to define the structural configuration of the eastern margin of the Galilee Basin, and its relationship to the western margin of the Drummond Basin.

The area covered is an east-west strip 95 km long, and 16 km wide extending eastwards from survey marker AB6, along the seismic traverse and beyond to "Beresford" homestead (Plate 1). The survey encompassed six sites previously occupied during the reconnaissance helicopter gravity survey in 1963 (Gibb, 1966), and was finally tied to Isogal station 6491.0250 at Clermont (Barlow, 1964).

This report provides information on the operational aspects of the gravity survey and includes preliminary gravity profiles for the main traverse, and six cross traverses (Plate 2).

2. TIE POINT, TRAVERSE, AND ROCK SAMPLE SPECIFICATIONS

Ties to previous work

A comparison of existing and newly derived observed gravities is shown in Table 1, based on the value of the Clermont Isogal station.

TABLE 1

| BASE | OBSERVED GRAVITY mgl. (1963) | OBSERVED GRAVITY mgl. (1971) | DIFFERENCE mgl. |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6306.0805 | 978715.16 | 978715.11 | -0.05 |
| 6306.0806 | 978715.16 | 978715.54 | -0.07 |
| 6306.0807 | 978716.14 | 978716.05 | -0.09 |
| 6306.1253 | 978764.18 | 978764.13 | -0.05 |
| 6306.1254 | 978764.87 | 978764.88 | 0.01 |
| 6306.1255 | 978764.66 | 978764.52 | -0.14 |
| 6491.0250 | 978775.64 | 978775.64 | 0.00 |

Tie station elevations

Elevations of previously established tie points and their newly assigned B.M.R. gravity station numbers are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

| MARKER | BMR GRAVITY STN NO. | ELEVATION (metres) | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| AB5 | 6306.0805 | 302.36 | | |
| AB6 | 6306.0806 | 299.00 | | |
| AB7 | 6306.0807 | 301.44 | | |
| AG53 | 6306.1253 | 230.43 | | |
| AG54 | 6306.1254 | 237.44 | | |
| AG55 | 6306.1255 | 241.09 | | |

Specifications for the main and cross traverses

Traverse specifications for gravity survey No. 7107 are given in Table 3.

TABLE 3

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|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| | STATION NO. | SERIES | | INTERVAL | LOCATION |
| | 7107.1068- 7107.1173 | Seismic traverse | * | 540 metres | Coincident with SP1068 to SP1173 |
| | 7107.2001- 7107.2046 | 2000 | ž | Various between 0.05 to 0.8 km | Along road from "Langlan" to "Beresford", starting at 6306.1254 (AG54) and ending at permanent marker 7107.9001 |
| | 7107.5001- 7107.5015 | 5000 | | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along road from AB5 to AB7 via AB6 |
| , | 7107.5102- 7107.5229 | 5100 | | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along dog-proof fence crossing seismic traverse at SP 1100 8/12 |

| 7107.5211- 7107.5229 | 5200 | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along road and fenceline, intersecting seismic traverse at SP 1155 and SP 1157 |
|-------------------------|------|--------|---|
| 7107.5301- 7107.5319 | 5300 | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along road from AG53 to AG55 via AG54 |
| 7107.5401- 7107.5418 | 5400 | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along fencelines, intersecting main traverse at 7107.2023 |
| 7107.5501- 7107.5517 | 5500 | 0.8 km | Cross traverse along track, intersecting main traverse at 7107.2042 and 7107.2043 |

Rock sample specifications

Descriptions of rock samples collected for density determination are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4

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|-----|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Number | Rock type | Description | Strat. Unit | Location | Density (g/cm²) |
| | . N1 | Conglomerate | Buff-coloured, even-grained matrix with well rounded pebbles | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Bingeringo | 2.50 |
| | N2 | Quartzite | White, even- grained, arkosic | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Bingeringo | 2.48 |
| | N3 | Conglomerate | Red, with coarse uneven matrix and rounded to angular pebbles | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Bingeringo | 2.59 |
| a a | N4 | Conglomeraté | Pink, coarse even-grained matrix with rounded pebbles | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Bingeringo | 2.50 |

| S1 | Conglomerate | Dark red, with uneven matrix and angular to rounded pebbles; hematite and dark mineral inclusions | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Donnybrook | 2.74 |
|----|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|------|
| S2 | Feldspathic quartz sandstone | White to pink, medium-grained | Mt Hall Formation | Mt Donnybrook | 2.37 |
| S3 | Rhyolite | Dark-coloured pyroclastic | Silver Hill Volcanics | Piebald Creek east of Mistake Creek Syncline | 2.57 |
| S4 | Rhyolite | Buff-coloured, porphyritic, flow-banded | Silver Hill Volcanics | 12 km N.E. of "Pioneer" | 2.41 |

3. DETAILS OF OPERATIONS

Personnel

The field operations were carried out by the following personnel, under the overall supervision of F.W. Brown.

| W. Anfiloff | - | Geophysicist |
|-------------|---|---|
| C. Allen | - | Technical Assistant |
| T. Hoffman | - | Surveyor |
| T. Plant | - | Surveyor's assistant |
| D. Glasson | - | Surveyor's assistant (after completion of seismic traversing) |

Survey statistics

The operations began on 11/10/71 and ended on 10/11/71. Within this period, the traverses were reconnoitred, and stations pegged, photo identified, and occupied for gravity observations. A total of 385 observations were made, which provided 265 new station values. Geological excursions were made in the vicinity of Mount Donnybrook, and further north at Mount Bingeringo, and rock samples were collected for density determination.

Log of activities

Reconnaissance of traverses, photo identification of stations,

and pegging of stations:
Geological reconnaissance:

5 days 3 days

Gravity observations:

12 days

Levelling

Eight days were spent levelling traverses extra to the seismic line. Surveying control was available at six established survey markers (Table 2).

Equipment

- 1 Gravity meter, MW548 (C.F. = 0.10937 mgl/div.)
- 1 L/R 4 x 4 for gravity work
- 1 L/R 4 x 4 for surveying work

After the completion of work on the seismic line, two Land Rovers and two rod men were used on the surveying operation.

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