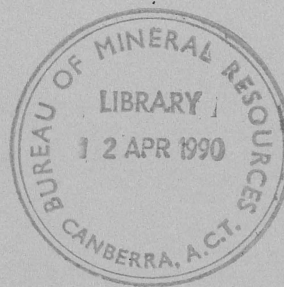
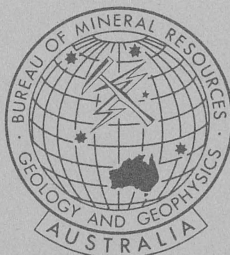


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INTRODUCTION

BMR Warwick 6 and 7 were continuously cored stratigraphic drill holes on the western margin of the Clarence-Moreton Basin (Figs. 1, 2 and 3). BMR Warwick 6 commenced drilling near the top of the Marburg Subgroup and reached TD near the base of the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member of the Koukandowie Formation. BMR Warwick 7 was sited to the west of BMR Warwick 6 and spudded near the base of the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member of the Koukandowie Formation and terminated in the Gatton Sandstone.

The objectives of the drilling were to:

1. Establish the lithostratigraphic succession in the Marburg Subgroup on the poorly exposed western flank of the Clarence-Moreton Basin.
2. Place the stratigraphic succession in a geochronological framework so that it could be correlated with other basin sequences.
3. Determine the source rock potential of the sequence.
4. Determine the thickness and extent of porous and permeable units in the sequence, especially the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member.

5. Identify prominent reflectors on company seismic data, tie to other well sequences, and assess their significance and implications for regional basin stratigraphy and structure.

WELL HISTORY

GENERAL DATA

DRILLER:	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
DRILLING EQUIPMENT:	HOLE PIONEER P25C DRILL RIG
RATED CAPACITY:	400 METERS WITH 88.9 mm O.D HQ DRILL PIPE
DRILL PIPE:	HQ 88.9 mm OD
CASING:	HW 114.3 mm OD
CORE SIZE:	HQ3 65.5 mm DIA

DRILLING TIME:	WARWICK NO 6
START:	SHIFT TO SITE 2ND FEBRUARY 1988
FINISHED:	15TH FEBRUARY 1988
TOTAL DEPTH:	199.37 METRES

DRILLING TIME: WARWICK NO 7
START: SHIFT TO SITE 15TH FEBRUARY 1988
FINISHED: 19TH FEBRUARY 1988
TOTAL DEPTH: 146.55 METRES

DRILLING DATA

AREA: CLARENCE-MORETON BASIN

TITLE HOLDER: ENDEAVOUR RESOURCES LTD., CLAREMONT PETROLEUM NL,
BASCO ENERGY INC., CHARTERHALL OIL AUST. PTY LTD.

PETROLEUM TITLE: PEL 258

WATER SUPPLY: PUMPED AND TRUCKED TO DRILL SITES FROM BILLABONG
ALONG WASHPOOL GULLY, 500m N OF WARWICK NO. 6
DRILLHOLE.

WELL DATA

BMR WARWICK NO. 6

LOCATION: LAT. $20^{\circ} 54' 00''$
LONG. $152^{\circ} 39' 34''$

AUST. MAP GRID

REFERENCE: 46681E 680307N, MALLANGANEE 9440 - 111-S GRID
ZONE S6J, SQUARE MP.

TOTAL DEPTH: T.D. 199.37m, FROM RIG FLOOR AT 0.9m.

ELEVATION: 150 m APPROXIMATELY, A.S.L.

DRILLING COMMENCED: APPROXIMATELY 5 FEBRUARY 1988

DRILLING CEASED: 13 FEBRUARY 1988

STATUS: ABANDONED, OPEN HOLE, HW CASING IN HOLE. CASING
1 m ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, TOPPED WITH WATER
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TRIANGULAR MARKER. LOCKED
CAP ON CASING - KEYS HELD BY BMR; NSW DEPARTMENT
OF MINERAL RESOURCES (ARMIDALE); KYOGLE SHIRE
COUNCIL (LANDOWNER).

WELL DATA

BMR WARWICK NO. 7

LOCATION: LAT. $28^{\circ} 54' 40''$
LONG. $152^{\circ} 35' 42''$

AUST. MAP GRID

REFERENCE: 46050E 680078N, MALLANGANEE 9440-11-S
GRID ZONE 56J, SQUARE MP.

TOTAL DEPTH: T.D. 146.55 mm, FROM RIG FLOOR AT 0.9 m.

ELEVATION: 265 m APPROXIMATELY A.S.L.

DRILLING COMMENCED: APPROXIMATELY 15 FEBRUARY 1988

DRILLING CEASED: 18 FEBRUARY 1988

STATUS: ABAONDONED, OPEN HOLE, HW CASING IN HOLE. CASING
1 m ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, TOPPED WITH TRIANGULAR
MARKER. LOCKED CAP ON CASING : KEYS HELD BY BMR,
NSW DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES (ARMIDALE);
AND LANDOWNER (B. & K. FINDLEY, C/- 30 LUMSDAINE
AVENUE, EAST RYDE, NSW, 2113).

GEOLOGY

Previous Investigations

The drilling of BMR Warwick 6 and 7 (Figs. 1, 2 and 3) formed part of a program of regional geological investigation of the Clarence-Moreton Basin. The objective is to establish a better understanding of the evolution and history of the Basin, principally through sedimentological research. The basin synthesis is being undertaken principally by the BMR, in collaboration with the Geological Surveys of NSW and Queensland, the Division of Exploration Geoscience CSIRO, and the Geology Department, University of Melbourne.

Prior to this work, at present in progress, the only basin wide study in New South Wales was the regional geological investigation by McElroy (1962).

Company Petroleum exploration has gained some impetus over recent years (Ties et al., 1985) and a network of seismic lines exists over lease areas. Two deep exploration wells have been drilled in the latest round of petroleum exploration.

Other investigators have mainly described small local areas and no comprehensive account of the whole basin-wide geology has been compiled.

Mayne (1977) and Willis (1985) list relevant previous references to the geology and geophysics of the basin.

REGIONAL GEOLOGY AND NEW STRATIGRAPHIC FRAMEWORK

The Clarence-Moreton Basin contains continental sediments up to 3.5 km thick, ranging in age from Rhaetian to Tithonian. Thus the sedimentary succession spans a time interval of about 75 Ma. Significant periods of non-deposition and erosion probably occur in the sedimentary sequence, but no evidence of basin wide, extensive, regional angular unconformities have been recognised. The basin sequence in Queensland has been documented by 26 fully cored stratigraphic holes, and more recently four stratigraphic holes have been drilled in New South Wales, three by BMR (BMR Maclean 1, and BMR Warwick 6 and 7 described herein) and one by NSW MD (DM Pillar Valley 2) to solve specific stratigraphic problems. (Wells and O'Brien, 1985; Etheridge et al., 1985).

Current geological investigations (Wells and O'Brien, in prep.) in the basin have indicated that the stratigraphic nomenclature established in Queensland (Day et al., 1974) can be applied, with some modification to most of the basin. A new lithostratigraphic framework for the Clarence-Moreton Basin has recently been synthesised by Wells et al., (in press) and a scheme that is applicable to both the NSW and Queensland parts of the basin has been devised (Fig. 6). The revised scheme applies mainly to the Bundamba Group, the primarily non-coal bearing sequence between the mid Jurassic Walloon Coal Measures, and the Late Triassic Ipswich Coal Measures and their equivalents (Red Cliff, Evans Head and possibly Nymboida Coal Measures).

The upper parts of the Clarence-Moreton sequence, including the Grafton Formation, Kangaroo Creek Sandstone, and Walloon Coal Measures, were not studied in detail in the course of the recent BMR Program, and no major lithofacies changes have either been recognised or described. BMR Warwick 6 spudded very close to the base of the Walloon Coal Measures and hence none of these formations were intersected.

The Marburg 'Formation' has been redefined as the Marburg Subgroup and subdivided into two major sedimentary sequences. The upper sequence of mixed lithologies is defined as the Koukandowie Formation and the lower, predominantly lithic and felspathic sandstone, as the Gatton Sandstone. The new stratigraphic framework shown in Figure 6 indicates the lithological subdivisions of these two major sequences within the Marburg Subgroup. Two members, the Heifer Creek Sandstone and the older Ma Ma Creek Member, occur in the Koukandowie Formation.

The Koreelah Conglomerate Member and Calamia Member, are two newly defined units that have been described from the Gatton Sandstone.

STRUCTURE

The sedimentary succession on the western margin of the Clarence-Moreton Basin is poorly exposed but in most outcrops is gently tilted eastwards, generally between 3 and 8°. On a seismic section along the Bruxner Highway a broad fold can be discerned with its axis close to the township of Mallanganee. However reversals of dip in this part of the basin are the exception rather than the rule.

The sedimentary sequence shows an onlapping relationship with the basement rocks along the basins western margin. The Gatton Sandstone of the Marburg Subgroup overlaps the older formations of the Clarence-Moreton Basin, chiefly the Woogaroo Subgroup, to rest unconformably on the basement. The Gatton Sandstone becomes increasingly coarse grained as the western basement outcrops are approached and a conglomerate (the Koreelah Conglomerate Member of the Gatton Sandstone) occurs along the western basin margin. Remnants of the Laytons Range Conglomerate are present near Tabulam but the overlying Raceview Formation and Ripley Road Sandstone are, with only one possible exception, not present along the western basin margin. The exception is an isolated small inlier of quartzose sandstone tentatively identified with the Ripley Road Sandstone about 10 km north of Baryulgil. These outcrops occur stratigraphically beneath the Gatton Sandstone and are underlain by the Laytons Range Conglomerate; only the lower contact is visible.

DRILL SITE GEOLOGY

BMR Warwick 6 and 7 were drilled on the western flank of the Clarence-Moreton Basin near the Bruxner Highway between Casino and Tabulam.

The oldest exposed formation of the Clarence-Moreton Basin sedimentary succession are remnants of conglomerate tentatively identified as the

Laytons Range Conglomerate preserved in small inliers. The best exposures of the probable Laytons Range Conglomerate include cliffs along the Timbarra River near Tabulam about 1 km upstream from its junction with the Clarence River.

The Koreelah Conglomerate Member, a local basal conglomerate of the Gatton Sandstone, overlaps the Laytons Range Conglomerate. The Koreelah Conglomerate Member grades laterally and vertically into the Gatton Sandstone of the Marburg Subgroup. The unconformable contact of the Koreelah Conglomerate Member with the Triassic Bruxner Adamellite (Moreton Geological map, GSQ, 1980) forms the greater part of the western margin of the Clarence-Moreton Basin.

The presence of inliers of the older units in places along the western basin margin demonstrates the presence of major time breaks and unconformities in the sedimentary succession in this region.

The stratigraphic framework of the sequence above the Koreelah Conglomerate Member was not known precisely because of the poor and discontinuous exposures. A thick bedded, quartz-lithic, silty sandstone sequence exposed in discontinuous road cuttings above the conglomerate was identified as Gatton Sandstone and the sporadic outcrops of the mixed sandstone/shale sequence above was tentatively identified with the Koukandowie Formation. The lithological succession in the Koukandowie Formation and its contact with the Gatton Sandstone are difficult to determine from the discontinuous outcrop, and similarly the power boundary

of the Gatton Sandstone is obscured. Most outcrops and road cuttings comprise the more resistant medium and coarse grained sandstone and thin conglomerate interbeds, but none of the finer grained sediments are exposed.

A resistant quartzose sandstone occurring in the lower part of the Koukandowie Formation was tentatively identified with the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member. By contrast the Heifer Creek Sandstone member occupies the upper part of the formation in the type section in the Laidley Sub-basin. The position of the Ma Ma Creek Member in the western marginal sequence was also problematical mainly because of the extremely poor outcrop and the chamositic oolite marker bed which is commonly interbedded in, and characterises the member (Cranfield et al., 1976) was not found. Surface samples from the sequence are mostly too oxidised to yield palynomorphs suitable for dating, so that the chronstratigraphic framework in this region was unknown.

The Koukandowie Formation is overlain by the Walloon Coal Measures but the precise position of the contact in outcrop is uncertain.

STRATIGRAPHY AND LITHOLOGY OF BMR WARWICK 6 AND 7

The interpreted stratigraphic succession penetrated in BMR Warwick 6 and 7 is shown in Table 1, detailed lithological logs are shown in Figures 4 and 5 and Table 2 list the depths of all analysed samples.

Wells et al., (in press) established the main criteria used to distinguish the boundaries between formations and members in the Marburg Subgroup and their criteria were followed in subdividing the lithological succession in Warwick 6 and 7. The principal, and most satisfactory method used to distinguish major unit boundaries, is sandstone composition.

These criteria, used in conjunction with lithological associations, are sufficient to define the formation and member boundaries in the Marburg Subgroup.

The principal rock types, and their approximate percentages, in the stratigraphic intervals can be summarised as follows:-

WARWICK NO. 6

0 - 157 .7 Koukandowie Formation - undivided (sand/shale ratio 1.6)

Sandstone (60%) - light grey and grey, quartz-lithic, very fine to very coarse grained, mostly medium grained, moderately well sorted with a clay matrix and occasional siltstone interbeds, fine carbonaceous laminae, and mostly cross-laminated. The coarser grained sandstone beds are poorly sorted with subangular grains and commonly grade into conglomerate. The fine grained sandstone commonly contains mica, carbonaceous and coaly laminae, minor thin claystone laminae and mud chips.

Claystone (37%) - grey brown, parallel and irregular laminations, commonly with inter-laminated fine sandstone and siltstone.

Conglomerate (3%) - polymictic, rounded to angular, poorly sorted, coarse grained sandstone matrix, lithic and coal clasts, erosive base.

157.7 - 199.37 Heifer Creek Sandstone Member (sand/shale ratio 21.5)

Sandstone (90%) - light grey to white, coarse to very coarse grained, friable, quartzose and quartz-lithic, porous with little clayey matrix; high angle, tabular cross-beds, beds 0.5 - 1 m thick, scattered pebbles, minor coal partings, in multistory bodies in part. Sandstone grains are subangular, moderately poorly sorted.

Conglomerate (6%) - granule, quartzose, subrounded to angular clasts of felsic volcanics, metasediments, siltstone, chert, coal spars.

Claystone (4%) - minor fine to very fine grained, parallel and ripple cross-laminated, occurs as thin lenticular laminae in dark grey siltstone.

WARWICK NO. 7

0 - 5.4 m Heifer Creek Sandstone Member

Sandstone - quartzose, medium grained, cross-laminated, minor pebble conglomerate at base.

5.4 - 30.81 Koukandowie Formation Undivided (sand/shale ratio 1.3)

Conglomerate (1%) - granule

Sandstone (56%) - fine, medium and coarse grained, light grey to grey, quartz-lithic, cross-laminated, micaceous in part with carbonaceous laminae and grains.

Claystone (43%) - grey, faintly laminated, thin fine grained sandstone interbeds bioturbated; thin, ripple cross-laminated, fine grained sandstone laminae.

A typical fining up sequence in this interval of undivided Koukandowie formation comprises:-

2.7 m Claystone, faintly laminated, with thin (< 5 cm) fine grained sandstone interbeds.

1.5 m Laminated and ripple cross-laminated, fine grained sandstone at base fining up into very fine grained sandstone and grey siltstone.

1.8 m Sandstone, lithic, grey, coarse grained, with fine grained chaffy sandstone interbeds about 10 cm thick.

0.2 m Conglomerate, granule.

30.81 - 72.16 Ma Ma Creek Member (sand/shale ratio 2.1)

Sandstone (63%) - fining up sequences 10 m thick, with granule conglomerate intervals at base. Cross-bedded, quartzose and quartz-lithic, occasional carbonaceous laminae and mica, pebbles and clay pellets, kaolinitic matrix weathered to yellow-brown clay. Large angular clasts of grey siltstone occur in very coarse grained, quartz-lithic sandstone.

Conglomerate (7%) - clasts to 5 cm across, predominantly pebble size, including large irregular carbonaceous fragments, volcanics, white quartz and fine grained metasediments.

Claystone/Siltstone (30%) - dark grey bioturbated, abundant rootlets cross-laminated, carbonaceous laminae.

72.16 - 146.55 Gatton Sandstone (sand/shale ratio 12.4)

Sandstone (86%) - grey, medium to very coarse grained, quartz-lithic and quartzo-feldspathic, cross-laminated, pyritic and calcareous in part. Thin porous intervals.

Conglomerate (7%) - granule and pebble, poorly sorted, coal spars and clay clasts common, mostly in thin interbeds but very common over lower 12 m interval - probably gradational contact with Koreelah Conglomerate Member.

Mudstone (7%) - one interval of mudstone 5.5 m thick (102.2 - 107.4 m). Fine grained sandstone laminae and thin interbeds with ripple cross

laminated, low angle laminae and chaffy laminae, erosional bases. Some 5 cm coarse grained sandstone beds with erosional bases and mud chips.

DISCUSSION

The succession of lithostratigraphic units established in the Marburg Subgroup in Warwick 6 and 7 drill holes differs significantly in several aspects from that established in the northern part of the basin where the type sections of the units have been defined. The Heifer Creek Sandstone Member occurs at the top of the Koukandowie Formation in the Clifden-Gatton Road section in the northern part of the basin but in Warwick 6 the top of the member is about 160 m below the base of the Walloon Coal Measures. This relationship implies that the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member may be diachronous. Examination of basin transects in the southern part of the Clarence-Moreton Basin show that the member occurs at the base of the Koukandowie Formation and in most places is separated from the Gatton Sandstone by the Towallum Basalt.

In its type section the Ma Ma Creek Sandstone Member of the Koukandowie Formation comprised approximately equal proportions of sandstone and claystone/siltstone and includes an important marker bed of chamositic oolite. In Warwick 7, the interval identified as Ma Ma Creek Member, although containing claystone/siltstone intervals up to 9 m thick, is composed dominantly (approximately 65%) of sandstone in thick upward fining sequences. The chamositic oolite was not found in Warwick 7, and

has not been recorded from other well sections in the southern part of the basin. The absence of oolite and the abundance of sandstone indicates that Warwick 7 intersected a section of the Ma Ma Creek Member in which fluvial deposits, as distinct from lacustrine fine grained deposits, predominate.

The coarser grained conglomeratic sandstone and conglomerate in the Gatton Sandstone over the basal 12 m in Warwick 7 are considerably thicker than normally found in the formation (cf. Fig. 12, Wells et al., in press). This probably represents a transition zone to the Koreelah Conglomerate Member. This observation is consistent with the presence of a coarse grained conglomerate facies at the base of the Gatton Sandstone along the western basin margin where it overlaps basement rocks.

SEDIMENTOLOGY

The Koukandowie Formation and Gatton Sandstone in BMR Warwick 6 and 7 contain abundant wood fragments, thin coaly horizons, rootlet beds and rare palaeosols. Sandstone bodies typically display large-scale cross-beds that indicate unidirectional palaeocurrents. These features are diagnostic of fluvial deposition so the sediments are therefore interpreted as river channel floodplain deposits with the main variations being the proportion of floodplain facies and thickness of channel sandstone bodies.

Above 120.5 m in Warwick 6, the Koukandowie Formation consists mostly of mudstone and fine to medium sandstone bodies up to 5 m thick with rare beds of coarse sandstone. The sandstone bodies are commonly parallel laminated or ripple cross-laminated and some are disturbed by rootlets suggesting that they are crevasse splay or small floodplain channel deposits. Most mudstone beds are silty with fine sandstone laminae, some of which are ripple cross-laminated. Mudcracks are present in a few beds. This suggests that the mudstone beds were mostly deposited on floodplains with high sediment input and moving water. A few laminated or intensely bioturbated claystone beds were probably deposited in ephemeral floodplain lakes. Below 120.5 m, the Koukandowie Formation, including the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member, is mostly medium to coarse grained, large-scale cross-bedded sandstone probably deposited in low-sinuosity, bedload channels.

In Warwick 7, floodplain sediments are also abundant in the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member and the underlying Ma Ma Creek Member. The Ma Ma Creek Member floodplain mudstones are generally finer than those above and the Ma Ma Creek Member sandstone bodies display clear fining-up cycles starting with mud-chip conglomerates at the base passing up into cross-bedded, medium sandstone then into rooted fine sandstone and siltstone and finally bioturbated carbonaceous shale. These sequences suggest deposition by sinuous, mixed or suspended load streams. Their presence means that Ma Ma Creek Member in Warwick 7 contains a higher proportion of sandstone than in many other outcrop and well sections.

This probably does not indicate a systematic lithological difference but a chance occurrence of more lenticular channel sandstone bodies in this section.

The Ma Ma Creek Member overlies the Gatton Sandstone with a sharp boundary at 72.6 m. The Gatton Sandstone is predominantly cross-bedded medium to coarse sandstone and granule conglomerate deposited by low-sinuosity, braided channels. The only floodplain deposit is a 5.5 m thick mudstone interval which has abundant fine sandstone interbeds indicating a high energy floodplain.

The depositional styles of the Koukandowie Formation and the Gatton Sandstone in BMR Warwick 6 and 7 appear to be similar to those in the rest of the Logan Sub-basin. However, the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member contains a higher proportion of fine-grained facies in Warwick 6 and 7 than in sections from the northern part of the basin.

IMPLICATIONS FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

The interpretation of vitrinite reflectance data (Powell et al., in prep.) and fission track dating (Gleadow & O'Brien, in prep.), obtained from a comprehensive basin wide suite of samples suggest that BMR Warwick 6 and 7 stratigraphic holes were drilled in an area where the intersected sediments and their contained source rocks could lie in a zone of oil generation.

The vitrinite reflectance and Tmax data (from Rock Eval.) (Table 3, and Powell et al., op cit.) indicate a progressive increase in source rock maturity from west to east. Fission track ages of apatites (Gleadow & O'Brien, op cit.) also indicate higher basin temperatures in the east. The reset ages in this area suggest that maximum temperatures and burial depths were reached in the late Cretaceous. Subsidence curves for the basin (Powell et al., in prep.) indicate greater burial depths for the sedimentary succession in the eastern part of the basin than in the west.

A comparison of the frequency of fine grained facies and total organic carbon in the formations penetrated in the drill holes indicates that the undifferentiated Koukandowie Formation contains the richest and most abundant source rocks. Basin wide it is only surpassed by the Walloon Coal Measures in source rock quality and abundance.

Rock-Eval pyrolysis (REV) (Powell et al., in Wells & O'Brien, in prep.) data show that the coals and carbonaceous shales of the Clarence-Moreton Basin contain oil-prone terrestrial organic matter that are as rich and in some cases richer, than their equivalents in contemporaneous sediments of the Eromanga Basin.

Hence it was not entirely unexpected that the source rock analyses (Rock Eval & TOC) (Table 3) indicated that mature petroleum source rocks were present over some intervals intersected in both Warwick 6 and 7.

All samples obtained from Warwick 6 well were from the Koukandowie Formation and the TOC analyses indicated the presence of excellent oil

source rocks with the best indications being obtained in the samples at 27.2, 42.0 and 51.8 m. Other results from Rock Eval confirmed the evaluation of the sediments in these three intervals that occur in the oil zone.

Samples from Warwick 7 were obtained from the Ma Ma Creek Member of the Koukandowie Formation, and the Gatton Sandstone. The samples occur in the oil zone and the best source rocks occur at 56.5 m in the Ma Ma Creek member. TOC indicates an oil source rock in the Gatton Sandstone (a mudstone sample from 104.7 m) but other, in tandem, Rock-Eval indices show poor to fair source rock quality.

Hydrogen index vs oxygen index plots are shown in Figure 8, and hydrogen index vs Tmax plot in Figure 9. These analyses indicate the undifferentiated Koukandowie Formation contains rich source rocks that show immature to oil zone maturation with Type I and II kerogen.

Petrophysical analyses (Table 6) on core samples from Warwick 6 and 7 indicate the presence of favourable porous and permeable zones. Permeabilities of up to 227 md (H) and 75 md (V) and porosities up to 19% were recorded in the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member. Permeabilities of up to 961 md (H) and 9 md (V) and 26% porosity were recorded in the Gatton Sandstone.

The core from BMR Warwick 5A was sampled with the intention of comparing the petrophysical characteristics of the Kangaroo Creek Sandstone with the Heifer Creek Sandstone. However either the position of Warwick 5/5A on

the Warwick 1:250.000 geological map is incorrect (see Table 2), or the grid references in the report (Exon et al., 1974) have been transposed, so that the stratigraphic identification of the core is uncertain.

PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY OF BMR WARWICK DDH 6 AND 7

Forty-three samples, 28 from Warwick DDH 6 and 15 from Warwick DDH 7 (Table 2) were submitted for palynological analysis to test the suggested stratigraphy. All but one sample yielded a palynomorph assemblage and the state of preservation in each was surprisingly good. This report is transcribed from McMinn (1988).

BIOSTRATIGRAPHIC RESULTS

The palynomorph assemblages (Tables 4 and 5) described herein are compared with the zonation of Price et al. (1985). Price et al. (1985) also gave correlation charts of their zonation with various stratigraphies including that of the Clarence-Moreton Basin. They divided the Marburg 'Formation' into four members, which in ascending order were the Gatton Sandstone Member, the Winwill Conglomerate member, the Ma Ma Creek Member and the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member (Figs. 6 & 11).

BMR Warwick DDH 6

Samples down to a depth of 40.96 m contain Retitriletes circolumenus and can therefore be referred to the PJ4 zone (Fig. 11). Samples between 40.96 m and 182.25 m lack R. circolumenus but contain Camazonosporites

ramosus and are therefore equivalent to the underlying PJ3.3.2 zone. The lowest sample, at 188.52 m, lacks C. ramosus and therefore can probably be assigned to the underlying PJ3.3.1 zone. Each of these zones is confined to the 'Heifer Creek Sandstone Member' of Price et al. (1985) and thus the Koukandowie Formation of Wells et al. (in prep.). The palynological ages determined for this sequence are therefore consistent with the application of stratigraphic units by Wells et al. (in prep.).

BMR Warwick DDH 7

Palynomorph assemblages taken from samples to a depth of 20.56 m contain Camerozonosporites ramosus and are therefore equivalent to the PJ3.3.2 zone (Fig. 11). Samples from 31.27 m and 32.60 m lack C. ramosus but contain Klukisporites lacunus and are therefore equivalent to the zone PJ3.3.1. The interval between 32.60 m and 70.33 m contains Staplinisporites manifestus but lacks K. lacunus and is therefore equivalent to the PJ3.2 zone. There is a 32 m sample gap below this level and the lowest samples, which are between 102.42 m and 111.22 m contain assemblages equivalent to the PJ1 zone. Thus the PJ2.2 to PJ3.1 zones have not been recognised in this well but as there is a significant sample gap it is not possible to determine whether this results from the sample distribution or from a depositional/erosional hiatus.

Wells et al. (1988) indicate that BMR Warwick DDH 7 spudded in the

Koukandowie Formation and terminated in the Gatton Sandstone. Price et al. (1985), however, determined that deposition of the Marburg Subgroup, with the Gatton Sandstone at its base, began in PJ2.1. The PJ1 age at the base of this well therefore implies that either the basal sediments are equivalent to the Ripley Road Sandstone (a position inconsistent with the geological interpretation) or that the Gatton Sandstone/Ripley Road Sandstone boundary is diachronous. As the difference in geological time between the assemblages from the sedimentary successions in Queensland compared to New South Wales is minor the latter suggestion seems the more likely. The presence of the zone PJ3.3.2 in this well implies that there is some stratigraphic overlap with the adjacent well, BMR Warwick DDH 6.

KEROGEN ANALYSIS

An approximate kerogen analysis (Fig. 7) was made by a visual inspection of the kerogen components in each assemblage. Those components considered more favourable for oil generation are grouped in the Source Potential Index (S.P.I.). This is composed of exinite (mostly spores and pollen) and the amorphous kerogen components. Combaz (1980) suggested three groups of kerogen-based palynofacies, an oil prone (sapropelic) kerogen, a gas prone (lignitic) kerogen and an intermediate mixed oil and gas prone (liptinic) kerogen. The oil prone facies is typically dominated by the amorphous components whereas the liptinic facies is more typically dominated by the terrestrially derived components such as 'biodegraded terrestrial' and exinite.

Sapropelic kerogen (as indicated by peaks in the S.P.I.) has a discontinuous distribution in BMR Warwick DDH 6 and 7 but several samples, particularly in the upper Koukandowie Formation, do have high to very high values. If the biodegraded terrestrial component is added to the S.P.I. values most of the sequence is found to have liptinic source potential.

The three peaks corresponding to high S.P.I. from samples in Warwick No. 7 at about 21 m, 56 m and 102 m were also analysed by Rock-Eval & TOC. The sample at about 56 m shows good source rock potential with 7.74% TOC and corresponding good Rock-Eval indicators. The sample at 102 m has 1.64% TOC, and 1.29% TOC at 21 m, but otherwise both have poor source rock indications. Samples at 33 m (1.31% TOC) and 105 m (1.08% TOC) show low S.P.I. values so there does not appear to be an exact correspondence between S.P.I. and source rock analyses.

There were no samples analysed by Rock-Eval/TOC corresponding to the high S.P.I. values obtained from samples at approximately 97 m and 112 m in Warwick 6 and hence no direct comparison can be made.

SPORE-POLLEN DISCOLORATION

The spore-pollen discoloration in BMR Warwick DDH 6 and 7 is in the orange range, TAI 2.0, implying an equivalent vitrinite reflectance of 0.5 - 0.6. This indicates a thermally mature temperature regime.

CONCLUSIONS

The stratigraphic drilling on the western flank of the Clarence-Moreton Basin has:

- elucidated the stratigraphic succession in an area of little outcrop.

The lithostratigraphy can be compared with units in the northern portion of the basin where most of the type sections have been established. There are three main differences between the two stratigraphic successions. At the drill site the quartzose Heifer Creek Sandstone Member occurs much lower in the Koukandowie Formation; the Ma Ma Creek Member is composed dominantly of sandstone and the chamositic oolite marker bed is not present; and the basal portion of the Gatton Sandstone intersected in the stratigraphic hole is conglomeratic which undoubtedly represents a gradation to the Koreelah Conglomerate Member:

- demonstrated the presence of permeable and porous sediments in both the Heifer Creek Sandstone member and the Gatton Sandstone.

Analyses of selected samples from both the Heifer Creek Sandstone Member and the Gatton Sandstone has demonstrated the presence of porous and permeable sediments in both formations. Porosities in the Koukandowie Formation range from 15.4 to 19% and permeabilities from 2.84 to 227 md in Warwick 6, and in the Gatton Sandstone 12.0 to 25.9%, and 0.943 to 961 md respectively in Warwick 7:

- shown the presence of oil prone source rocks in the Koukandowie Formation.

Analyses of selected samples has shown the presence of oil prone source rocks in the Koukandowie Formation in BMR Warwick 6 (from samples analysed at 27.2 m, 42.0 m, and 51.8 m) and in the Ma Ma Creek Member of the Koukandowie Formation in BMR Warwick 7 (from a sample analysed at 56.5 m):

- yielded a well preserved sequence of palynomorphs that indicate an age range from PJ_4 to PJ_1 , and allowed a biostratigraphic framework to be erected.

This framework allowed direct comparisons and age correlations with established zones in the northern Clarence-Moreton Basin.

Palynomorphs from $PJ_{2.1}$ to $PJ_{3.1}$ zones were not found,* but they may be represented in an interval about 32 m thick which was not sampled, and analysis of samples from this interval are in progress.

* Footnote An alternative view presented by Burger (in prep.) suggests another scheme for the zonation of the assemblages and indicates that there may be no significant time break in this interval.

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TABLE 1 - INTERVALS AND STRATIGRAPHIC SEQUENCES IN BMR WARWICK 6 and 7

BMR Warwick 6

0 - 199.37 m (T.D.)	Koukandowie Formation
157.7 - 199.37 m (T.D.)	Heifer Creek Sandstone Member

BMR Warwick 7

0 - 72.16 m	Koukandowie Formation
0 - 5.4 m	Heifer Creek Sandstone Member
30.81 - 72.16	Ma Ma Creek Member
72.16 - 146.55 (T.D.)	Gatton Sandstone

TABLE 2 ANALYSED SAMPLES

THIN SECTION

	<u>BMR Warwick No. 6.</u>	<u>BMR Warwick No. 7.</u>
<u>Depth (m)</u>	32.22	117.21
	52.18	132.50
	143.9 - 144.10	135.86
	165.68	137.55
	173.15	
	173.75	
	195.03 - 195.13	

POROSITY/PERMEABILITYBMR Warwick No. 5A. *

Large Core

<u>Depth (ft)</u>	226' 9" - 227"
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	<u>BMR Warwick No. 6.</u>	<u>Plugs</u>
<u>Depth (m)</u>	143.71 - 143.81	144.10 - 143.90
	165.67 - 165.78	165.68 - 165.60
	173.03 - 173.15	173.15
	173.63 - 173.78	195.03 - 195.13
	196.0 - 196.08	

* Footnote: The identification of the stratigraphic unit in BMR Warwick 5A is uncertain. Either the sites of BMR Warwick 5, 5A and BMR Warwick 3 have been transposed on the Warwick 1:250.000 Geological Map (1st Edition, 1972), or alternatively the grid references given in the report (Exon et al., 1974) have been transposed.

BMR Warwick No. 7

Plugs

117.23 - 117.31

117.15 - 117.4

132.58 - 132.73

135.86 - 136.07

137.35 - 137.54

PALYNOLOGYBMR Warwick No. 6BMR Warwick No. 7Depth (m)

87.04

8.36

90.38

12.07

96.82

14.90

98.64

16.76

105.30

20.56

112.02

31.27

120.44

32.60

127.56

47.72

132.57

56.45

149.52

56.75

156.61

69.10

174.37

70.33

178.55

70.57

182.25

72.00

188.52

79.55

89.25

102.14

102.42

103.64

107.35

111.22

111.42

142.20

SOURCE ROCK ANALYSIS (ROCK EVAL)

	<u>BMR Warwick No. 6</u>	<u>BMR Warwick No. 7</u>
<u>Depth (m)</u>	27.10 - 27.29	15.06
	27.97 - 29.93	21.78
	34.35	30.87
	40.72	32.56
	42.00	47.90
	46.72	56.45
	51.60 - 51.90	70.22
	60.24	71.97
	132.43	102.39
	156.54	104.74

XRDBMR Warwick No. 6

91.34

INORGANIC CHEMICAL ANALYSISBMR Warwick No. 7

Core # 50, 132.58 - 132.7 m (Part II)

TABLE 3 - SOURCE ROCK ANALYSES

<u>BASIN/AREA CLARENCE-MORETON</u>						<u>WELL/LOCALITY WARWICK NO. 6</u>					
ID	DEPTH M	TMAX DEG C	S1	S2 KG per TONNE	S3	S1+S2	S2/S3	PI	TOC %	HI	OI
KOUKANDOWIE FORMATION											
4365	27.2	435	10.61	131.52	1.16	142.13		.07	33.10	397	4
4366	28.0	446	.63	15.63	.39	16.26	40.08	.04	3.69	424	11
4367	34.4	434	.15	1.49	2.39	1.64	.62	.09	1.11	134	215
4368	40.7	444	.46	5.72	.19	6.18	30.11	.07	1.83	313	10
4369	42.0	435	7.45	134.96	.67	142.41		.05	35.10	385	2
4370	46.7	443	.46	7.07	.25	7.53	28.28	.06	2.40	295	10
4371	51.8	437	1.35	25.46	.35	26.81	72.74	.05	6.74	378	5
4372	60.2	443	.11	.90	3.08	1.01	.29	.11	.77	117	400
4373	132.4	443	.14	1.96	.08	2.10	24.50	.07	1.01	194	8
4374	156.5	451	.26	2.93	.16	3.19	18.31	.08	1.71	171	9
KOUKANDOWIE FORMATION-MA MA CREEK MEMBER											
4375	15.1	437	.02	.56	.02	.58	28.00	.03	.41	137	5
4376	21.8	443	.07	1.06	0.00	1.13		.06	1.29	82	0
4377	30.9	440	0.00	.27	0.00	.27		0.00	.34	79	0
4378	32.6	437	.02	.35	0.00	.37		.05	1.31	27	0
4379	47.9	439	.13	1.72	0.00	1.85		.07	.68	253	0
4380	56.5	441	1.45	47.86	.17	49.31		.03	7.74	618	2
4381	70.2	442	.07	.73	1.45	.80	.50	.09	.91	80	159
4382	72.0	441	.07	.98	.07	1.05	14.00	.07	1.09	90	6
GATTON SANDSTONE											
4383	102.4	439	.10	1.70	0.00	1.80		.06	1.64	104	0
4384	104.7	442	.19	2.39	.29	2.58	8.24	.07	1.08	221	27

TABLE 6 CORE ANALYSES

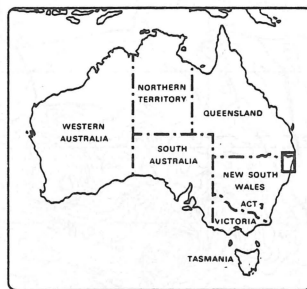
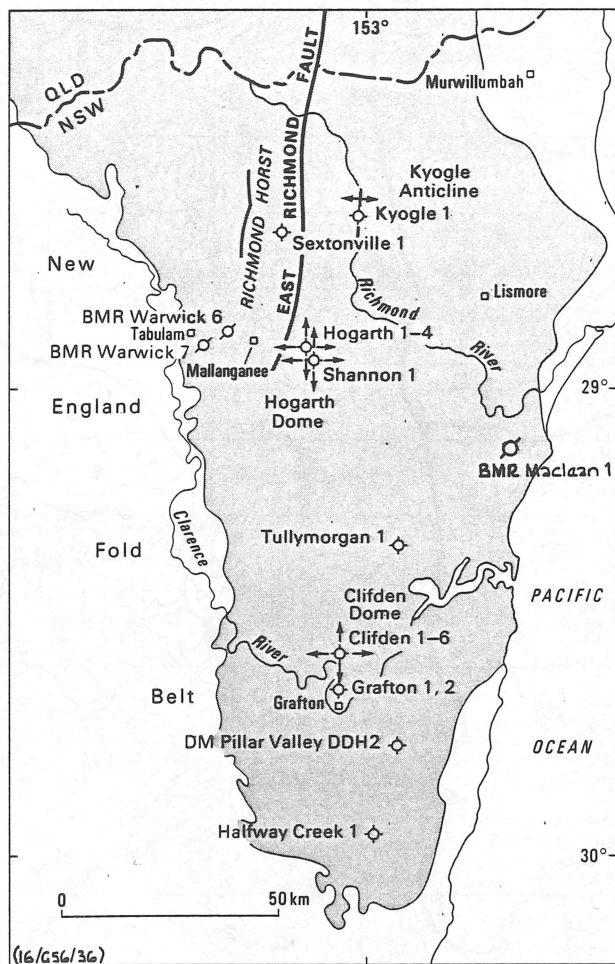
WARWICK 5A, 6 & 7		Ambient	
Sample	Bulk Volume	Bulk Dry Density	Apparent Grain Density
WARWICK 5			
1	21.91	2.25	2.67
WARWICK 6			
2	18.52	2.19	2.70
3	22.76	2.24	2.66
4	49.31	2.18	2.66
5	52.07	2.25	2.67
6	21.82	2.27	2.71
WARWICK 7			
7	46.07	2.19	2.67
8	35.77	2.10	2.69
9	52.02	2.41	2.73
10	45.69	1.98	2.67

TABLE 6 (CONT.)

WARWICK 5A, 6 & 7		Ambient	
Sample	Depth	Permeability (md)	Porosity (%)
WARWICK 5			
1	226.10 ft	5.65	15.7
WARWICK 6			
2	143.97 m	6.42	19.0
3	165.75 m	160	15.9
4	173.06 m	227	18.3
5	173.73 m	23.6	15.4
6	196.02 m	2.84	16.0
WARWICK 7			
7	117.29 m	9.81	18.0
8	132.63 m	52.3	21.7
9	135.94 m	0.943	12.0
10	137.40 m	961	25.9

TABLE 6 (CONT.)

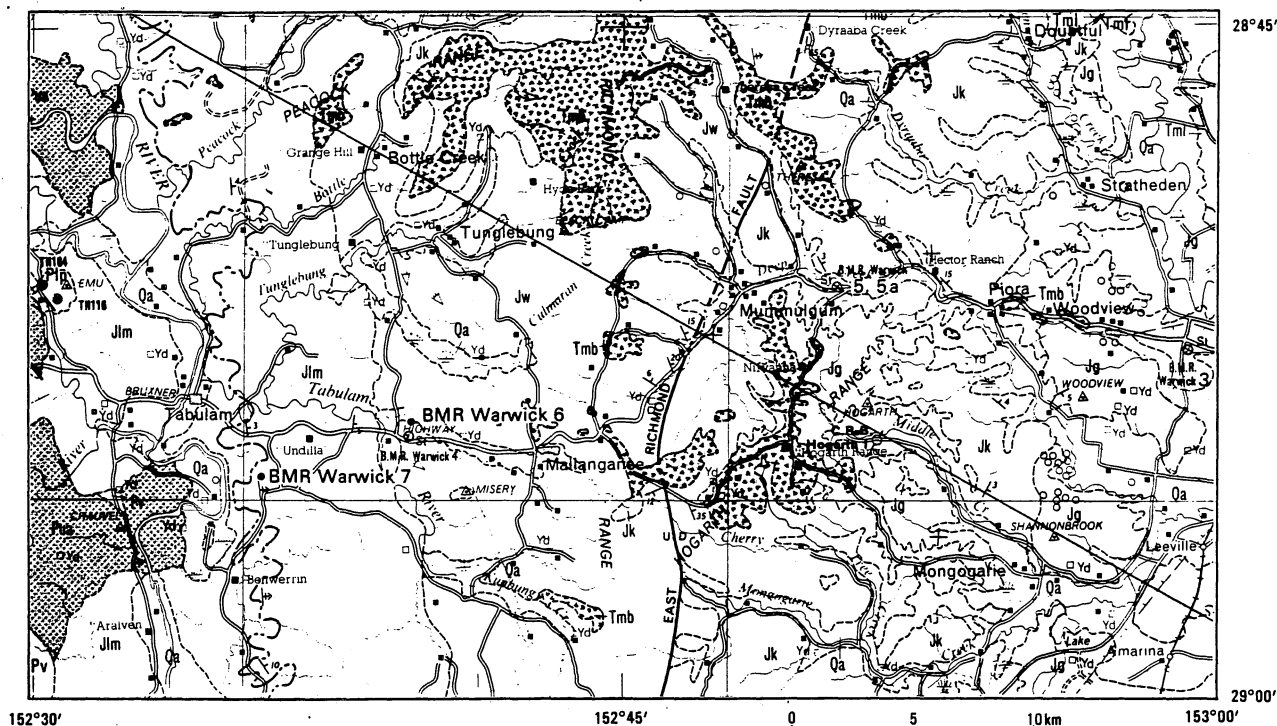
WARWICK 5A, 6 & 7		Ambient	
Sample	Depth	Permeability (md)	Porosity (%)
WARWICK 5			
1V	226.11 ft	6.27	
WARWICK 6			
2V	143.93 m	1.58	
3V	165.70 m	74.5	
4V	173.12 m	34.3	
5V	173.67 m	14.4	
6V	196.05 m	9.58	
WARWICK 7			
9V	135.88 m	8.86	



- Clarence-Moreton Basin
- Structural dome
- Petroleum bore (dry abandoned)
- Stratigraphic drillhole

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Fig.1. Locality map



Reference

— Geological boundary

$\frac{U}{D}$ Fault (D, U indicate relative movement down, up)
Where location of boundaries, folds and faults is approximate, line is broken; where inferred, queried; where concealed, boundaries, folds are dotted, faults are shown by short dashes

$\angle 40$ Strike and dip of strata

— Horizontal strata

○ Fossil locality—general.

● TH 124 Macrofossil locality and field collection number

--- Fossil wood horizon

✕ Quarry

Mα Marble

⊗ Oil well, dry hole, abandoned

⊗ St Stratigraphic hole

○ Shallow water bore

— Dam on stream

— Swamp

— Highway

— Road

----- Vehicle track

— Telephone line

— Built up area

■ Homestead

■ Building, hut or outstation

□ Yd Yard

• 204 Elevation in metres

△ Trigonometrical station

CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY		
TERTIARY	MIOCENE	Lamington Volcanics	Tml Sub-alkali basalt, minor tuff and agglomerate.
		Tmb	Basalt.
	UPPER JURASSIC	Grafton Formation	Jg Lithic sandstone, siltstone, mudstone
MESOZOIC	UPPER JURASSIC	Kangaroo Creek Sandstone	Jk Quartzose to feldspathic sublabilite sandstone
	MIDDLE JURASSIC	Walloon Coal Measures	Jw Fine labile sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, coal calcareous in part. Plant fossils.
	LOWER JURASSIC	Marburg Subgroup	Jlm Feldspathic to feldspathic sublabilite sandstone, pebbly in part; lesser siltstone, mudstone. Basal pebbly arkose in west
PALAEOZOIC	UPPER PERMIAN	Pua	Adamellite, granite, diorite, granodiorite
		Drake Volcanics	Pv Agglomerate, crystal and crystal lithic tuff; minor flows and interbedded sediments
	LOWER PERMIAN	Paddys Flat Formation	Plp Sandstone, mudstone, conglomerate; minor volcanics and limestone

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Fig.3 Geological Sketch Map

Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay Silt Very Fine Sand Fine Sand Medium Sand Coarse Sand Granules Pebbles Boulders	Description N.B. Cores not shown on log. 0-25m Depth from rig floor = 0.9m	Dip	Photograph	Colour
		1						
		2						
		3						
		4						
		5						
		6						
		7			Not logged			
		8						
		9						
		10						
		11			Weathered, friable, qtz-lithic, coal partings, shale partings, gy, m-f. gr.			
		12			Weathered, siltstone/claystone, minor (5%) fine sst, lt. br to lt. gy, thin-bedded to laminated. Horizons of weathered? ironstone (granules, pebbles - clay matrix) at 10.5-10.8.			
		13			gy, pyritic, Core loss			
		14			lt. gy, f-m. gr. sst, qtz-lithic, some mica, ?silt matrix, low-angle x-laminated to flat-bedded, dark carb. to earthy laminae and x-bed partings.			
		15			Minor thin claystone (1-5cm), mudchips, minor (<50% coarse sst. - fine angl.).			
		16						
		17						
		18			Gy, med. - coarse qtz-lithic sst, subrounded-subangular grains, med. sorted, clay matrix, x-bedded at base			
		19			Gy, f-m. gr. qtz-lithic sst, mudstone & carb. mudstone laminae at top with fine-scale x-laminae; pebble angl. at base & other intervals; minor coal partings.			
		20			Gy-br laminated siltstone-claystone, carb, thin fine sst. intervals, minor coal partings, irregularly contorted stratification 19.70-20.46m.			
		21			M.c sst, qtz-lithic, minor pebble hor. towards top, minor coal fragments			
		22			As above			
		23			M.gr. qtz-lithic sst, some c.gr., claystone & lithic pebble clasts, poorly trough x-bedded			
		24			M.f. gr. qtz-lithic sst, some coarse gr., carb. laminae, benzene soluble sst, mod. sorted, grains subangular-subrounded, siltstone-claystone clasts. Thin lithic pebble horizons. Dec. siltstone interbeds. High-angle x-beds, to low-angle x-lamination. Base erosive?			
		25			Gy, f-v.f. sst, (55%), lithic-qtz, fine carb. laminae, small-scale low-angle x-lamination. Interbedded/interlaminated with gy-br. claystone - some siltstone (45%). Some irregularly contorted stratification. Base sharp & regular.			
		26			lt. gy, f. qtz-lithic sst, clay matrix mod. well sorted, subangular grains, 30-2/35			

Age		Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay Silt Very Fine Sand Fine Sand Medium Sand Coarse Sand Granules Pebbles Boulders	Description	Dip	Photograph	Colour	
						Depth from floor = 0.9 m				
			26			Variably x-bedded, from regular med. angle x-bed at top, to irregular wavy low-angle x-lamination. Small to med. scale sets. Minor claystone clasts. Base gradational, regular			25.61	
			26			Gy-br. claystone, laminated - places with f. sst. / siltstone, some thin interbeds of fine sst. pebbly horizons, carb. veining at 26.47 m. Irregular thin interbeds of fine qtz-lithic sst. (some with pebbles) at top. Base sharp, regular.				
			27			C. to v.c. lithic qtz sst., poorly sorted, subangular grains, grades to granule-pebble congl. (30%) at top, polymictic, rounded to angular clasts, poorly sorted, c.s.s. matrix, lithic & coal clasts. Base erosive.			26.75 27.0 27.23	
			28			Dk. gy-br. carb. clayst. & coal; 110mm lt. gy. friable claystone at base. Grad. base.			27.84	
			29			Gy. v.f. sst., abundant carb. laminations, with interbeds & interlaminae of dk. gr. claystone (~100%) and gy. siltstone (~15%), minor coal partings; irregularly contorted stratification, occ. mudclips, bedding flat & irregular.				
			30							
			31							
			32			F. to m. sst., lt. gy. carb. laminations, occ. coal fragments. Sst. qtz-lithic. Minor (2-5%) claystone interbeds towards top. Sharp, irregular erosive base.			31.22	
PJ			33			Gy-br. laminated siltst.-clayst. - f. sst., parallel & irregular lamination, some carbonaceous.			32.66	
4.1			33			Gy. v.f. sst., vertically jointed, fine parallel silty laminae, carbonate on joints. Base reg, grad.			33.23 33.40	
			34			Dk. gy. to gy-br. siltst., irregularly laminated, abundant carb. laminations, coal partings, plant fragments. Some fine sst., claystone laminations, irreg. lam. contortions. Base sharp but scalloped.			34.44 34.69	
			35			m. grained lithic sst. - siltst., irreg. laminae of siltst., coal fragments. Base gradational				
			36			Lt. gy. siltstone, coal fragments, carb. laminations in part. Occ. thin f-m gr. lithic sst. interbed. Thin laminated claystone at base. Base gradational, irregular.			26.16	
			37			Lt. gy. v.f. to fine gr. lithic qtz sst. in part with carb. & silty laminae, occ. coal partings & fragments, irregular contorted bedding towards base. Base gradational, irregular.			27.23	
			38			Lt. & dk. gr. laminated siltstone, f. sst. interbeds, some erosional bases. Base of siltst. regular but scalloped				
			39			Gy. v.f. sst., lithic-qtz laminae and thin beds of gy. laminated siltst. (20%), some carb. laminae, fine coal fragments. Base sharp, irregular, scalloped.			38.80 39.33	
			40			Mid-gy. m. gr. qtz-lithic sst., minor carb. laminae, occ. coaly fragments, scattered rounded to angular claystone clasts towards base. Sst. partly vertically jointed & carb. & pyrite on joints. Sst. has carbonate cement. Base sharp, regular (? erosive).			40.58	
			41			Dk. gy. claystone, scattered coaly fragments, gradational down to lt. grey claystone no coaly frags. Gradational to →				
			42			non-laminated and laminated, dk. - lite gy. siltst.				
			43			Base is semi-regular & gradational.			42.93	
			44			Lt. gy. f. to v.f. gr. qtz-lithic sst., regular to wavy carb. lamination & small-scale x-lamination, low-angle, some parallel laminated. Base irregular, diffuse, ? erosive, with local cast.			44.11	
			45			Dk. gy. to gy-br. laminated siltst. (55%), some carb. laminae. F. to v.f. qtz-lithic sst. interbeds (45%), parallel & x-lamination, some carb. Base sharp, irregular, ? erosive. Lt. gy. claystone, minor (15%) v.f. sst. Base gradational.			44.60 45.03	
PJ			45			Gy. siltst. with interlaminated v.f. sst., laminae irregular, some carb. lithic, mudstone & coal fragments towards base. Base is semi-regular, sharp to diffuse.			45.52	
3-32			46			Gy. fine gr. qtz-lithic sst., parallel to x-laminated, some carb. laminae, minor coal fragments. Base is regular, scalloped, local cast. V. siltst. to fine pebble horizons.			45.92	
			46			Gy. m-c sst., qtz-lithic f. gr. congl. horizons towards base, some mudclips. Poorly parallel laminated in part, some carb. laminae, coal spars, minor siltst. interbeds. Claystone & coal 2 cm at top. Base is regular, non-laminated, minor local cast.			46.53	
			47			Dk. gy. clayey siltst. to br. siltst., f. sst. interbeds & laminations. Parallel laminated, contorted laminations towards base. Base is sst. sharp, regular.			47.29	
			48			Gy-br. siltstone (25%), f. to v.f. sst. laminae & interbeds (~30%). Siltst. parallel to shallow x-laminated. Sst. interbeds & erosive bands, low-angle x-lamination. Base diffuse. 10cm sst. at top.			47.75	
			49			Lt. gy. fine gr. qtz-lithic sst., selective lateral of carb. cement, some m. gr. sst. also. Mudclips & congl. towards top. Minor coal spars. Parallel laminated, minor x-lamination. Base is sharp, regular, parallel to high angle x. sets & unit below, not erosive				
			50						49.75	

		Description										50-75m					
Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay	Silt	Very Fine Sand	Fine Sand	Medium Sand	Coarse Sand	Granules	Pebbles	Boulders		Dip	Photograph	Colour	
		51														50.72	
																51.29	
		52														52.29	
		53														53.67	
		54														54.43	
		55														55.03	
		56															
		57														56.83	
		58														57.36	
		59														57.73	
		60														60.09	
		61														61.43	
		62														61.78	
PJ		63														63.26	
3-32		64														64.05	
		65															
		66															
		67														67.61	
		68															
		69															
		70															
		71															
		72															
		73														72.99	
		74														73.25	
																73.60	
		75														74.28	
																74.83	

Age		Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Description					Dip	Photograph	Colour
					75 - 100m							
PJ	3-3-2		76		Dk. gy clayey siltst, minor gy claystone, interlaminated & interbedded with gy vf sst. Irregularly contorted laminae + parallel laminae. Base (30%) transitional.							
			77		vf sst as above, interlaminated & interbedded with dk gy clayey siltst as above. Base diffuse, irregular. (~30%)							76.66
			78		Lt gy fssst, parallel & low-angle x-laminated, carb. laminae towards top. F. pebbles congl. layer at base. Base sharp, regular.							77.37
			79		Lt gy fssst to mssst (55%) massive interbedded with dk gy siltst. Sst beds have sharp irregular bases.							79.16
			80		Interlaminated dkgy siltstone and gy vf sst. Parallel & low-angle x-lamination, ripple x-lamination, occ. probably horizontal. Base is sharp, slightly irregular.							79.72
			81									
			82									
			83		Gy to Gy-gr fine sst. to f-m pebble conglomerate. Congl. clasts are subangular-subrounded, comprise: ? felsic volcanics, gy chert, coal spars, Jasper. Abundant (early wisp) & laminae. Base is sharp & regular.							83.01
			84		Interlaminated gy to gy-gr claystone - fine siltstone, with gy-br siltstone & gy-gr f sst. Laminae irregular. Thin interbeds (2-3 cm) of gy-gr fssst + pebbles. Base sharp, slightly irregular.							83.66
			85		Vfg to fgr gy to gy-gr sst, low-angle x-lamination, small-scale x-lamination. Contains thin interbeds (several mm - several cm) of siltstone/claystone, with sharp, regular to irregular contacts with sand. Base sharp, slightly irregular. (Some erosive)?							84.74
JUG GROUP	FM		86		Interlaminated gy siltstone, gy-br claystone & vf gy sst, with thin (1-3 cm) interbeds of gy-br m sst & gy vf sst. Parallel to low-angle x-lamination in siltstone-claystones. Sst beds have sharp, regular to slightly irregular bases & sharp to diffuse tops. Load casts on some sst. bases, erosional contacts present.							85.74
			87									
			88									
			89		F-m sst, Hgy-gy-gr, some fine pebbles, interbeds of gy siltstone (5-10%). Parallel to low-angle x-lamination in sst, coal spars towards base. Base sharp, sl. irregular, erosive.							88.45
			90		F-m vf sst, Hgy-gy-gr, qtz-lithic, parallel to x-laminated. Interlaminated to thinly interbedded with gy siltstone. Abundant coal partings. Some wavy bedding. Base is sharp, sl. irregular.							88.88
			91		Interlaminated to interbedded gy siltstone, dkgy claystone & vf sst. Lamination diffuse, irregular. Minor coal partings. Base sharp, regular.							87.20
			92		Lt gy to gy-gr qtz-lithic vf-c sst, with minor (5%) thin interbeds of gy siltstone. Sst parallel to x-laminated in some cases non-laminated. Thin bed sst of about 20 cm, erosive bases, upward fining. Base sharp, slightly irregular.							90.10
			93		Interlaminated gy-br siltstone, claystone, with V. minor vf sst. Laminae parallel to low-angle x-lamination, some irregular laminae. Base sharp, regular.							90.47
			94		vf gy-gr sst, parallel lami of sst to low-angle x-lamination, some med-c sst. Base sharp, regular.							91.5
			95		Interlaminated gy-br siltstone, claystone, with V. minor vf sst. Laminae parallel to low-angle x-lamination, some irregular laminae. Base sharp, regular.							92.02
MARBURG	KOUKANDOWIE		96		Interlaminated gy to gy-br siltstone, gy claystone & vf gy sst. Parallel to x-laminated, some irregularly contorted laminae. Thin (1-15 cm) interbeds of gy vf-m qtz-lithic sst, with sharp, regular to slightly irregular tops & bases. Base sharp, regular.							92.29
			97		Gy-gr vf sst interlaminated with gy siltstone (10%). Base laminated, & diffuse.							94.18
			98		Interbedded as above.							94.60
			99		vf gy-gr sst. Irregular parallel laminations. Base sharp, regular.							95.40
			100		As above, with m sst, lithic qtz towards base. Base sharp, regular.							95.81
					Dk gy-gy-br laminated claystone-siltstone. Contact abrupt, not preserved in core.							96.73
					Gy-gr vf to coarse sst, with interbeds of gy siltstone (15%). Sst is poorly bedded qtz-lithic, some probably horizontal, coal partings. Silty sst towards top. Base is sharp, slightly irregular.							97.44
					Gy f-vf qtz-lithic sst (70%) with units of laminated gy siltstone-claystone. Sst is parallel to low-angle x-laminated.							98.46

		Description 100-125m											
Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay	Silt	Very Fine Sand	Fine Sand	Medium Sand	Coarse Sand	Granules	Pebbles	Dip	Photograph
		101											
		102											
		103											
		104											
		105											
		106											
		107											
		108											
		109											
		110											
PJ		111											
33-2		112											
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		115											
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		124											

												125 - 150m				
Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay	Silt	Very Fine Sand	Fine Sand	Medium Sand	Coarse Sand	Granules	Pebbles	Boulders	Description	Dip	Photograph	Colour
													mdchyp at base. Base is sharp, scalloped, ? erosive.			-125.38
		126											Gy f to v f sst, mainly laminated, some unlaminated. Laminae parallel to v-laminar & ripple x-lamination. minor clayey laminar. Siltstone (2.3cm) at top, thin (2.10cm) pebble congl. horizon. Bed is sharp.			-126.27
		127											Medium to thin beds (10-40cm) of of m, m-c and m-f grained gy sst. lithic sst, parallel & x-laminated, interbedded with units (5-40cm thick) of laminated dk gy claystone - f siltstone & lt gy siltstone sst. (40%). Upper & lower sst. contacts sharp & regular			-127.96
		128														
		129											m, m-f, m-c gy & gy-gr sst, with minor pebble horizons, scattered mdchyp fragments, minor dk gy claystone - siltstone interbeds & interlaminae, minor coal partings. Sst variably bedded, some parallel laminated to x-laminated & x-bedded. Sst units 20-50cm thick. X-beds & laminar tabular, low-, med- and high-angle. pebbly sst at base of some sst unit.			
		130														
		131														
		132											Base sharp, regular.			-132.25
		133											Dk gy laminated claystone, inter laminated lt gy siltstone - claystone. Base transitional. M-c sst. in thin upwards fining units (1-20cm thick). Sst qb. lithic, poorly sorted, parallel to x-laminated. Grades up to gy & dk gy claystone - siltstone, laminated to x-laminated			-132.63 -132.90
PJ		134											Gy f to f-m qb. lithic sst, very minor gy claystone beds. Low-angle x-laminar & lesser parallel laminar, some carb. Mod. angle cross laminar at base. Poss. some upward-fining cycles. Base marked by thin m-c sst, base is sharp, sl. irregular.			
33-2		135														
		136											fine Lt gy lithic - qb. C-m and C-vc sst., some granules and fine pebbles. X-laminated & x-bedded. Sst mod. poorly sorted, grains subangular. Grains include qb, chert, Jasper, ? felsic volcanics. Upward-fining cycles of 5-10 (or more cm). Base is sharp.			-135.72
		137											C-m sst, as above, mod. angle x-bedding. Base abrupt.			-137.11
MARLBURG	SUBRO UP	138											M. & m-f gy to lt gy sst, low to mod-angle x-laminated, in places parallel laminated			-138.06
KOUKANDOWIE		139											Some coarse sand intervals. Some carb. laminar (parallel) & parallel laminated dk gy f sst. Sst poorly sorted, subangular grains, micaceous w part. scattered f pebbles. Base is sharp, regular.			
		140														
		141											Coarse qb. lithic sst at base, grading upwards to m & m-c sst, to f sst at top. Base is sharp			-140.33 -140.94
		142											C-vc & vc-granule sst & granule congl., with some (2-15%) m sst. Sst congl. are lithic-qb. poorly sorted, angular subangular grains, clayey-silt matrix. Flat to low-angle x-beds. F lithic sst, irregularly interlam. & gy claystone. Base sharp, scalloped.			-141.65
		143											Sst, m, m-f & m-c grained. Thin inter units of dk gy claystone (2-2cm) & carb. dk gr sst - siltstone, & pebbly horizons. Parallel to x-laminated, incl. high- and low-angle x-lamination. Thin (3cm) unit of lithic pebble congl. at base. Sst units are of the order of 20-30 cm thick. Base sharp, regular.			
		144														
		145														
		146														
		147														
		148														
		149														
		150											Dk gy laminated claystone, minor coal spars. Base sharp, scalloped.			-149.04 -149.70

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Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Description						Dip	Photograph	Colour
				Clay	Silt	Very Fine Sand	Fine Sand	Medium Sand	Coarse Sand	Granules	Pebbles	
		150										
		151										
		152										
		153										
		154										
		155										
		156										
		157										
		158										
PJ		159										
3-32		160										
	FM.	161										
	HEIFERCK SST MB	162										
		163										
	KOUNKAMPDOWIE	164										
		165										
		166										
		167										
	SUBGROUP	168										
		169										
	MARBURG	170										
		171										
		172										
		173										
		174										

Age		Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay Silt Very Fine Sand Fine Sand Medium Sand Coarse Sand Granules Pebbles Boulders	Description	Dip	Photograph	Colour
						175-199.37m T.D.			
			176			F graded lt gy, structureless sst. with scattered coarse grains & mudchip s, v minor carb. flecks. Base is v. sharp, scalloped, part (lost cost)			
			177			Interlaminated gy vf-f sst & dkgy laminated siltstone. Sst is parallel to x-laminated, ripple x-laminated in part. This sst laminae is siltstone no lenticular			176.22
			178			Some carb. laminae in sst. Sst is ^{is} converging ^{is} graded towards base. Siltstone is parallel laminated. Base of unit is 20cm of laminated dkgy siltstone. Base is sharp, angled, regular.			177.84
			179			C-vc qtz-lithic sst. lesser granule congl. Grains subangular, subrounded, poorly sorted silt matrix, coal partings, mudchip fragments. Flat laminated to x-laminated. Base sharp, dkgy laminated siltstone. Base sharp, slightly scalloped.			
PJ	332		180			C & c-m quartz sst & qtz-lithic sst, friable in part, grains subangular poorly sorted clayey matrix, scattered pebbles & pebble horizons. X-bedded & x-laminated, some parallel bedding & laminations, rare coal laminae, except at base where coal spars abundant. F to c pebbly congl. at base, base of unit, sharp, irregular			
			181						
			182						
			183			gy f sst, carb. laminae. Base not preserved in core / Dkgy parallel laminated siltstone			182.15
			184			gy to lt-gy vf qtz sst. with ripple x-laminations & parallel laminae, & interbeds & laminae of dkgy siltstone. Base sharp, scalloped regular.			
			185			Pebble congl. Subangular-subrounded clasts of felsic volcs., gy? meta siltstone, sst., chert. Underlain by 70cm siltstone			184.36 184.50
			186			lt-gy x-laminated f-m qtz & qtz-lithic sst, mudchips acc., grades down to c qtz & qtz-lithic sst, friable, mod. poorly sorted, grains angular to lesser subrounded, scattered vc sand to f pebble lithic grains, mod-angle x-laminations.			
			187			Lithic vf to m pebble congl. (some c pebbles), matrix supported. Clasts subrounded to angular & C sst as below.			186.27 186.56 186.85
			188			Congl. as above. M-c sst, qtz-lithic, friable, x-laminated. Base sharp, regular.			187.24
			189			M-f c-m vc gy sst in units 3-25cm thick (25%), some pebbly horizons, x-laminated, with thin interunits of black to dkgy siltstone-claystone, mainly parallel laminated, Base abrupt.			187.71
			190			F dkgy parallel laminated sst, (5cm) at top, grades down to c friable qtz-lithic sst., some vc grains & pebbles, parallel to high-angle x-bedded. #			188.82
			191			Thin pebble congl. Base abrupt. C-m sst, as above. Pebble congl. as above at base. Base abrupt			189.74
			192			C-vc & vc-granule-size qtz sst, friable, mod. poorly sorted, subangular subrounded grains, some lithic grains, coal spars. Poorly developed mod-angle x-bedding			190.63
			193			Lithic congl. as above, some small cobbles			191.14 191.40
			194						
			195						
			196						
			197						
			198						
			199			Base of unit not exposed.			
			200			TD 199.37m from rig floor at 0.9m			

0-25 m

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						Description							75 - 100m			Dip	Photograph	Colour
Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay Silt Very Fine Sand Fine Sand Medium Sand Coarse Sand Granules Pebbles Boulders														
		75									X lam CSS, X lam diffuse 1/2 cm laminae of slightly different grain size. Possibly some porosity.							
		80									X lam mss, Grey lithic. X lam fine lamination dark grey, sometimes cherty lam ~ 1-2 mm & lighter lam ~ 1/2 cm max sets ~ 50 cm.							
		85																
		90									X lam gran cong & vcss. X lam css ↑ X lam mss thin pebble layer at base							
											X lam co mss. X lam poorly defined, 1-2 mm ss grey tabular.							
		95									Mass to faint laminated mss. Grey subtabular.							

100-125m

125-146.55m T.D.

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Age	Formation	Depth (m)	Sedimentary Structures	Clay Silt	Very Fine Sand	Fine Sand	Medium Sand	Coarse Sand	Granules	Pebbles	Boulders	Dip	Photograph	Colour
125														
125.30														
125.92														
130														
"														
135														
135.12														
136.12														
138.76														
140														
141.73														
145														
146.55														

lt qz, qtz, feldspathic, lithic

md qz, very coarse to m-gr, qtz, feldspathic, lithic sandstone, abundant lithic frags. at base, large vugs with weathered out pyrite and other sulfides, porous over about 2m, calcareous in part.

qz, qtz, poorly sorted, qtz, lithic, feldspathic.

cgr, x-bedded, qtz, lithic, feldspathic, poorly sorted, calcareous in part, pyritic, porous in part over interval of 1.5m.

pebbly and granule conglomeratic sandstone, poorly sorted, x-bedded, qtz, lithic, feldspathic, calcareous in part.

Conglomeratic sandstone and conglomerate v. poorly sorted, calcareous in part clasts to 5cm across subrounded, coat spars, and large clay clasts thin porous intervals, qtz, lithic, feldspathic.

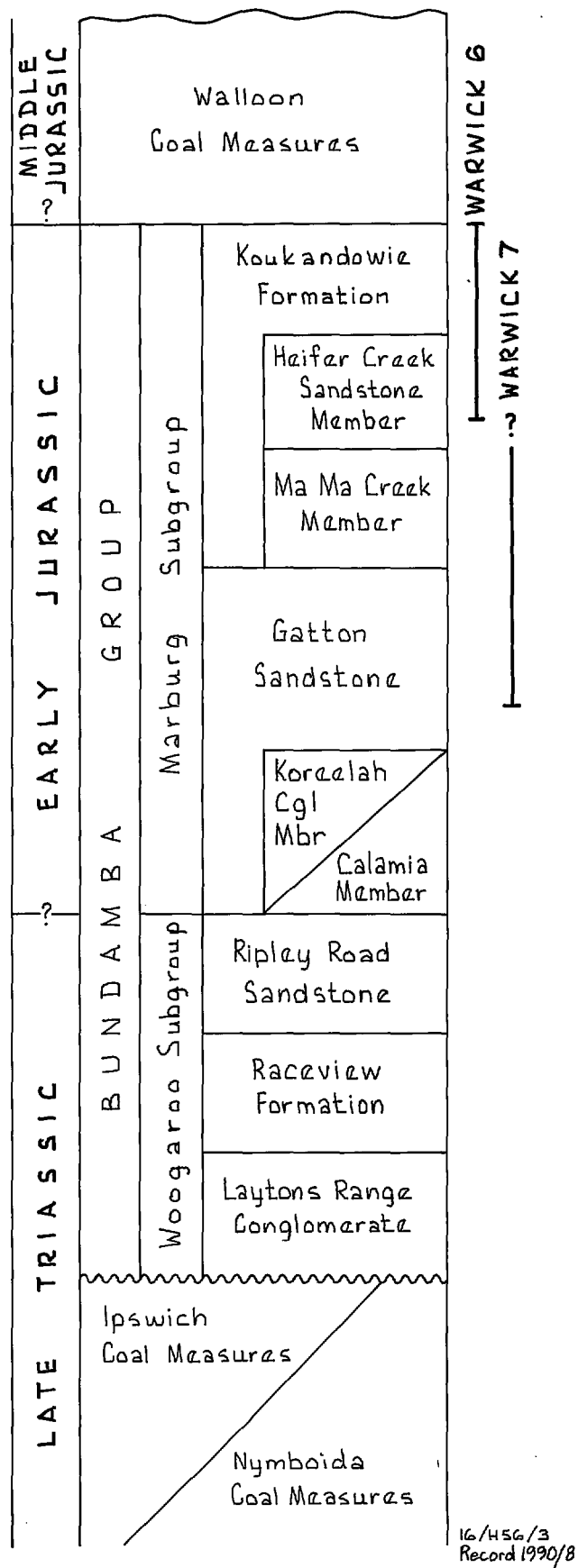


Fig.6. Stratigraphy of Clarence-Moreton Basin and correlation of BMR Warwick 6 and 7 sequences

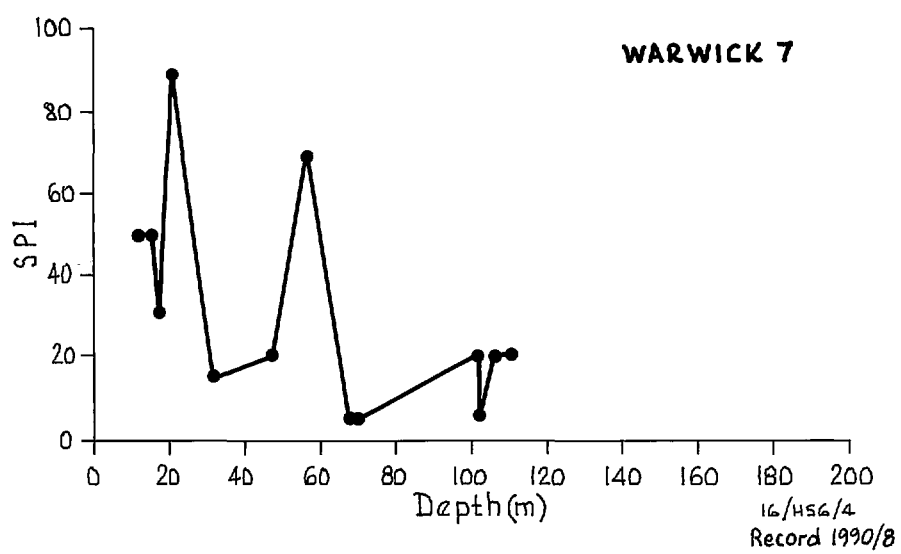
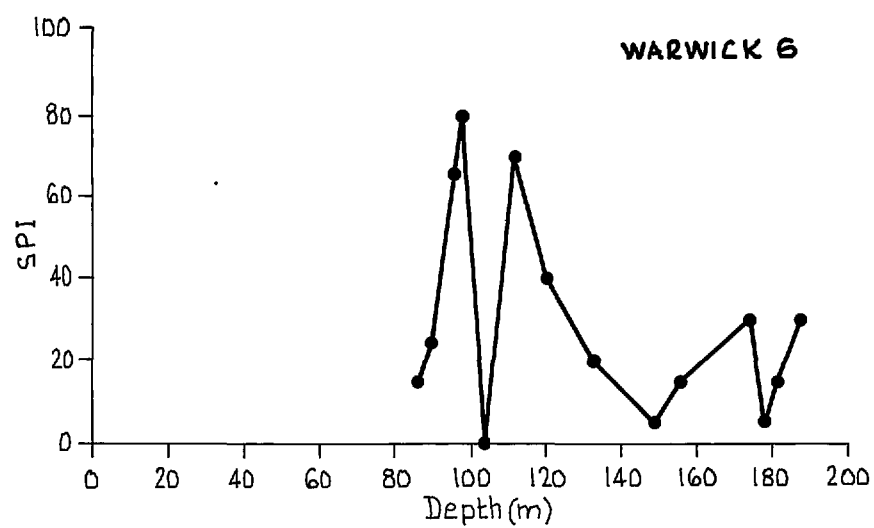


Fig.7. Kerogen analysis
(SPI = Source Potential Index)

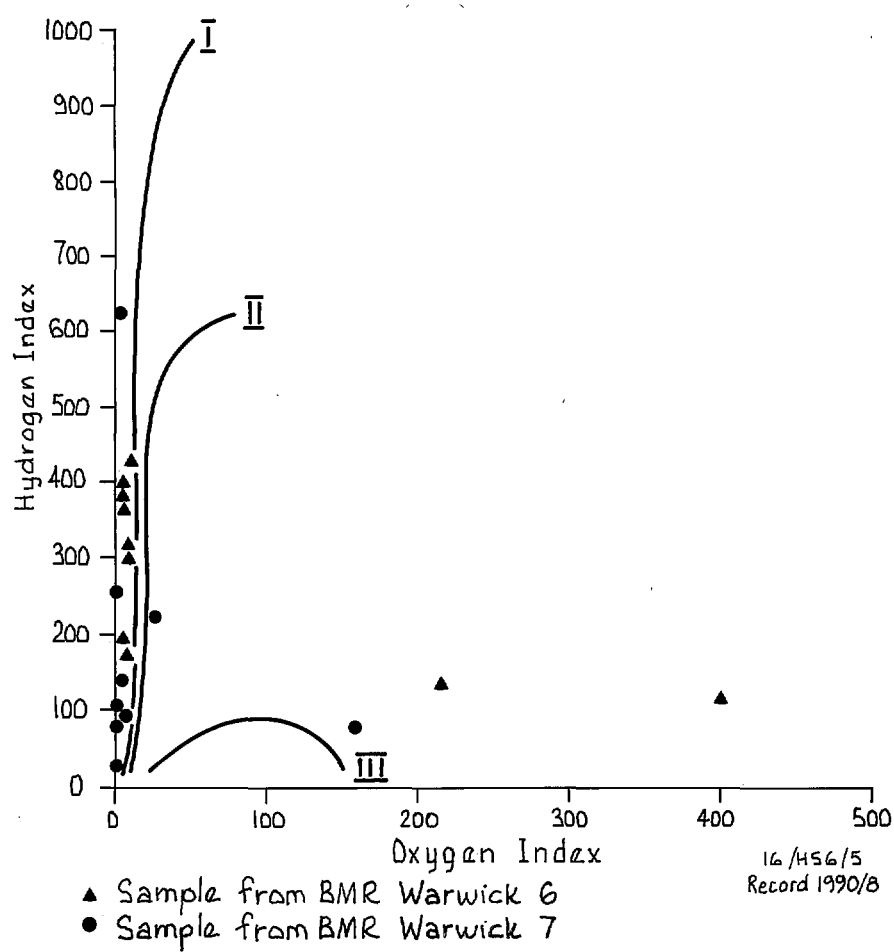


Fig.8. Hydrogen index/oxygen index plot

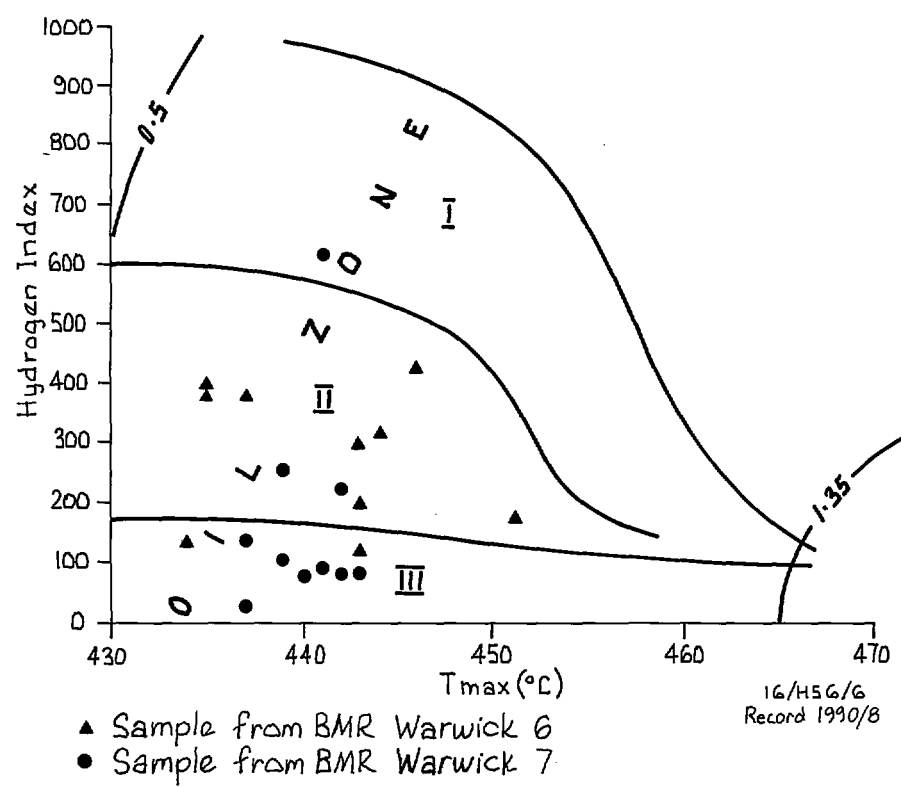


Fig.9. Hydrogen index/Tmax plot

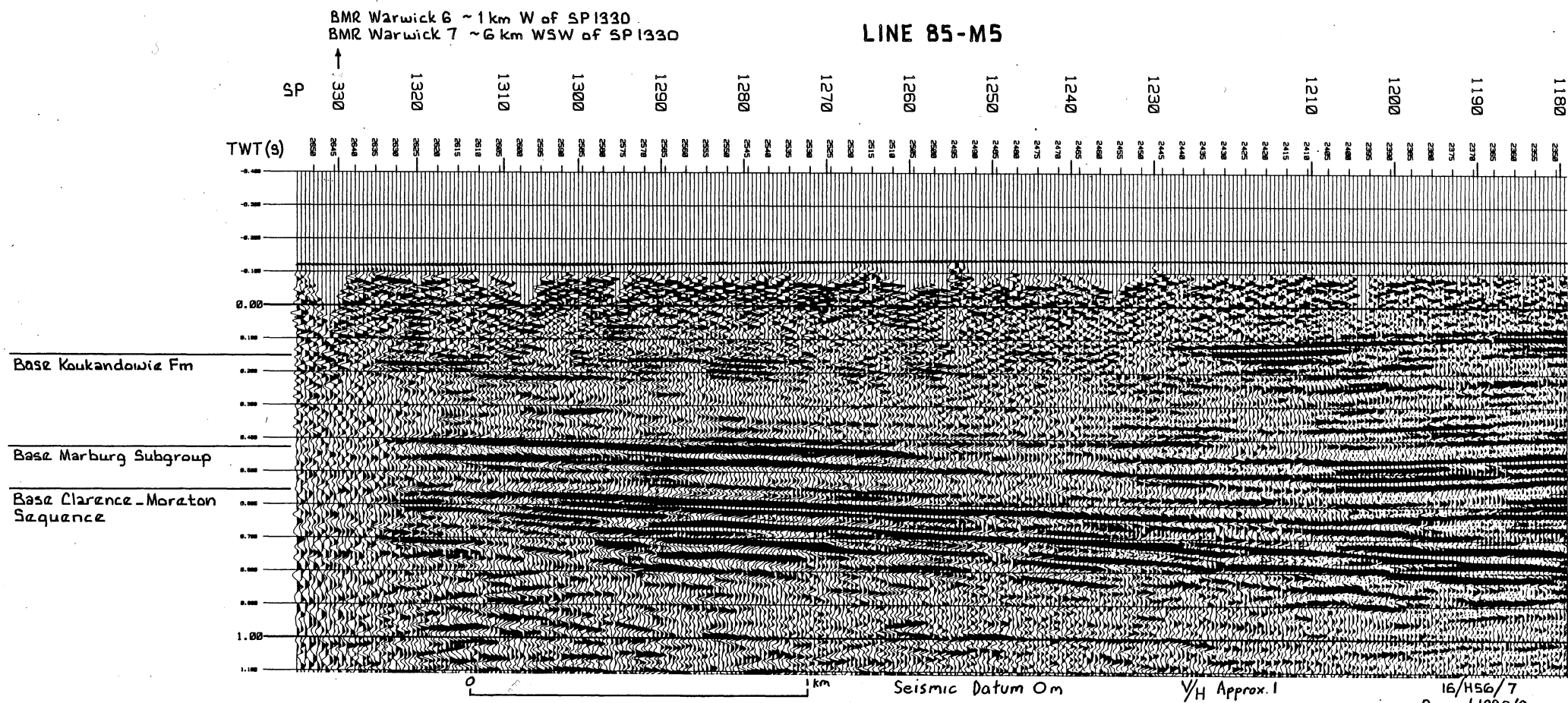


Fig.10 Position of BMR Warwick 6 and 7 in relation to seismic section 85-M5

ZONES Price and others, 1985	McTaggart, 1963		Wells and others, 1988			
PJ4.2	MARBURG FORMATION	Haifer Creek Sandstone Member	MARBURG SUBGROUP	KOUKANDOWIE FORMATION	Haifer Creek Sandstone Member	
PJ4.1						
PJ3.3.2		Ma Ma Creek Sandstone Member			Ma Ma Creek Member	
PJ3.3.1						
PJ3.2		Tenthill (=Winwill) Conglomerate Member		GATTON SANDSTONE	Korealah Conglomerate Member Calamia Member	
PJ3.1						
PJ2.2.2		Gatton Sandstone Member				
PJ2.2.1						
PJ2.1	RIPLEY ROAD SANDSTONE			RIPLEY ROAD SANDSTONE		
PJ1						

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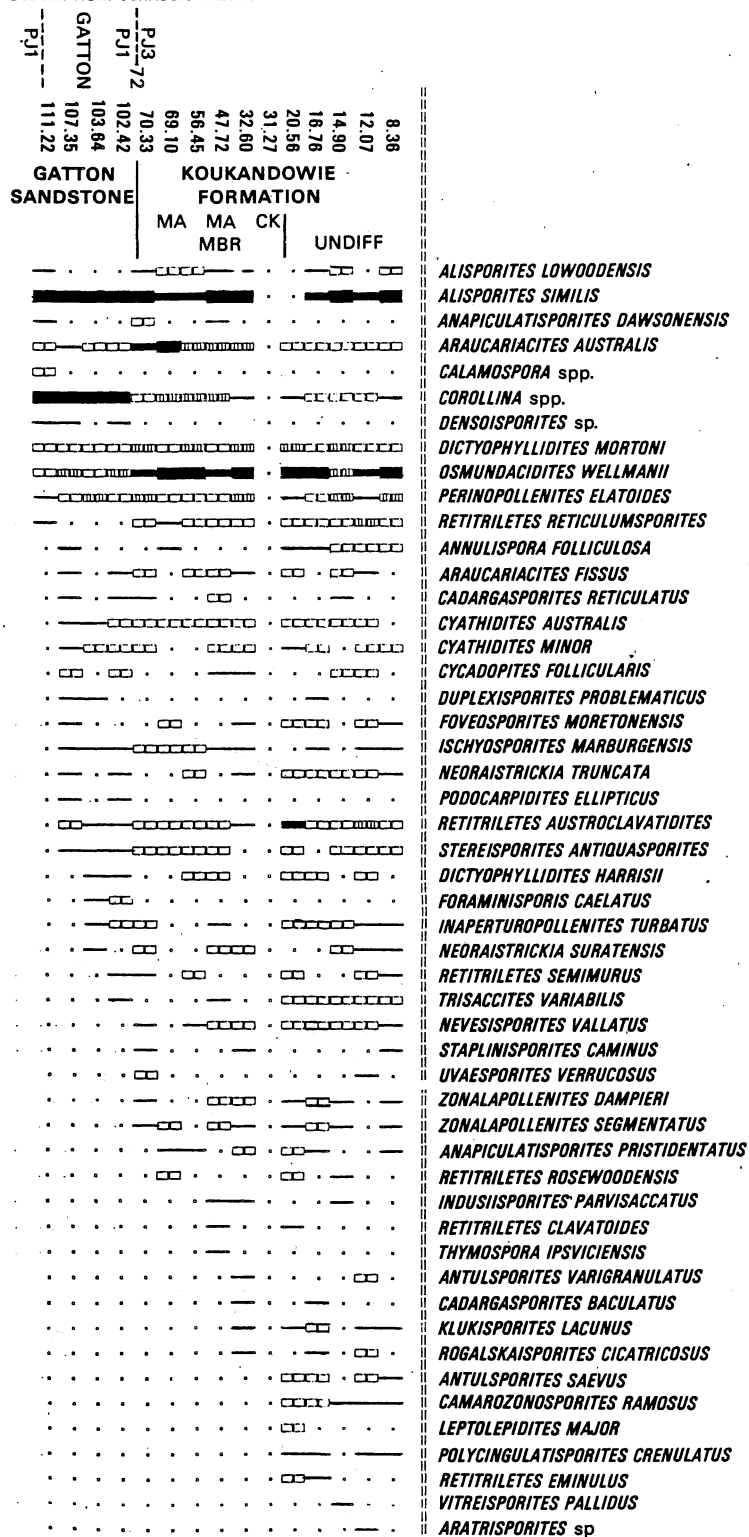
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Fig. 11 Palynostratigraphy

TABLE 5

BMR WARWICK DDH 7

DESCRIPTION: JURASSIC PALYNOLOGY OF BMR WARWICK DDH 7



CHECKLIST OF GRAPHIC ABUNDANCE BY LOWEST APPEARANCE

- Abundant (>25%)
- Common (>15%)
- Few (>5%)
- Rare (>1%)
- Very Rare (<1%)
- ? Questionably Present
- Not Present

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