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PALYNOLOGICAL ANALYSIS, JUDITH-1
GIPPSLAND BASIN

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INTRODUCTION

Forty eight sidewall core samples and five cuttings samples, representing the interval 1449.0 to 2923.0m in Judith-1, were processed and examined for spore-pollen and dinoflagellates.

Yields and preservation were adequate to high but down-hole caving and low levels of mud-contamination has reduced the confidence of many age-determinations.

Lithological units and palynological determinations are summarized below. Interpretative and basic data are given in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. Check lists of all species recorded are attached. Electric log data were unavailable.

SUMMARY

AGE	UNIT	ZONE	DEPTH RANGE (m)	ENVIRONMENT
Late Oligocene - Miocene	LAKES ENTRANCE FORMATION	P. tuberculatus	1449.0	open marine
- - - -	- - - -	- Top of Latrobe	- - - -	- - - -
Early Oligocene	GURNARD facies?	Upper N. asperus	1451.0	open marine
Late Eocene	GURNARD facies	Middle N. asperus	1454.0	open marine
Middle Eocene	LATROBE GROUP coarse clastics	Lower N. asperus	1471.0	marginal marine
Early Eocene	"	P. asperopolus	1488.0-1503.5	marginal marine
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Early Eocene	"	Middle M. diversus	1509.5	channel fill
"	"	Lower M. diversus	1546.0	marginal marine
Paleocene	"	Upper L. balmei	1571.5-1622.0	marginal marine
"	"	Lower L. balmei	1667.5-1701.5	coastal plain
Maastrichtian	"	Upper T. longus	1764.0-1835.5	coastal plain
"	"	Lower T. longus	1858.0-1875.5	coastal plain
- - - -	- - - -	- unconformity	- - - -	- - - -
Lower Santonian - Turonian	GOLDEN BEACH FORMATION	P. mawsonii	1993.0-2721.0	rift-valley lake

GEOLOGICAL COMMENTS

1. Judith-1 contains an almost continuous sequence of palynological zones from the Cenomanian-Lower Turonian A. distocarinatus to the Oligo-Miocene P. tuberculatus Zone. Not recorded are the Upper M. diversus, I. lilliei, N. senectus and I. apoxyexinus Zones.

2. The SWC descriptions and palynological determinations indicate that Top of Latrobe occurs between 1449.0 and 1451.0m.

Based on the abundance of glauconite, the SWC at 1454.0m was shot in the Gurnard facies and, despite the confident Middle N. asperus Zone date, the sample is likely to be part of a condensed sequence incorporating older sediments [see Biostratigraphy Section].

The glauconitic siltstone sampled at 1451.0m may be part of the same facies or part of the informally named "Oligocene Wedge" - a glauconitic marl and claystone facies which separates Latrobe Group coarse clastics and limestones/marls of the Lakes Entrance Formation in a number of wells around the margin of the basin. The latter is considered the less likely due to the absence of carbonate but is possible due to the Early Oligocene date [see Biostratigraphy Section].

3. Sidewall core descriptions indicate a facies change, from glauconitic to argillaceous siltstones between 1503.5-1509.5m.

If this lithologic change corresponds to the boundary between P. asperopolus and M. diversus Zone sediments, then I note that thicknesses of the latter [minimum 43m, possibly 68m] run counter to the general thinning trend of M. diversus Zone sediments as these onlap the northern margin of the Gippsland Basin.

4. The SWC at 1509.5m contains a Lower M. diversus Zone palynoflora that appears to have been reworked during Middle M. diversus Zone time. This scenario is typical of Early Eocene channel sediments. Erosion rather than non-deposition appears to be responsible for the absence or very thin nature of M. diversus Zone sediments in wells surrounding the Kipper Trend.

5. Paleocene sediments [minimum 155m] and Maastrichtian sediments [minimum 93m] in Judith-1 are thin relative to sections penetrated in wells closer to the central deep. Again, this may reflect thinning of the unit up onto the flanks of the basin, or erosion.
6. It is possible that the Lower I. longus Zone interval in Judith-1 will appear to correlate with I. lillieii Zone sediments in adjacent wells. This is due to the extreme rarity of the I. longus Zone index species in the early Maastrichtian and therefore some imprecision in the position of the I. longus/I. lillieii Zone boundary in individual wells.
7. On present indications, sediments of Campanian, I. lillieii and N. senectus Zone age are absent. This can only be confirmed by additional palynological analyses of sediments between 1858.0-1993.0m.

The explanation favoured here is that Judith-1 has intersected the Lowry (1987) "intra-Campanian" unconformity. Given that igneous material was recovered at 1879m [Run 1 sidewall sample description sheet], volcanics may mark the position of an erosion surface.

8. Due to limited sampling and the difficulty of dating mud contaminated SWCs shot in the critical interval [1875.5-1993.0m: see Biostratigraphy Section], it is uncertain whether sediments of Santonian, I. apoxyxinus Zone age are present or not in Judith-1.

Species which range no lower than the I. apoxyxinus Zone occur at 1984.0m and 1993.0m but the specimens appear to be caved. The former sample lacks "Kipper Shale" dinocysts and therefore represents a facies that is different from the underlying P. mawsonii Zone.

9. SWC and cuttings samples between 2017.0 and 2721.0m are confidently dated as Turonian-Lower Santonian, P. mawsonii Zone.

The thickness of P. mawsonii Zone unit in Judith-1 [minimum 704m] is comparable to that penetrated in Kipper-1. The relatively shallow depth of the top of the zone is consistent with the location of the well on the upside of a major fault.

10. This unit is characterized by a unusual assemblage of freshwater dinocysts and other algae, previously

recorded only from Kipper-1, Sunfish-1 and grab samples from the Bass Canyon (Marshall, 1990).

These algae, informally known as the "Kipper Shale" dinocysts are abundant only in the upper part of the zone, above 2113.0m and may prove useful in correlating facies across the fault separating Judith-1 and the Kipper wells. Conversely an undescribed but distinctive dinocyst is confined to the lower part of the P. mawsonii Zone, suggesting that this section was not penetrated by Kipper-1.

11. Although it is uncertain if any of the above dinocysts are diagnostic of a particular facies or Zone in the Gippsland Basin, these algae are likely to indicate a particular intra-rift valley lacustrine environment.
12. Judith-1 is one of ca. five wells in the offshore Gippsland Basin which appear to have penetrated into Cenomanian-Lower Turonian, Appendicisporites distocarinatus Zone.

As with the other wells [Golden Beach-1, Moray-1, Sole-1, Tuna-1] the A. distocarinatus dates are of low confidence due to poor preservation and low diversity of palynomorphs. A similar scenario prevails in the Otway Basin.

It is recommended that future wells likely to intersect Turonian-Cenomanian sediments be sampled in detail at the appropriate depths in order to improve the palynological recognition of non-marine A. distocarinatus Zone units and environments along the southern margin.

13. The well terminated within the early Late Cretaceous Golden Beach Formation. As is usually the case, recycled Early Cretaceous and Permo-Triassic spore-pollen are frequent in SWCs shot in this formation.

PALAEOENVIRONMENTS

1. Based on the first reliable occurrence of marine dinoflagellates, the Judith-1 wellsite was located in a coastal plain but away from any direct marine influence from Maastrichtian times until the Late Paleocene.

The earliest definite marine influence recorded in Judith-1 is the Apectodinium homomorpha transgression at 1571.5m. Thereafter, in common with much of the Gippsland Basin, the site was affected by the progressive encroachment of the Tasman Sea. Significant developments include:

- (a) the establishment of a Nyssa palm (mangrove) swamp close to but probably not at the wellsite during the earliest Eocene Apectodinium hyperacantha transgression [see Partridge, 1976].
 - (b) the persistence of marginal marine/deltaic conditions through the Early Eocene.
 - (c) the establishment of open marine conditions at the wellsite during the E. asperopolus Zone, based on (i) the deposition of glauconitic sandstones and siltstones between 1471.0-1503.5m and (ii) the marked increase in abundance and diversity of marine dinoflagellates at and above 1488.0m.
2. During the Turonian-Santonian the wellsite is likely to have been located within a rift valley, almost certainly within the circumference of a large freshwater lake. This lake appears to have fluctuated in area and possibly in depth during the E. mawsonii Zone.

The evidence for this, as in Kipper-1 and Sunfish-1 consists of freshwater algae whose relative abundance appears to vary inversely with swamp gymnosperms, ferns and other cryptogams.

Assuming this relationship reflects the distance of the wellsite from the paleoshoreline, then it is possible to speculate on environmental trends due to the unusually thick and well-sampled E. mawsonii Zone sediments in Judith-1:

(a) 2496-2721.0m.

This interval is characterized by very low numbers of a distinctive but undescribed Rimosicysta [R. robusta ms] which almost certainly was tolerant of nearshore/swamp conditions since the cyst occurs in coal floats at 2496-99m, 2571-74m and 2583-86m.

(b) 2143.0-2474.0m

This interval is characterized by sporadic occurrences of dinocysts, mainly Rimosicysta kipperii. Whilst the palaeoenvironmental significance of this is uncertain, the increase upsection in the relative abundance of shrub conifers and treeferns [Microsachrydites antarcticus, Podosporites microsaccatus, Cyatheacidites tectifera] suggests progradation of the shoreline.

(c) 1993.0-2113.0m

This interval is characterized by a marked increase in the abundance of peridinacean cysts and diversity of Rimosicysta spp. This trend is considered to reflect a major expansion/deepening of the lake.

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

Zone and age-determinations have been made using criteria proposed by Stover & Partridge (1973), Helby et al. (1987) and unpublished observations made on Gippsland Basin wells drilled by Esso Australia Ltd. The informal subdivision of the I. longus Zone proposed by Macphail (1983b: see Helby et al., ibid p.58) is followed here. Zone names have not been altered to conform with nomenclatural changes to nominate species such as Tricolpites longus [now Forcipites longus: see Dettman & Jarzen, 1988].

Dinocyst species encountered in the P. mawsonii Zone interval conform well with genera and species described by Marshall (1990).

Because of mud-contamination and the possibility of recycled spore-pollen within lacustrine sediments, it is not certain that the last appearance of Appendicisporites distocarinatus or first appearances of Phyllocladidites mawsonii are reliable indicators of age in this well.

Appendicisporites distocarinatus Zone 2895.0-2908.0m
Cenomanian-Lower Turonian

SWC samples at 2895.0m and 2908.0m are provisionally dated as A. distocarinatus Zone based on the presence of the nominate species and absence of definite specimens of Phyllocladidites mawsonii. The sample at 2908.0m contains an Ornamentifera sp. whose closest known analogue is a species, O. sp cf Ornamentifera sentosa, recovered by Norwick & Burger (1975) from Cenomanian sediments on Bathurst Is., Northern Territory. Otherwise species typical of non-marine Cenomanian sediments elsewhere in Australia were absent. Accordingly a P. mawsonii age remains a possibility for this interval given the rarity of the nominate species in the Turonian.

SWCs below 2908.0m were not recovered or [2923.0m] extensively mud-contaminated. Palynomorphs recovered include the acritarch Microhystridium, derived from the Kipper Shale?

Phyllocladidites mawsonii Zone 1993.0-2721.0m Lower Santonian
-Turonian

This interval is represented by twenty two SWC and five cuttings samples, most of which yielded poorly-preserved palynofloras dominated by gymnosperm pollen, Gleicheniidites and other long-ranging spores.

The nominate and index species of the zone, Phyllocladidites mawsonii, is present throughout the interval although on staining characteristics at least some specimens are caved.

Similarly, described/undescribed species of "Kipper Shale" dinocysts are ubiquitous but only become frequent-dominant in palynofloras near the top of the zone [1993.0-2017.0, 2113.0m].

The base of the P. mawsonii Zone is picked at 2721.0m, a mud-contaminated sample containing the distinctive spore Appendicisporites distocarinatus as well as Phyllocladidites mawsonii.

The first appearance of dinocysts, a species informally described as Rimosicysta robusta, is at 2705.0m. This species extends up section to 2202.0m. The first occurrence of a described "Kipper Shale" dinocyst species, R. kipperii, is at 2474.0m. Other records of biostratigraphic significance are:

1. Ornamentifera spp. cf O. sentosa and O. minima Norvick & Burger 1975 at 2653.0m, 2248.0m and 2282.0m [see above].
2. Interulobites intraverrucatus in the SWC sample at 2344.0 and cuttings at 2571-74.0m. These records are important evidence that the samples and hence the associated dinocysts are no younger than P. mawsonii Zone (cf Marshall, 1990). Appendicisporites distocarinatus occurs in the cuttings palynoflora.
3. Frequent to common Cyatheacidites tectifera at 2248.0m. Again this is good evidence that the sample is no younger than Lower Santonian since the species is abundant only in the P. mawsonii Zone in Southern Australia. Several spores have rugulate sculpture on the distal surface and may prove to be the first records in Australia of the related South American fossil spore C. archangelskyi.

Balmeisporites holodictyus and Rouseisporites reticulatus occur in association at 2282.0 and 2325.0m.

The upper boundary is provisionally picked at 1993.0m, based on frequent Rimosicysta kipperii. This palynoflora includes a caved? specimen of Tricolpites confusus, a species which first appears in the I. apoxyexinus Zone.

The indeterminate SWC at 1984.0m is extensively contaminated by palynomorphs derived from drilling mud, including I.

confessus.

Lower Tricolpites longus Zone 1858.0-1875.5m Maastrichtian

This zone is weakly defined by the first appearance of Tetracolporites verrucosus in a mixed Nothofagidites-Gambierina palynoflora at 1875.5m. Tricolporites lilliei and Triporopollenites sectilis demonstrate that the sample is no older than 'upper' I. lilliei Zone.

The second of the two samples assigned to this zone contains Forcipites longus and therefore is no older than Lower I. longus Zone. The age determination is supported by the relative abundance of Nothofagidites [frequent] and Gambierina [common]. Stereisporites punctatus is absent.

Upper Tricolpites longus Zone 1764.0-1835.5m Maastrichtian

Palynofloras within this interval are characterized by common-abundant Gambierina.

The lower boundary is defined by the first appearance of Stereisporites punctatus at 1835.5m and the upper boundary at 1764.0m by the last appearance of species which range no higher than this zone, e.g. Forcipites longus, Proteacidites reticuloconcavus, Tricolporites lilliei and Triporopollenites sectilis.

Lower Lygistepollenites balmei Zone 1667.5-1701.5m Paleocene

This interval is distinguished from the above zone by the abundance of Proteacidites spp., in particular P. angulatus, and rarity of Gambierina rudata. The nominate species is frequent to common. Australopollis obscurus is abundant at 1667.5m, picked as the top of the zone.

Upper Lygistepollenites balmei Zone 1571.5-1622.0m Paleocene

The lower boundary is defined by the first appearance at 1622.0m of Proteacidites incurvatus and Malvacipollis subtilis in a palynoflora dominated by Lygistepollenites balmei, Nothofagidites kaitangata and Australopollis obscurus

The sample is mud-contaminated [Rimosicysta kipperii, Phimopollenites pannosus] making it uncertain whether specimens of the Paleocene dinoflagellate Apectodinium homomorphum are in situ or caved.

The upper boundary, at 1571.5m, is defined by Cyathidites

gigantis, Banksioidites elongatus and Polycopites langstonii in a palynoflora dominated by Lygistepollenites balmei, Gleicheniidites and Australopollis obscurus. Apectodinium homomorphum is frequent.

Based on staining characteristics, the interval 1571.5-1667.5m is the source of much of the caved spore-pollen encountered in Judith-1, in particular Australopollis obscurus and Phyllocladidites mawsonii.

Lower Malvacipollis diversus/A. hyperacantha Zone 1546.5m
Early Eocene

The one palynoflora assigned to this zone contains an association of spore-pollen and dinoflagellates which first appears in, and possibly is unique to, the Lower M. diversus Zone: Spinizonocolpites prominatus, Crassiretitriletes vanraadshoovenii, Polypodiaceoisporites varus, Apectodinium hyperacantha and Fibrocysta bipolare. The nominate species Malvacipollis diversus is abundant.

Although all of the above species range above the Lower M. diversus, the sample is highly unlikely to be younger than this zone based on the relative abundance of S. prominatus and frequency of [reworked] Lygistepollenites balmei and other long-ranging Cretaceous-Paleocene species.

Middle Malvacipollis diversus Zone 1509.5m Early Eocene

The palynoflora at 1509.5m is essentially Lower M. diversus Zone [Cyathidites gigantis and frequent Proteacidites grandis and Malvacipollis spp.] but includes a population of the typically Middle M. diversus Zone dinoflagellate Apectodinium parvum and two specimens of Proteacidites ornatus, a species which first appears in the same zone.

Although species diagnostic of the Upper M. diversus-P. asperopolus Zone are absent, e.g. Myrtacidites tenuis and Proteacidites pachyopolus, the sample does appear to contain anomalously early records of Proteacidites crassus and Tricolporites leuros.

This mixture of species is characteristic of channel fill sediments which have undergone reworking, in the present case during the Middle M. diversus Zone and possibly during P. asperopolus Zone time.

The change in lithology from argillaceous to glauconitic between 1509.5 and 1503.5m may correspond to the

biostratigraphic boundary between the P. asperopolus and M. diversus Zones.

Proteacidites asperopolus Zone 1488.0-1503.5m Early Eocene

The three SWC samples within this interval contain Myrtaceidites tenuis and Proteacidites pachypolus and therefore definitely are no older than Upper M. diversus Zone.

The lower boundary, at 1503.5m, is defined by the first appearance of Tricolpites incisus and Clavatipollenites glarius, species which very occasionally are found below this zone. Proteacidites ornatus and Intratrirporopollenites notabilis demonstrate the sample is no younger than P. asperopolus Zone.

The sample contains a number of Early Eocene marine dinoflagellates, e.g. Cordosphaeridium inodes, Homotryblium tasmaniense and Apectodinium sp. cf. Apectodinium parvum, as well as reworked Paleocene spp. such as Australopollis obscurus and Lygistepollenites balmei.

The palynoflora recovered from the SWC at 1502.0m is similar except that dinoflagellates present include fragments of a Kisselovia sp., possibly K. coleothrypta. Specimens of the typically Middle N. asperus Zone species Tricolpites thomasii and Lower N. asperus Zone dinoflagellate Areosphaeridium diktyoplokus indicate minor mud-contamination of this SWC.

The upper boundary is confidently placed at 1488.0m, a sample containing the nominate species, Sapotaceidaepollenites rotundus and frequent Conbaculites apiculatus in addition to species which range no higher than the P. asperopolus Zone, e.g. Myrtaceidites tenuis, Proteacidites ornatus and P. tuberculiformis. Dinoflagellates include Cleistosphaeridium epacrum, Apectodinium sp. cf. A. hyperacantha and [caved] Areosphaeridium diktyoplokus.

Lower Nothofagidites asperus Zone 1471.0m Middle Eocene

Palynofloras at and above 1471.0m are dominated by Nothofagidites emarcidus-heterus, a reliable indication of a N. asperus Zone age.

One sample is confidently assigned to the Lower N. asperus Zone, based on Proteacidites asperopolus, Tricolpites simatus, Verrucatosporites attinatus, Rugulatisporites trophus and the dinocyst Iritonites pandus. Areosphaeridium

diktyoplokus is present, and a Deflandrea sp. closely resembling the Early Eocene species D. dartmooria frequent, in this sample.

Middle Nothofagidites asperus Zone 1454.0m Late Eocene

The sample at 1454.0m contains both pollen and dinoflagellate index species for the Middle N. asperus Zone: Triorites magnificus and Gippslandica extensa. Other dinoflagellates include Cleistosphaeridium epacrum and Schematophora speciosus.

The occurrence of an Early Eocene species Proteacidites tuberculiformis indicates incorporation of older sediments, probably through bioturbation.

Upper Nothofagidites asperus Zone 1451.0m Early Oligocene

The SWC at 1451.0m is dated as Upper N. asperus Zone with a low degree of confidence due to the absence of both Middle N. asperus and P. tuberculatus Zone indicators, in particular Cyatheacidites annulatus and the dinocyst Protoellipsodinium simplex. Dinoflagellates are abundant relative to spore-pollen.

Irrespective of the zonal uncertainty, an Early Oligocene age is probable based on the presence of multiple specimens of Pyxidinoopsis pontus and the abundance of Nothofagidites spp., including N. falcatus.

Proteacidites tuberculatus Zone 1449.0m Oligo-Miocene

Cyatheacidites annulatus and Protoellipsodinium simplex confirm a P. tuberculatus Zone age for this, the highest sample available for palynological analysis in Judith-1.

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LEGEND

SPORE-POLLEN

P. tub. = *P. tuberculatus* Zone
U. N.a. = Upper *N. asperus* Zone
M. N.a. = Middle *N. asperus* Zone
L. N.a. = Lower *N. asperus* Zone
P. asp. = *P. asperopolus* Zone
U. M.d. = Upper *M. diversus* Zone
M. M.d. = Middle *M. diversus* Zone
L. M.d. = Lower *M. diversus* Zone
U. L.b. = Upper *L. balmei* Zone
L. L.b. = Lower *L. balmei* Zone
U. T.l. = Upper *T. longus* Zone
L. T.l. = Lower *T. longus* Zone
T. lil. = *T. lilliei* Zone
N. sen. = *N. senectus* Zone
T. apx. = *T. apoxyexinus* Zone
P. maw. = *P. mawsonii* Zone
A. dst. = *A. distocarinatus* Zone
P. pan. = *P. pannosus* Zone
C. pdx. = *C. paradoxa* Zone
C. str. = *C. striatus* Zone
C. hug. = *C. hughesii* Zone
F. wng. = *F. wonthaggiensis* Zone
C. aus. = *C. australiensis* Zone

DINOFLAGELLATE

P. com. = *P. comatum* Zone
C. inc. = *C. incompositum*
D. ext. = *D. extensa* Zone
D. het. = *D. heterophylcta*
T. pan. = *T. pandus* Zone
A. aro. = *A. australicum*
T. ast. = *T. asteris* Zone
K. edw. = *K. edwardsii*
K. tom. = *K. thompsonae*
K. orn. = *K. ornatum*
K. wai. = *K. waipawaensis*
A. hyp. = *A. hyperacantha*
A. hom. = *A. homomorphum*
E. crs. = *E. crassitabulata*
T. evt. = *T. evittii* Zone
M. drg. = *M. druggii* Zone
I. kor. = *I. korojonense*
X. aus. = *X. australis*
N. asc. = *N. asceras*
I. cre. = *I. cretaceum*
O. por. = *O. porifera*
C. str. = *C. striatoconus*
P. inf. = *P. infusorioides*
D. mlt. = *D. multispinum*
X. asp. = *X. asperatus*
P. lud. = *P. ludbrookiae*
C. den. = *C. denticulata*
M. tet. = *M. tetracantha*
D. dav. = *D. davidii*
O. opr. = *O. operculata*

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF BASIC PALYNOLOGICAL DATA

SWC	DEPTH (m)	YIELD		DIVERSITY		PRES.	LITH.*
		S-P	DINO	S-P	DINO		

Logging Run 1							
49	1449.0	med.	med.	low	high	good	ST.ls
48	1451.0	low	high	med.	med.	poor	ST.gc
47	1454.0	mod.	med.	high	high	mod.	GC
46	1471.0	high	high	med.	high	good	ST.gc
45	1488.0	med.	med.	high	med.	mod.	ST.gc
44	1502.0	low	low	med.	med.	poor	ST.gc
43	1503.5	med.	high	high	med.	good	SS.gc
42	1509.5	high	med.	med.	low	good	ST.cl
41	1546.5	high	high	med.	med.	mod.	ST.cl
39	1571.5	med.	low	med.	low	poor	ST.cl
38	1600.0	high	-	high	-	mod	ST.cl
36	1622.0	high	caved?	high	low	good	ST.cl
34	1667.5	med.	-	med.	-	mod.	ST.cl
33	1691.0	High	caved	med.	-	good	ST.sa
32	1701.5	high	-	med.	-	good	ST.cl
29	1764.0	med.	-	high	-	good	ST.cl
28	1777.5	high	caved	med.	-	mod.	MS/CO
27	1803.0	low	caved	med.	low	mod.	ST.sa
26	1821.5	low	-	high	-	mod.	ST.cl
25	1835.5	high	caved	high	low	mod.	ST.cl
24	1858.0	high	-	high	-	mod.	ST.cl
22	1875.5	med.	-	high	-	poor	ST.cl
19	1977.0	low	caved	med.	-	mod.	ST.cl
18	1984.0	low	-	med.	-	mod.	MS.st
17	1993.0	med.	med.	med.	med.	poor	ST.sa
16	2017.0	med.	med.	med.	high	poor	ST.cl
15	2023.0	high	low	high	med.	poor	ST.sa
ctg	2025-28	high	low	high	low	good	
12	2092.0	med.	low	med.	low	poor	SS.cl
ctg	2112-14	high	low	high	low	mod.	
11	2113.0	med.	high	med.	high	poor	ST.cl
10	2143.0	high	caved	med.	-	poor	SS.st
08	2176.0	med.	-	high	-	mod.	ST.sa
07	2202.0	low	low	med.	low	good	ST.sa
05	2224.0	med.	low	med.	low	mod.	ST.cl
04	2248.0	high	low	high	low	poor	SS.st
02	2282.0	high	low	high	low	mod.	ST.cl
01	2308.0	high	low	med.	low	mod.	SS.cl

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF BASIC PALYNOLOGICAL DATA

SWC	DEPTH (m)	YIELD		DIVERSITY		PRES.	LITH.
		S-P	DINO	S-P	DINO		

Logging Run 2							
30	2325.0	high	low	low	low	poor	ST
28	2344.0	med.	low	med.	low	poor	ST
27	2364.0	low	-	low	-	mod.	ST.sa
22	2435.0	med.	-	low	-	poor	SS.st
21	2474.0	low	low	low	low	poor	ST.sa
ctg	2496-99	high	low	med.	low	mod.	ST.co
ctg	2571-74	low	low	med.	low	poor	ST.co
ctg	2583-86	low	low	med.	low	poor	ST.co
14	2630.5	high	-	med.	-	poor	ST.cl
13	2653.0	low	low	low	low	mod.	SS.st
11	2705.0	high	low	med.	low	mod.	MS.st
10	2721.0	high	caved	med.	-	poor	MS
05	2895.0	low	-	med.	-	poor	ST.cl
04	2908.0	low	caved	med.	-	mod.	ST.cl
03	2923.0	low	caved	med.	-	mod.	SS.cl

* Lithological descriptions [main rock type.qualifer] taken from hand-written sidewall sample description sheet.

SAMPLE TYPE OR NO. *	DEPTH (metres)																										
	1451.0	1454.0	1471.0	1488.0	1502.0	1503.5	1509.5	1546.5	1571.5	1600.0	1622.0	1667.5	1691.0	1701.5	1764.0	1777.5	1803.0	1821.5	1835.5	1858.0	1875.5	1977.0	1984.0	1993.0	2017.0	2023.0	
Elphredriptides notensis				*				*																			
Ercipites scabratus	*					*				*								*			*	*	C				
Foraminisporis asymmetricus																								R		R	
Forcipites longus															*					*		?					
Forcipites spp. indet./undescribed															*				*								
Foveosporites canalis													R												*		
Foveotriletes balteus					*																						
F. parviretus					R			R		R		R	R	R						R							
Gambierina rudata										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C	C			C	
Gleicheniidites spp.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C	*	*	*	*	*
Granelispora cf evansii																			*								
Haloragacidites harrisi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C					C					
Herkosporites elliotii			*					*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	
Illexpollenites anguloclavatus	*	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		C				
Intratrirporopollenites notabilis						*																					
Ischyosporites gremsii	*	*	*	*	*	*																				C	
I. irregularis ms					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C											
I. punctatus									*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	R							
Klukisporites scaberis																			*	R							
Kraeuselisporites majus													*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	*
Laevigatosporites spp.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C?	*	*	*	*	*
Latrosporites amplus										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C					
L. crassus			*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C					
Leptosporites verrucatus					R									R													
Liliacidites ruppieaeformis ms														*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
L. spp. indet./undescribed			*											*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	*
cf Lycopodiaceites asperatus					R				R		R													*	*	*	
Lycopodiumsporites australoclavatifidites																								*	*	*	
L. circolumenus													R														
L. nodosus												*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	*
L. spp.			*							*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	*
Lygistepollenites balmei					R		R	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C	C		C	C	C
L. florinii	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C			C	
Malvacipollis diversus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
M. duratus ms		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
M. robustus ms	*																										
M. subtilis			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
Matonisporites ornamentalis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
Micrantheum spinospora	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
Microcachrydites antarcticus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Milfordia homeopunctata					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
Monolites alveolatus			*																								
Myrtacidites eugenioides				*																							
M. eucalyptoides	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
M. parvus-mesonesus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
M. tenuis			*	*	*	*	*	C																			
Neoraistrickia truncata		R																						R			
Nothofagidites asperus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
N. brachyspinulosus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
N. deminutus-vansteeni	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
N. emarcidus-heterus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C	C		C	C	C
N. flemingii	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			C			
N. falcatus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			C			
N. goniatus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
N. kaltangata								C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C			C		
N. senectus s.l.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* C=CORE S=SIDEWALL CORE

R - REWORKED SP.

SAMPLE TYPE OR NO. *	metres DEPTHS																										
	1451.0	1454.0	1471.0	1488.0	1502.0	1503.5	1509.5	1546.5	1571.5	1600.0	1622.0	1667.5	1691.0	1701.5	1764.0	1777.5	1803.0	1821.5	1835.5	1858.0	1875.5	1977.0	1984.0	1993.0	2017.0	2023.0	
Osmundacites wellmanii																											
Parvisaccites catastus																											
Peninsulapollis askinae																											
P. gilvii																											
Periporopollenites demarcatus																											
P. polyoratus																											
P. vesicus																											
Peromonolites bacculatus ms																											
P. densus																											
Phimipollenites pannosus																											
Phyllocladidites mawsonii																											
P. verrucosus																											
P. reticulosaccatus																											
Phyllocladus palaeogenicus																											
Podocarpidites spp.																											
Podosporites erugatus																											
P. microsaccatus																											
Polycingutrites pocockii																											
Polypodiaceosporites varus																											
Polypodiidites spp.																											
Polycolpites langstonii																											
Proteacidites adanthoides																											
P. ademonosus ms																											
P. angulatus																											
P. annularis																											
P. asperopolus																											
P. callosus																											
P. cleinei ms																											
P. cf confragosus																											
P. crassus																											
P. differentipollis																											
P. dierama																											
P. grandis																											
P. incurvatus																											
P. koplensis																											
P. latrobensis																											
P. leightonii																											
P. nasus																											
P. obscurus																											
P. ornatus																											
P. otwayensis ms																											
P. pachypolus																											
P. palisadus																											
P. pseudomoides																											
P. rectus																											
P. reticuloconcaus ms																											
P. reticulosabratus																											
P. retiformis																											
P. tuberculiformis																											
P. xestoformis ms																											
P. spp. indet./undescribed																											
Pseudowinterapollis cranwellae																											
P. wahoensis																											
Quadraplanus brossus																											
Rouseisporites reticulatus																											
R. simplex																											

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Rugulatisporites mallatus					*	*		*		*													*				
R. trophus			*																					*			
Santalumidites cainozoicus			*	*	*	*	*																				
Sapotaceoidapollenites rotundus		*	*	*																							
cf Sestrosporites																										*	
Spinizonocolpites prominatus								*																			
Sterelsporites antiquisporites								*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
S. australis f. crassa					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C				
S. punctatus ms				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		C			
S. regium ms																*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
S. spp.		*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Stoveripollis lunaris																*											
taeniate bisaccates [Permo-Triassic]																							R	R	R	R	
Tetracolporites multistriatus ms						*	*		*					*													
T. textus ms									*														C				
T. verrucosus										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Tetradopollis securus																		*	*	*	*	*					
Tricolpites confessus													*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	C	C?			
T. gigantis ms								*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. halis				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. incisus				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. phillipsii						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. reticulatus									*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. paenestriatus				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. simatus		*	*																								
T. thomasi			*		C																						
T. walparensis														*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. spp indet./undescribed			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Tricolporites adelaidensis						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
T. balmei ms									*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. lilliei														*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. moultonii ms						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. patulus																											
T. scabratus		*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. sphaerica					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. spp. indet./undescribed			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Indeterminate trilete spores	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Triletes tuberculiformis		*																									
Trilorites magnificus																											
Tripoporollenites heleosus				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
T. sectilis														*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Trisaccites																									*		
Verrucatosporites attinatus ms			*																								
Verrucosisporites kopukuensis		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Bysmapollis emaciatus					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Myrtacidites verrucosus						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Corollinia spp.													R														
Proteacidites amolosexinus													*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Appendicisporites distocarinus																	R							*	*		
Proteacidites wahoensis																			*	*	*	*					
Cyatheacidites tectifera																								*	*		

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DINOFLAGELLATES & OTHER ALGAE																											
<i>Achomosphaera crassipellis</i>																											
<i>Airefana verrucosa</i>			*																								
<i>Apectodinium homomorphum</i>											C						C		C				C				
<i>A. hyperacanthum</i>																											
<i>Areosphaeridium arcuatum</i>		*																									
<i>A. capricornum</i>	*																										
<i>A. diktyoplokus</i>			*	C	C																						
<i>Baltisphaeridium nanum</i>																											
<i>Cleistosphaeridium epacrum</i> ms		*	*	*																							
<i>Cordosphaeridium inodes</i>		*	*	*		*	*																				
<i>Deflandrea dartmooria</i>			*																								
<i>D. spp. indet./undescribed</i>				*							*																
<i>Fibrocysta bipolare</i>												*															
<i>Homotryblium tasmaniense</i>				*		*																					
<i>Impagidinium</i> spp.	*	*																									
<i>Kenleyia</i> spp.												*															
<i>Kisselovia</i> sp. cf <i>K. coleothrypta</i>					*																						
<i>Operculodinium centrocarpum</i>	*				*	*											C					C					
<i>Paralecaniella indentata</i>		*		*	*	*		*																			
<i>Pediastrum</i>																										*	
peridinacean cysts cf <i>Luxadinium</i>																					C			*	*	*	
<i>Pyxidinospis pontus</i> ms	*																										
<i>Rimosicysta</i> cf <i>cucullata</i>																										*	
<i>R. cf eversa</i>																									*	*	
<i>R. kipperii</i>											C													*	*	*	
<i>R. cf kipperii</i>																								*	*	*	
<i>R. robusta</i> ms																								*	*	*	
<i>R. spp. indet./undescribed</i>																						C		*	*	*	
<i>Schematophora speciosus</i>		*																								*	*
<i>Spiniferites</i> spp.	*	*			*		*										C					C				*	*
<i>Thalassiphora</i> spp.			*																								
<i>Wuroia corrugata</i>																									*	*	
<i>W. unciiformis</i>																								*	*	*	
INDET. DINO CYSTS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				C											*	*	*	*
<i>Apectodinium parvum</i>							*																		*	*	
<i>Micrhystridium</i>																								*	*	*	
<i>Veryhackium</i>																									*	*	
<i>Gippslandica extensa</i>		*																									
<i>Tritonites pandus</i>			*																								
<i>Hystriochosphaeridium rigaude</i>				*																						*	*
<i>Rimosicysta</i> cf <i>aspera</i>																								*	*	*	

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	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T												
FOSSIL NAMES	2025-28	2092.0	2112-14	2113.0	2143.0	2176.0	2202.0	2224.0	2248.0	2282.0	2308.0	2325.0	2344.0	2364.0	2435.0	2474.0	2496-99	2571-74	2583-86	2630.5	2663.0	2705.0	2721.0	2895.0	2908.0	2923.0	
MUD CONTAMINANTS/CAVED SPECIES																											
<i>Australopollis obscurus</i>	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•			•			•		•					•
<i>Banksiaeidites lunatus</i>	•																										
<i>Bysmapollis emaciatus</i>			•																								
<i>Cupanioidites orthoteichus</i>	•		•																								
<i>Cyatheacidites annulatus</i>	•		•								•																
<i>Cyathidites gigantis</i>			•																								
<i>C. splendens</i>	•		•			•		•									•										
<i>Dicotetradites clavatus</i>		•	•									•															
<i>Ericipites scabratus</i>							•																				
<i>Foveotrilletes lacunosus</i>												•															
<i>Gambierina rudata</i>	•		•			•	•	•		•																	
<i>Gleicheniidites spp.</i>	•										•																
<i>Haloragacidites harrissii</i>			•			•								•													
<i>Laevigatosporites spp.</i>	•						•							•													
<i>Latrobosporites amplus</i>									•																•		
<i>Lygistepollenites balmei</i>	•		•	•		•	•																				
<i>L. florinii</i>	•		•																								
<i>Malvacipollis subtilis</i>			•																								
<i>Nothofagidites emarcidus-heterus</i>			•				•		•		•	•	•											•			
<i>N. falcatus</i>											•																
<i>N. kaitangata</i>	•					•																					
<i>N. cf. walpawaensis</i>	•						•																				
<i>Peninsulapollis askinae</i>						•			•								•										
<i>P. gilvii</i>	•		•			•		•																			
<i>Peromonolites densus</i>	•		•																								
<i>Phyllocladidites mawsonii</i>	•		•			•	•	•		•							•	•						•			
<i>Proteacidites angulatus</i>			•				•																				
<i>P. amolosexinus</i>																											
<i>P. spp.</i>	•		•			•	•	•		•		•												•			•
<i>Stereisporites punctatus ms</i>						•		•		•														•			
<i>S. regium</i>						•		•																			
<i>Tetracolporites multistriatus ms</i>	•																										
<i>T. verrucosus</i>			•																								
<i>Tricolpites phillipsii</i>			•														•										
<i>T. spp.</i>	•		•			•	•			•																	
<i>Tricolporites spp.</i>	•		•								•																
<i>Triporopollenites heleosus</i>			•																								
<i>T. sectilis</i>			•			•	•																				
<i>Apectodinium homomorphum</i>												•															
<i>Operculodinium centrocarpum</i>											•	•															
<i>Protoellipsoidinium simplex ms</i>											•																
<i>Spiniferites spp.</i>											•													•			

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B A S I N: GIPPSLAND
 WELL NAME: JUDITH-1

ELEVATION: KB: GL:
 TOTAL DEPTH:

A G E	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	H I G H E S T D A T A					L O W E S T D A T A				
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Two Way Time	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Two Way Time
NEOGENE	<i>T. pleistocenicus</i>										
	<i>M. lipsis</i>										
	<i>C. bifurcatus</i>										
	<i>T. bellus</i>										
PALEOGENE	<i>P. tuberculatus</i>	1449.0	0				1449.0	0			
	Upper <i>N. asperus</i>	1451.0	2				1451.0	2			
	Mid <i>N. asperus</i>	1454.0	0				1454.0	0			
	Lower <i>N. asperus</i>	1471.0	1				1471.0	1			
	<i>P. asperopolus</i>	1488.0	0				1503.5	2	1488.0	0	
	Upper <i>M. diversus</i>										
	Mid <i>M. diversus</i>	1509.5	2				1509.5	2			
	Lower <i>M. diversus</i>	1546.0	1				1546.0	1			
	Upper <i>L. balmei</i>	1571.5	0				1622.0	1			
	Lower <i>L. balmei</i>	1667.5	2	1691.0	1		1701.5	1			
	Upper <i>T. longus</i>	1764.0	0				1835.5	1			
	LATE CRETACEOUS	Lower <i>T. longus</i>	1858.0	1				1875.5	2	1858.0	1
<i>T. lillieii</i>											
<i>N. senectus</i>											
<i>T. apoxyexinus</i>											
<i>P. mawsonii</i>		1993.0	2	2017.0	1		2721.0	1			
<i>A. distocarinatus</i>		2895.0	2				2908.0	2			
EARLY CRET.	<i>C. paradoxus</i>										
	<i>C. striatus</i>										
	<i>F. asymmetricus</i>										
	<i>F. wonthaggiensis</i>										
	<i>C. australiensis</i>										
PRE-CRETACEOUS											

COMMENTS: 1471.0m *T. pandus* Zone

 1546.0m *A. hyperacantha* Zone

 1571.5m *A. homomorpha* Zone

 Maximum abundance of "Kipper Shale" dinocysts 1993.0-2113.0m

- CONFIDENCE RATING:
- 0: SWC or Core, Excellent Confidence, assemblage with zone species of spores, pollen and microplankton.
 - 1: SWC or Core, Good Confidence, assemblage with zone species of spores and pollen or microplankton.
 - 2: SWC or Core, Poor Confidence, assemblage with non-diagnostic spores, pollen and/or microplankton.
 - 3: Cuttings, Fair Confidence, assemblage with zone species of either spores and pollen or microplankton, or both.
 - 4: Cuttings, No Confidence, assemblage with non-diagnostic spores, pollen and/or microplankton.

NOTE: If an entry is given a 3 or 4 confidence rating, an alternative depth with a better confidence rating should be entered, if possible. If a sample cannot be assigned to one particular zone, then no entry should be made, unless a range of zones is given where the highest possible limit will appear in one zone and the lowest possible limit in another.

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