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## ABSTRACT

This report contains the results of palynological dating of VMD Bores, Warrion Warrion 5 in the Otway Basin and the following bores in the Gippsland Basin : Alberton East 5 and 9; Alberton West 159, 182, 197 and 202; Bruthen 10, Devon 22, Gippsland 1, 2 and 3; Welshpool 31 and 32; Wonthaggi 84 and 85, Woranga 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12; Wundella 12, Yarram Yarram 14 and 15, Cranbourne 51, and several outcrop samples from the Yallourn coal.

The majority of these samples were studied at the request of the Basin Studies Section.

47/0261	Gips 1	Bruthen	Devon 22	Alberton E	Alberton W	Wonthaggi	Yarram Yarram	Woranga 10	Woranga 12	Woranga 14	Woranga 15	Woranga 7	Woranga 8	Woranga 4	Woranga 5	Woranga 12	Yallourn	Outcrop
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## **APPENDIX**

- 1      Species Lists**
- 2      Biostratigraphic Zonation**

## **ABSTRACT**

## **RESULTS**

- APPENDIX 1 - Species Lists**  
**APPENDIX 2 - Biostratigraphic Zonation**  
**REFERENCES**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

FIG. 1 (m)

100 mm

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BORE	DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	CONFIDENCE	SPORE-POLLEN ZONE
Larram Yarram 14	198.1	Lig. clay	2	Mid - Upper <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
" 15	155	Lig. clay	2	P. <u>tuberculatus</u> Zone
Woranga 4	64.7 - 66.1	Carb. sandstone	2	T. <u>bellus</u> Zone
"	118.8	Brown coal	2	Upper P. <u>tuberculatus</u> - T. <u>bellus</u> Zone
"	171.1	Carb. clay	1	P. <u>tuberculatus</u> Zone
Woranga 12	88 - 94	Carb. sandstone	1	Upper T. <u>bellus</u> Zone
"	270	Dark clay	"	Indet.
"	285	Carb. sandstone	2	Mid - Upper <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
"	290	Sandy clay	2	"
"	346.9 - 349.7	Brown coal	2	"
"	400.8 - 403.8	"	1	Middle <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
"	509.4 - 512	Lig. clay	2	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
"	565 - 567.5	"	1	T. <u>bellus</u> Zone
"	825	Grey sandstone	"	Indet.
Warren Warren 5	417 - 422.5	Coarse Lig. sand	1	Mid - Upper <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
"	454.7 - 458.5	Lig. sand	1	Mid. <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
Granbourne 51	165 - 175	Lig. sand	1	P. <u>tuberculatus</u> Zone
YALLOURN OUTCROP SAMPLES				
Subseam clay	443500E 577100W	Carb. clay	1	T. <u>bellus</u> Zone
	Zone 55			
Near top of open cut	44300E 577100W	Brown coal	2	Calcareous
Above tree stump horizon	44300E 577100W	"	2	"
Yallourn North Ext. Level 13		"	2	Gravelly
2m from bottom 4 cut		"	2	Calcareous

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SPORO-POLLEN ZONE (Stover & Partridge 1972.  
Partridge 1975 rev.)

PORE	DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	CONFIDENCE	SPORO-POLLEN ZONE	FILE NO.
Alberton East 5	57.2	Coaly sand	1	Indeterminate	File 115
Alberton East 9	76.1	Lig. clay	1	<u>T. bellus</u> zone	File 115
"	80.0	Sandy coal	1	"	File 115
"	87.0	Lig. clay	1	"	File 115
"	100.5	Brown coal	1	"	File 115
"	193.0	"	1	"	File 115
Alberton West 159	31.1	Carbonaceous clay	1	<u>I. balmei</u> zone	File 115
"	34.2	"	1	Indet.	File 115
"	23.4 - 24	Brown coal	2	Upper <u>N. asperus</u> zone	File 115
"	43.4 - 44	"	1	"	File 115
"	66.3 - 66.7	"	1	"	File 115
"	182	Carbonaceous clay	1	Indet.	File 115
"	197	Lig. clay	1	Upper <u>T. bellus</u> zone	File 115
"	50.7	Brown coal	2	Upper <u>P. tuberculatus</u> zone	File 115
"	54.8	Carbonaceous clay	1	Mid - Upper <u>P. tuberculatus</u> zone	File 115
"	83.6	Brown coal	2	"	File 115
"	118	Carbonaceous clay	1	Late Mid <u>N. asperus</u> - <u>P. tuberculatus</u> zone	File 115
"	142.6	Brown coal	2	<u>T. bellus</u> zone	File 115
"	35.6	Lig. clay	2	<u>P. tuberculatus</u> zone	File 115
"	68.3	"	1	<u>T. bellus</u> zone	File 115
"	161.0	Grey, clayey sandy	1	<u>P. tuberculatus</u> zone	File 115
Bruthen	10	silt	1	Upper <u>N. asperus</u> zone	File 115
Devon	22	Sandy coal	1	Lower - Upper <u>N. asperus</u> zone	File 115
"	122.7	Carbonaceous sand	1	"	File 115
"	155.9	"	1	"	File 115
"	201.5	"	1	"	File 115
Gipsland	55	Possible marine sand	1	"	File 115
"	58	"	1	"	File 115
"	135	Fine marine sand	1	"	File 115
"	137	"	1	"	File 115

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DEPTH (m) LITHOLOGY CONFIDENCE

SPORE-POJEN ZONE

Lippsland 2	-	156	-	159	Coaly sand	1													
	-	183	-	186	-														
	-	146	-	149	Coaly sand	1													
	-	165	-	168	-														
Woolsthorpe 31	-	68	-	74.5	Brown coal	1													
	-	163.3	-	173.5	Carb. gravelly sand	1													
	-	32	-	43	Carb. silt	1													
von Wron	84	-	-	74.5	carb. sand	2													
	-	117.6 - 120.8	-	117.6 - 120.8	-														
	-	161	-	163.6	Brown coal	1													
	-	28.8	-	39.4	Lig. clay	1													
	-	42.3	-	42.3	Carb. sand	1													
	-	103.9	-	103.9	Brown coal	2													
	-	173.5	-	173.5	-														
	-	7	-	90.85	Carb. clay	2													
	-	141.5	-	141.5	-														
	-	80.0	-	80.0	clayey sand	1													
	-	115.1 - 118.3	-	115.1 - 118.3	Carb. sand	2													
	-	204	-	204	Brown coal	1													
	-	96.99	-	96.99	-														
	-	120	-	120	Coaly siltstone	1													
	-	236	-	236	-														
	-	66.6	-	66.6	Lig. clay	1													
	-	130	-	130	Brown coal	2													
	-	14	-	14	Upper N. asperus zone	1													

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- 7.
- 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 spore and pollen or microplankton, or both.
  - 4; CUTTINGS, NO CONFIDENCE, assemblage with non-diagnostic spores, pollen and/or microplankton.

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FIG 1 (m)

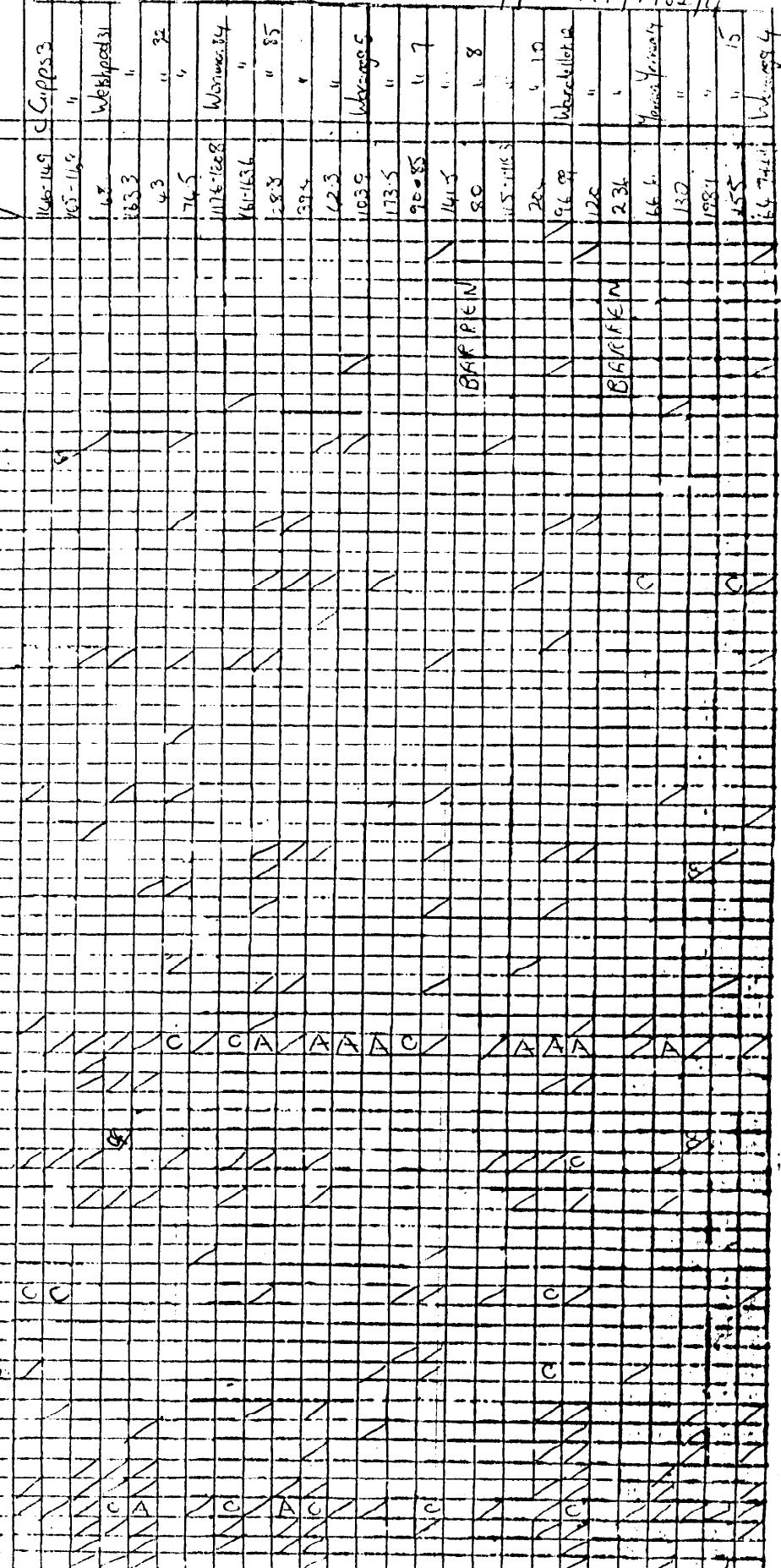




Well Name	Sample Type	He's	He's
	DEPTHS	70	80
PALYNOMORPHS			
L. bilobus		✓	
C. rotundata			
C. quadrata			
T. cylindrus			
T. rotundatus			
C. elongata			
T. rotundatus			
A. striatus			
F. trilob.			
T. anguliferatus			
T. gilli			
T. rotundatus			
T. rotulus			
M. acutus			
T. cylindrus			
S. sinuigaster			
D. concentrica			
T. elongata			
T. tuberculiferus			
M. megalosphaera sp.			
Tetraquartzites sp.			
C. rotula			
B. communis			
V. speciosa			
T. rotundatus			
C. constricta			
C. symphonobulata			
T. rotundatus			
T. rotundatus sp.			
C. quadrata			
C. reticulata			
MICROPLANKTON			
L. intrasphaeridium sp.			
Sphaerotilus sp.			

\* Circle = Faint, off-color, T=cuttings

Well Name	SAMPLE TYPE*	DEPTHS
	STANDARD	H-149 C-G-0253 H-149 " "
	WEATHERED	165-119 " "
		43 " "
		74.5 " "
		112.6-128 " "
		161-163.6 " "
		28.3 " "
		32.2 " "
		62.3 " "
		103.0 " "
		133.5 " "
		90.0-95 " "
		114.5 " "
	BUFFEEN	80 " "
		125.0 " "
		202 " "
		164.0 " "
		126 " "
	BUFFEEN	236 " "
		164 " "
		130 " "
		198.1 " "
		155 " "
		164.74 " "



Well Name	Sample Type*	Depths	Cores	Sandstone	Calcareous	Clayey	Organic	Shaly	Cherty	Calcareous Shaly	Calcareous Clayey	Calcareous Cherty	Calcareous Clayey Cherty
	SAMPLE TYPE*												
	PALYNOMORPHS												
	<i>H. vanderkelleni</i>	Well 149	Cores?										
	<i>P. orthotis</i>	145-150											
	<i>P. gracilis</i>	62	Well 151										
	<i>P. dilatatus</i>	4											
	<i>P. variatus</i>	43											
	<i>P. dimorphus</i>	74.5											
	<i>P. velox</i>	146-149.8	Well 152										
	<i>P. heteromorphus</i>	4											
	<i>P. heterogenicus</i>	39.4											
	<i>P. annulus</i>	42.3											
	<i>P. extensus</i>	103.0	Well 153										
	<i>P. micromaculatus</i>	170.5											
	<i>P. exobolites</i>	90.85											
	<i>P. simplex</i>	147.1											
	<i>P. tumulosus</i>	80											
	<i>P. athenaeoides</i> (local)	53-153											
	<i>P. annulatus</i>	204	" 10										
	<i>P. clavatus</i>	96.90	Well 154										
	<i>P. ovalis</i>	120	" "										
	<i>P. planatus</i>	7.56											
	<i>P. proconchoides</i>	150											
	<i>P. rectangulus</i>	106.1											
	<i>P. reticulatus</i>	155											
	<i>P. striatus</i>	115											
	<i>P. tenuatus</i>	14											
	<i>P. truncatus</i>	1											
	<i>P. tuberculatus</i>												
	<i>P. micus</i>												
	<i>P. ochotensis</i>												
	<i>P. sinicus</i>												
	<i>S. cylindricus</i>												
	<i>S. rotundus</i>												
	<i>S. oblongus</i>												
	<i>S. (Trilepidites) rugosulus</i>												
	<i>S. austriacus</i>												
	<i>T. polynodus</i>												
	<i>T. nullius</i> (local)												
	<i>T. rimatus</i>												
	<i>T. tenuistriatus</i>												
	<i>T. minimus</i> (local)												
	<i>T. curvirostratus</i>												
	<i>T. umbilicatus</i>												
	<i>T. bellus</i>												
	<i>T. elongatus</i>												
	<i>T. testiculus</i>												
	<i>T. antipathes</i>												
	<i>V. alternans</i>												
	<i>V. ultimus</i>												
	<i>V. ciliatus</i>												
	<i>V. longimarginatus</i>												
	<i>M. concreta</i>												
	<i>P. hastatum</i>												
	<i>C. costatus</i>												
	<i>M. marginatus</i>												
	<i>S. anguina sprucei</i>												
	<i>S. spissatus</i>												
	<i>S. chlorostomus</i>												
	<i>T. maculatus</i>												
	<i>G. granularis</i>												
	<i>C. carinata</i>												

\* C = core, S = sandstone, T = tailings

Well Name	Coring 1	Coring 2	Coring 3
SAMPLE TYPE			
DEPTHS			
PALYNOmorphs			
(A) <i>ceratines</i>			
(B) <i>shallowensis</i>			
(C) <i>reducta</i>			
(D) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(E) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(F) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(G) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(H) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(I) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(J) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(K) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(L) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(M) <i>inconspicua</i>			
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(P) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(Q) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(R) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(S) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(T) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(U) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(V) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(W) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(X) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(Y) <i>inconspicua</i>			
(Z) <i>inconspicua</i>			
MICROPLANKTON			
<i>Epithetina</i> sp.			
<i>Hippeisphaeridium</i> sp.			
<i>Gymnophytes</i> sp.			
<i>Hippeisphaeridium</i> sp.			

\* Coring, Standard core, T= cuttings





WELL NAME	SAMPLE SITE	DEPTH	LITERATURE			NOTES
			100'	125'	150'	
PALEONOMOPHS						
C. undata		100'				
I. rapaxus		125'				
P. spiculatus		150'				
C. lenticula		100'				
B. crenata		125'				
P. crenulata		150'				
F. tenuissima		100'				
F. tenuissima		125'				
B. spiculatus		150'				
P. reticulatum		100'				
N. cylindrica		125'				
N. concreta		150'				
" N. cylindrica "		100'				
" N. cylindrica "		125'				
" N. cylindrica "		150'				
P. nucularia		100'				
F. coerulea		125'				
D. concolor		150'				
M. macrocephala		100'				
G. spectabilis		125'				
A. exasperata		150'				
P. exiguus		100'				
T. micro		125'				
S. megalodon		150'				
B. brunnii		100'				
S. perfoliatum		125'				
		150'				
		200'				
		250'				
		300'				
		350'				
		400'				
		450'				
		500'				
		550'				
		600'				
		650'				
		700'				
		750'				
		800'				
		850'				
		900'				
		950'				
		1000'				
MICROPLANKTON						
D. floridana, phosphatocystis						
S. mellita, U.S. micro						
Leptosira, cyanoophora, etc.						
* Circles, + triangles, X crosshairs						

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