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FIGURE 1 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

I SUMMARY

Thirty five new samples (9 core, 26 cuttings) have been studied mostly to refine Late Cretaceous control in the well. Previous raw data from an extensive core suite in the Early Cretaceous is not available, and the existing preparations are believed lost in the Brisbane flood. The text of the original report by Dettmann (1964) and a table by Wilschut (undated) have been considered to produce the following breakdown.

depth unknown : longus Zone (druggii dino Zone) :

Maastrichtian : marine (seen in cavings beneath this point)

323m(cutts) - 335m(cutts) : indeterminate

354m(cutts) - 463m(cutts) : ?senectus Zone or indeterminate
: ?Campanian : marine

475m(core) - 497m(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone (cretacea dino Zone) : Santonian : nearshore to intermediate marine (marine maxima at 497m and 480m)

503m(cutts) - 543m(cutts) : middle apoxyexinus Zone (cretacea dino Zone) : Santonian : intermediate marine shallowing to nearshore marine (marine maximum at 543m)

579m(cutts) - ?661m(cutts) : lower apoxyexinus Zone (porifera dino Zone 579-610m) : Santonian : nearshore to intermediate marine (marine maxima at 619m and 543m)

741m(core) - 745m(core) : mawsonii Zone (infusorioides dino Zone 743-745m) : Coniacian-Turonian : marginal marine

792m(cutts) - 948m(core) : ?pannosus Zone : late Albian : non-marine

1042m(core) - 1554m(core) : upper paradoxa Zone : mid to
late Albian : non-marine

1693m(core) - 2002m(core) : lower paradoxa Zone : mid Albian
: non-marine

2145m(core) - 2239m(core) : striatus Zone : early Albian :
non-marine

2262m(cutts) - 2674m(core) : upper hughesi Zone : Aptian :
non-marine

2808m(core) - 3530m(cutts) : lower hughesi Zone at the top
and possibly to the base : Aptian : non-marine

II INTRODUCTION

Paul Carroll and David Pickavance of BHP Petroleum initiated palynological review of several wells pertinent to their acreage. In Fergusons Hill-1, they sought improved resolution throughout the late Cretaceous to facilitate sequence stratigraphic analysis. A small number of Early Cretaceous cuttings have also been studied. Raw data from the original report (Dettmann 1964) cannot be located, and the original slide preparations are similarly lost, perhaps in the Brisbane flood. New study from cores in the Early Cretaceous would improve resolution, although maturity near TD is very high and yields would be poor. Wilschut (undated) provided a breakdown for Fergusons Hill-1 in the Ross Creek-1 report and that information has been incorporated here.

Extensive cuttings study has two main advantages but also two main disadvantages. The first advantage is that the data becomes semicontinuous and key horizons can be seen in the cavings and not missed because they occur between the point sampling of swcs or due to unfavourable facies at the swc depth. The second advantage is that a downhole or extinction based zonation can be developed which works in cuttings and therefore provides a powerful tool to monitor drilling and enable cost efficient drilling and engineering decisions especially early TD. Quite accurate predictions ahead of swcs, logs and the bit are possible.

The first major disadvantage is that potential caving renders all oldest occurrences (or inceptions in time) of doubtful value. Thus the established zonations which particularly in Australia are based on oldest occurrences from extensive swc suites, do not work well. Youngest occurrence or extinction events in close proximity to the established zone boundaries need to be established to continue to use the established zonation. Alternatively,

the existing zonation can be abandoned and a new one erected based on extinction events.

I have tried to do both herein, working within the established zonaton of Helby, Morgan and Partridge (1987), but initiating a set of 38 numbered horizons. The most obvious (and therefore most reliable) bear the whole numbers 1 to 15 from youngest to oldest and are all extinction or major acme events reliably identifiable from cuttings. The other twenty three horizons bear a number and a lower case letter to show their lower level of confidence and their usual stratigraphic location. For example, horizons 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d occur from youngest to oldest, between major horizons 7 and 8, but are less reliable and therefore may crosscut the major horizons. They comprise mostly oldest occurrences in cuttings or youngest occurrences of rare species. The relationship of the two schemes are shown in figure 1 and the discussions herein is within the existing zonal framework.

The second major disadvantage to extensive cuttings study is that heavy caving can obscure subtle events due to dilution. Inspection of a caliper log can indicate the extent of caving, but even small quantities of a richly fossiliferous rock can obscure subtle horizons in a sparsely fossiliferous rock beneath. In such cases, identification of marine maxima and maximum flooding surfaces must be tempered with caution.

The best of both alternatives can be achieved by a mix of swcs and cuttings. Downhole monitoring can be readily achieved by 50 to 100m cuttings, followed up by extensive swc suites to close sampling gaps to around 30m.

Detailed correlation is possible using the data herein and is the subject of a separate report. Raw data are presented in Appendix I.

SPORE-POLLEN ZONES	SPORE-POLLEN HORIZONS	DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES	DINOFLAGELLATE HORIZONS
LONGUS	upper T. confessus 1 T. sectilis G. rudata • 1b N. senectus • 1d	DRUGGII	M. conorata 1a M. conorata 1c M. druggii 1e I. pellucida 2
	lower T. sabulosus 2a T. longus 2b		
LILLEI	upper T. sectilis 3a	KOROJONENSE	I. korojonense 3 I. cretacea
	lower T. lillei 3b		I. korojonense 3c I. pellucida
SENECTUS	upper G. rudata 7a	upper AUSTRALIS	X. australis 4 X. ceratoides A. wisemaniae A. suggestium 4a
	middle T. sabulosus 7e	lower AUSTRALIS	N. aceras 5 N. semireticulata X. australis • 6
	lower N. senectus 9a	upper ACERAS	N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
APOXYEXINUS	middle A. cruciformis 1% A. cruciformis 1-4% 11	middle ACERAS	T. suspectum Heterosphaeridium 10%+ 8 Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 9
	lower A. cruciformis 10%+ 12	lower ACERAS	N. aceras 9b
	lower A. cruciformis 12a 12c	upper CRETACEA	I. belfastense 10 A. denticulata Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 10a I. belfastense A. denticulata 11a
MAWSONII	A. distocarinatus 12c	lower CRETACEA	I. cretacea 11b
	consistent 13 A. distocarinatus P. mawsonii 15a	PORIFERA	O. porifera 12b
DISTOCARINATUS	common saccates A. cruciformis	STRIATOCONUS	
		INFUSORIOIDES	C. edwardsii 14 C. edwardsii • 15 C. edwardsii • 15b
			dinoflagellates

FIGURE 1 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

• = frequent (4-10%) ● = common (11-30%)

III PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

A longus Zone (druggii dino Zone) represented as caving at 436m. As discussed below rare Manumiella conorata exists at 436m in cuttings indicating the longus spore-pollen Zone and the druggii dino Zone (horizon la), but must be caved at that point. It must exist near here as a thin marine horizon.

B 323m(cutts) - 335m(cutts) : indeterminate

These two new cuttings samples are from sands considered to be Late Cretaceous Timboon Sand, but they are extremely lean and contain nothing definitively Late Cretaceous. The assemblages are probably mostly caved from the Tertiary above.

At 323m, Proteacidites and Cyathidites are the most numerous, but rare elements include Gambierina rudata (balmei-senectus Zones) and Malvacipollis subtilis (upper balmei-tuberculatus Zones). Clearly a Paleocene balmei Zone assignment or older is indicated. No dinoflagellates were seen, suggesting non-marine environments, but too few specimens were seen to be definitive.

At 335m(cutts), Proteacidites, Araucariacites and Microcachryidites are the most numerous, but no spore-pollen species are particularly age diagnostic. Apectodinium hyperacanthum is a rare dinoflagellate element however, and indicates a late Paleocene upper balmei spore-pollen zone assignment. The rare dinoflagellates suggest a marginal marine environment, but too few specimens were seen to be definitive, and all may be caved.

C 354m(cutts) - 463m(cutts) : ?senectus Zone or indeterminate

These six samples are similarly extremely lean from sandy section, but they contain some rare late Cretaceous restricted elements. At 354m(cutts), Proteacidites and Gleicheniidites are frequent and rare elements include Amosopollis cruciformis (Late Cretaceous restricted) and the dinoflagellate Heterosphaeridium solida (australis to infusorioides dino Zones). A senectus zone or older zone is therefore indicated. At 366m(cutts), the assemblage is similar, but no age diagnostic taxa were seen. At 381m(cutts), the extremely lean assemblage includes Nothofagidites senectus (senectus Zone and younger), Chatangiella spp, and a probable Xenikoon australis (australis dino Zone = upper senectus Zone).

At 408m, the assemblage is extremely lean but again includes H. solida. At 436m, a slightly better yield includes Manumiella conorata which is restricted to the druggii dinoflagellate zone, correlative of the Maastrichtian longus spore-pollen zone. This is almost certainly caved from a point at topmost Cretaceous. The spore-pollen are not age diagnostic. At 463m(cutts) a richer assemblage includes prominent Falcisporites and Microcachryidites with prominent Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum amongst the dinoflagellates.

In summary, although assemblages are extremely poor, most contain elements suggesting the senectus spore-pollen zone of Campanian age. Marine environments are suggested throughout by the presence of dinoflagellates, but they are always subordinate to the spore-pollen, suggesting the nearshore to marginal marine range.

D 475m(core) - 497m(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone
(cretacea dino Zone 475-543m)

Assignment to the upper Tricolporites apoxyexinus Zone (= Tricolpites pachyexinus Zone of previous usage) of Santonian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators such as N. senectus and by the dinoflagellate horizon youngest Isabelidinium belfastense and Amphidiadema denticulata (horizon 10). Other features coincident include youngest Odontochitina obesa (horizon 7d) youngest Trithyrodinium suspectum (horizon 8) and youngest Heterosphaeridium 20%+ (horizon 9). These events are bunched together here either due to unfavourable sandy facies above, or due to unconformity. The base of the interval is taken at the sample above the downhole influx of Amosopollis cruciformis (horizon 11).

Other correlative horizons include youngest Chatangiella victoriensis (usually at or slightly above horizon 10), oldest Heterosphaeridium 20%+ (horizon 10a) oldest Tricolpites confessus (intra apoxyexinus) all at 475m. Within the interval, spores and pollen dominate with Falcisporites common and Dilwynites, Phyllocladidites mawsonii, Microcacyidites and Cyathidites frequent and Australopollis obscurus consistent. A. cruciformis is rare (1-2%) throughout. Amongst the dinoflagellates, Heterosphaeridium dominate at the top, with Odontochitina and Trithyrodinium frequent towards the base. The presence of Isabelidinium cretaceum, I. belfastense and A. denticulata into core beneath, indicates the cretacea dino Zone to the base and beyond, and that horizon 11a lies below this interval. Gillinia hymenophora has its youngest occurrence at 497m.

Nearshore to intermediate marine environments are indicated with dinoflagellate contents of 10% with

moderate diversity at 480m to 38% with moderate diversity at 497m(cutts) and 31% with moderate diversity at 475m. These two marine maxima may represent maximum flooding surfaces, although the assemblage at 497m may be partly caved. The marine maximum at 475m correlates tightly to an identical one in several other wells nearby.

E 503m(cutts) - 543m(core) : middle apoxyexinus Zone (cretacea dino Zone)

Assignment to the middle Tricolporites apoxyexinus Zone of Santonian age is indicated by the intermediate A. cruciformis content (mostly 2-10%). At the top (503m), A. cruciformis is anomalously high (22%) but this is taken as horizon 11, as contents below are all in the range 2-11%. The base is taken on the sample above the massive increase of A. cruciformis to 32% at 579m (horizon 12). Within the interval, oldest A. denticulata and I. belfastense occurs at 539m core (horizon 11a) and oldest I. cretacea at 543m core (horizon 11b) and 579m (cuttings) where it is probably caved. Oldest Tricolpites gillii (usually intra apoxyexinus) occurs at 539m (core) and oldest frequent thick walled Trithyrodinium occurs at 521m (cutts). Youngest consistent Circulodinium deflandrei occurs at 503m (cutts).

Amongst the spore-pollen, Falcisporites are common with Microcachryidites, P. mawsonii, Dilwynites, Cyathidites and A. cruciformis frequent. Of the dinoflagellates, Heterosphaeridium spp, Isabelidinium spp and Circulodinium deflandrei are the most numerous, although none are common.

Intermediate marine environments are indicated at the base (32% dinos at 543m core) shallowing to nearshore

marine at the top (12% dinos at 503m). The interval therefore appears to represent a shallowing trend above the marine maximum at the base (543m).

F 579m(cutts) - 2661m(cutts) : lower apoxyexinus Zone
(porifera dino Zone 579-610m)

Assignment to the lower Tricolporites apoxyexinus Zone of Santonian age is indicated at the top on the massive downhole influx of A. cruciformis 10%+ (32% at 579m horizon 12). At the base, oldest A. cruciformis 10%+ (horizon 12a) actually occurs at 610m(cutts), but A. cruciformis is close to 10% (actually 7%) down to 661m, and horizon 12a is picked at the lower depth as this is more consistent with the dinoflagellate datums seen here and in Triton-1. It is possible that base lower apoxyexinus is picked too low in both wells (as it is picked as a base common range in cuttings and could easily be caved). They are, however, picked consistently.

Within the interval, oldest Odontochitina porifera is at 610m cutts (horizon 11b, but could be caved), youngest Aptea sp is at 579m (ties to 2850m in Triton-1) youngest Cleistospphaeridium huguonioti is at 619m (2975m in Triton-1) and youngest consistent Trithyrodinium granulata at 619m (3075m in Triton). Oldest consistent Chatangiella occur at 579m cutts with oldest consistent Isabelidinium at 610m cutts.

Amongst the spore-pollen, A. cruciformis is common at the top (579-610m) and frequent below (616-661m). Intermittently common are Falcisporites, and Microcachrydites while frequent forms include Cyathidites, Dilwynites and P. mawsonii. Oldest Ornamentifera sentosa occurs at 579m(cutts) and is considered to fall at base apoxyexinus Zone, but the

species is always extremely rare. Australopollis obscurus occurs consistently to 661m (cutts) but not beneath. Amongst the dinoflagellates, no species are frequent, but Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum, Odontochitina spp and thin walled Trithyrodinium spp are consistent.

Environments are in the nearshore to intermediate marine range with marine maxima at 619m (24% dinoflagellates) and just above the interval top at 543m (32% dinoflagellates). Marine minima occur just below the interval base (0% dinoflagellates at 741m) and within the interval at 616m (7% dinoflagellates).

G 741m(core) - 745m(core) : mawsonii Zone (infusorioides Zone 743-745).

Assignment to the Phyllocladidites mawsonii Zone (equivalent to the former Clavifera triplex Zone) of Coniacian to Turonian age is indicated at the top by youngest consistent Appendicisporites distocarinatus (horizon 13) and at the base by oldest P. mawsonii in core (horizon 15a). Within the interval, youngest Cribooperidinium edwardsii occurs at 743m(core) indicating the Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides dinoflagellate Zone and penetration of horizon 14. Within the interval, Cyatheacidites tectifera and Coptospora pileosa became consistent at 743m and below, oldest Clavifera triplex occurs at 743m (core). Lileacidites kaitangataensis occurs at 741m only (core) and was seen in the mawsonii Zone in Mussel-1 at 2238m.

Amongst the totally dominant spore-pollen, Falcisporites, Cyathidites and Microcachryidites are all common, with intermittently frequent Araucariacites, A. distocarinatus, Gleicheniidites and Osmundacidites. Trilete spores are much more common here than in the

section above.

Environments are marginally marine to non-marine, with dinoflagellate content less than 1% in all cases and diversity very low. At 741m, dinoflagellates are totally absent and only rare algal acritarchs (Schizosporis) are present. There, the environment is considered totally non-marine. Cribroperidinium edwardsii is a rare component of the deeper two samples (743 and 745m). Tracheid and cuticle are major components of these samples and further indicate their proximal environments.

H 792m(cutts) - 948m(core) : ?pannosus Zone

No raw data from core is available. Assignment to the Phimopollenites pannosus Zone of latest Albian age is based solely on the table from Wilschut (undated) in the Ross Creek-1 palynology report, plus the raw data from a single cuttings sample herein. Wilschut assigned the interval 946-948m with "determination uncertain" presumably on the raw data of Dettmann (1964). Without raw data I cannot assess this determination. New cuttings herein at 792m contain Coptospora paradoxa, Perotriletes jubatus and Crybelosporites striatus but lack Phimopollenites pannosus and so appear to belong to the upper paradoxa Zone. P. pannosus can be rare, however, and Dettmann may have logged it. In these new cuttings, Falcisporites, Podosporites microsaccatus and Microcachryidites are common, and the downhole influx of ornate spores including Aequitriradites tilchaensis, Cicatricosisporites australiensis, C. paradoxa, C. striatus, Foraminisporis asymmetricus indicates certain penetration of the Eumeralla Formation in either the pannosus or paradoxa Zones.

Environments are non-marine. The new cuttings yielded

rare algal acritarchs indicating only minor lacustrine influence.

I 1042m(core) - 1554m(core) : upper paradoxa Zone

No raw data is available. Wilschut assigned this interval with a "determination certain." Presumably he used Dettmann's definition of C. paradoxa without P. pannosus above or Dictyotosporites filorus and D. speciosus below. As discussed below, this may not necessarily be so.

Non-marine environments are usual in this Zone.

J 1693(core) - 2002m(core) : lower paradoxa Zone

Dettmann raw data from core is not available, but Wilschut assigns this interval with "determination uncertain." This is despite the fact that Dettmann in running text states that D. speciosus, D. filosa and C. paradoxa co-occur at 2002m (core 18). It seems that the interval base is well controlled, but that the top is not. Two new cuttings were studied herein, and the upper (1762m) contains youngest Pilosporites notensis, confirming the lower paradoxa Zone at that point. The lower (1920m) also contains P. notensis but also contains the upper paradoxa Zone markers Trilobosporites tribotrys, T. trioreticulosus and Pilosporites grandis which are therefore presumed caved.

In the new cuttings, Cyathidites spp are abundant (around 40%) with frequent Cicatricosisporites australiensis, Microcachrydiates, Falcisporites and Osmundiacidites.

Non-marine environments are indicated by the total absence of dinoflagellates or acritarchs. Swamps seem

likely, as spores totally dominate the terrestrial palynomorphs.

Light to mid brown spore colours indicate early maturity for oil.

K 2145m(core) - 2239m(core) : striatus Zone

Dettmann raw data is not available, but her running text mentions oldest occurrences for C. paradoxa and Crybelosporites striatus enabling firms assignment of this interval. Wilschut assigns the same interval, "determination certain" presumably on the same data.

Non-marine environments are usual in this zone.

L 2262m(cutts) - 2674(core) : upper hughesi Zone

No raw data from core is available, but two new cuttings herein supplement the running text of Dettmann and the Wilschut assignments. Dettmann mentions youngest Cyclosporites hughesi at 2383m(core) in the absence of C. striatus, thus defining the top. The base is taken in the sample above youngest Cooksonites variabilis which is mentioned at 2808m by Dettmann. Wilschut assigns this interval differently at its base, but does not state his criteria, which therefore cannot be assessed.

New cuttings at 2262m contain consistent P. notensis but lack C. striatus and so are assigned to the hughesi Zone. C. paradoxa is present but obviously caved given its light spore colour. At 2417m (new cutts), rare C. striatus is obviously caved. In these assemblages, Falcisporites and Cyathidites are both abundant with Microcachrydites common and Araucariacites and C. australiensis intermittently frequent.

Non-marine environments are indicated by the absence of dinoflagellates and very rare algal taxa (Schizosporis spp) suggest minor lacustrine influence. High spore diversity and the balance between saccatus and spores suggests swamp margin environments.

Light to mid brown spore colour at 2262m suggests early maturity for oil. Mid brown spore colour at 2417m suggests full maturity for oil.

M 2808m(core) - ?3530m(cutts) : lower hughesi Zone at the top and possibly to the base.

The lack of good raw data from core is particularly frustrating at this level where Pretty Hill equivalents might be present. At the top, youngest C. variabilis indicates the assignment from the Dettmann running text. The base is much more difficult to define. Dettmann notes D. speciosus down to 3486m in core (I see it to 3529m in cuttings), but it extends down to the base wonthaggiensis Zone in intra Pretty Hill equivalents. Dettmann notes C. australiensis down to 3504m in core (I see it to 3496m in cuttings) and my experience is that it is very rare below the lower hughesi Zone (= base Eumeralla equivalent). Dettmann does not mention P. notensis but I record it down to 3529m in cuttings with spore colour that suggests that it is in place and not caved, and I therefore consider the section very likely to be lower hughesi Zone (and therefore Eumeralla equivalent) to the base. In addition, I have not seen the Pretty Hill equivalent restricted taxon Microfasta evansii. I would very much like to know an oldest P. notensis from core.

In the new cuttings, Cyathidites are abundant with common Osmundacidites and Falcisporites. The age

diagnostic elements C. australiensis, S speciosus and P. notensis are rare but consistent.

Non-marine environments are indicated by the absence of dinoflagellates. Fairly low spore diversity and strong dominance of two spore types, along with rare algal acritarchs, suggests swamp environments.

Spore colours are dark brown above 3077m suggest full maturity for oil, while dark brown to black colours below 3124m suggest full maturity to post maturity for oil, and full maturity for gas/condensate. The compatibility of individual specimens with these general assemblage colours has been important to determining the caved or "in situ" nature of key specimens in cuttings.

IV CONCLUSIONS

- A The new preparations of cores and cuttings have greatly increased confidence and correlation of the Late Cretaceous section, especially to the expanded section in Triton-1. The section contains thick palynologically barren sands which will always be undated, and may contain significant hiatus. Grain counts have helped locate significant marine maxima which may be maximum flooding surfaces. Possible sequence boundaries might be 85my close above 475m, 87.5my in the gap 661m to 741m, and 90my near 743m.
- B The Early Cretaceous is thick but the sparse new cuttings have not greatly upgraded the existing breakdown since no existing raw data or existing microscope slides can be located. New study of the extensive available core suite might upgrade the breakdown. In particular, nothing older than the Aptian lower hughesi Zone can be seen in the new cuttings, inferring that the "top Pretty Hill unconformity" and Pretty Hill equivalent section have not been penetrated. New study of cores is recommended if this tentative conclusion defies other stratigraphic data.
- C Once again, the top apoxyexinus Zone seems to be a significant geological time, with virtually barren sands above, and more fossiliferous shales below. This may be related to Tasman Sea rifting as discussed by Lowry and Longley (1991). Top Early Cretaceous is also a significant time, with thick non-marine Eumeralla Formation beneath, and condensed marine Sherbrook Group above.

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RANGE CHART OF OCCURRENCES BY HIGHEST APPEARANCE IN GROUP

1	APECTODINIUM HYPERACANTHUM
2	ALTERBIA SP
3	HETEROSPHAERIDIUM SOLIDA
4	SPINIFERITES FURCATUS/RAMOSUS
5	CHATANGIELLA VICTORIENSIS
6	XENIKOON AUSTRALIS
7	MANUMIELLA CORONATA
8	APTEODINIUM SP
9	EXOCHOSPHAERIDIUM PHRAGMITES
0	HETEROSPHAERIDIUM HETEROCANTHUM
1	OLIGOSPHAERIDIUM PULCHERRIMUM
2	AMPHIDIADEMA DENTICULATA
3	CONOSPHAERIDIUM STRIATOCONUS
4	HETEROSPHAERIDIUM LATEROBRACHIUS
5	ISABELIDINIUM BELFASTENSE
6	ISABELIDINIUM ROTUNDA
7	ODONTOCHITINA OBEROPORIFERA
8	ODONTOCHITINA PORIFERA
9	PALAEOHYSTRICHOSPHORA INFUSORIOIDES
0	TRITHYRODINIUM SUSPECTUM
1	TRITHYRODINIUM THIN PSILATE
2	AUSTRALISPHAERA VERRUCOSE

0323 CUTTS
0335 CUTTS
0336 CUTTS
0354 CUTTS
0381 CUTTS
0408 CUTTS
0436 CUTTS

- 23 ODONTOCHITINA COSTATA
- 24 ODONTOCHITINA OBESOPERCULATA
- 25 BATICASPHAERA SUSPECTUM
- 26 GILLINIA HYMENOPHORA
- 27 HYSTRICHODINIUM PULCHRUM
- 28 ISABELIDINIUM CRETACEUM
- 29 ISABELIDINIUM GLABRUM
- 30 ISABELIDINIUM RECTANGULARE CONTRACTUM
- 31 ODONTOCHITINA CRIBROPODA
- 32 ODONTOCHITINA OPERCULATA
- 33 ODONTOCHITINA STUBBY
- 34 TRITHYRODINIUM PUNCTATE
- 35 TRITHYRODINIUM THICK PSILATA
- 36 APTEA SP
- 37 CIRCULODINIUM DEFLANDREI
- 38 ALTERBIA ACUMINATUM
- 39 CHATANGIELLA TRIPARTITA
- 40 CHLAMYDOPHORELLA NYEI
- 41 FROMEA FRAGILIS
- 42 ISABELIDINIUM ELONGATUM
- 43 MILLIOUDODINIUM SP
- 44 NUMMUS

	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	SCHIZOSPORIS RETICULATUS	AUSTRALOPOLLIS OBSCURUS	CAMEROZOSPORITES OHAIENSIS	CYATHIDITES AUSTRALIS	CYATHIDITES MINOR	FALCISPORITES SIMILIS	GAMBIERINA RUDATA	GLEICHENIIDITES	MALVACIPOLLIS SUBTILIS	NOTHOFAGIDITES ENDURUS	OSMUDACIDITES WELLMANII	PHYLLOCLADIDITES MAWSONII	PODOSPORITES MICROSACCATUS	PROTEACIDITES SP	ARAUCARIACITES AUSTRALIS	DILWYNITES GRANULATUS	MICROCACHRYDITES ANTARCTICUS	NOTHOFAGIDITES EMARCIDUS	CAMEROZOSPORITES BULLATUS	RETITRILETES AUSTRACLAVATIDITES	AMOSOPOLLIS CRUCIFORMIS	CERATOSPORITES EQUALIS
323 CUTTS	.	1	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	X	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0335 CUTTS	.	1	.	.	1	2	.	2	1	1	.	2	3	4	3	4	1	.	.	.	.	.
0336 CUTTS	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
354 CUTTS	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
381 CUTTS	2	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1
0408 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1
436 CUTTS	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
463 CUTTS	.	1	1	1	.	6	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	5	.	.	1	1	1	1
0475 CORE 1	.	3	1	4	2	23	1	1	.	.	.	9	1	1	5	9	9	1	1	1	1	2
0480 CORE 1	.	8	.	3	8	23	4	.	.	.	.	5	3	1	1	9	11	.	2	1	1	1
497 CUTTS	.	1	X	1	4	8	.	2	.	.	5	4	3	2	3	9	9	.	.	2	2	.
503 CUTTS	.	.	.	2	5	15	.	4	.	.	4	4	1	.	5	9	9	.	2	22	1	1
0521 CUTTS	.	2	.	1	7	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	5	4	.	3	5	.	.
530 CORE 2	.	1	.	5	4	15	.	4	.	.	.	6	2	9	11	10	.	.	1	2	.	.
543 CORE 2	.	1	.	2	3	19	.	2	.	.	3	.	6	2	4	11	.	.	.	11	.	.
0579 CUTTS	.	X	.	1	7	14	.	1	.	.	X	.	4	4	10	5	.	1	.	32	2	2
610 CUTTS	.	2	.	1	7	12	.	4	.	.	1	4	2	.	2	9	6	.	2	20	3	3
616 CORE 3	.	X	.	3	6	31	.	1	.	.	2	1	5	4	10	19	.	.	1	7	.	.
0619 CORE 3	.	X	.	3	3	15	.	3	.	.	5	3	1	.	10	10	13	.	.	2	1	1
0661 CUTTS	.	1	.	8	10	23	.	3	.	.	6	8	5	.	2	5	8	.	3	7	2	2
741 CORE 5	.	.	.	5	17	22	.	2	.	.	4	.	1	.	10	5	15	.	.	.	3	3
743 CORE 6	.	.	.	12	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	X	3	.	5	9	15	.	3	3	.	.
0745 CORE 6	.	.	.	7	14	17	.	11	.	.	10	X	2	.	5	13	11	.	X	3	1	1
792 CUTTS	.	.	.	4	12	22	.	X	.	.	8	.	12	.	11	2	11	.	3	.	.	.
762 CUTTS	.	.	.	26	19	16	.	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	8	6	.	.	1	.	.	.
1920 CUTTS	.	.	.	14	22	4	.	3	.	.	8	.	.	5	.	9	.	.	4	.	.	1

2417	CUTTS	X	.	.	30	5	15	.	1	.	.	8	.	.	8	.	10	.	.	1	.	.
3077	CUTTS	X	.	.	27	19	15	.	1	.	.	13	.	.	1	.	7	.	.	6	.	.
3124	CUTTS	.	.	.	23	4	10	.	.	.	.	22	.	.	2	.	3	.	.	8	.	1
3225	CUTTS	.	.	.	31	7	16	.	.	.	.	11	.	.	2	.	10	.	.	7	.	1
3417	CUTTS	.	.	.	23	13	19	.	1	.	.	13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	6	.	5
3450	CUTTS	.	.	.	22	12	13	.	X	.	.	22	.	.	7	.	1	.	.	6	.	.
3496	CUTTS	.	.	.	20	15	18	.	1	.	.	13	.	.	3	.	6	.	.	6	.	1
3529	CUTTS	X	.	.	22	15	16	.	1	.	.	17	.	.	4	.	1	.	.	4	.	.

	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
	ERICIPITES SCABRATUS	LYGISTEPOLLENITES FLORINII	PEROTRILETES JUBATUS/MORGANII	STEREISPORITES ANTIQUISPORITES	TRIPOROLETES RADIATUS	NOTHOFAGIDITES SENECTUS	PERIPOROPOLLENITES POLYORATUS	CALLIALASPORITES DAMPIERI	CLAVIFERA TRIPLEX	COPTOSPORA PILEOSA	CYCADOPITES FOLLICULARIS	FALCISPORITES GRANDIS	TRICOLPITES CONFESSUS	TRICOLPITES GILLII	TRILOBOSPORITES TRIRETICULOSUS	AQUITRIRADITES SPINULOSUS	COROLLINA TOROSUS	DENSOISPORITES VELATUS	DICTYOTOSPORITES SPECIOSUS	TRICOLPORITES	CALLIALASPORITES TURBATUS	CINGUTRILETES CLAVUS
323 CUTTS
0335 CUTTS
336 CUTTS
354 CUTTS	1	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0381 CUTTS	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0408 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
436 CUTTS	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4463 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0475 CORE 1	1	X	2	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
480 CORE 1	2	3	1	X	1	1	1	X	1	.	.	.
497 CUTTS	2	2	.	1	.	.	.	X	.	1	.	.	1	1	.
0503 CUTTS	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	.	.	.	1	.
0521 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
0530 CORE 2	2	.	.	2	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0543 CORE 2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
0579 CUTTS	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
610 CUTTS	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
616 CORE 3	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	X	1	.	.	.
0619 CORE 3	2	2	.	.	.	2	.	X	.	.	1	.
661 CUTTS	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
741 CORE 5	2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
0743 CORE 6	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	X	X	1	.	.	.	X	X	2	.	.	.	.	X
0745 CORE 6	X	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	X	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0792 CUTTS	.	1	X	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
1762 CUTTS	1	.	X	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.
1920 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	X	2	.	.	.	.	6	.
262 CUTTS	4	.	X	X	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
417 CUTTS	18	.	.	.	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
3077 CUTTS	2	.	.	4	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7124 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	5	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	X	.	1	.
225 CUTTS	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	X	.	.	.
3417 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	X	.	1	.
3450 CUTTS	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	6	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	X	.	.	.
496 CUTTS	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	X	.	1	.
529 CUTTS	2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	3	.

	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	
0323 CUTTS																							
0335 CUTTS																							
0336 CUTTS																							
0354 CUTTS																							
0381 CUTTS																							
0408 CUTTS																							
0436 CUTTS																							
0463 CUTTS																							
0475 CORE 1																							
0480 CORE 1																							
0497 CUTTS	1	1																					
0503 CUTTS			1	1																			
0521 CUTTS					1	1																	
0530 CORE 2							X																
0543 CORE 2																							
0579 CUTTS		X			1																		
0610 CUTTS				X	3			1	X	1	1	1											
0616 CORE 3								X					X	X	X	X							
0619 CORE 3																							
0661 CUTTS					1			3															
0741 CORE 5								1		X			1										
0743 CORE 6	X				1			X				1	X	X	X		X						
0745 CORE 6					1	X	1			1						1							
0792 CUTTS						X	2	1	X									X					
1762 CUTTS							1	4	X	X													
1920 CUTTS						1	5	13	X	X													
2262 CUTTS						X		14	X														
2417 CUTTS						X	X	2		X													
3077 CUTTS								3															
3124 CUTTS								3			1												
3225 CUTTS								3								1							
3417 CUTTS								6															
3450 CUTTS								1															
3496 CUTTS								2		X						1							
3529 CUTTS									X							2							

CYATHEACIDITES TECTIFERA
 ORNAMENTIFERA SENTOSA
 PEROTRILETES MAJUS
 PHIMOPOLLENITES PANNOSUS
 LYCOPODIACIDITES ASPERATUS
 TRIPOROLETES RETICULATUS
 CRYBELOSPORITES STRIATUS
 CICATRICOSISPORITES AUSTRALIENSIS
 COPTOSPORA PARADOXA
 FOVEOTRILETES PARVIRETUS
 NEORAISTRICKIA
 TRICOLPORITES APOXYEXINUS
 CICATRICOSISPORITES LUDBROOKIAE
 CRYBELOSPORITES BRENNERI
 FOVEOGLEICHENIIDITES
 LEPTOLEPIDITES VERRUCATUS
 PHYLLOGLADIDITES EUNUCHUS
 BALMEISPORITES HOLODICTYUS
 ANNULISPORITES
 APPENDICISPORITES DISTOCARINATUS
 APPENDICISPORITES TRICORNITATUS
 BALMEIOPSIS LIMBATA

OOKSONIAE

OMPLEX

AVERRUCATUS

ERIS

ERI

NGATAENSIS

LATUS

GANTIS

LUMENUS

LCHAENSIS

MMETRICUS

LYI

CTATUS

RRUCOSUS

SUS

S HUGHESI

THAGGIENSIS

NULATA

ENSIS

UISPINOSUS

NDIS

	1133	1134	1135	1136	1137	1138	1139	1140	1141	1142	1143	1144	1145	1146	1147	1148	1149	1150	1151	1152	1153	1154
	CONTIGNISPORITES C	DICTYOTOSPORITES C	INTERLOBITES INTF	KLUKISPORITES SCAB	KUYLISPORITES ZIPF	LILIACIDITES KAITH	NEVESISPORITES VAL	CRYBELOSPORITES GI	RETITRILETES CIRCO	AQUITRIRADITES TI	DICTYOPHYLLIDITES	FORAMINISPORIS ASY	FORAMINISPORIS DAI	ISCHYOSPORITES PUN	AQUITRIRADITES VI	ARAUCARIACITES FIN	CICATRICOSISPORITE	FORAMINISPORIS WON	PILOSISPORITES GRA	PILOSISPORITES NOI	PILOSISPORITES PAF	PILOSISPORITES GRF
0323 CUTTS
0335 CUTTS
0336 CUTTS
0354 CUTTS
0381 CUTTS
0408 CUTTS
0436 CUTTS
0463 CUTTS
0475 CORE 1
0480 CORE 1
0497 CUTTS
0503 CUTTS
0521 CUTTS
0530 CORE 2
0543 CORE 2
0579 CUTTS
0610 CUTTS
0616 CORE 3
0619 CORE 3
0661 CUTTS
0741 CORE 5	2	X	X	X	X	X	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0743 CORE 6	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0745 CORE 6	X	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0792 CUTTS	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	1	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1762 CUTTS	X	X	.	X	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
1920 CUTTS	1	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	X	X	X
2262 CUTTS	X	1	.	.	.	X	.	.	1	.	1	X	.
2417 CUTTS	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	1	.	.
3077 CUTTS	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	X	.	.
3124 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	3	.	.
3225 CUTTS	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.
3417 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.
3450 CUTTS	2	X	.	.	.	X	X	.	.
3496 CUTTS	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	X	.
3529 CUTTS	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.

ILBOSPORITES TRIBOTRYX
LUPERISPORITES TABULATUS
TITRILETES NODOSUS
RAMINISPORIS RETICULOMONTHAGGIENSIS
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Basin: OIWAY SPORE-POLLEN ZONES

ELEVATION: _____

KD: _____

GL: _____

WELL NAME: FERGUSONS HILL-1

TOTAL DEPTH: _____

AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA			
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg
NEOGENE	Plei	T. pleistocenicus							
	Plio	M. lipsus							
	Mio	C. bifurcatus							
		T. bellus							
	Olig	P. tuberculatus							
PALEOGENE	L.Eb	upper N. asperus							
		mid N. asperus							
		lower N. asperus							
	Eo	P. asperopolus							
		upper M. diversus							
	Mid	mid M. diversus							
		lower M. diversus							
		upper L. balmei							
	Pale	lower L. balmei							
LATE CRETACEOUS	Ybas	upper T. longus	?			?			
		lower T. longus							
	Camp	T. lillei							
		N. senectus	354	?			463	?	
	Sant	up T. apoxyxinus	475	1			497	4	
		mid T. apoxyxinus	503	3			543	4	
	Con	low T. apoxyxinus	579	3			661	?	
	Ux	P. mawsonii	741	1			745	0	
Den	A. distocarinatus								
EARLY CRETACEOUS	Alb	P. pannosus	792	3			948	?	
		upper C. paradoxa	1042	2			1554	0	
		lower C. paradoxa	1693	1			2002	0	
		C. striatus	2145	2			2239	0	
	Act	upper C. hughesi	2262	3			2674	2	
		lower C. hughesi	2808	1			3530	?	
	l.Ne	F. wonthaggiensis							
e.Ne	up C. australiensis								

Environments :

- lacustrine (algal acritarchs).
- ◊ non-marine (no or very few 5% algal acritarchs).
- ☆ brackish (spiny acritarch, no or very few dinoflagellates 1%).
- ☆/△ marginal marine (1-5% very low diversity dinoflagellates).
- △ nearshore marine (6-30% low to medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- △/△ intermediate marine (31-60% medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- △/△ offshore marine (61%-80% medium to high diversity dinoflagellates).
- ⊙ far offshore marine/oceanic (81%-100% high diversity dinoflagellates and/or planktonic forams).

Confidence Ratings :

- 0 : good to excellent with numerous zone fossils in core/swc.
- 1 : fair with rare zone fossils in core/swc.
- 2 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in core/swc. Often occurs next to a distinctive 0 to 1 rating, lacking the zone fossil seen adjacent.
- 3 : good with extinction event (top range) in cuttings.
- 4 : poor to fair with inception event (base range) in cuttings and therefore may be picked too low if caved or too high if swamped by cavings.
- 5 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in cuttings. Usually seen adjacent to a higher rating and picked on the absence of key zone fossil.
- 7 : no confidence. Picked as a best guess in very poor data.

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