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PALynoLOGICAL ANALYSIS, WRASSE-1
GIPPSLAND BASIN

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INTRODUCTION

Wrasse-1 intersected Latrobe Group sediments ranging in age from Lower L. balmei to (?) Middle N. asperus. A significant unconformity occurs at the base of the channel fill sediments where the Lower N. asperus Zone overlies the Upper L. balmei Zone.

Exact details of the situation at the boundary between the Turrum Formation/Lakes Entrance Formations boundary are difficult to sort out owing to the poor dating over this interval.

In total 48 samples from both sidewall and conventional cores were prepared and examined. Preservation was in general, poor and yield low.

GEOLOGICAL COMMENTS

1. GEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

AGE	UNIT *	ZONE	DEPTH (m)
Early Miocene	Lakes Entrance Fm.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	2588.67-2711.0
log break at approx. 2713m			
latest Eocene-earliest Oligocene	Un-named carbonate	No older than Middle <u>N. asperus</u>	2723.0
log break at approx. 2730m			
Middle Eocene	Turrum Fm. (Unit A)	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	2733-2822
log break at 2824m			
Middle Eocene	Turrum Fm. (Unit B)	<u>N. asperus</u>	2826-2848
log break at 2859m			
Middle Eocene	Turrum Fm. (Unit C)	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	2860-2865
log break at 2868.5m			
Paleocene	Latrobe Group	Upper <u>L. balmei</u>	2901
Paleocene		Lower <u>L. balmei</u>	2936.5-2977

* Units and boundaries after Rexilius (1984)

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2. TOP OF LATROBE GROUP

Because of poor preservation and low yields age dating of samples over this boundary is difficult. Little can be added to the discussion presented by Rexilius (1984) other than to say that the palynological dates obtained are consistant with the foraminiferal determinations.

3. TURRUM FORMATION

For reasons outlined in the biostratigraphy section the Turrum Formation sediments are assigned to the Lower Nothofagidites asperus Zone albeit with a low degree of confidence.

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

1. Lower Lystepollenites balmei Zone (2977.0m to 2936.5m)

The presence of Lystepollenites balmei in conjunction with species such as Nothofagidites endurus, Australopollis obscurus, Latrobosporites ohaiensis is indicative of a Lower Lystepollenites balmei Zone age for these sediments.

The presence of the dinoflagellate Eisenackia crassitubulata in sidewall core 32 at 2967.5m and the subsequent assignment of this sample to the Eisenackia crassitubulata Zone is consistant with the Lower Lystepollenites balmei Zone age for this interval.

2. Upper Lystepollenites balmei Zone (2901.0m)

A single sample (sidewall core 36) is provisionally assigned to this zone on the basis of Lystepollenites balmei, Integricorpus antipodus and Ischyosporites irregularis.

Sidewall core 35 at 2918.0m can only be assigned a generalized Lystepollenites balmei Zone age, making the precise placement of the Upper/Lower Lystepollenites balmei Zone boundary impossible.

3. Lower Nothofagidites asperus Zone (2865.0m to 2733.0m)

The channel fill sediments encountered in Wrasse-1 are provisionally assigned to the Lower Nothofagidites asperus Zone. This determination is largely based on the consistent appearance of the dinoflagellate Areosphaeridium

diktyoolokus. Reworking of Paleocene material including Lygistepollenites balmei and Australopollis obscurus is relatively common.

The Wilsonidinium echinosuturatum dinoflagellate Zone was recognised on the presence of the nominate species in sidewall core 56 at 2764.0m.

General abundance and diversity of dinoflagellates was high across this interval, with Vozzhenikovia extensa being found throughout. This species has been previously considered to be a reliable indicator of a Middle Nothofagidites asperus Zone age. It now seems likely that the range of Vozzhenikovia extensa extends down into the Lower Nothofagidites asperus Zone.

4. Middle Nothofagidites asperus Zone (2723.0m)

Sidewall core 62 at 2723.0m has been dated as no older than Middle Nothofagidites asperus Zone because of the presence of Proteacidites rectomarginus.

5. Proteacidites tuberculatus Zone (2707.0m to 2583.07m)

Sidewall cores from this interval can be assigned to the Proteacidites tuberculatus Zone with a high degree of confidence based on the presence of Cyatheacidites annulatus.

Unfortunately the precise position of the boundary between the Middle Nothofagidites asperus and the Proteacidites tuberculatus Zones is again impossible to pick. This is because samples between 2729.0m (sidewall core 61) and 2711.0m (sidewall core 68?) have only generalized zonal assignments or indeterminate ages.

TABLE I : SUMMARY OF PALYNOLOGICAL ANALYSIS WRASSE-I

INTERPRETATIVE DATA

SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	YIELD	DIVERSITY	SPORE POLLEN	LITHOLOGY	ZONE	AGE	CONFIDENCE	COMMENTS
31	2977.0	Good	Poor	Sl.st.		Lower <u>L. balmi</u>	Paleocene	2	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>N. endurus</u> , <u>G. retinifexta</u> , <u>P. golzowense</u>
32	2967.5	Mod.	Poor	Sl.st.		Lower <u>L. balmi</u> (<u>E. crassitubulata</u>)	Paleocene	2	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>G. edwardsii</u> , <u>T. glittii</u> , <u>E. crassitubulata</u>
33	2952.0	Meager	Poor	Sl.st.		<u>L. balmi</u>	Paleocene	1	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>L. amplis</u>
34	2936.5	Poor	Poor	Sl.st.		Lower <u>L. balmi</u>	Paleocene	1	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>A. obscurus</u> , <u>S. regium</u>
35	2918.0	Poor	Poor	Sl.st.		<u>L. balmi</u>	Paleocene	2	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>L. ohakensis</u>
36	2901.0	V. Poor	Fair	Sl.st.		Upper <u>L. balmi</u>	Paleocene	1	<u>L. balmi</u> , <u>A. obscurus</u> , <u>I. antipodus</u>
37	2865.0	Poor	Poor	Clyst.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Late Eocene	2	<u>P. confragosus</u> ; <u>P. pachypolus</u> ; <u>A. diktyoplakus</u>
38	2866.0	Poor	Fair	Clyst.		Mid. <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> ; <u>A. diktyoplakus</u>
39	2848.0	Poor	Fair	Sl.st.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u>
40	2838.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>D. phosphoritica</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u>
41	2837.0	Good	Poor	Ss.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>A. diktyoplakus</u>
42	2844.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>F. crater</u>
43	2826.0	Mod.	Fair	Sl.st.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>P. leightonii</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>A. diktyoplakus</u>
44	2822.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>A. diktyoplakus</u>

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INTERPRETATIVE DATA

SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	YIELD	DIVERSITY SPORE POLLEN	LITHOLOGY	ZONE	AGE	CONFIDENCE	COMMENTS	RATING	2 of 4
45	2817.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.	INDETERMINATE					
46	2812.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.	INDETERMINATE					
47	2808.0	Mod.	Fair	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>P. leightoni</u> , <u>A. diktyoplokus</u>		
48	2802.0	V. poor	Poor	Ss.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u>		
49	2798.0	Poor	V. poor	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u>		
50	2794.0	V. Poor	SI.st.	INDETERMINATE						
51	2790.0	Fair	Fair	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u>		
52	2785.0	Fair	poor	SI.st.	<u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u>		
53	2778.0	Good	Fair	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u>		
54	2773.0	Negligible	V. poor	SI.st.	INDETERMINATE					
55	2769.0	Poor	Poor	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , <u>N. falcatus</u>		
56	2764.0	Moderate	Good	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (<u>W. echinosuturatum</u>)	Middle Eocene	1	<u>N. falcatus</u> , <u>W. echinosuturatum</u> reworked <u>A. obscurus</u> , <u>L. balmei</u>		
57	2759.0	Low	Poor	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>T. simatus</u> , <u>S. punctatus</u>		
58	2754.0	High	Good	SI.st.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>N. falcatus</u>		

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SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	YIELD	DIVERSITY SPORE POLLEN	LITHOLOGY	ZONE	AGE	CONFIDENCE	COMMENTS	RATING	3 of 4
Core 2	2751.3	Mod.	Poor		Lower <u>N. aserus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>V. extensa</u> , reworked <u>A. diltyoplokus</u>		
Core 2	2743.9	Low	Poor		Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Middle Eocene	2	<u>P. cf incurvatus</u> , <u>V. extensa</u>		
59	2737.0	Low	Poor	Sl.st.	<u>N. asperus</u>		-			
60	2733.0	High	Fair	Clyst.	Lower <u>N. asperus</u>	Late Eocene	2	<u>T. falcatus</u>		
61	2729.0	Low	V. poor	Clyst.	INDETERMINATE					
62	2723.0	Low	V. Poor	Clyst.	No older than <u>Mid. N. asperus</u>	Oligocene-	-	<u>P. rectomarginis</u>		
63	2719.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.	No older than <u>Lower N. asperus</u>	Late Eocene	-	<u>N. falcatus</u>		
64	2715.0	Low	Poor	Clyst.	No older than <u>Lower N. asperus</u>	-	-	<u>N. falcatus</u>		
65	2711.0	V. Low	V. poor	Clyst.	INDETERMINATE					
66	2707.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		
67	2703.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		
68	2699.0	Good	Poor	Clyst.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		
69	2690.0	Mod.	Fair	Clyst.	INDETERMINATE					
70	2686.0	Low	Poor	Clyst.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		
71	2662.0	Low	Poor	Clyst.	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		
73	2626.0	Low	Poor	Clyst	<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>		

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INTERPRETATIVE DATA

SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	YIELD	DIVERSITY SPORE POLLEN	LITHOLOGY	ZONE	AGE	CONFIDENCE	COMMENTS
Core 1	2596.75	Mod.	Fair		<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>
Core 1	2597.3	Good	Poor		<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>
Core 1	2591.15	Low	Fair		<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>
Core 1	2588.67	Low	Poor		<u>P. tuberculatus</u>	Oligocene	0	<u>C. annulatus</u>

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TABLE 2
ANOMALOUS AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES OF SPORE-POLLEN TAXA IN WRASSE-1

SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	ZONE	TAXON	COMMENTS
Core 1	2592.15	<u>P. tuberculatus</u> (0)	<u>Cingulatisporites ozotus</u>	Rare ms sp. (A.D.P.)
SWC 68	2699.0	<u>P. tuberculatus</u> (0)	<u>Proteacidites incurvatus</u>	Not prev. recorded above lowermost Upper <u>N. asperus</u> Zone
SWC 60	2733.0	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (2)	<u>Cyperaceae</u>	Modern taxon
SWC 60	2733.0	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (2)	<u>Gothanipollis bassensis</u>	Uncommon sp.
Core 2	2751.3	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (2)	<u>Vozzhenikovia cf extensa</u>	Associated with <u>A. diktyoplokus</u> Ditto 2764.0m, 2890.0m, 2826.0m, 2860.0m
SWC 56	2764.0	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (1)	<u>WetzelIELLA echinosuturatum</u>	Very rare zone dinoflagellate indicator species
SWC 49	2798.0	Lower <u>N. asperus</u> (2)	<u>Deflandrea truncata</u>	V. rare sp. (reworked)
SWC 41	2837.0	(Lower <u>N. asperus</u>)	<u>WetzelIELLA glabrum</u>	V. rare sp.
SWC 37	2865.0	(Lower <u>N. asperus</u>)	<u>Proteacidites confragosus</u>	V. rare sp.
SWC 36	2901.0	Upper <u>L. balmei</u> (2)	<u>Integricorpus antipodus</u>	Uncommon sp.
SWC 34	2936.5	Lower <u>L. balmei</u> (2)	<u>Stereisporites regium</u>	Uncommon above Cretaceous

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TABLE 3 : BASIC DATA SUMMARY : WRASSE-1

SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (m)	YIELD	DIVERSITY SPORE POLLEN	1 of 2 LITHOLOGY
31	2977.0	Good	Poor	Sl.st.
32	2967.5	Mod.	Poor	Sl.st.
33	2952.0	Meager	Poor	Sl.st.
34	2936.5	Poor	Poor	Sl.st.
35	2918.0	Poor	Poor	Sl.st.
36	2901.0	V. Poor	Fair	Sl.st.
37	2865.0	Poor	Poor	Clyst.
38	2866.0	Poor	Fair	Clyst.
39	2848.0	Poor	Fair	Slst.
40	2838.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.
41	2837.0	Good	Poor	Ss.
42	2844.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.
43	2826.0	Mod.	Fair	Sl.st.
44	2822.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.
45	2817.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.
46	2812.0	Poor	Poor	Ss.
47	2808.0	Mod.	Pair	Sl.st.
48	2802.0	V. poor	Poor	Ss.
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50	2794.0	V. Poor	Sl.st.	INDETERMINATE
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53	2778.0	Good	Fair	Sl.st.
54	2773.0	Negligible	V. poor	Sl.st.
55	2769.0	Poor	Poor	Sl.st.
56	2764.0	Moderate	Good	Sl.st.
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58	2754.0	High	Good	Sl.st.
Core 2	2751.3	Mod.	Poor	
Core 2	2743.9	Low	Poor	
59	2737.0	Low	Poor	Sl.st.
60	2733.0	High	Fair	Clyst.
61	2729.0	Low	V. poor	Clyst.
62	2723.0	Low	V. Poor	Clyst.
63	2719.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.

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65	2711.0	V. Low	V. poor	Clyst.	
66	2707.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.	
67	2703.0	Mod.	Poor	Clyst.	
68	2699.0	Good	Poor	Clyst.	
69	2690.0	Mod.	Fair	Clyst.	
70	2686.0	Low	Poor	Clyst.	
71	2662.0	Low	Poor	Clyst.	
73	2626.0	Low	Poor	Clyst	
Core 1	2596.75	Mod.	Fair		
Core 1	2597.3	Good	Poor		
Core 1	2591.15	Low	Fair		
Core 1	2588.67	Low	Poor		

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P A L Y N O L O G Y D A T A S H E E T

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

ELEVATION: KB: 210m GL: -65.0m
TOTAL DEPTH: 2984.0m KB deviated

A G E	P ALYNOLOGICAL 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>										
	<i>P. tuberculatus</i>	2588.67	0				2711.0	0			
PALEOGENE	Upper <i>N. asperus</i>										
	Mid <i>N. asperus</i>										
	Lower <i>N. asperus</i>	2733.0	2				2865.0	3			
	<i>P. asperopolus</i>										
	Upper <i>M. diversus</i>										
	Mid <i>M. diversus</i>										
	Lower <i>M. diversus</i>										
	Upper <i>L. balmei</i>	2901.0	1				2901.0	1			
	Lower <i>L. balmei</i>	2936.5	1				2977.0	2	2952.0	1	
LATE CRETACEOUS	<i>T. longus</i>										
	<i>T. lilliei</i>										
	<i>N. senectus</i>										
	<i>U. T. pachyexinus</i>										
	<i>L. T. pachyexinus</i>										
	<i>C. triplex</i>										
	<i>A. distocarinatus</i>										
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: The E. crassitabulata zone has been recorded in SWC 32 at 2967.5m. The W. echinosuturatum zone has been recorded in SWC 56 at 2764.0m.

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.

DATA RECORDED BY: M. HANNAH DATE: 5 December 1984

DATA REVISED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Well Name Wrasse-1

Basin Gippsland

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S=SIDEWALL CORE

--- Rare
— Few
■ Common

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FOSSIL TYPE: PLANKTONIC FORAMINIFERA

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S=SIDEWALL CORE

* S=SIDEWALL CORE
T=CUTTINGS J=JUNK BASKET

--- Rare
— Few
█ Common

C Abundant Contamination

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Well Name Wrasse-1

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