

Characterisation of subcatchment aquifers in the Liverpool Plains for the purpose of groundwater modelling.

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Abstract

This document reports on the methods and data used to describe the major aquifers existing in the sub-catchments of the Liverpool Plains Region. This work was required as part of CSIRO Land and Water's involvement with the Australian Geological Survey, the Department of Land and Water Conservation and the Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee in the LWRRDC and NRMS funded project No.D6026 "Improving Dryland Salinity Management Through Integrated Catchment Scale Modelling". CSIRO's part in this project was to develop and apply a groundwater model as tools to help explore management options for the control of dryland salinity. The aquifer characterisation described here formed an essential part of the modelling approach taken. The primary data used took the form of historical records of bores constructed by state agencies and private individuals from 1900 to 1995.

The bore data were used in conjunction with spatial information held in a GIS. This enabled us to interpret bore logs in the context of: the bores position in the catchment; the bores proximity to each other and in context with mapped land attributes e.g. streams, elevation and geology.

Introduction

Dryland salinity in sub-catchments of the Liverpool Plains basin has been the subject of a major study entitled "Improving Dryland Salinity Management Through Integrated Catchment Scale Modelling". This study brought together workers from the Australian Geological Survey Organisation, CSIRO and the NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation to combine their skills and knowledge in tackling the problems of rising groundwater and salinity. CSIRO Land and Water's part in this project was to develop a groundwater model as a tool to help explore management options for the control of dryland salinity. The aquifer characterisation described here formed an essential part of the modelling approach taken. The primary data used took the form of historical records of bores constructed by state agencies and private individuals from 1900 to 1995. These data were collected for a variety of reasons, though primarily for groundwater exploration for stock and household water supply. The data were not ideal for our purposes however, with careful interpretation, it did provide useful information and insights into the structure and behaviour of the aquifers. The bore data was linked with spatial information held in a GIS. This enabled us to interpret bore logs in the context of: a bore's position in the catchment; the bores proximity to each other and in context with mapped land features and attributes e.g. streams, elevation and geology.

The Groundwater Systems

In brief, The Liverpool plains have been formed by infilling much deeper older valleys with sediments. The Liverpool Plains are considered to have three aquifer systems of interest (Figure 1). The old valley floor or the bedrock aquifer is the lowest aquifer. However hydraulic conductivities in the rock formations that make up

the aquifer are considered so low that, for the purpose of this study, the bedrock can be thought of as the no flow boundary.

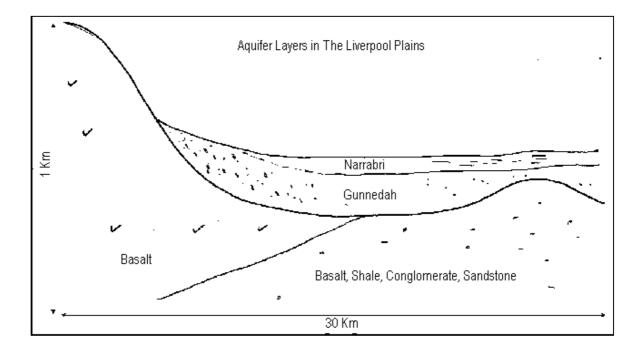


Figure 1 Schematic Diagram of the Aquifers of the Liverpool Plains.

The layer above the bedrock known as the Gunnedah Formation contains coarse sands and gravels, has a high hydraulic conductivity and acts as the main conduit for groundwater under the plains. The third and top layer is known as the Narrabri Formation contains a predominance of clays and caps the Gunnedah Formation. The clay layer's hydraulic conductivity is variable but typically two to three orders of magnitude lower than that of the Gunnedah Formation. A description of the aquifers and the movement groundwater in them appears in Stauffacher *et al.*, 1997 describing the groundwater conceptual model. The goal of our work was to characterise these aquifers by interpreting the bore log database. The aquifers are described in terms of their size, shape, composition, water levels and head differences.

Requirements for Groundwater Modelling

The aquifer studies were undertaken to parameterise the catchment groundwater "FUNNEL" model developed for the study. This model, as described by Dawes *et al.*, 1997, uses a simple linear one dimensional flow system representing the movement of water in an unconfined/semi-confined aquifer comprising a clay layer (unconfined Narrabri Formation) over a gravel aquifer (semi-confined Gunnedah Formation). The simple flow system exists within a valley, being bounded by the bedrock of the buried valley floor and sides. The groundwater behaviour is described in terms of water flow and changes in groundwater head in different sections along the flow system. The model parameters were estimated by constructing vertical cross sections both along and at intervals across the aquifer studied. The longitudinal sections provided the groundwater heads to estimate slope of the groundwater surface and the cross-sections provided information on aquifer composition depth and width with which to estimate cross-sectional area and transmissivity.

Information used.

The aquifer studies used conventional bore databases in conjunction with spatial data in a GIS allowing us to map the bores relative to each other and to themes such as elevation, geology, streams and lakes. This simple process enabled us to filter and identify appropriately positioned bores. In addition, information about bores could be selected and displayed to aid the user in section construction. The databases held information about bore lithology, water levels and aquifer thickness at the bore location.

The Bore Data

Several large bore data sets were combined to provide as much information as possible to produce the aquifer sections. The bore data were supplied by NSW Department of Land & Water Conservation. The data supplied were:

- Liverpool Plains bore Construction and Site data (9,100 records)
- Bore Level data (60,000 records)
- Bore Water Quality (36,000 records)

The quantity of the data necessitated the use of a relational database management system (MS-Access™). Without the power to search, filter and recombine the data within the database the bore investigation work would have been an impossible task. Full descriptions of the database tables appear in Appendix 1.

The Spatial Data

The acquisition and validation of spatial data used in this work was managed by the Australian Geological Survey Organisation who supplied the data requested as part of the NRMS grant conditions. The key data spatial data sets were:

- A digital elevation model (1:250,000 DEM)
- The Geology of the Liverpool Plains Map (1:250,000)
- Bore locations (1:100,000 nominal scale)

These data were supplied as ARC/INFO™ coverages and used as in their original form within our GIS. Also supplied from AGSO were a full set of regional hydrogeology layers for the Liverpool Plains compiled by Andrea Broughton, 1994. These layers combined into a map provided a basis for the development of the conceptual model of regional groundwater system. The map layers were created to suit the production of the regional scale hydrogeological map. The modelling exercise required more detail

than the map could provide so the aquifer investigations utilised the original bore data.

Descriptions of the GIS layers appear in Appendix 2.

The Interpretation Procedure.

The Liverpool Plains were first divided into discrete groundwater systems.

The conceptual model, Stauffacher *et al.*, 1997 subdivides the Liverpool Plains into 5 surface sub-catchments those groundwater systems are considered to operate independently (Figure 2). The sub-catchments were defined as drainage basins using hydrological functions now standard within the GIS to identify catchment watersheds.

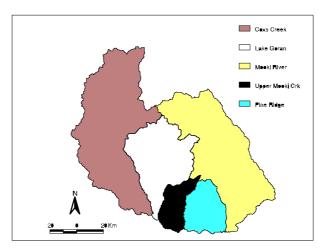


Figure 2 sub-catchments of the Liverpool Plains

Maps of bores reaching bedrock in each sub-catchment were plotted.

For each sub-catchment the bores were then selected according to what information existed in the drillers' logs. The first task was to establish the depth and shape of the ancient valley floor. The valley basement was indicated by the presence of rock in the bottom of the drillers' bore logs.

The bore selection was performed through database queries, an example of which appears below.

```
SELECT DISTINCTROW tblBasinBedrockInt.fldStation,
tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode, tblLithDrill.fldDepthTo INTO
tblBasinBedrockFinal
FROM tblBasinBedrockInt INNER JOIN tblLithDrill ON
(tblBasinBedrockInt.MaxOffldDepthTo = tblLithDrill.fldDepthTo)
AND (tblBasinBedrockInt.fldStation = tblLithDrill.fldStation)
WHERE (((tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="rock" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="cglm" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="grnt" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="lmsn" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="bslt" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="sdsn" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="sdsn" Or
(tblLithDrill.fldStrataCode)="bdrk"))
ORDER BY tblBasinBedrockInt.fldStation;
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The above SQL query statement selects bores where the deepest layer on the bore log contains rock strata. Hard copy maps of the selected bores were produced for each catchment. These working copies were used to select transects passing as many of the plotted bores as possible. Transect lines were drawn in to locate section positions. The longitudinal sections down each valley were defined first. These were used to assess the shape and slope of the rock basement and define the piezometric head down the length of each catchment. The longitudinal sections also aided the placement of the transverse sections. Using only bores drilled to bedrock proved limiting as many bores were excluded. However, once the transects were established using the bores with the most information, other bores along the transects were checked and relevant information added. Longitudinal and transverse sections were constructed as scale drawings showing aquifer depths and water levels. The data for each bore along the transect was extracted and used to plot vertical cross sections on graph paper. Bore selection was further enhanced by linking the descriptive and temporal databases to the geographic database. Mapped bore locations could be displayed on computer screen allowing rapid selection and retrieval of the bore information, again displayed on screen.

We constructed transverse sections at equal intervals up the catchments, starting at the mouth each valley. Additional sections were also constructed where the groundwater gradient may indicate some variation in conductivity e.g. a basement high or valley narrowing. The many layers of different textured sediments and rock strata described in each log were plotted out relative to the ground surface and the other bores in the section. These plots were then interpreted and simplified into representations of the two main aquifers. The boundaries between the Gunnedah, the Narrabri and the basement rock aquifers were interpreted on texture of the substrata; depths of different aquifer layers (as defined by the drillers); some aquifer water level data (from time of construction) and some bore some water quality (Na⁺, CL⁻ concentrations).

Information about the composition, depth and width of each aquifer was used to estimate the cross-sectional area of each aquifer. Maps and cross-sections for each sub-catchment appear in Appendix 4. Information about the size and structure of the Gunnedah Formation aquifer in each catchment are summarised in Tables 1 to 3, Appendix 3.

Problems encountered with the data.

Although the Liverpool Plains appear dotted with thousands of bores, the density of bore information for the study areas was quiet sparse and patchy. Most of the bores in the database were sunk in the search of water supplies and the location of the bores is less than ideal for aquifer description. Bores commonly cluster where good water supplies have been found. These sites usually have good drillers' records and historical information. Away from these sites, where bores have been drilled without success of finding water, little data exists apart from the bore location.

Where driller's logs do exist it is common for the drilling to have ceased as soon as a suitable aquifer was found. Commonly this meant that the boreholes do not extend to

the bedrock. This made the assessment of aquifer depth and thickness difficult.

Estimates were commonly made by incorporating bore information from locations far above and below the positions of the cross sections.

For the vast majority of the bores, only one piece of water level information exists.

This was not dated and we assumed that the water level was recorded at the time of the bore construction. The number of bores with recorded historical water level information is limited to one or two per sub catchment. These bores have been used as monitors of groundwater and yield useful information locally. Of this small set of bores even less have recorded water quality data.

Finally the structure of the bore databases themselves caused some problems in interpretation. Single bores and nested bores are located in the same way, ie they are given a Station number. However, confusion arises where a site has more that one bore or a bore contains more that one pipe screened at different depths. Where temporal records exist, these are referenced only by the 'Station number' and only relate water level record to the site not to the different pipes (in different aquifers) which may exist at that site. The hole and pipe numbers that would identify exactly which records correspond to a physical pipe tapping into an aquifer are commonly missing or the hole and pipe numbers are the same leading to concern about their validity. Also while there is information in the database about aquifers at bore locations, there is no way to relate this to the information about which physical pipe the aquifer records describe. If it were possible, then the hydrographs for the different aquifers at a 'bore station' (location) could be separated. It is of course possible to interpret the information for a selected bore. The bore location, lithology, aquifer records, waterlevels and chemistry can be retrieved and interpreted but it isn't possible

to automate the process or attempt to interpret the relationships between aquifers at different locations over time.

In spite of these drawbacks, the databases did yield enough information when combined with field and groundwater monitoring experience to produce cross sections and information that gives an indication of the structure of the aquifers of the study areas.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Department of Land & Water Management Liverpool Plains Bore Database

DLWC_NSW.MDB

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DATA DESCRIPTIONS

IDENTIFICATION

Title: DLWC_NSW_ed8.MDB
Full Name: Liverpool Plains Bore Data.

Description: This database contains the tables described

at the

end of the section.

Purpose: For use in bore investigation for the Liverpool

Plains.

Reference:

Owner Organisation: State/NSWDWR New South Wales Department of

Water Resources. Owner Branch Owner Project Other Organisations

Authors/collators: Andrea K. Broughton,

Copy? Yes. Identification Comments

SPATIAL IDENTITY

Spatial Feature(s): Station locations in latitude and longitude

Coordinate Units: decimal degrees.

DATA ITEMS

SPATIAL COVERAGE

General Area: Northeast NSW, Liverpool Plains catchment

(1.3 million hectares)
Onshore/Offshore: Onshore.

Future Spatial Coverage Spatial Cov Comments

TEMPORAL COVERAGE

Time Variant: yes 16/797.

Time Span

Predictive: No. Temporal Cov Comments

DATASET INFORMATION

Data Form:
Working Media:
Digital Data?

Software: MS Access 97

Hardware: PC. Available formats:

This Format: MS Access 97.

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Size: 25 megabytes.

Dataset Comments

HARD COPY

"

Available: yes original

Paper Size:

Scale:

"

Location: Department of Water Resources, PO Box 3720,

Parramatta,

NSW 2124, Australia.

Reference Number:

DATA CURRENCY

Custodian Agency: CSIRO.
Custodian: Peter Dyce.
Data Status: Completed.

Date Commenced:
Date Completed:
Update Frequency
Future Proposals

Archive

Currency comments:

AVAILABILITY

Access: From CSIRO on request.

Output Product(s): database.

Charges:

Supplier: CSIRO .

Postal Address: PO Box 1666, Canberra, ACT 2602, Australia.

Phone: (02) 2465799

Fax: (02) 249 9970

KEYWORDS:

Bore Records, Liverpool Plains.

COMMENTS

LINEAGE/QUALITY

Primary Data
Collection Method(s)
Source Datasets
Positional Accuracy
Compilation Base
Compilation Scale:
Compilation Media
Attribute Accuracy
Logical Consistency
Data Quality Comments

Processing History:

16/7/97 Date

Author Peter Dyce Process and Purpose: Imported in to Access from files supplied by

Jenny Wood Senior Data Officer, Water.Data Services Unit 20th March 1996
Telephone (02) 895 7621
Fax (02) 895 7742

Bore Data Base Table Descriptions

Table: Geology - grid info

Properties

Date Created: 08/04/97 13:13:47 Def. Updatable: True

geology codes and descriptions 30 Description: Last Updated: 08/04/97 13:13:48

RecordCount:

Columns

Name Type Size geology Text 50 Number (Long) code 50 geology type Text

Era Text 50 name Text 255

Table: LIVERPL1

Properties

Date Created: 26/03/96 16:34:26 Def. Updatable: True 59555

26/03/96 16:36:02 RecordCount: Last Updated:

Columns

Name Type Size STATIONText 8

SAMPNUM 10 Text DATE Date/Time 8 TIME Number (Double)

VARIABLE Number (Double) 8

VALUE Number (Double)
QUALITY Number (Double)

Table: LiverPl1_2

Properties

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Description: Most up to date Bore Attribute Last Updated: 18/02/97 11:08:57

Time Series Data

OrderByOn: False RecordCount: 59555

Columns

Size Type Name fldStation Text fldVar#3 Number (Long) fldSampleNumber Text 10 fldDate Date/Time 8 fldTime Number (Double) fldValue Number (Double) 8 fldQuality Number (Double) 8

fldVariable Number (Double) 8

fldVar#1 Number (Long)

Table: LIVERPLN

Properties
Date Created: 26/03/96 16:36:07 Def. Updatable: 16/08/96 17:10:59 OrderByOn: True Last Updated: False

8

RecordCount: 9166

Columns

Name Size

Text

FldStation FldLatitude Number (Double) 8 FldLongitude Number (Double)

fldPresUse Text

Table: NewCatchmentCodes

Properties
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Description:

extracted from GIS

True OrderByOn: RecordCount: 9165

Columns Name Type Size fldStation Text 255

fldBasinNo Number (Long) 4

9165

Table: tblAllstat

Properties
Date Created: 27/09/96 14:06:35 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 27/09/96 14:30:03 OrderByOn: False

RecordCount:

Columns

Name Type fldStation Text Type Size 255

20/09/96 11:44:49

Table: tblAllStatValidLog

Properties

Date Created: 27/09/96 14:27:59 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 27/09/96 14:27:59 RecordCount: 9165

<u>Columns</u>

Name Type Size fldStation Text 255 Vaild Number (Integer) 2

Table: tblAquifer

Properties

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Description: Aquifer description for station Filter: ((tblAquifer.fldStation="GB021085

"))

27/08/96 15:03:27 OrderByOn: True

Last Updated: RecordCount: 10621

Columns

Name Size fldStation Text 8

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fldthickDesc Text fldAboveGround Yes/No

fldSwlValue Number (Double) fldSwlValid Yes/No 1

fldYeild Number (Double) 8 fldYeildValid Yes/No 1 fldYeildDesc Text 4 FldSalinity fldType Text fldDateMod 2 Text

Date/Time fldTimeMod Number (Double) 8

fldUserMod Text

Table: tblBasinBedrockFinal

Properties
Date Created: 14/10/96 21:27:22 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 14/10/96 21:27:22 RecordCount: 1303

Columns

Size Name Type fldStation Text 255 fldStrataCode Text

fldDepthToNumber (Double) 8

Table: tblBasinBedrockInt

Properties

Date Created: 14/10/96 21:00:31 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 14/10/96 21:00:31 RecordCount: 3459

Columns

Name Type Size

fldStation Text 255

MaxOffldDepthTo Number (Double)

Table: tblBoreMast

Properties

Date Created: 14/08/96 15:48:32 Def. Updatable: True

Description: Bore station description original Filter: ((tblBoreMast.fldStation="GB0210

85")) data

Last Updated: 10/04/97 11:50:42 OrderBy: tblBoreMast.fldStation

OrderByOn: RecordCount: 9104 True

Columns

Name Size fldStation Text 8

fldFinalDepth Number (Double) fdlTotalDepth Number (Double)

fldMaxOfFinal&TotalDepth Number (Double)

fldCompDate Date/Time

fldComPlacc Text fldOwner Text fldMeasCode Text 2 fldSalinity Text 2 fldLogAvail Text fldContractor Text

2 2 2 2 2 2 fldContstruct Text fld Cons MethText fldConstStat Text fldPropUse1 Text

fldPropUse2 Text fldPropUse3 Text fldPropUse4 Text fldPropUse5 2 Text

FldPresUse1 Text 2 2 2 2 FldPresUse2 Text FldPresUse3 Text FldPresUse4 Text

FldPresUse5 Text FldDriller Text

Date/Time FldDateMod fldTimeModNumber (Double) 8

fldUserMod Text

Table: tblBoresPeriodOfRecord

Properties

Date Created: 04/10/96 11:41:40 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 04/10/96 13:16:31 OrderByOn: False

RecordCount: 266

Columns

Name Type Size fldStation Text 255

CountOffIdValue Number (Long) 4
MaxOffIdDate Date/Time 8
MinOffIdDate Date/Time 8

Table: tblDepthToBedrock

Properties

Date Created: 14/10/96 21:49:28 Def. Updatable: True

Description: All bores with rock at the bottom Last Updated: 14/10/96 21:57:42

depth and

RecordCount: 1282

Columns

Name Type Size

fldStation Text 255

bedrockAhd Number (Double) 8

Table: tblDwrBores

Properties

Date Created: 20/09/96 11:50:42 Def. Updatable: True

Description: Bore description attributes Last Updated: 14/10/96 21:58:36

extracted from

the GIS

OrderByOn: False RecordCount: 4684

Columns

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fldLongitude Number (Double) 8 fldLatitude Number (Double) 8 fldElevation Number (Double) 8 fldHillYesNo 1 fldGeolCode Number (Long) 4

fldSlope Number (Double) 8

fldCombinedCurvature Number (Double) 8

fldProfileCurvature Number (Double) 8 fldPlanCurvature Number (Double) 8 fldAspect Number (Double) 8 fldBasinNo Number (Long) 4 fldBasinName Text 255

Table: tblDwrBoresMk1

Properties

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Description: Bore description spatial attributes Last Updated: 20/09/96 11:57:58

extracted from GIS

RecordCount: OrderByOn: True 4684

Columns

Name Type Size fldStation Text 255

fldLongitude Number (Double) fldLatitude Number (Double) 8 fldElevation Number (Double) 8 fldHillYesNo Yes/No Number (Long) fldGeolCode

fldSlope Number (Double) 8

fldCombinedCurvature Number (Double) 8

fldProfileCurvature Number (Double) fldPlanCurvature Number (Double) 8 fldAspect Number (Double) 8 fldBasinNo Number (Long) 4 fldBasinName Text 255

Table: tblGeologyGridInfo

Properties
Date Created: 16/05/96 11:07:10 Def. Updatable: True

Description: geology codes and descriptions Last Updated: 14/02/97 14:03:10

RecordCount:

Columns

Name Туре Size geology Text 50 code Number (Long) geology type 50 Text . Text 50 Era 255 name Text

Table: tblGoranSeries

Properties
Date Created: 30/10/96 16:47:34 Def. Updatable: True Last Updated: 30/10/96 16:47:34 RecordCount:

Columns

Name Type Size

fldStation Text 255

fldBasinNo Number (Long) 4 LastOffldDate Date/Time 8

Table: tblLithDrill

Properties Date Created: 14/08/96 16:38:45 Def. Updatable: True Description: Description of bore (drillers log) Filter: ((tblLithDrill.fldStation="GB037974" Last Updated: RecordCount: 31/10/96 9:51:48 OrderByOn: False 45857 Columns Name Size fldStation Text fldDepthFrom fldDepthTo Number (Double) Number (Double) 8 8 fldStrataCode Text 6 fldStrataDesc Text 120 fldRetention fldSource Text Text 2

fldDataModDate/Time8fldTimeModNumber (Double)8fldUserModText8

fldBdver4 Yes/No

Table: tblLivDwrRwl

fldUsermod

Text

255

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<u>Columns</u>						
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fldPipeNo Number	(Long)	4				
fldValue Number	(Double)	8				
fldDate Date/Tim	ne	8				
fldTime Number	(Long)	4				
fldVariable	Number	(Long)	4			
fldReducedWl	Number	(Long)	4			
fldQuality Number	(Long)	`4				
fldStatus Text	255					
fldSource Text	255					
fldDatemod	Text	255				
fldTimemod	Number	(Long)	4			

Table: tblLpReBore

Properties

Date Created: 12/02/97 14:08:52 Def. Updatable:

Description: Data collected by D Williamson late Last Updated: 10/04/97 11:50:54

1996. This a subset of the data

we already had.

OrderByOn: False RecordCount: 654

Columns

Size Name Type ID Number (Long) 4 fldStation Text 50 50 fred Text fldPipeNo Text 255 fldMap 255 Text fldDate Date/Time 8 fldSWL Number (Double) fldEC_uS/cm Number (Double) fldpH Number (Double) 8 Number (Double) 8 flfTemperature

fldPumping Text 255 fldComment Text 255

Table: tblLpRepBores2

Properties
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Description: Data collected by D Williamson late Filter: ((tblLpRepBores2.fldStation="GB0

1996. This a subset of the data 21092"))

we already had.

Last Updated: 10/04/97 11:50:57 OrderBy: tblLpRepBores2.fldDate DESC

OrderByOn: RecordCount: 15474 True

Columns

Name Туре Size Number (Long) ID 4 fldStation Text 255 fldPipeNo Number (Double) 8 fldDate Date/Time 8 fldSwl Number (Double) 8

Table: tblMaxDateLivDwrRwl

Properties

 Date Created:
 13/02/97 11:41:14
 Def. Updatable:
 True

 Last Updated:
 13/02/97 11:41:14
 RecordCount:
 651

<u>Columns</u>

Name Type Size fldStation Text 255 fldPipeNo Number (Long) 4 MaxOffldDate Date/Time

Table: tbl MaxDateLpRepBores 2

Properties

Date Created: 13/02/97 10:52:05 Def. Updatable: True

8

8

Description: Data collected by D Williamson late Last Updated: 13/02/97 11:49:48

1996. This a subset of the data we already had. This table used to

check dates

RecordCount: 494

Columns

Name Type Size
fldStation Text 255
fldPipeNo Number (Double)

MaxOffldDate Date/Time

Table: tblMinSwlAhdHills

Properties

 Date Created:
 27/08/96 15:35:51
 Def. Updatable:
 True

 Last Updated:
 27/08/96 15:35:51
 RecordCount:
 474

<u>Columns</u>

Name Type Size fldStation Text 255

fldStation Text255fldElevationNumber (Double)8MinOfSwlAhdNumber (Double)8fldSwlValueNumber (Double)8

fldSwlValueNumber (Double)8fdlTotalDepthNumber (Double)8fldSlopeNumber (Double)8fldGeolCodeNumber (Long)4fldBasinNoNumber (Long)4

fldCombinedCurvature Number (Double) 8

fldProfileCurvature Number (Double) 8 fldPlanCurvature Number (Double) 8

Table: tblSite

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from dlwc_nsw

OrderByOn: RecordCount: True 9165

Columns Name

Type Size fldStation Text fldStationName Text 55 fldShortName 20 Text fldMapName 17 Text fldZone Number (Double) 8 fldEastingNumber (Double)

fldNorthing Number (Double) 8 fldDecimalLat Number (Double) 8 fldDecimalLon Number (Double) Number (Double) fldStationElevation 8 fldElevationAcc Text fldStnType Text fldRegion Text

fldDateMod Date/Time 8 fldTimeModNumber (Double) 8 FldUserMod Text

Table: tblSiteZone55

Properties

20/08/96 11:44:41 Def. Updatable: Date Created: True

Description: Bores in zone 55 Last Updated: 27/08/96 15:32:38

RecordCount: 1677 Columns

Name Type Size fldStation Text 8

fldEastingNumber (Double) 8

fldNorthing Number (Double) 8

Table: tblSiteZone56

Properties

Date Created: 20/08/96 11:44:07 Def. Updatable:

Description: Bores in zone 56 Last Updated: 27/08/96 15:32:50

RecordCount: 7489 Columns

Name Type Size fldStation Text 8

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27/09/96 14:30:10

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 Def. Updatable:
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 27/09/96 14:23:57
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elevation in tblDwrBores

OrderByOn: False RecordCount: 36596

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Appendix 2: GIS Layers used for the Aquifer interpretation.

GIS DATA DESCRIPTIONS

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IDENTIFICATION
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Title: dem2

Full Name: GEODATA 9 Second DEM

Description: The national digital elevation model with

nine seconds in latitude and longitude

Purpose: To provide a regional scale digital elevation model for use in groundwater analysis as applicable to the purpose(s) of the Liverpool Plains project.

Reference:

Owner Organisation: AUSLIG

Owner Branch Owner Project Other Organisations Authors/collators:,

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Identification Comments

SPATIAL IDENTITY of SOURCE grid dem2.

Spatial Feature(s): Arcs, polygons. nodes, annotation (as

anno.igds) and tics.

Projection Type: Geographic, with spheriod = Clarke1866.

Projection File:

NOTE

This data was reprojected. Pdyce 22/8/96

projection file used was

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Projection GEOGRAPHIC

Units DD

Spheroid CLARKE1866

Parameters

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projection ALBERS units meters spheroid WGS84

parameters

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Grid Size

Cell Size 250m Grid Type real Spatial Id comments

DATA ITEMS

Grid Attributes (VAT)

Floating point grid - no attributes

Annotation Attributes:

Data relates Data Comments

SPATIAL COVERAGE

General Area: Northeast NSW, Liverpool Plains catchment

(1.3 million hectares)
Onshore/Offshore: Onshore.

Spatial Description: Hydrogeology Map, Liverpool Plains Catchment

1:250 000

Future Spatial Coverage Spatial Cov Comments

TEMPORAL COVERAGE

Time Variant: Time Span

Predictive: No. Temporal Cov Comments

DATASET INFORMATION

Data Form: raster grid

Working Media: Magnetic disc.

Digital Data? Complete.

Software: Intergraph Microstation, Arc/Info. Hardware: UNIX/SUNOS using Xterminal Tektronix.

Available formats: arc info grid.
This Format: Arc/Info.
Size: 1.69 megabytes.

Dataset Comments

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Available:

Paper Size:

Scale: 250 000

Location: AUSLIG, Data Sales PO BOX2 Belconnen ACT

. Reference

Number:

DATA CURRENCY

Custodian Agency: AGSO.

Custodian: Robyn Johnston, EGG.
Data Status: Completed.
Date Commenced: 21/6/95
Date Completed: 21/11/95

Update Frequency Future Proposals

Archive

Currency comments:

AVAILABILITY

Access: From AUSLIG under license.

Output Product(s):

Charges:

Supplier: AUSLIG,Data

Postal Address: . Sales PO BOX2 Belconnen ACT2616, Australia

(02) 249 9304 Phone:

(02) 249 9970 Fax:

KEYWORDS:

DEM, Liverpool Plains.

COMMENTS:

LINEAGE/QUALITY

Primary Data Collection Method(s) Source Datasets Positional Accuracy Compilation Base 1:250 000 Compilation Scale: Compilation Media Attribute Accuracy Logical Consistency Data Quality Comments Processing History:

Date Author

Process and Purpose:

GIS DATA DESCRIPTIONS

TDENTIFICATION

Title: geol2 alb

Full Name: Geology of the Liverpool Plains, in a Albers

projection CM 150.15 deg

Mapping of the hydrogeology for the Liverpool Description: Plains Catchment 1:250 000 mapsheet. This is an Arc/Info coverage in DOUBLE coordinate precision. The coverage has been edited using the functionality of ArcEdit.

Purpose: To provide and store information about the geology for use in further analysis as applicable to the purpose(s) of the Liverpool Plains project.

Reference:

Owner Organisation: State/NSWDWR New South Wales Department of

Water Resources. Owner Branch Owner Project

Other Organisations

Andrea K. Broughton, Authors/collators:

Copy? Yes. Identification Comments

NOTE

This is the geol2_11 coverage reprojected. Pdyce 22/8/96

projection file used was

input

Projection GEOGRAPHIC

Units DD

CLARKE1866 Spheroid

Parameters output

projection ALBERS units meters spheroid WGS84

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Projection Type: Geographic, with spheroid = Clarke1866. Projection File: /d/agso/u/lppa/prj/utm56_ll.prj

Coordinate Units: Decimal Degrees.

Grid Size Cell Size Grid Type

Spatial Id comments

DATA ITEMS

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Node Attributes (NAT) Arc Attributes (AAT) Polygon Attributes (PAT) Description Item Name Definition (width output type) 8 18 F 5 dec. places 8 18 F 5 dec. places Area Perimeter 4 5 B Geol2 11# Geol2 11-id 4 5 B 12 12 C On = 'Narrabri Formation' Alluvium and colluvium Qg* = 'Gunnedah Formation' Alluvium and colluvium Tv = Outlier basalt, dolerite, teschenite and trachyte, plugs and sills Tb = LIVERPOOL RANGE BEDS Alkali olivine basalt, dolerite, polymictic conglomerate, quartzose sandstone, shale and bole. Jp = PILLIGA SANDSTONE Quartzose and quartz lithic sandstone, siltstone. Jpu = PURLQWAUGH BEDS Silty sandstone, mudstone, conglomerate. Jg = GARRAWILLA VOLCANIC COMPLEX Alkali basalt, basanite, hawaiite, mugearite, soda trachyte flows; and pyroclastic units. Alkali dolerite and microsyenodolerite sills. R-Jb = BALLIMORE BEDS Conglomerate, quartz sandstone, shale. Rn = NARRABEEN GROUP Quartzose and quartz lithic snadstone, silty sandstone, mudstone-Napperby Beds (Rns). Polymictic conglomerate, lithic and quartz lithic sandstone, mudstone - Digby Conglomerate Rnd). Pu = Undifferentiated sandstone, shale, conglomerate, chert, coal, limestone. (Dominantly Black Jack Formation). Pug = Undifferentiated monzonite.

hornblende-biotite adamellite and

Ps = Serpentine, mafic and ultramafic intrusives.

Plg = GUNNIBLE FORMATION.

Shale, lithic sandstone and coal.

Plw = WERRIE BASALT. Amygdaloidal basaltic lava, basaltic tuff, tuffaceous sandstone.

Pla = WARRIGUNDI VOLCANIC COMPLEX Andesite flows, augiteandesite dykes, dacite dykes and flows,

dioritic intrusions, epiclastic volcanic breccia and pyroclastic breccia.

P-Ct = TEMI FORMATION.

Polymictic conglomerate, lithic sandstone, shale, coal.

P-Cg = BOGGABRI/GUNNEDAH VOLCANICS. Rhyolite, rhyolite tuff and rhyodacite.

Cmc = CURRABUBULA FORMATION
 Polymictic conglomerate, tillite,
 lithic sandstone, varves,
 tuffaceous lithic sandstone,
 siltstone, rhyolitic to andesite
 pyroclastic and volcanics.

Cme = COEPOLLY CONGLOMERATE
 Polymictic conglomerate.

Cmm = MERLEWOOD FORMATION
 Lithic sandstone, polymictic
 conglomerate, siltstone, felsic
 to intermediate pyroclastic.
 Pyroxene and hornblende
 andesites.

Cln = NAMOI FORMATION
 Massive mudstones, sandstone and
 orthoconglomerate lenses.

Cll = LUTTON FORMATION
 Siltstone, sandstone, mudstone,
 andesite, lithic sandstone.

Grid Attributes (VAT)

Annotation Attributes: anno.igds

Data relates Data Comments

SPATIAL COVERAGE

General Area: Northeast NSW, Liverpool Plains catchment

(1.3 million hectares)
Onshore/Offshore: Onshore.

Spatial Description: Hydrogeology Map, Liverpool Plains Catchment

1:250 000

Future Spatial Coverage Spatial Cov Comments

TEMPORAL COVERAGE

Time Variant: Yes. 1995.

Time Span

Predictive: No. Temporal Cov Comments

DATASET INFORMATION

Data Form: GIS POLY coverage.
Working Media: Magnetic disc.
Digital Data? Complete.

Software: Intergraph Microstation, Arc/Info.
Hardware: UNIX/SUNOS using Xterminal Tektronix.

Available formats: Intergraph Microstation design (.dgn) file

(saved to tape: SONY 112m, D8).
This Format: Arc/Info.
Size: 1.237442 megabytes.

Dataset Comments

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Available: Yes. Published Map.

Paper Size: A0

Scale: 250 000

Location: Department of Water Resources, PO Box 3720,

Parramatta,

NSW 2124, Australia.

Reference Number:

DATA CURRENCY

Custodian Agency: AGSO.

Custodian: Robyn Johnston, EGG.
Data Status: Completed.
Date Commenced: 21/6/95
Date Completed: 21/11/95

Update Frequency Future Proposals

Archive

Currency comments: Original unedited digital database received

from K.Day, DWR, NSW. June, 1995.

AVAILABILITY

Access: From AGSO on request. Output Product(s): Individual coverages.

Charges:

Supplier: Australian Geological Survey Organisation.
Postal Address: PO Box 378, Canberra, ACT 2602, Australia.

Phone: (02) 249 9304

Fax: (02) 249 9970

KEYWORDS:

Geology, Liverpool Plains.

COMMENTS:

LINEAGE/QUALITY
Primary Data
Collection Method(s)
Source Datasets
Positional Accuracy

Compilation Base

Compilation Scale: 1:250 000

Compilation Media
Attribute Accuracy
Logical Consistency
Data Quality Comments
Processing History:

Date 21/11/95

Author LWoodcock

Process and Purpose: Imported digital data into Arc/Info from

Intergraph

Microstation design file using IGDS conversion. Compilation and editing using GIS tools within the

functionality of ArcEdit.

Topology building and attribute population. Projection to real world coordinates - Metres,

Latitude/longitude, Albers - as required.

Printed hardcopy product as required for client,

coordinator or for educational display.

DLWC_NSW.MDB

.doc created 16/7/97

DATA DESCRIPTIONS

IDENTIFICATION

Title: DLWC_NSW_ed8.MDB Full Name: Liverpool Plains Bore Data.

Description: This database contains the tables described

at the

end of the section.

Purpose: For use in bore investigation for the Liverpool

Plains.

Reference:

Owner Organisation: State/NSWDWR New South Wales Department of

Water Resources.
Owner Branch
Owner Project

Other Organisations

Authors/collators: Peter Dyce,

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SPATIAL IDENTITY

Spatial Feature(s): Station locations in latitude and longitude Coordinate Units: decimal degrees.

DATA ITEMS

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SPATIAL COVERAGE

General Area: Northeast NSW, Liverpool Plains catchment

(1.3 million hectares)
Onshore/Offshore: Onshore.

Future Spatial Coverage Spatial Cov Comments

TEMPORAL COVERAGE

Time Variant: yes 16/797.

Time Span

Predictive: No. Temporal Cov Comments

DATASET INFORMATION

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Software: arcinfo Hardware: sun unix

Available formats:

This Format: arcinfo coverage Size: 2.7 megabytes.

Dataset Comments

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Paper Size: Scale:

Location: CSIRO Land and Water, Canberra,

ACT 2601, Australia.

Reference Number:

DATA CURRENCY

Custodian Agency: CSIRO.
Custodian: Peter Dyce.
Data Status: Completed.

Date Commenced: Date Completed: Update Frequency Future Proposals

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Currency comments:

AVAILABILITY

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Output Product(s): database.

Charges:

Supplier: CSIRO .

Postal Address: PO Box 1666, Canberra, ACT 2602, Australia.

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KEYWORDS:

Bore Records, Liverpool Plains.

COMMENTS

LINEAGE/QUALITY

Primary Data Collection Method(s) Source Datasets Positional Accuracy Compilation Base Compilation Scale: Compilation Media Attribute Accuracy Logical Consistency Data Quality Comments Processing History:

16/7/97 Date

Author Peter Dyce
Process and Purpose: Imported in to Access from files supplied by
Jenny Wood Senior Data Officer, Water.Data Services Unit

20th March 1996

Telephone (02) 895 7621 (02) 895 7742

Appendix 3: Cross section Descriptions

Table 1 Yarramanbah Creek

Transect †	Width (m)	Av. Depth (m)	Cross-sectional Area (m ³)	Slope watertable
Y1	2000	26.5	53000	0.001
Y2	1850	22	40700	0.0004
Y3	2200	20	44000	0.0016
Y4	5700	19	108300	0.0028
Y5	5800	15	87000	0.0024

Table 2 Pump Station Creek

Transect †	Width (m)	Av. Depth (m)	Cross-sectional Area (m ³)	Slope watertable
P1	1500	20	30000	.0001
P2	1700	10	17000	.0024
P3	1850	22	40700	.0008
P4	1900	20	38000	.0016
P5	7000	12	84000	.0004
P6	4560	10	45600	.0064

[†] See for location of Transects see maps Appendix 4

Table 3 Big Jacks Creek

Transect †	Width (m)	Av. Depth (m)	Cross-sectional Area (m ³)	Slope watertable
B1	2450	40	98000	0.001
B2	2560	30	76800	0.0008
В3	3750	22	82500	0.0002
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B5	7000	12	84000	0.0018
B6	5000	10	50000	0.0028

Table 4 Upper Mooki Creek

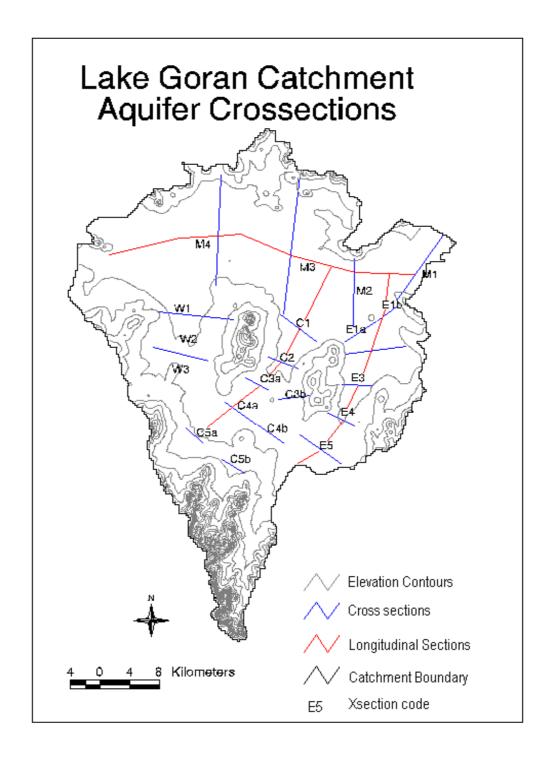
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B2	2550	22	56100	0.001
В3	6400	15	96000	0.002
B4	6500	8	52000	0.002
B5	4975	12	59700	0.004
В6	3000	10	30000	0.01

[†] See for location of Transects see maps Appendix 4

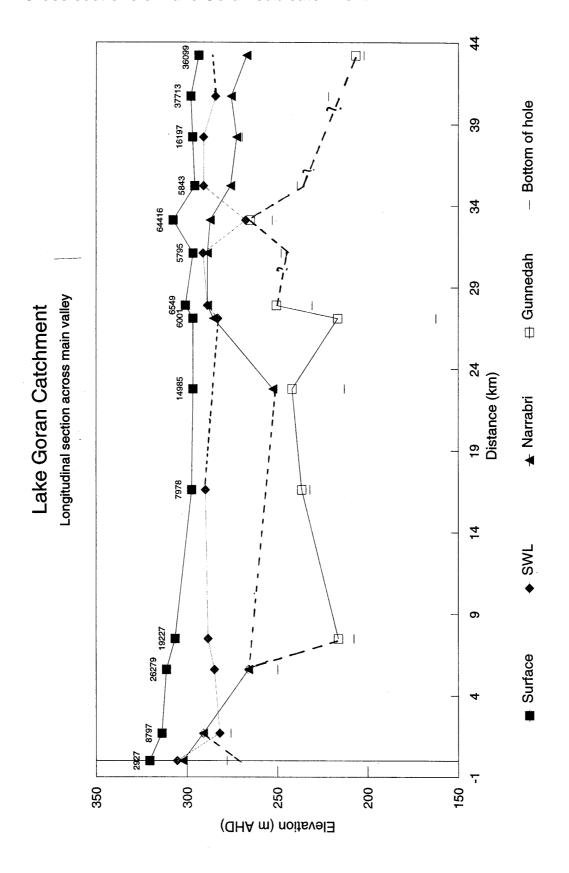
Table 4 Lake Goran

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M3	4900	18	88200	0.00
M4	1100	42	462000	0.00
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E1a	2000	5	10000	0.001
E2	8000	4.5	36000	0.0012
E3	4100	22	90200	0.0009
E4	3800	24	91200	0.003
E5	6800	11	74800	0.004
C1	6000	12.5	75000	0.001
C2	4400	3.2	14080	0.003
C3a	3755	9.4	35297	0.004
C3b	2200	10	22000	0.003
C4a	5440	10	54400	0.002
C4b	4500	10	45000	0.002
C5a	3300	10	33000	0.002
C5b	3796	5	18980	0.008
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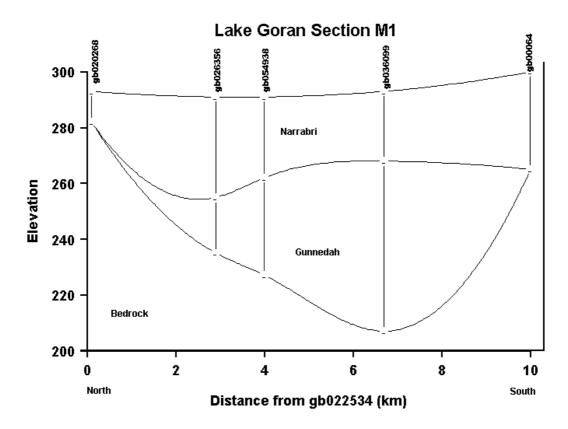
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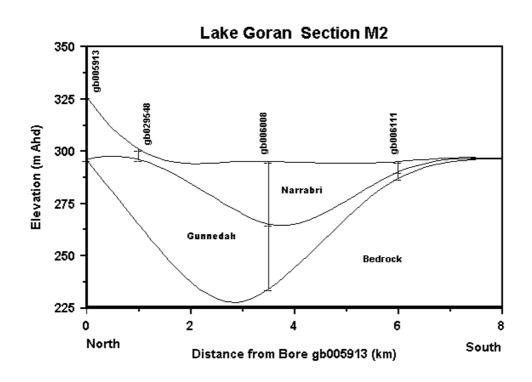


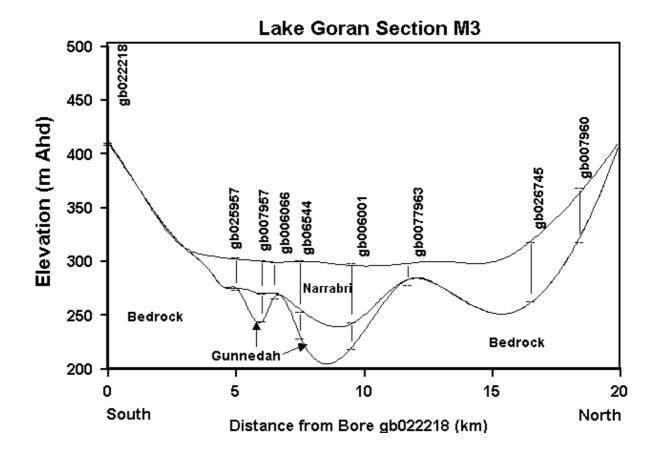
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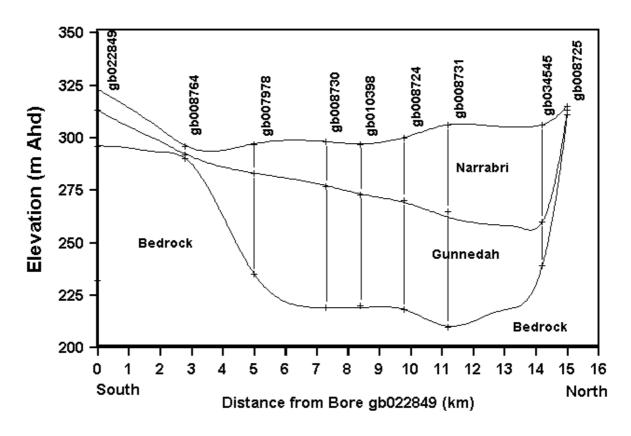
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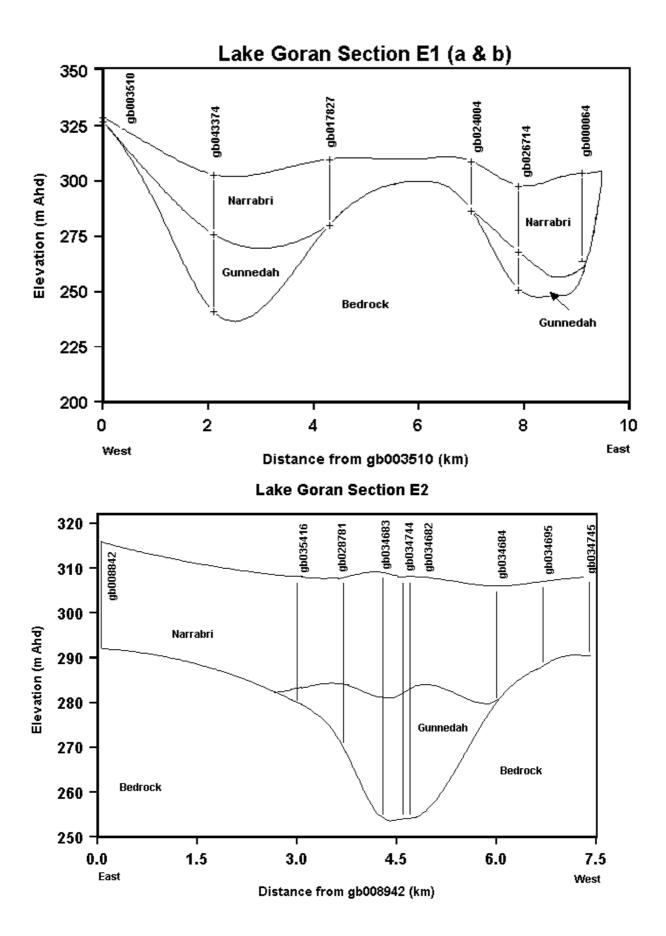


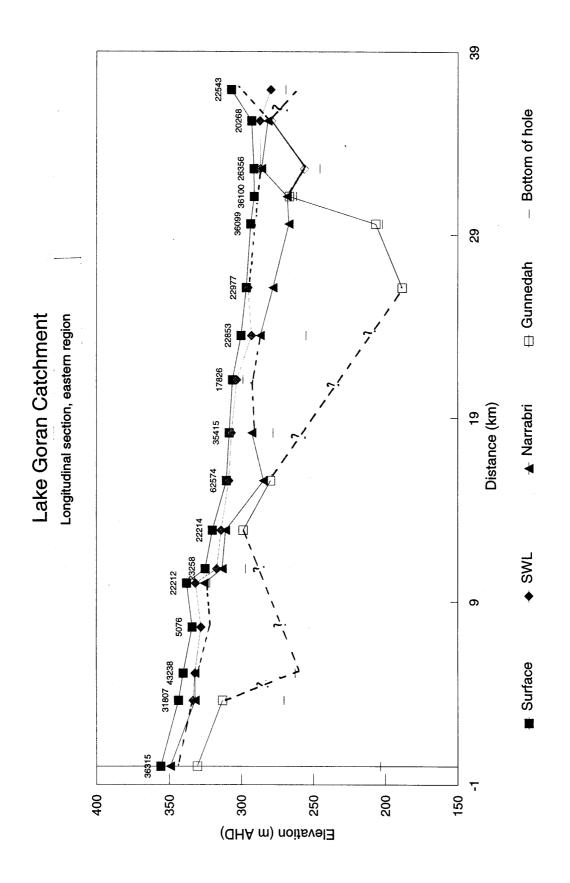


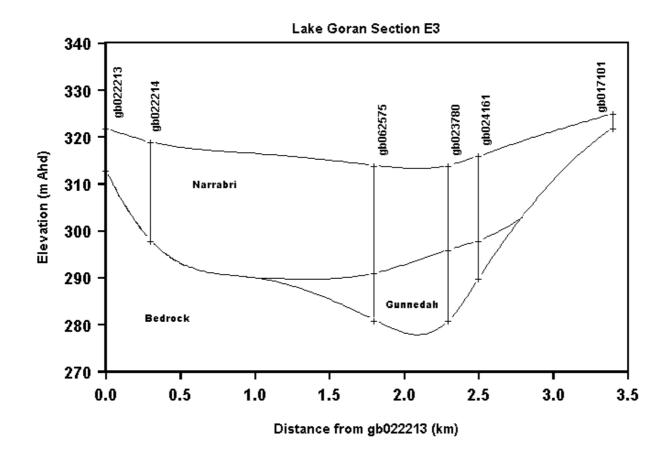
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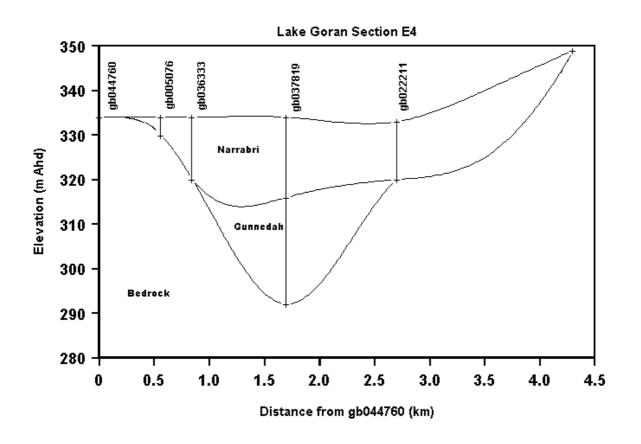


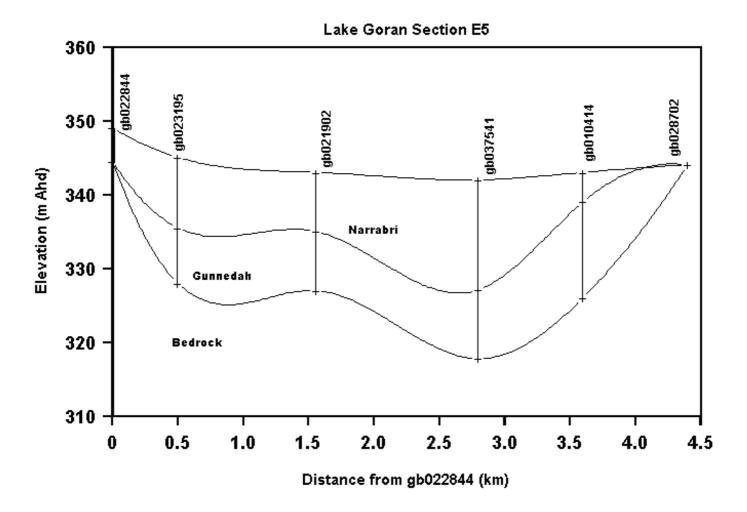
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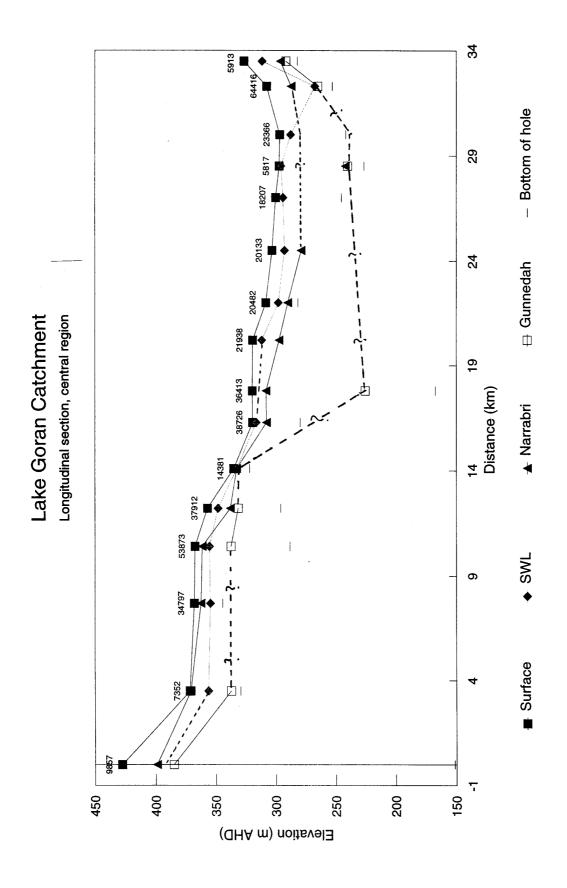


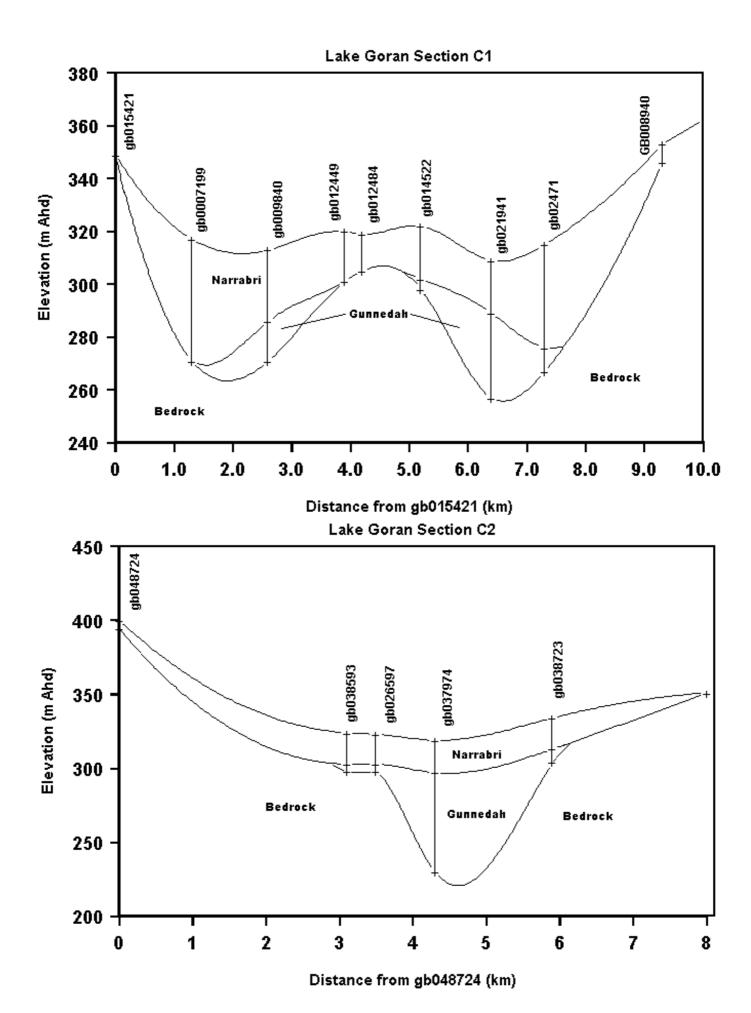


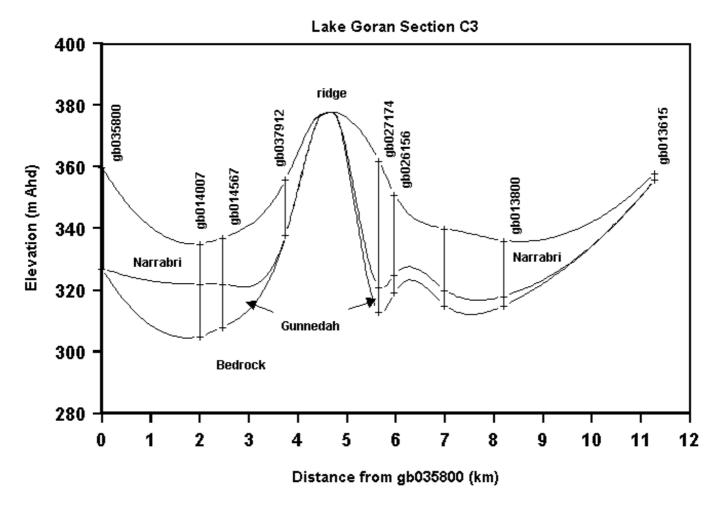


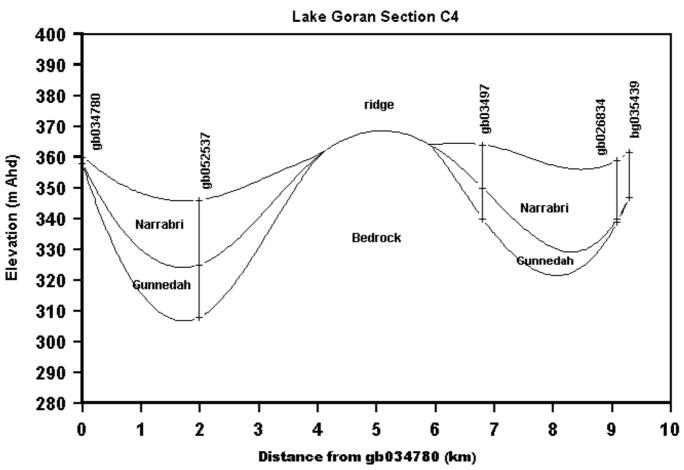


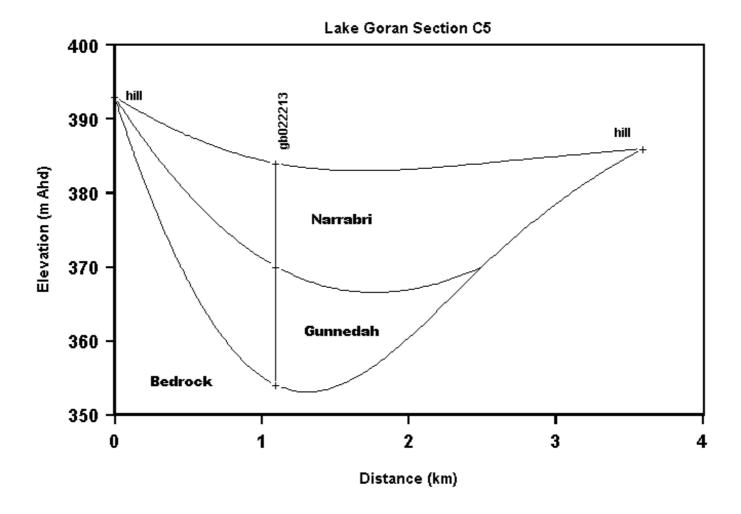
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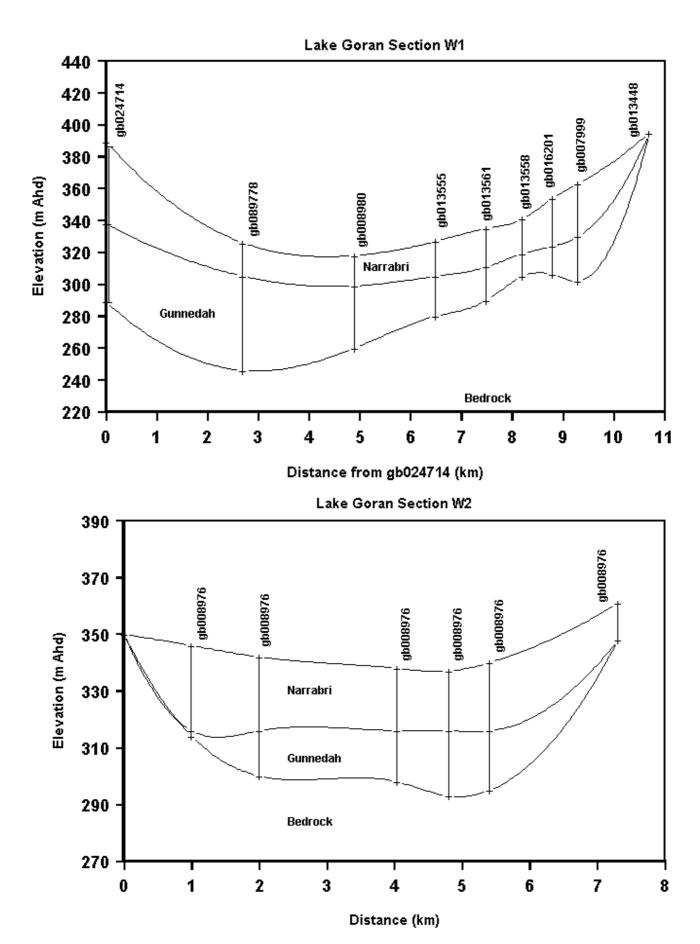


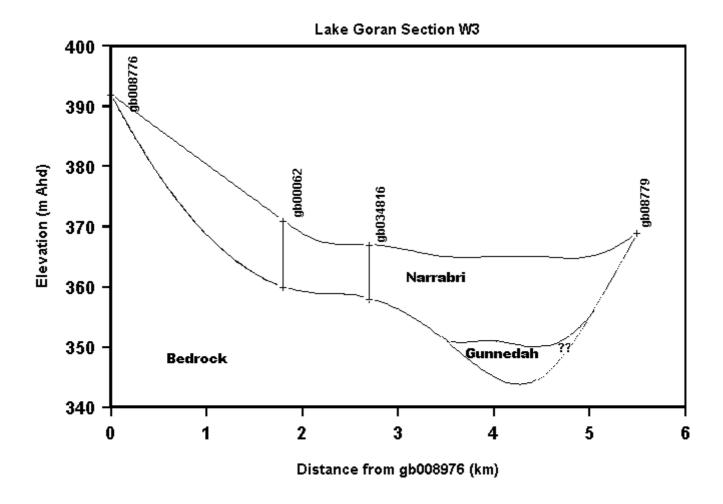


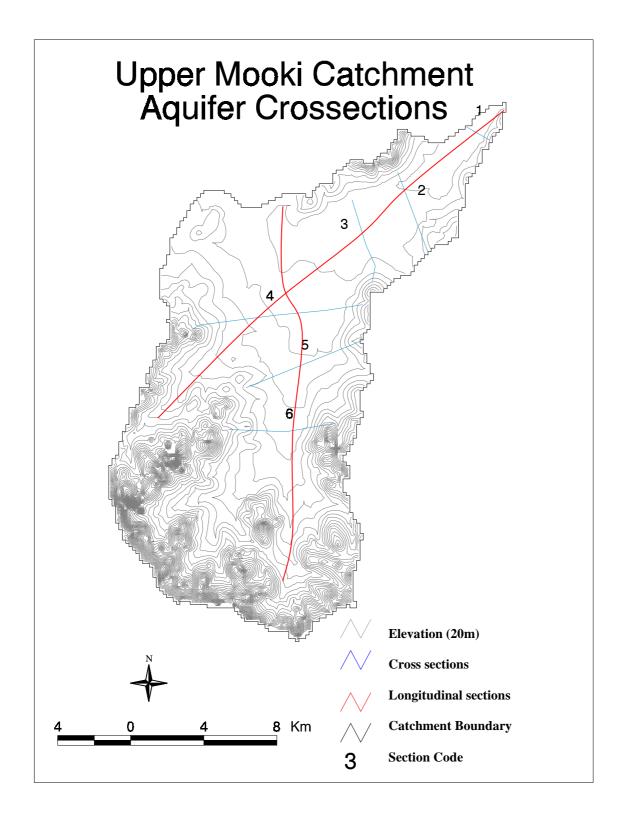


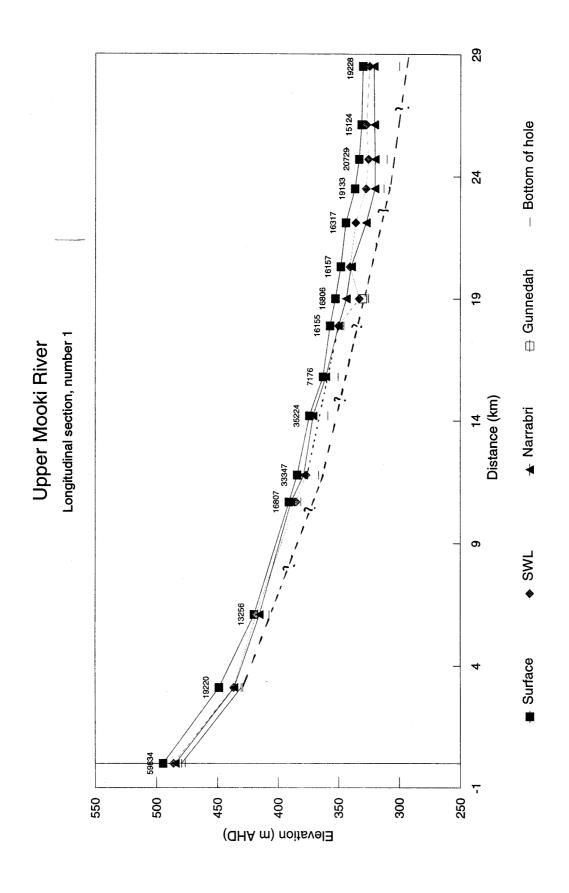


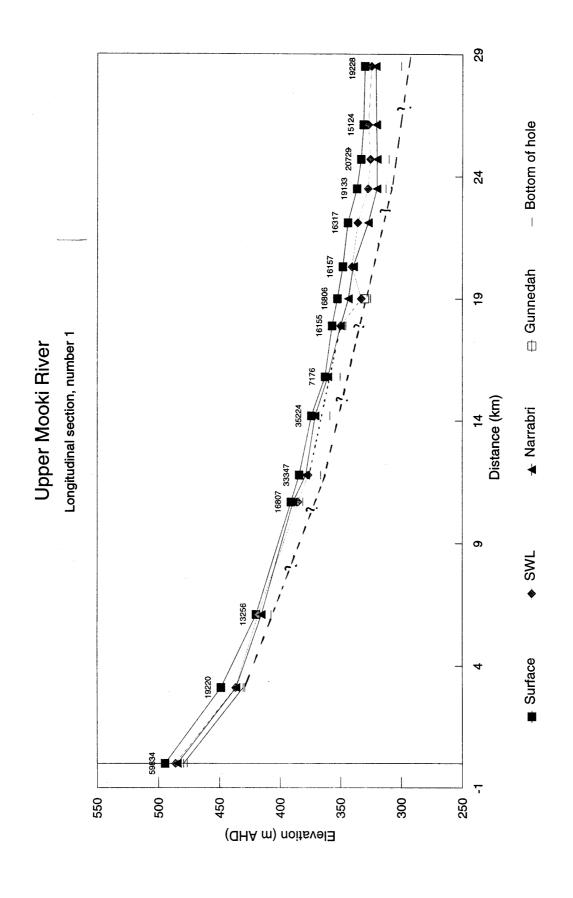
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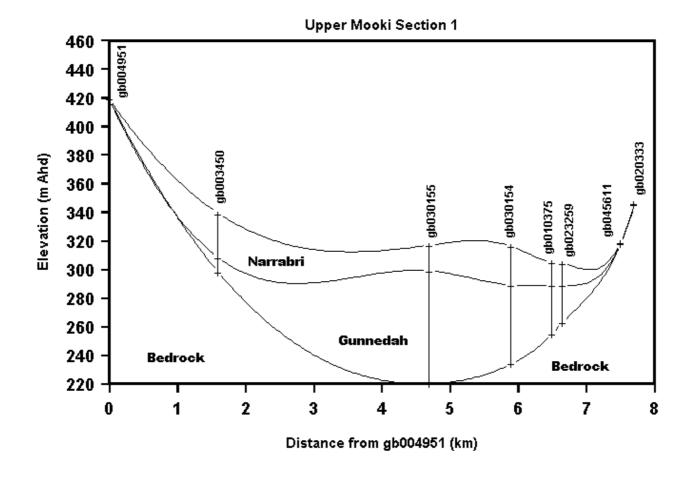


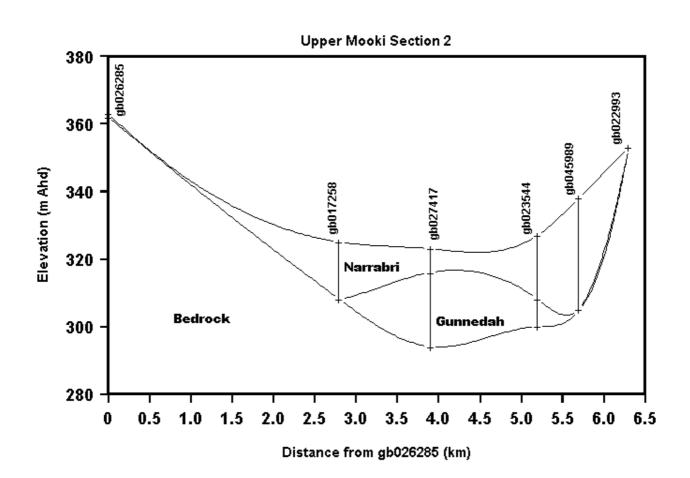


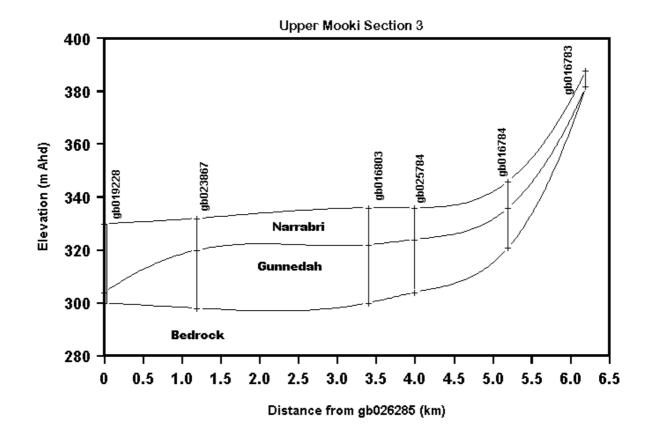


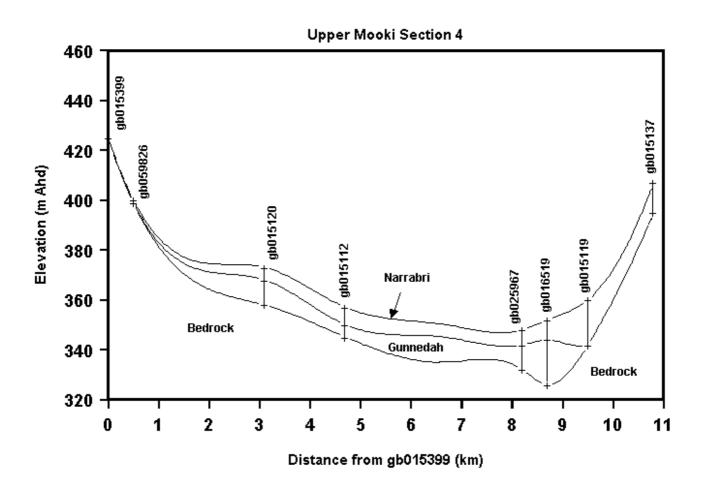


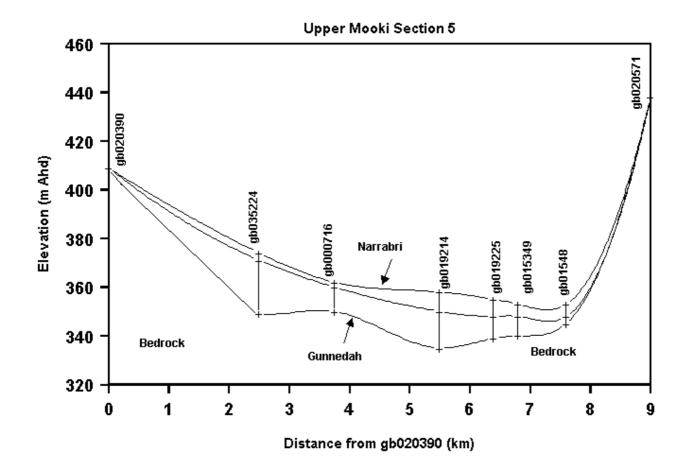


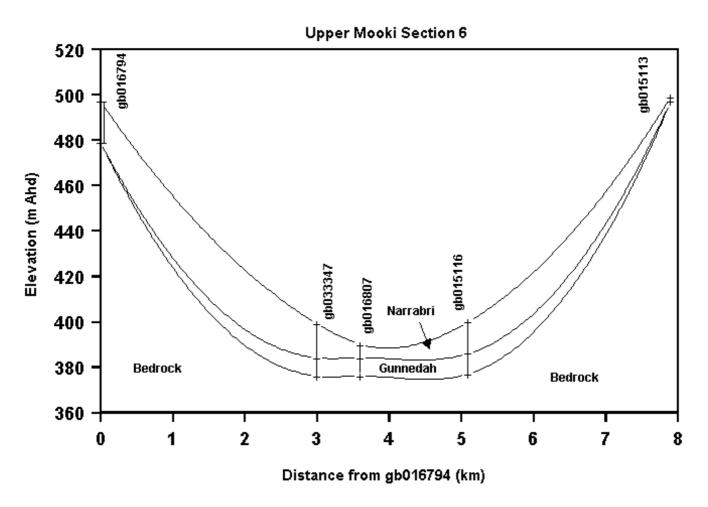




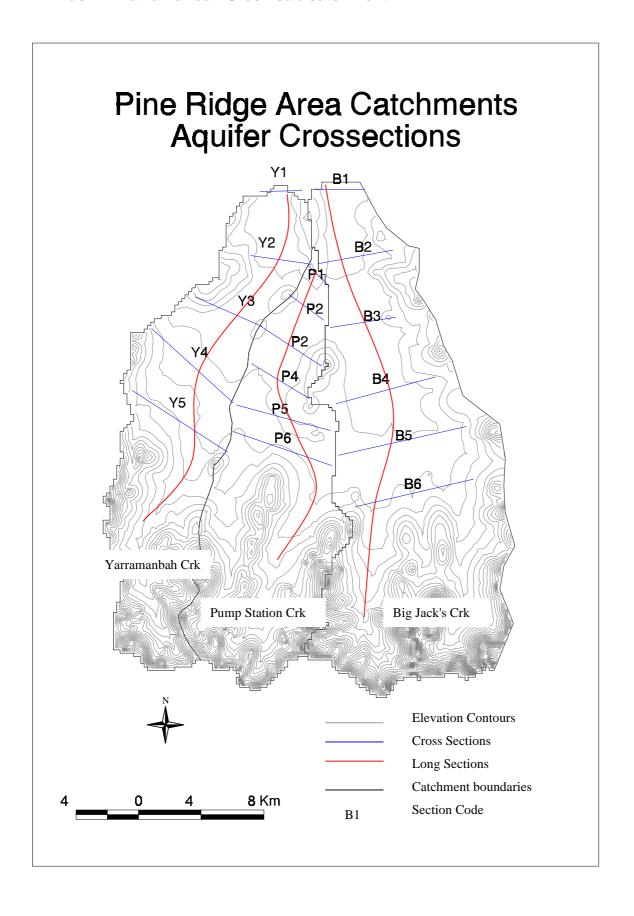


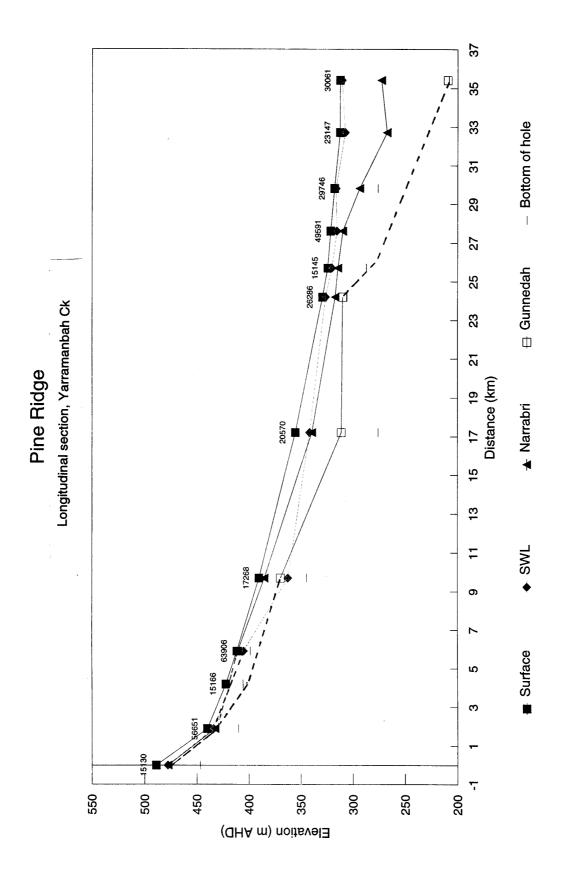


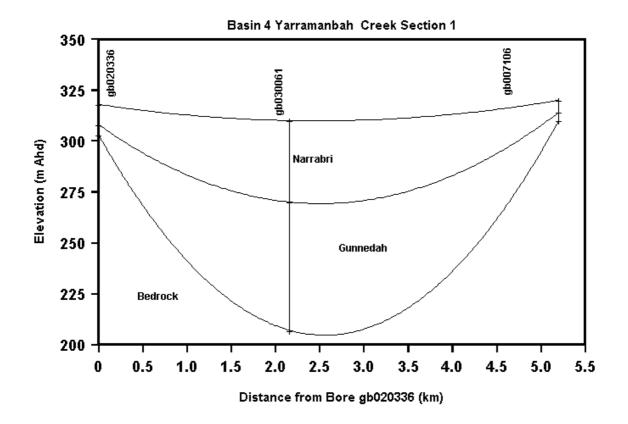


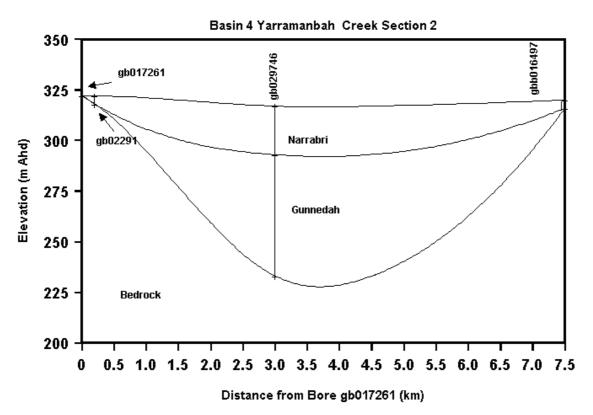


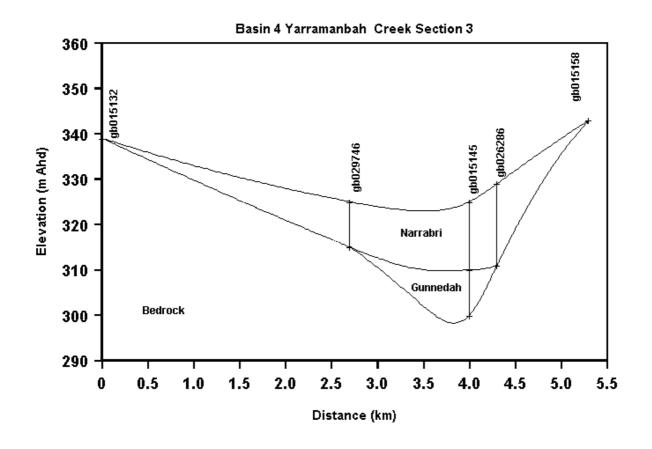
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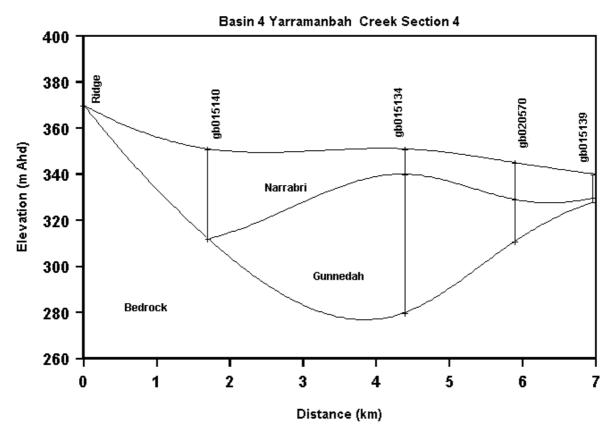


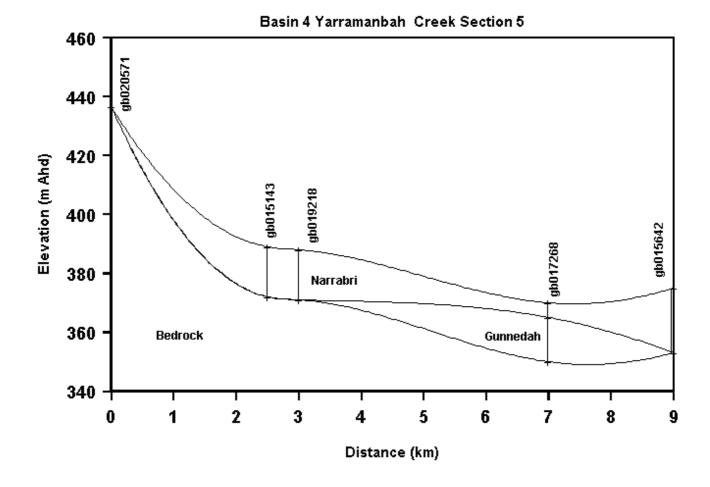




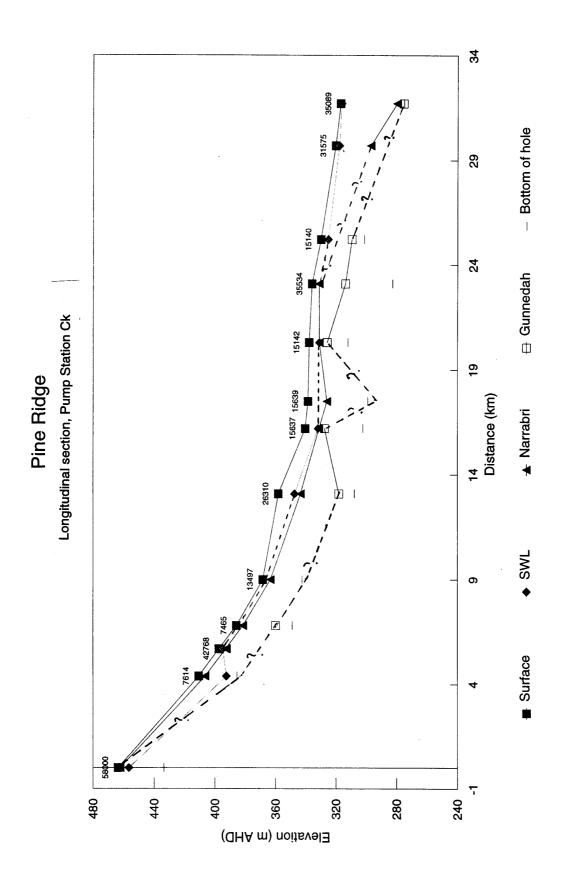


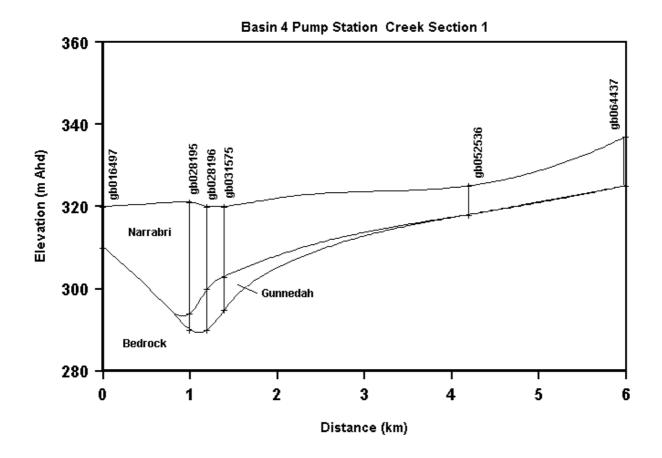


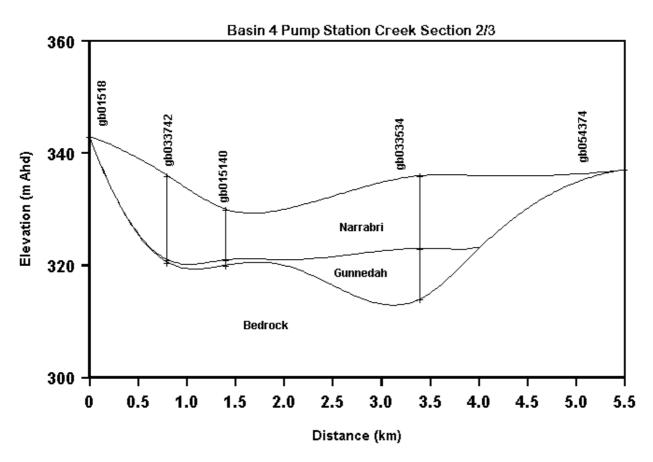


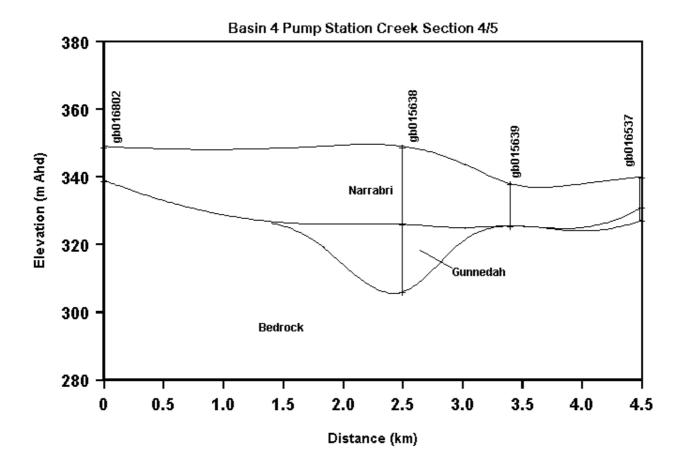


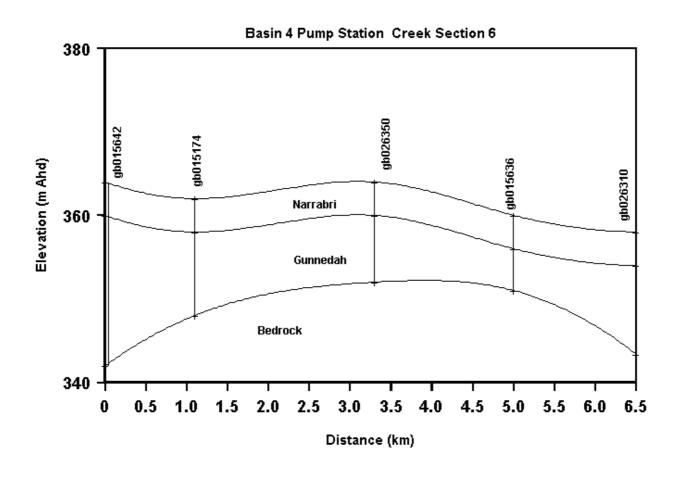
Basin 4 PumpStation Creek sub catchment











Basin 4 Big Jack's Creek sub catchment

