

SECOND EDITION 1999 REFERENCE ABC RANGE QUARTZITE: White, heavy-mineral-Lake deposits: Gypseous clay, saline silt and quartz sand. laminated cross-bedded quartzite with ripple marks, mudcracks and mud clasts. Prograding, diachronous Modern stream alluvium and high-level terrace flood deposits; Cobbles, gravel, sand, silt and clay; usually bouldery near ranges; mostly unconsolidated but may shallow marine sequence which commonly consists of four or five upward-coarsening cycles capped Low-angle scree and talus deposits: Unconsolidated BRACHINA FORMATION: Red-brown and greyangular rock fragments, grit, sand and silt. Usually clast-supported on slopes; commonly within or flanking ranges green siltstone and sandstone. BAYLEY RANGE SILTSTONE MEMBER: Thinly pedded siltstone and sandstone with current ripples Scree and talus deposits overlying Willawortina Formation. planar tabular cross-bedding and herring-bone cross bedding, arranged into several upward-shallowing, Aeolian quartz dune sand and sand spreads: Pale yellow upward-coarsening cycles ~5 m thick.

MOORILLAH SILTSTONE MEMBER: Laminated to to ochre-red, unconsolidated, mobile longitudinal and locally transverse dunes. Age uncertain, probably midmassive, reddish, coarse-grained siltstone; common with prominent banding. Base marked by a 10 m Alluvium: Cobbles, gravel, sand, silt and clay; red-brown, thick scarp-forming fine-grained sandstone. often poorly sorted. Consolidated and dissected terrace MOOLOOLOO SILTSTONE MEMBER: Drab oliveand distal fan deposits; may have incipient soil horizons often with gibber spreads and gypseous materials. Alluvial fans: Flanking bedrock outcrops, consolidated NUCCALEENA FORMATION: Laminated to wellbut not cemented, with incipient to strongly developed soil horizonation. Poorly sorted, bouldery to gravelly; bedded, pink, cream to buff-yellow, fine-grained dolomicrite. Cyclic purple shale interbeds in upper proximal to source. Older fans are larger and dissected Disconformable base. Lacustrine deposits: Brown to olive-green, finely laminated calcareous silt, fine-grained sand and mud. Playa-ELATINA FORMATION: Red-brown, medium-High-level piedmont gravels: Cobble to gravel deposits siltstone of glacial origin. Lower slumped sandstone with coarse-grained sand matrix, forming remnant sheets 1-5 m thick on dissected palaeo-erosional surfaces emanating from the Flinders Ranges highlands. Usually with common granule trains; a middle siltstone with dropstones and common interbeds of dropstone diamictite, and an upper ripple cross-laminate poorly sorted; weakly to moderately cemented by clayey sandstone and current reworked diamictite. Cobble to boulder-sized clasts, occasionally glacially smoothed and striated; clasts of altered basalt, dolerite, crystal WILLAWORTINA FORMATION: Calcareous, silty to sandy clay and medium-grained sand grading to boulder deposits near ranges. Piedmont slope deposit. YALTIPENA FORMATION: Channel-forming, redbrown, swaley cross-stratified, intraformational Silcrete, undifferentiated: Grey to buff-coloured micro-to cryptocrystalline silica horizons; both massive limestone with sandy beds and diapiric detritus, fining upwards to parallel-laminated calcareous red-brown siltstone. Where preserved, top of sequence groundwater and massive to columnar-vuggy pedogenic forms developed in older sandy to silty, rarely crossbedded and conglomeratic substrates, possibly equivalent

contain incipient soils.

and higher level gravels.

lacustrine deposit found in palaeovalleys.

gypsum and/or calcrete.

to upper Evre Formation.

down planar foresets.

NILDOTTIE SILTSTONE MEMBER: Ripple laminated

limestone and tuff.

commonly contain fossil fragments.

WILKAWILLINA LIMESTONE: Light to dark grey, massive,

grades to a medium to coarse-grained, feldspathic sandstone with abundant wave and current ripples herring-bone cross-bedding, rain drop impression and mudcracks. Irregular basal disconformity, with possible karst developed in places along the Tertiary sediments, undifferentiated: Grev, subrounded silt and rare sand, partly carbonaceous, with basal polished siliceous pebble conglomerate. Case-hardened pebbly calcareous sand and silt near Grindstone Range. May include Eyre Formation equivalents. rezona Range. TREZONA FORMATION: Cycles of laminated greenish grey calcareous shale and siltstone grading to pale red and grey, fine-grained stromatolitic, NEUROODLA FORMATION (subsurface only): Green, oolitic and intraclastic hash breccia limestone. ENORAMA SHALE: Laminated grey-green and grey to black, argillaceous and white calcareous mudstone al carbonaceous clay rich in shell fragments and minor red shale, silty shale and rare fine-grained sandstone. Poorly outcropping in valleys. ETINA FORMATION: Cycles of thick, grey, oolitic COTABENA FORMATION (subsurface only): Fluviolacustrine, partly carbonaceous, fine to coarse-grained sand, silt, clay and lignite. and stromatolitic limestone with intervening greygreen siltstone. Limestone is commonly sandy with trough cross-bedding. Contains diapir-derived pebble conglomerates near the Enorama Diapir.

WILMINGTON FORMATION: Red-brown micaceous ALPANA FORMATION: 3 m thick lower lodgement till of faceted, polished and striated clasts with a strong north siltstone with fine sandstone interbeds becoming common in upper part.

south fabric, overlain by 17 m of probable proglacial san with small pockets of gravel and lonestones. Sediments ANGEPENA FORMATION: Finely laminated redpreserved in a palaeovalley eroded into bedrock. brown to purple siltstone with mudcracks; dolomitic interbeds in lower half. Erosional base. DAWSON HILL MEMBER: Well-rounded guartz-arenite SUNDERLAND FORMATION: Grey-green calcareous siltstone and fine to medium-grained sandstone with coarse-grained to pebbly sandstone and/or oolitic GRINDSTONE RANGE SANDSTONE: Cross-bedded limestone, commonly conglomeratic with large clasts of stromatolitic limestone and siltstone, overlying basal disconformity. Slumping and flaser bedding mature quartz arenite with minor feldspar and upward-decreasing traces of volcanic lithic clasts. Trilobite tracks and mudcracks in basal sandstone. ommon in upper part. PANTAPINNA SANDSTONE: Red and white feldspathic, TARCOWIE SILTSTONE: Grey-green siltstone with medium-grained sandstone with minor micaceous siltstone wavy and lenticular laminations of brown sandy siltstone or fine sandstone and thin grey shale drapes; and shale: planar and trough cross-bedding; occasional heavy-mineral laminae. Basal beds contain trilobite tracks characteristic flaser bedding. Medium-grained lenticular-bedded sandstone and local grit at base (Cox Sandstone Member), 1-2 m thick. Disconformable base. and rare ooid grainstones; bioturbated beds and large BRIGHTON LIMESTONE: Stromatolitic, oolitic and intraclastic limestone; massive, partly cross-bedded, commonly with erosional base. Well-developed downlapping parasequences preserved south of `Holowilena'

BALCORACANA FORMATION: Repetitively bedded red and green micaceous siltstone-shale-carbonate cycles with pencil-thin chalky limestone bands and laminated or stromatolitic carbonates 0.2-1 m thick. Ripples, cross-bedding, mudcracks, halite casts; trilobite tracks are TAPLEY HILL FORMATION: Finely laminated grey-MOODLATANA FORMATION: Micaceous siltstone, shale, green siltstone to fine lithic sandstone cycles. arkosic fine to medium-grained sandstone and minor cryptalgal carbonate; tabular cross-bedding common with WOCKERAWIRRA DOLOMITE MEMBER: Sharp based, condensed limestone at base overlain by occasional scour channels. Siltstone generally planar to ripple-bedded with mudcracks, evaporite casts and trilobite tracks. Metadoxidid trilobites occur near the top. cycles of dolomitic siltstone to ripple cross-laminated fine-grained silty dolomite. Occupies erosional valley formed around northern slopes of Oraparinna Diapir. WIRREALPA LIMESTONE: Lime mudstone and wav MOUNT CAERNARVON GREYWACKE MEMBER: bedded to nodular limestone in a calcareous, silty matrix Ridge-forming fine-grained lithic grey-green sandstone. Diamictite interbeds at Mount Caernarvon. Skeletal, peloid and oolitic beds are subordinate, but calcimicrobe buildups are prominent at a number of localities. Cryptalgal laminae, stromatolites and columnar TINDELPINA SHALE MEMBER: Discrete cyclic bands of thinly laminated dolomicrite interbedded with dark Conglomerate bands around Oraparinna Diapir. Disconformable base. BILLY CREEK FORMATION: Red siltstone and sandstone. EREGUNDA SANDSTONE MEMBER: Fine-grained, WILYERPA FORMATION: Green siltstone. Lower third is fine grained and includes intervals of glacial dropstones; middle unit is medium to coarse-grained arkose with minor interbedded shale and siltstone.

coarse-grained greyish red siltstone with minor shale sandstone (Nuw₁); upper unit is siltstone with minor and fine-grained sandstone; abundant ripple marks, halite casts and desiccation cracks. sandstone. Includes discrete dropstone intervals and storm-derived thick sandstone and glacial conglomerate; WARRAGEE SILTSTONE MEMBER: Evenly to ripplepossible lodgement tillite east of Oraparinna Diapir. WARCOWIE DOLOMITE MEMBER: Sandy and laminated, cyclic red-green shale and dolomite near the base followed by red shale and siltstone; tuff bands. Emuellid trilobites are abundant at several levels. pebbly dolomite, conglomerate, minor diamictite. Disconformable base. EDEOWIE LIMESTONE MEMBER: Planar to wavy HOLOWILENA IRONSTONE: Dark red, thinly laminated, platy dolomite mudstone with peloidal sandy COADS HILL MEMBER: Conglomerate with cobbles of Bendieuta Formation in very coarse-grained sandy matrix; feldspathic sandstone; ripple-laminated sandstone,

coarse-grained gritty sandstone and glacially derived pebbly siltstone. PUALCO TILLITE: Blue-grey gritty siltstone and minor thin sandstone with pebble to boulder-sized siltstone, shale and burrow-mottled and stromatolitic limestone; 12 or more tuff bands. glacial clasts; matrix-supported diamictite. NARINA GREYWACKE: Khaki-green, flat to ripple-SADDLEWORTH FORMATION-AUBURN DOLOMITE: laminated, silty to medium-grained feldspathic sandstone Reworked shale clasts, limestone chips and coarse, well-Dolomitic siltstone, fine-grained sandstone, dark rounded quartz granules appear sporadically; carbonate grey dolomite.

CRADOCK QUARTZITE: Pale grey, medium to coarse-grained feldspathic quartzite. MOOROWIE FORMATION: Prograding reef complexes of near-shore shale and siltstone, shelf margin oolite and reef limestone, all cut by high-energy erosional channels. SKILLOGALEE DOLOMITE: Lower member; grey-Tabulate corals, archaeocyaths and calcimicrobes of Middle to Late Botomian age. green siltstone, pale grey to pink dolomite and feldspathic sandstone; ripple marks, mudcracks. Upper member; blue-grey dolomite, partly stromatolitic, with black chert; magnesite conglomerate; dolomitic siltstone and sandstone; mudcracks, intraclasts. ORAPARINNA SHALE: Khaki-green silty shale becoming calcareous upwards. Abundant limestone concretions At 'Warrakimbo', uppermost beds are white to pale BUNKERS SANDSTONE: Thin basal sequence of flat to grey, medium and coarse-grained feldspathic sandstone. ripple-laminated, silty fine-grained quartz sandstone overlain by planar to trough cross-bedded, medium-NAPOLEON MEGABRECCIA MEMBER: Unsorted grained quartz sandstone. Trace fossils occur at clasts of blue-grey dolomite and siltstone in several levels but body fossils are rare. dolomitic and silty matrix. MERNMERNA FORMATION: Dark grey, fine-grained,

nodular to mottled, well-bedded limestone and shall Undifferentiated: Cross-bedded, feldspathic sandstone and quartzite; heavy-mineral laminations in lower part. limestone. Slumped turbidite couplets of lime silt and mud in lower part grade up to dominantly grain-flow deposits. Allochthonous blocks of lithified platform limestone up to YEDNALUE QUARTZITE: White, medium to coarse-15 m diameter in the Donkey Bore Syncline, Upper grained feldspathic quartzite; siliceous siltstone. Cross-bedding, ripple marks and mudcracks. Mernmerna Formation is transgressive with a lower onlapping lag of coarse-grained sand and occasional dolomitised pebbles, passing up into dark grey nodular lime mudstone. Undifferentiated: Dark grey finely laminated siltstone; minor quartzite, dolomite. BENDIEUTA FORMATION: Planar to trough cross-bedded, WIRREANDA DOLOMITE BEDS: Blue-grey dolomite coarse-grained, sparingly fossiliferous quartz sandstone, ooid-peloid grainstone and fenestral limestone. Intensively burrowed calcareous sandstone beds in middle part. minor magnesite conglomerate. MIDWERTA SHALE: Grey-green shale and calcareous WORUMBA DOLOMITE BEDS: Upper and Lower

members of pale grey to buff, cryptalgal-laminated dolomite separated by middle member of dark grey, thinly laminated carbonaceous siltstone. bedded lime mudstone, wackestone and isolated archaeocyath-*Renalcis* bioherms; shelly fossils. Deeper facies include archaeocyath-sponge buildups flanked by WARACO LIMESTONE: Pale grey to cream mottled lime mudstone. High-energy bioclastic grainstone in shallower marine environments. Disconformity at top of stromatolitic dolomite and calcitic and dolomitic marble overlying blue-grey, flaggy to massive limestone lower Wilkawillina Limestone is solution sculptured forming with black chert and slumped stromatolites; dark enlarged fractures, karst collapse breccias and possible calcrete profiles; surface is capped by conspicuous red grey, partly laminated siltstone at top. KIRWAN SILTSTONE: Dark grey to black, finely laminated carbonaceous siltstone; locally silicified. crust up to 0.1 m thick but is absent south of the Chace Range, where only a flooding surface is present ARKABA HILL BEDS: Laminated stromatolitic WIRRAPOWIE LIMESTONE: Dark grey, laminated to mottled lime mudstone and fine-grained limestone with thin tongues of cross-bedded oolite, and numerous dolomite and limestone, local fenestral fabrics and gypsum pseudomorphs; interbedded micaceous siltstone, fine sandstone. Dark grey, laminated, stromatolite, columnar thrombolite, and archaeocyath-Renalcis bioherms. arbonaceous, locally silicified siltstone in lower part NIGGLY GAP BEDS: Grey, micaceous siltstone and WOODENDINNA DOLOMITE: Well-bedded, mudcracked, fine-grained sandstone, partly with halite casts, heavy-mineral-laminated sandstone, minor dolomite; locally stromatolitic and oolitic, silty dolomitic mudstone, with abundant quartz-sand interbeds in lower half. Lithoclast gravel trains near Wirrealpa Diapir. WIRRAWILKA BEDS: Pale grey to buff laminated PARACHILNA FORMATION: Upward-fining suite of sandstone and siltstone with minor carbonate interbeds. dolomitic limestone overlying dark grey, finely laminated siltstone, locally silicified. U-shaped dwelling burrows of *Diplocraterion* typifies basal units. Ripple marks, thin brown shale laminae and

desiccation cracks are common in the lower bioturbated RAWNSLEY QUARTZITE: Mature, medium-grained sandstone with intervals of trough cross-bedding and wavy, disrupted cryptalgal lamination; planar and EDIACARA MEMBER: Comprises from base up: Massive channelised sandstone; massive amalgamated sandstone with deformed contacts; laminated siltstone and finegrained sandstone; interbedded siltstone and fossilearing sandstone; concretionary cross-bedded sandstone Disconformable base; thickness ranges from 100 to 300 m in erosional palaeo-valleys.

CHACE QUARTZITE MEMBER: Mature, white, flatbedded quartzite, often with wavy disrupted cryptalgal lamination; similar in appearance to upper Rawnsley Quartzite; sharp to disconformable base. BONNEY SANDSTONE: Red micaceous siltstone and sandstone parasequences with cross-bedding ripple marks, mud-clasts and mudcracks; rippled and cross-bedded medium-grained sandstone near middle of sequence. PATSY HILL MEMBER: Two prominent limestonesandstone parasequences consisting of cryptalgal laminated grey limestone or wavy to swaley crossstratified limestone, grading up to thickly bedded oolitic calcarenite with stromatolitic bioherms followed by reddish, micaceous sandstone. Sharp or erosive base.

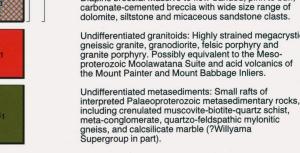
WONOKA FORMATION: Storm-dominated mixed carbonate-siliciclastic sequence. Lower unit consists of interbedded maroon mudstone and sharp-based, fine-grained calcareous and dolomitic sandstone (tempestites), commonly with sole marks, graded bedding, combined-flow ripples and hummocky cross-stratification. Middle unit is finely laminated reddish calcareous mudstone with varying proportions of thinly bedded cyclic, micritic limestone. Upper unit is finely laminated green siltstone, medium to thickly bedded limestone and calcareous sandstone (tempestites) with planar bedding, hummocky cross-stratification

and climbing ripples. Palaeopascichnus trace fossil near top. condensed cyclic 20-30 mm green-purple event-bed shale grading to dolomicrite which forms hardgrounds. Dolomicrite is often partly to completely reworked.

Base is generally sharp. BUNYEROO FORMATION: Brick-red shale with thin, light green bands and reduction spots; upper half commonly grey-green. 10-30 mm thick layer with subrounded fragments of felsic volcanics occurs ~60 m above base (interpreted bolide impact lave attributed to impact at Lake Acraman in the Gawler Ranges). WILCOLO SANDSTONE MEMBER: Thin pebbly lag

sandstone or massive coarse-grained to pebbly, cross-bedded channelised sandstone of fluvial to shallow marine origin. Transgressive, with

disconformable base.



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Siltstone: Undifferentiated micaceous siltstone with

Dolomite, commonly cryptalgal laminated or stromatolitic, with dolomitic siltstone interbeds.

Shale: Khaki-green to light grey, finely laminated micaceous shale and fine dolomitic mudstone; rare

pseudomorphs after halite and occasional mudcracks.

Sandstone: Medium to coarse-grained sandstone and

clean, mature quartzite. Well bedded, commonly with heavy-mineral lamination, occasional ripples and

Unnamed volcanics (Arkaroola or Curdimurka Subgroup):

Altered dark purple to grey-green, haematitic, amygdaloidal basalt. Possible Wooltana Volcanics equivalent.

micro-trough cross-bedding, halite casts and rare rosettes possibly pseudomorphing barite. Minor interbedded siltstone and dolomite.

Undifferentiated basic intrusives: Fine to coarse-

Diapiric breccia: Massive to flow-banded, pink to buff.

grained, dark green, uralitised dolerite, locally intrusive into the Callanna Group.

minor dolomite, shale and sandstone; abundant salt casts; tuffaceous in part. Largely equivalent to the Niggly Gap Beds.

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