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ABSTRACT

Sixteen rotary investigation holes have been drilled in the Mallee region of the Murray Basin, mostly between May and September 1983, to depths varying between 74 and 280 metres. Five were completed in the Murray Group unconfined aquifer and the remaining eleven in the Renmark Group confined aquifer. Potentiometric levels vary from 35 to 70 metres below ground level.

INTRODUCTION

A rotary drilling programme was carried out in the Mallee to obtain hydrogeological and stratigraphic information for the Murray Basin Hydrogeological Investigation, in addition to providing observation wells to monitor water levels and possible effects from large scale irrigation projects which may develop in the region.

Barnett (1983) carried out a data assessment of the region which outlined data deficiencies (mainly in the Renmark Group confined aquifer), which led to this drilling programme. This is the eighth and final report in a series presenting results from a comprehensive drilling programme throughout the Murray Basin in South Australia.

A total of sixteen holes were drilled at eleven sites (Figure 1). Five were completed in the Murray Group unconfined aquifer and eleven in the Renmark Group confined aquifer. At four of the sites, holes to both aquifers were drilled side by side to obtain accurate head difference measurements.

A replacement well was drilled adjacent to M129 because the sandscreen was inadvertently installed six metres too deep (adjacent to Cretaceous mudstone) and the hole also filled in by vandals.

WELL COMPLETION

Each hole was rotary drilled (150 mm diameter) to total depth using mud circulation. Renmark Group completions were cased with 80 mm ID steel including two metre sand screens (0.5 mm aperture) placed opposite the chosen aquifer interval, while shallower completions within Murray Group Limetone were cased with 80 mm PVC with a 12 metre slotted interval (2 mm aperture).

All casing was cemented and development was carried out by air lifting until a consistent water quality was achieved. All bores were completed with a one metre yellow standpipe and screw cap for future water level observation.

GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING

Holes completed in the sandy Renmark Group aquifer were geophysically logged using the following tools: gamma, neutron, density, caliper, point resistivity, self potential, 16 inch and 64 inch normal resistivity.

Due to a malfunction in the logging equipment, point resistivity, 16 inch and 64 inch normals were not available for M140.

Bulk density log was substituted for the 64 inch normal at M133. The logs were employed to choose the best aquifer interval to be developed.

Composite logs combining geological and geophysical information and well construction are included in Appendix A.

WATER QUALITY

Two water samples were obtained from each hole, one for full chemical analysis (results presented in Table 2) and one for total dissolved solids (ATS). Only two wells yielded an insufficient supply for representative sampling of the aquifer. A follow up sampling programme using the small diameter mono pump also failed to achieve representative samples although approximate salinities are presented.

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Barnett, S.R., 1983. Murray Basin Hydrogeological Investigation, Data Assessment - Mallee Region. S. Aust. Dept. Mines and Energy Report 83/18 (unpublished).

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF WELL DATA (all depth in metres)

	RY PERMIT	UNIT	TOTAL	WATER LEVEL	SCREENED (2m)		Y AQUIFER	AQUIFER
NO.	NO.	NO.	DEPTH	(below ground level)	or SLOTTED (12m) INTERVAL	(mg/L)	TYPE *	NAME **
M126	92921B	6828-731	188	25.3	171-173	2871***	С	RG
M128	12877	6828-737	201	52.0	168-170	2488***	C	RG
M129	12876	6929-423	230	33.8	208-210	2983	C	RG
M129A	94736	6929-495	213	33.5	194-197	2983	C	RG
M130	12875	6928-542	280	36.8	208-210	1577	C	RG
M131	12874	6827-1530	225.5	42.3	203-205	1965	C	RG
M132	12871	6927-588	100	53.1	85-98	2003	UC	MG
M133	12870	6927-587	234	50.8	203-205	1052	C	RG
M134	92861	7027-587	75	49.8	60-72	1120	UC	MG
M135	92860	7027-586	125	49.8	110-123	1295	SC	MG
M136	92859	7027-585	248	47.6	236-238	1142	C	RG
M137	12873	7026-111	111	64.2	95-108	755	UC	MG
M138	12872	7026-110	257	66.0	218-220	768	C	RG
M139	13080	7026-113	102	67.7	85-98	645	UC	MG
M140	13079	7026-112	257	69.8	221.5-223.5	759	C	RG
M152	94361	6929-465	245	33.9	160-163		C	RG
M153	94436	6930-17	178.5	35.6	171-173	15100	C	CC

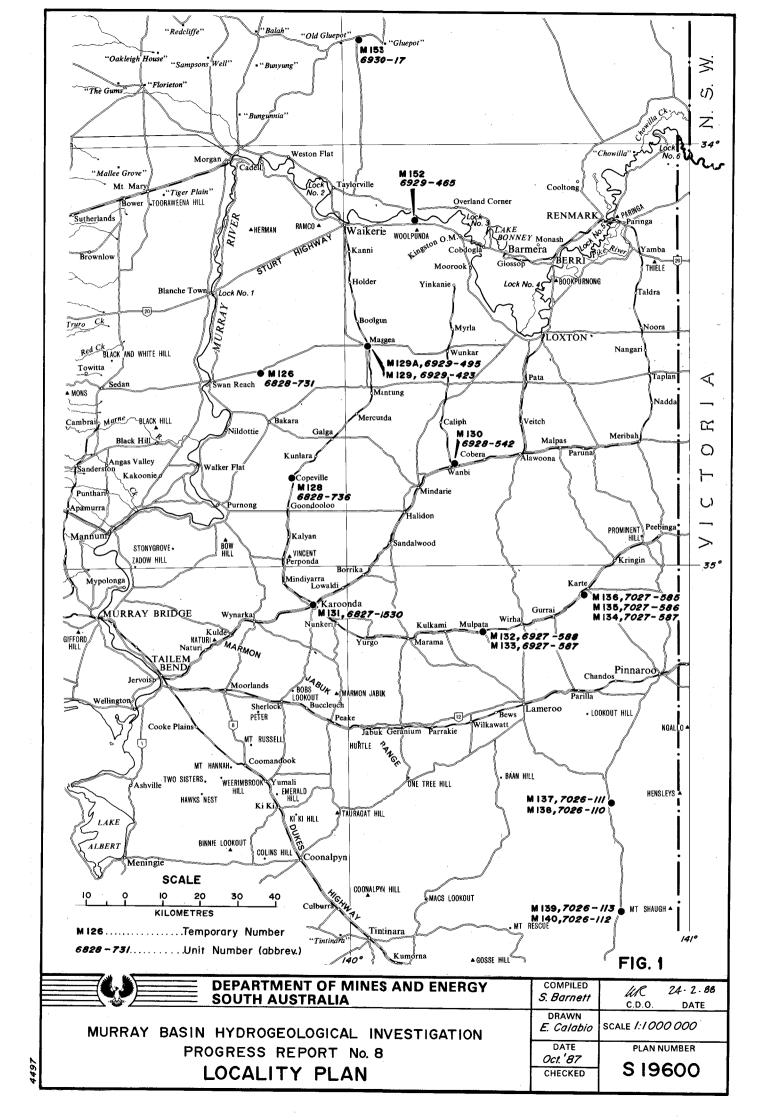
^{*} Aquifer Type - C = confined SC = semi-confined UC = unconfined

** Aquifer Name - RG = Renmark Group CC = Compton Conglomerate MG = Murray Group limestone

*** Approximate TDS only

TABLE 2 WATER ANALYSES (mg/l)

TEMP.	PERMIT NO.	ANALYSIS NO.	S Ca	Mg	Na	K	HCO ₃	SO ₄	Cl	NO ₃	TDS pH	AQUIFER
M129A	94753	3887/87	19	18	1110	17	700	125	1344	<0.1	2983 8.0	RG
M130	12875	4684/83	6.8	5.5	620	11	677	33	565	3	1577 8.1	RG
M131	12874	4614/83	9.4	7.4	760	13	639	110	751	<1.0	1965 8.3	RG
M132	12871	3821/83	75	60	605	16	288	193	911	<1.0	2003 8.2	MG
M133	12870	3822/83	40	34	315	15	307	87	410	<1.0	1052 8.3	RG
M134	92851	3714/83	46	36	300	11	270	97	450	<1.0	1074 8.0	MG
M135	92860	3711/83	63	44	355	11	263	125	566	<1.0	1294 8.0	MG
M136	92859	2726/89	14	13	410	17	402	57	426	4	1142 7.8	RG
M137	12873	4171/83	54	37	184	7.7	254	50	301	<1.0	759 8.1	MG
M138	12872	4160/83	64	27	190	7.7	249	61	283	<1.0	756 8.2	RG
M139	13080	4564/83	50	37	133	6.7	277	47	222	1.0	633 8.2	MG
M140	13079	4563/83	63	32	175	8.9	248	60	297	<1.0	759 8.3	RB
M152	94361	BMR	529	608	6810	94	342	879	1170	-	22000 7.8	RG
M153	94436	3848/86	220	475	4700	73	284	1700	7760	<1.0	15100 8.0	CC



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COMPOSITE WELL LOG - GROUNDWATER

	GR	OUNDW	ATER ANA	LYSES		
DEPTH TO	DEPTH TO		YIELD	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS		
CUT (m)	S.W.L. (m)	m 3/day	Method of Test	mg/litre	Analysis W. No	
171	36.59	10	Airlift	15100	3848/86	
	T.O.C.					
	13-4-87				1	

TYPE OF LOG

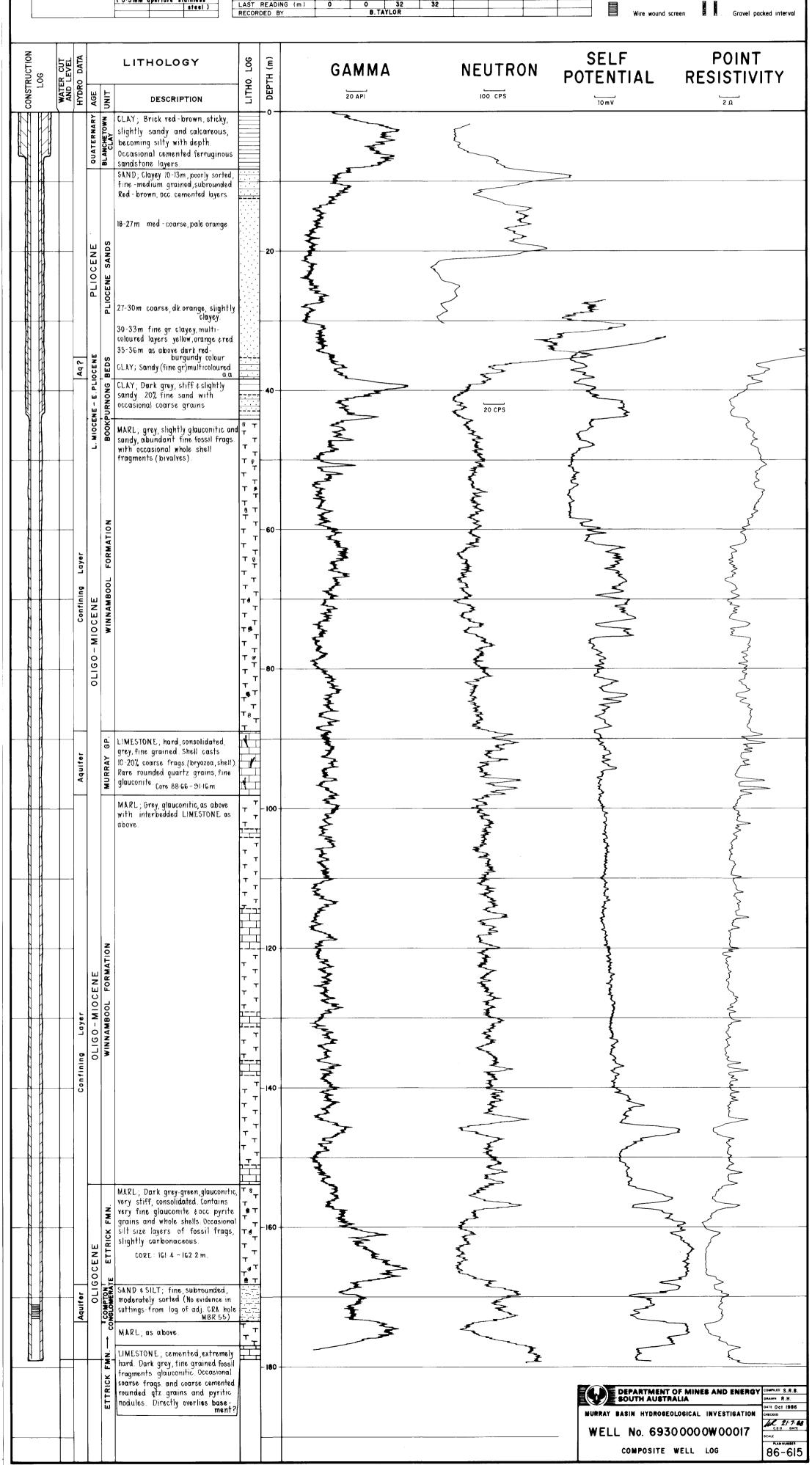
FIRST READING (m)

DATE OF RUN

PROJECT MURRAY BASIN HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION FIELD No. M 153 UNIT No. 69300000W00017 PERMIT No. 94436 LOCATION GLUEPOT STATION

REF. ELEV. 66:231 m SURFACE ELEV. 65:472 m DATUM AHD LOGGED BY S.R.BARNETT DATE 30:6:86

WELL SYMBOLS GEOPHYSICS Slotted casing GAMMA NEUTRON S.P. P.R. DENSITY TEMP. 24-6-86 24-6-86 24-6-86 24-6-86 Cemented interval 177-8 179-4 179-4 32 32 B. TAYLOR



COMPOSITE WELL LOG - GROUNDWATER

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS DRILLING METHOD ROTARY CIRCULATION MUD MUD RESISTIVITY/TYPE START 6.9.83 FINISH 8.9.83 TOTAL DEPTH 188 From (m) To (m) HOLE DIAMETER 200 140 188 CASING DIAMETER 179.5 CASING DIAMETER 82 171 173 STAINLESS STEEL O.5mm APERTURE SCREEN DETAILS

	GR	CONDW	ATER ANA	LTSES		
DEPTH TO	DEPTH TO		YIELD	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS		
CUT (m)	S.W.L (m)	m³/day	Method of Test	mg/litre	Analysis W. No	
171	26.07		PUMP	2488		
	(TOC)			(approx.)	T	
-	15-10-83			1	1	

PROJECT MURRAY BASIN

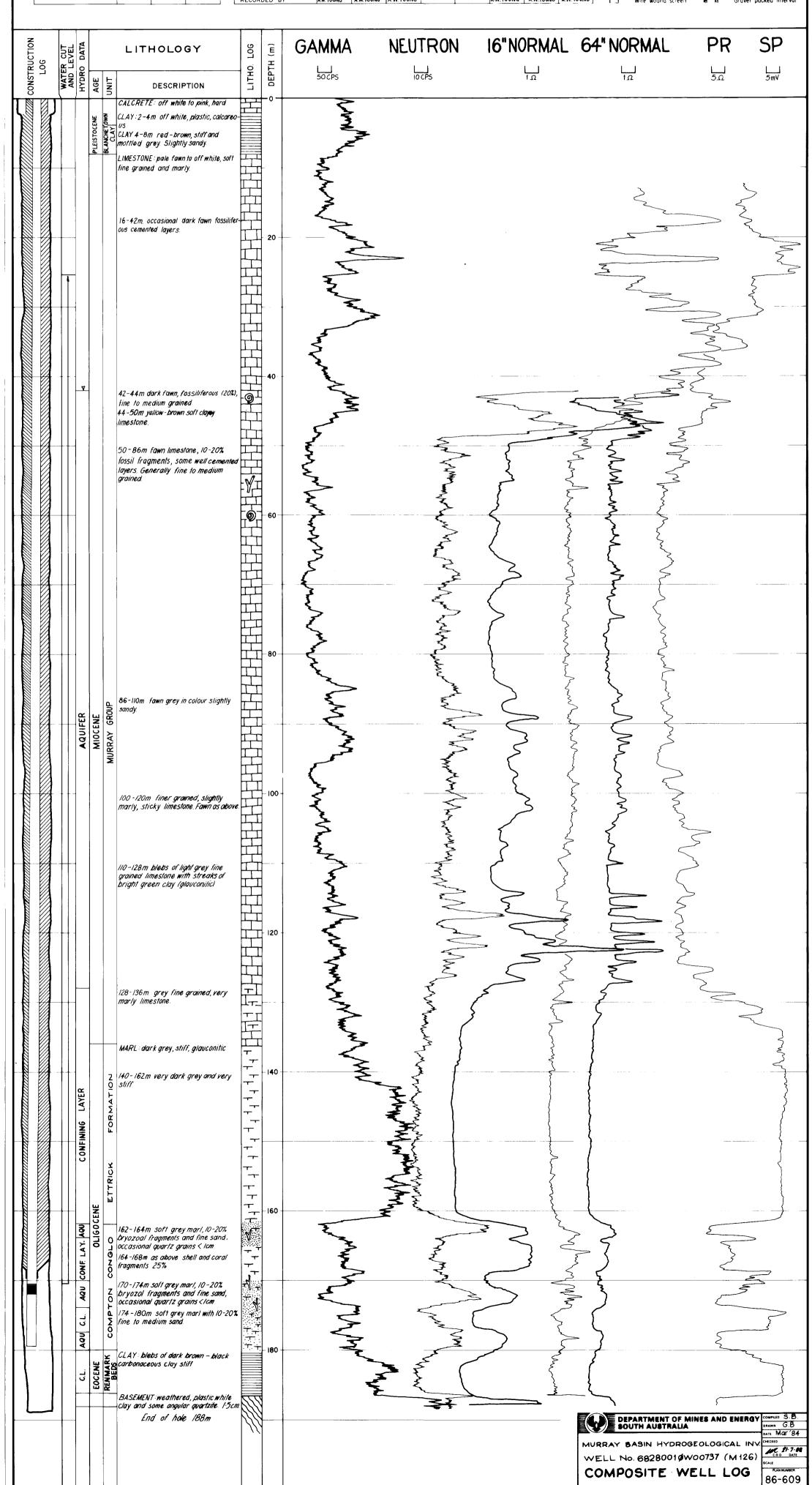
FIELD No. MI26 UNIT No 6828001ØW00737 PERMIT No. 92921B LOCATION ADJ SEC.44 HD. BAKARA 150m south of Swan Reach-Loxton road 19-5km from Swan Reach. Eastern side of dirt road.

REF. ELEV. 53:34 m SURFACE ELEV. 52:55 m DATUM AHD LOGGED BY S. BARNETT

DATE 6-10-83

GEOPHYSICS CALIPER DENSITY TYPE OF LOG GAMMA NEUTRON S.P. TEMP DATE OF RUN 10-9-83 10-9-83 10-9-83 10-9-83 10-9*-8*3 10-9-83 18<u>8</u> 13 FIRST READING (m) 187 187 188 188 188 LAST READING (m) 42 42 13 A.W.YOUNG A.W.YOUNG A.W.YOUNG A.W.YOUNG A.W. YOUNG RECORDED BY A.W. YOUNG

WELL SYMBOLS Casing seal Slotted casing Cemented interval Gravel packed interval



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COMPOSITE WELL LOG - GROUNDWATER

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS ROTARY DRILLING METHOD. MUD CIRCULATION MUD RESISTIVITY/TYPE BENTONITE START .12 .5 .83. FINISH 21.5.83 TOTAL DEPTH 248. From (m) To (m) 250 150 HOLE DIAMETER 5.7 2483 5.7 244.8 CASING DIAMETER 200 80 CASING DIAMETER (Uncemented) 238 236 SCREEN DETAILS 3/steel)

GROUNDWATER ANALYSES								
DEPTH TO	DEPTH TO		YIELD	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				
CUT (m)	S.W.L. (m)	m³/day	Method of Test	mg/litre	Analysis W. No			
236	48 - 37	G-48	AIR LIFTED	2097	W 3710/83			
	T.O.C.							
	(10·8·83)	•						

PROJECT MURRAY BASIN FIELD No. M 136 UNIT No. 7027004 W00585 PERMIT No. 92859 LOCATION 3.2 km south-east of Karta on Gurrai Road Adjacent Section 10; Hundred of Kingsford. REF. ELEV. 84:485 m SURFACE ELEV. 83:703 m DATUM A.H.D. DATE 17:5:83

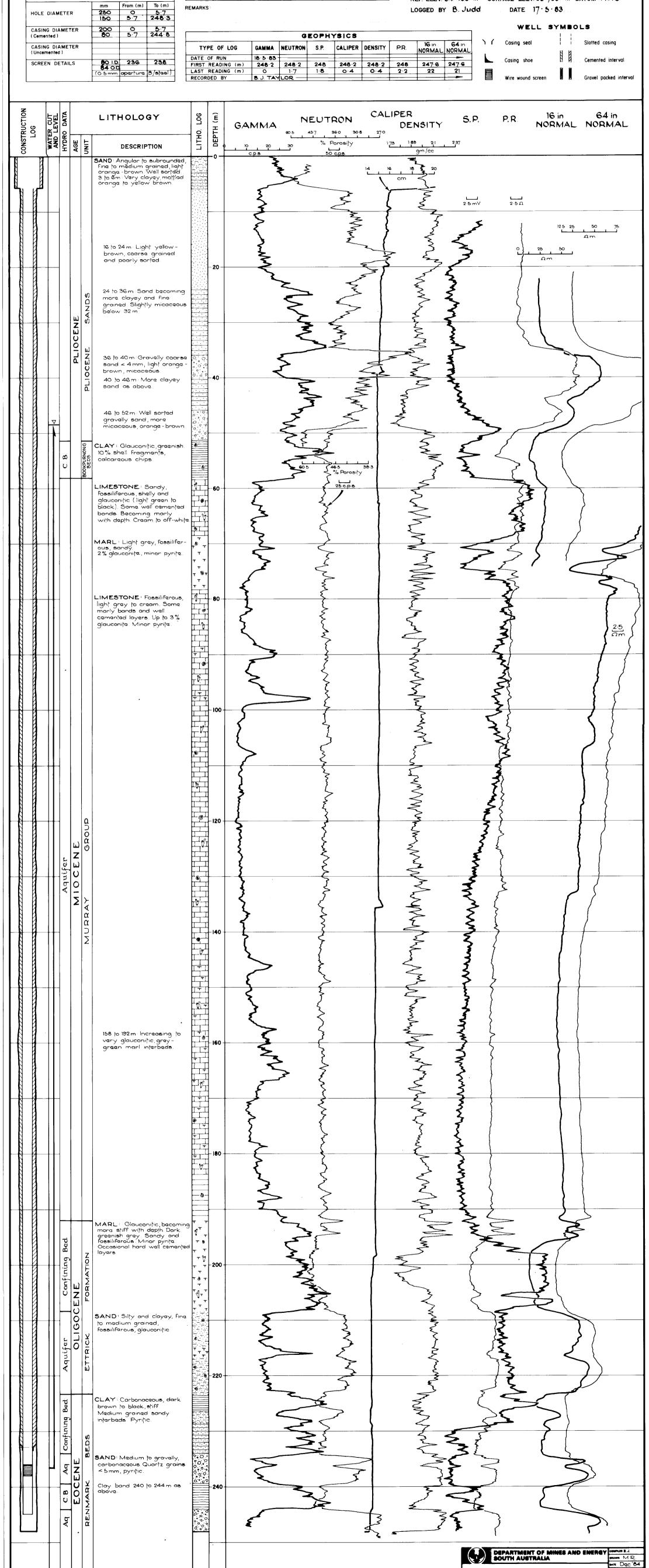
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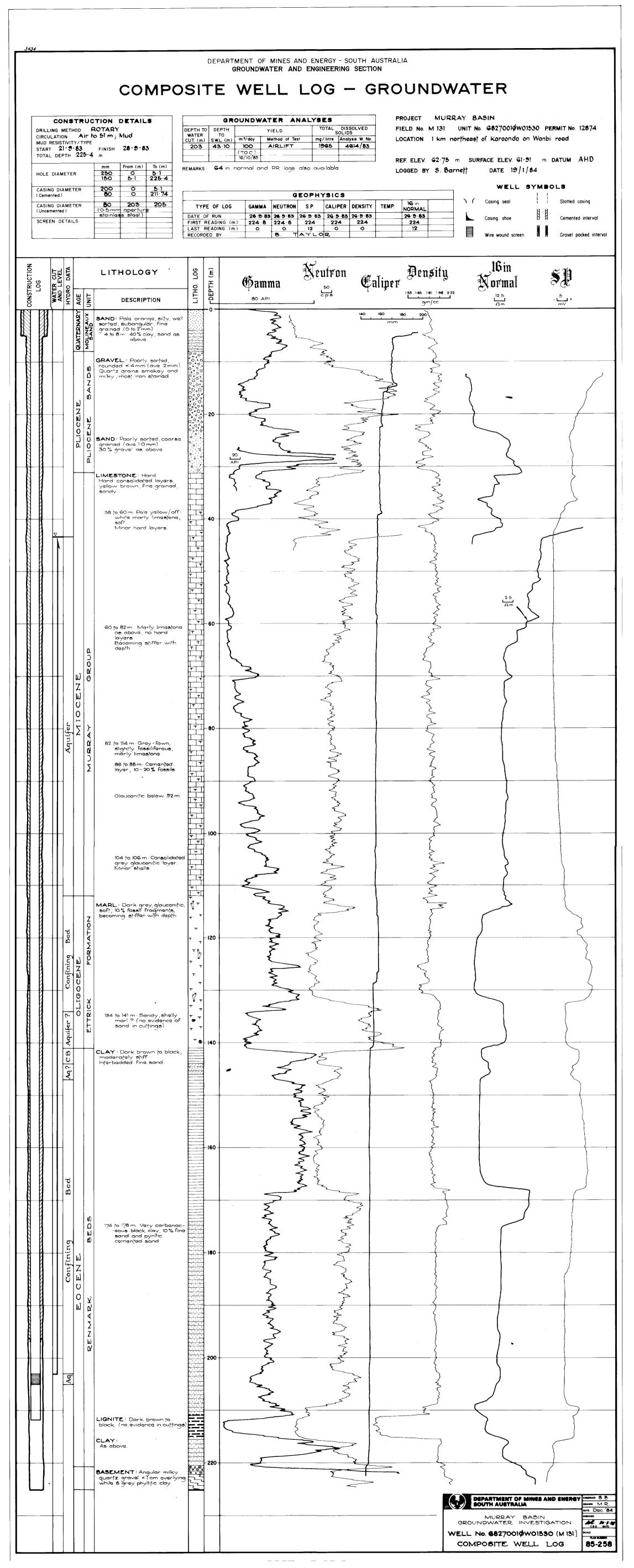
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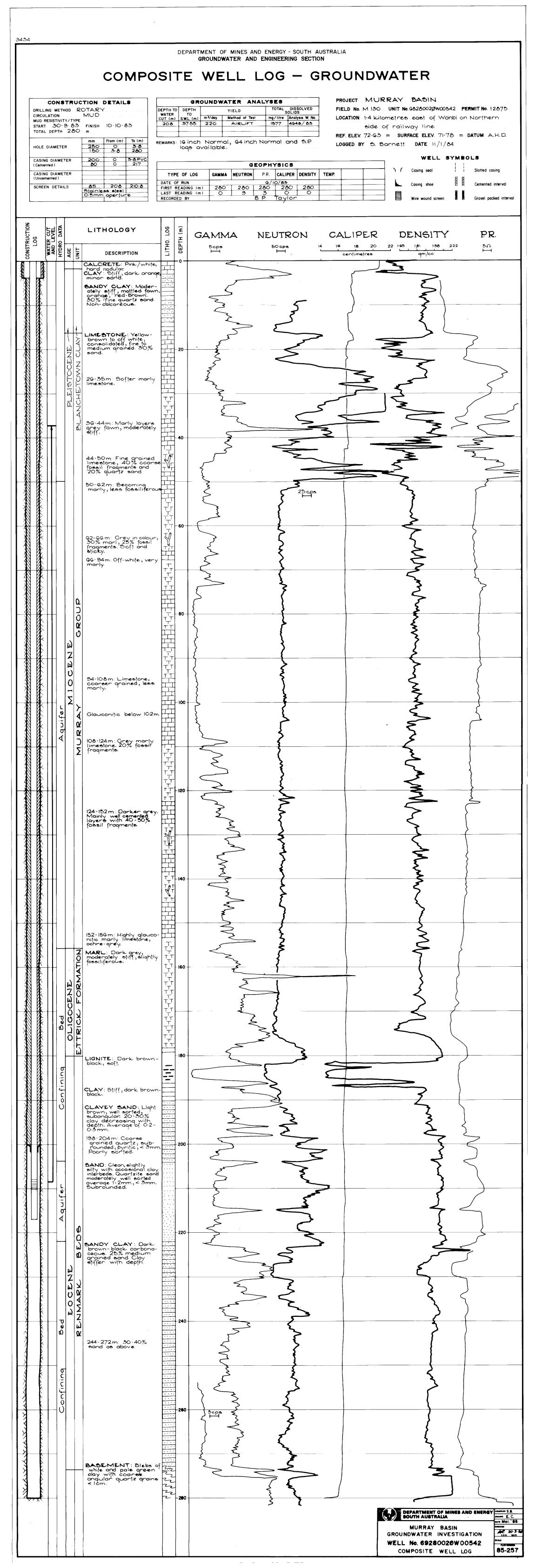
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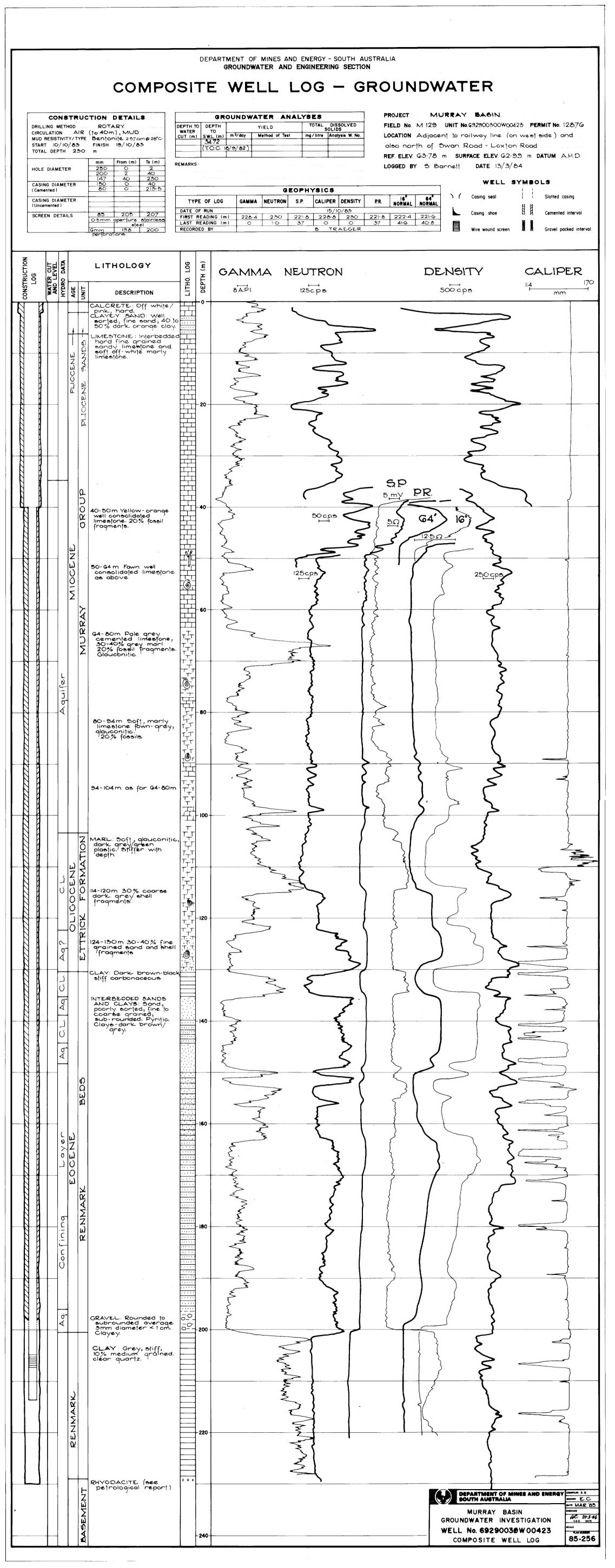
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COMPOSITE WELL LOG - GROUNDWATER

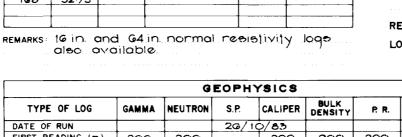
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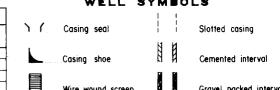
DEPTH TO	DEPTH TO		YIELD	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS		
CUT (m)	S.W.L. (m)	m³/day	Method of Test	mg/litre	Analysis W. No.	
168	52.75		•		ļ	

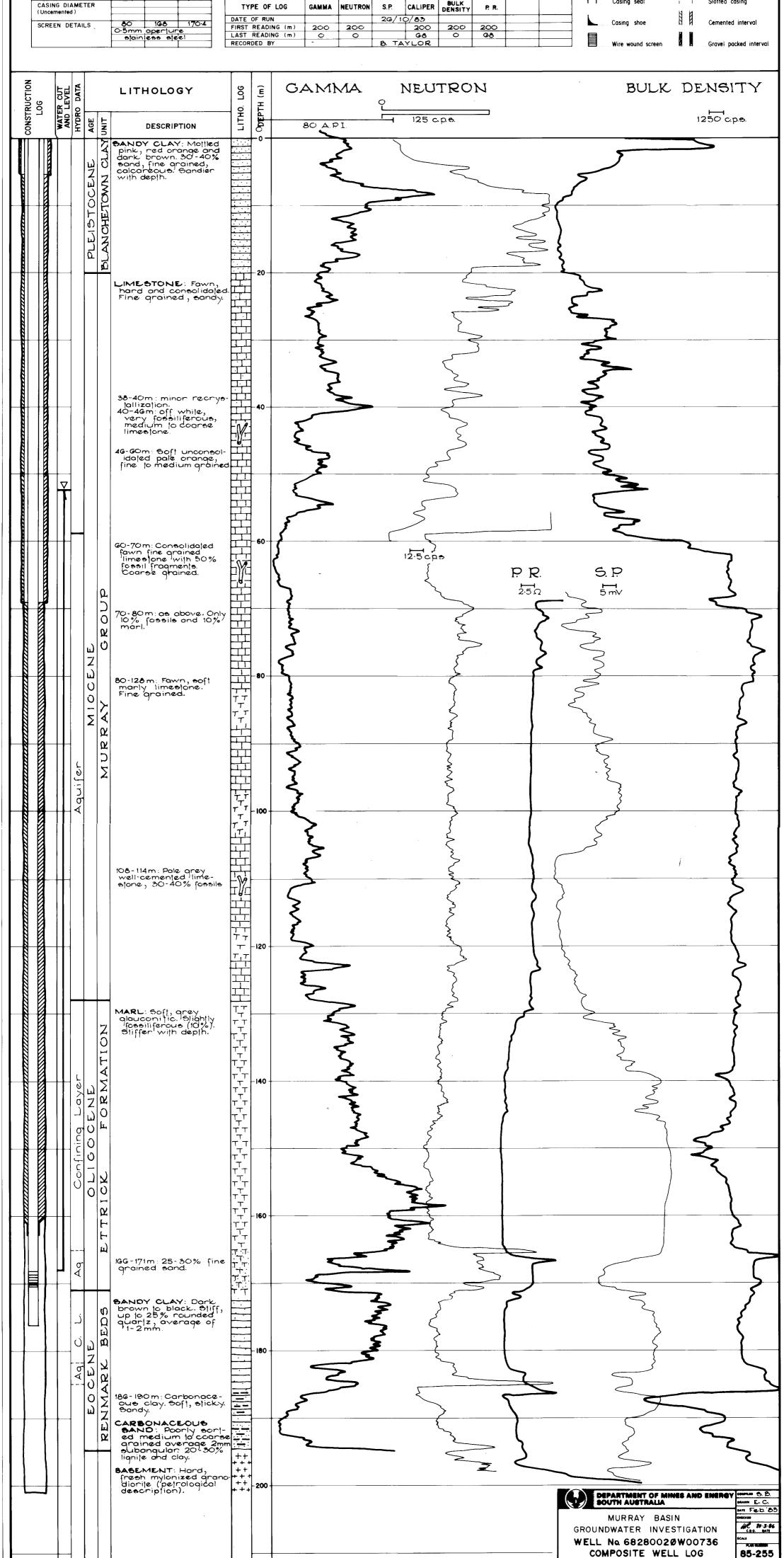
PROJECT MURRAY BASIN FIELD No. M. 128. UNIT No. G8280020W0073G PERMIT No. 12877 LOCATION 1.5 km south of Copeville,

REMARKS: 16 in and 64 in normal resistivity logs also available

adjacent to railway line REF. ELEV. 70:90 m SURFACE ELEV. 70:04 m DATUM A.H.D. LOGGED BY & Barnett DATE 11-1-84







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Well comented 17 to 18 m LIMESTONE: Off-white, consolidated and fossiliferous. 24 - 28 m : Fawn, marly and consolidated layers 30 - 38 m: Light yellow - brown clay, calcaraous and gritty. 50-55m: Dark yellow-brown, fine grained limestone with strong iron staining and camented layer armasiona with occasional camantad and fossilifarous layers, glauconitic.
Bacoming darker gray in colour with dapth. 60 72 m: Dark gray silt layar. Greenish gray limestone below this depth. Increasing glauconite content Ω GROL MIOCENE MURRAY From 95m glauconita increases to 5-10% 100 From 102 m predominantly pale graen in colour, 20 % glauconite. Occasional vary large shall fragments and vary fine graine disseminated pyrite associated with large blabs of dark green glauconite (<3mm). Many Many Many Many Many 118-124m: Dark grey,very marly limestone, less glauconitic, 10% large shell fragments (<1cm) CORE 125.4 - 126.75 m:
125.4 - 126.0: Gray-green glauconitic fine-mad grained consolidated lime-stone. 10% shell fragaments < 1cm 126.0-126.7 m: Sandy limestone as abov. 50% poorly sorted fine to med. sub-rounded sand. Occ. pyrite grains. 126.7-129 m: SAND, fine to med. grad, poorly sorted, gray, occ. fine grad glauconite and pyrite. MARL: Dark gray, glauconitic and moderately stiff. Very finely fossiliferous. OLIGOCENE 141-146m: Occasional silt-size fossiliferous interbeds. LIGNITE: Dark brown-black brittle (shows conchoidal fracture) INTERBEDDED SANDY CLAYS & CLAYEY SANDS: Dark brown carbonacaous, clays and silty interbeds and occasional fine grained sandy intervals. Aquifar 190 m: Minor shall fragments in brown calcareous clays. Bads EOCENE Minor thin bands of pyrita. O E N F Confinin Mainly LOWER RENMARK BEDS DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY COMPILED S. P.UGH SOUTH AUSTRALIA -240 WOOLPUNDA GROUNDWATER INTERCEPTION SCHEME Very fine grained sand, silty WELL No. 69291800W00465 PLAN NUMBER COMPOSITE WELL LOG 87-554