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# SOILS OF THE BENDIGO DISTRICT

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### SOILS OF THE BENDIGO DISTRICT

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### INTRODUCTION

A soil investigation has been carried out over an area of about 1,200 square kilometres (topography maps 1:100,000 scale; Bendigo sheet No. 7724 and Heathcote sheet No.7824). The investigation is related to the Land System survey conducted by the Soil Conservation Authority (S.C.A.).

Six land systems, which are broadly distributed in the district, were partly or fully covered in this report.

#### Purpose of the Investigation

The investigation was intended to serve two purposes:

- i) To provide an overall picture of soil distribution in part of the Bendigo District, and
- ii) To provide detailed soil descriptions for local departmental officers for their advisory recommendations.

#### LAND SYSTEMS

A land system is a group of soil components grouped together and having, in common, major feature of climate, geology, bed rock, topography, landscape and, where appropriate, other minor features. Each feature is enumerated.

This report covers whole or part of the following land systems-

The first three land systems occur in the northern half of Bendigo and Heathcote areas. They have a similar climate and their geological units include basalt, granite and sedimentary calcareous bedrock. The other land systems occur in the southern half of the two areas.

Diagrams for these land systems are shown in figures 1 to 6.

Figure 1 – Land Systems 212131

LAND SYSTEM 212131		
Component	1	2
Climate (Average)	Annual rainfall: 42	25-500 mm
Geology	Cambrian diabase with interbe	edded cherts and shales
	Predominantly diabase	Colluvium from diabase
Topography:		
Landform	Prominent N-S	S Ridge
Position	Crest	Fan
Av. Sideslope <sup>o</sup>	10	3
Native Vegetation:		
Structure	Woodland	d?
Association	Grey box, white box	x, yellow box
Soil:		
Group	Stony red gradation soil, fine structure	Red calcareous clay soil, uniform texture
Surface texture	Clay loam	Clay
Permeability	High	Moderate
Present Land Use	Cropping, grazing. No	timber reserves
Hazards	High sheet erosion. High salting at j	unction with other land units.

Figure 2 – Land System 313131

LAND SYSTEM 213131	100				
Component	1	2	3	4	5
Climate (Average)			Annual Rainfall: 425-50		
Geology	Lower Palaeozoic sl	ates and sandstones,	interbedded, steeply-drip	ping with quartz reefs.	Alluvium
		Strike app	roximately N-S.		
Land Form		(	Gentle low ridges NW-NI	E trend	
Position	Sharper crests	Gentle crests	Upper slopes	Lower slopes	Swales
Av. Sideslope <sup>o</sup>	6	4	3	2	1
Native Vegetation					
Structure	Open forest				
Association	Red box, red	Red ironbark,	Yellow gum, grey	Yellow gum, grey	Yellow gum, grey
	stringybark, red ironbark	grey box	box	box	box
Soil					
Group	Shallow stony	Red sodic duplex	Red sodic duplex	Yellow sodic duplex	Yellow sodic duplex
_	gradational soils	soils	soils, coarse structure	soils, coarse structure	soils
Surface structure	Stony loam	Gravelly loam	Gravelly loam	Gravelly loam	Clay loam
Permeability	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Very Low	Moderate
Present Land Use		Mainly grazii	ng, forestry, nature conse	rvation, recreation.	
Hazards			erioration of streams by s		
		High sheet erosion	•	Moderate sheet	High gullying,
				erosion	Moderate salting

Figure 3 – Land System 313132

LAND SYSTEM 313132					
Component	1	2	3	4	5
Climate (Average)			Annual rainfall: 500-625 mm		
Geology	Lower Palaec	pzoic slates and sandstones, in	nterbedded, steeply dipping, w	rith quartz reefs. Strike approx	-
Topography					Alluvium
Land Form			entle low ridges – NW-NE tre		
Position	Sharp crests	Gentle crests	Upper slopes	Lower slopes	Swales
Av. Sideslope <sup>o</sup>	6	4	3	2	1
Native Vegetation					
Structure	Open forest				
Association	Red box, red stringybark, red ironbark	Red ironbark, grey box		Yellow gum, grey box	
Soil					
Group	Shallow stony gradational soils	Red sodic duplex soils	Red sodic duplex soils, coarse structure	Yellow sodic duplex soils, coarse structure	Yellow sodic duplex soils
Surface Texture	Stony loam		Gravelly loam		Clay loam
Permeability	Moderate		Low	Very Low	Moderate
Present Land use		Cleared-grazing. Tir	mbered – forestry, nature cons	servation, recreation.	
Hazards		Runoff causes dete	rioration of streams by siltation	on, erosion, salting.	
		High sheet erosion	•	Moderate sheet erosion  Moderate gullying	High gullying Moderate salting

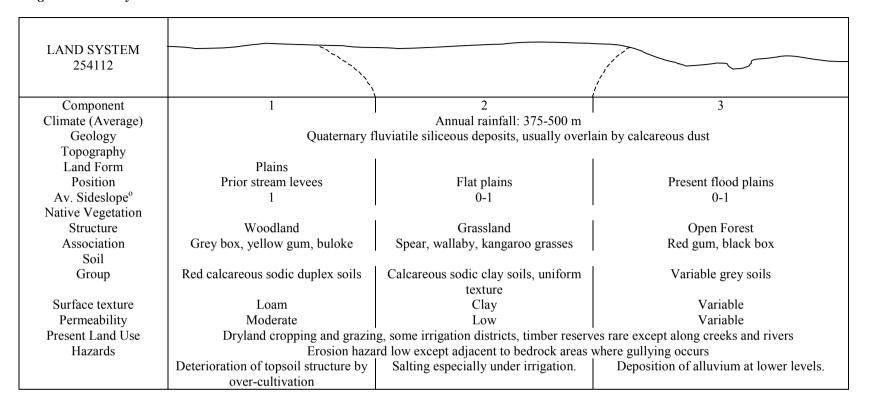
Figure 4 – Land System 321231

LAND SYSTEM 321231				
Component	1	2	3	4
Climate (Average)		Annual rainfa	all: 500-625 mm	
Geology		Gran	odiorite	
Topography				Alluvium
Land Form		Gentle slopes a	approximately N-S	
Position	Crests with rock outcrop	Crests	Long slopes	Drainage lines
Av. Sideslope <sup>o</sup>	5	3	2	1
Native Vegetation			·	
Structure	Open forest		Woodland	
Association	Yellow box, long leaf box, red box, grey box, broad leaf peppermint		Red gum, yellow box, grey box, long leaf box	Red gum
Soil				
Group	Yellow sodic, duplex soils, coarse structure	Mottled duplex soils with ironstone	Mottled duplex soils with ironstone	Yellow sodic duplex soils
Surface Texture	Coarse sandy loam			
Permeability	Moderate		Very Low	Moderate
Present Land Use		Grazing, occasional cropping		
Hazards	Low sheet erosion, low salting  High gullying,			low salting

Figure 5 – Land System 352123

LAND SYSTEM			f		
352123			/		
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Component	1	2	3	4	5
Climate (Average)			Annual rainfall: 500-625 mm		
Geology			Basalt		
				Alluvium	Colluvium from Basalt
Topography					
Land Form			Undulating plains		
Position	Highest, level areas	Rises	Scarp	Creek flat	Scarp
Av. Sideslope <sup>o</sup>	0	3	5	1	10
Native Vegetation					
Structure	Woodland	Open W	oodland		Open forest,
Association	Red gum		Red gum		Yellow box, grey box
	Grey box				
Soil					
Group	Grey calcareous sodic	Red brown stony shallow	Red brown stony shallow	Black cracking clay soils,	Stony red gradational soils
	clay soils, uniform texture	gradational soils	gradational soils	uniform texture	
Surface texture	Clay	Clay loam	Clay loam	Clay	Loam
Permeability	Very Low	Moderate	Moderate	Very Low	Moderate
Present Land Use			Grazing, timbered areas rare		_
Hazards	Low salting	Slight sheet erosion	Moderate sheet erosion	Low gullying	Moderate sheet erosion

Figure 6 – Land System 254112



#### **GEOLOGY**

#### **Ordovician**

Rock units consist of massive sandstones and grits which may be interbedded with the shales and slates. The similarity of appearance of the Ordovician rocks makes it impossible to separate various rock groups by lithology. All the sub-divisions are based on the evolutionary sequence of the contained fossils which are mostly graptolitic.

Several areas containing older rocks surrounded by belts of younger rocks, have been recognized e.g. the one extending from Heathcote to Axedale and one around Bendigo. In between these there are areas in which Middle Ordovician rocks appear, e.g. on certain isolated areas in the complexly faulted Heathcote area

#### Silurian - Lower Devonian Rocks

These are found only east of the Heathcote-Colbinabbin Cambrian belt. Their general structure is that of a very big synclinal area lying immediately east of the Mt Ida and Heathcote fault line. The thick sandstones, often abundantly fossiliferous and containing in places odd pebbles, merge into inter bedded Conglomerates.

#### Granitic Rocks

The area includes portions of two major granitic masses which are the Harcourt and Pyalong massifs. The former is a granodiorite rich in zenoliths of the invaded lower palaeozoic sediments, and is associated with numerous minor intrusion of aplites and pegmatite. The latter is a complex intrusion with a core of granodiorite and on annular rim of porphyritic granite.

Along the Heathcote-Colbinabbin anticlinorium is the belt of Cambrian rocks lying between the Mt Ida and Knowles East faults (which have a general northerly direction), and their continuation in the McIvor and Heathcote faults (which run south easterly).

**Silurian** –Lower Devonian rocks and Ordovician rocks are separated by the Heathcote–Colbinabbin belt. This is an extremely complex belt formed by parallel shear and cross fractures the effect of which is to cause the older rocks along the major faults to override the younger.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE SOILS

### Soils of the 212131 Land System

Soils occurring on crests and long slopes of north-south ridges.

### **TYPE - 12 SC**

Red-brown clay loams over medium clay to heavy clays, with buckshot and rock fragments.

$\mathbf{A}_2$	0 to 6/13 cm	red-brown clay loam to light clay.
$\mathbf{B}_2$	6/13 to 22/28 cm	red-brown medium clay to heavy clay, sometimes with buckshot and rock fragments.
$\mathbf{B}_2$	22/28 to 100+ cm	red-brown medium clay to heavy clay, sometimes yellowish grey with red brown at 80 cm.

Soils occurring on long slopes.

### **TYPE - 12 C**

Red-brown clay loams over medium clays.

A	0 to 6 cm	red-brown light clay,
$\mathbf{B}_2$	6 to 22 cm	red-brown medium clay, with small buckshot.
B2	22 to 80 cm	yellowish brown with yellowish grey mottling medium clay to heavy clay, with slight stone and buckshot.
	80 to 90 cm	yellowish grey with yellow-grey and yellowish brown mottling heavy clay, with slight to moderate hard lime.
	90 to 100+ cm	red-brown with yellowish brown and yellowish grey mottling heavy clay, with small buckshot.

Soils occurring on flats

### **TYPE - 12 F**

Dull greyish brown light clay over medium clay to heavy clay with moderate hard lime.

$A_1$	0 to 7 cm	dull greyish brown light clay.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	7 to 70 cm	dark grey-brown medium clay to heavy clay, with trace of soft and hard lime.
$\mathbf{B}_2$	70 to 100+ cm	dull greyish brown heavy clay, with slight to moderate hard and soft lime.

### Soils of the 213131 Land System

Sedimentary siliceous soils

### **TYPE - 13SC**

Brown clay loams over light clays with weathered sedimentary rock. These soils occur on sharp crests of high ridges.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 10/22 cm	dull brown to red-brown fine sandy clay loam to clay loam
$\mathbf{B}_1$	10/22 to 15/30 cm	red-brown light clay, with slight to moderate rock fragments.
$\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{C}}$	15/30 to 72/75 cm	red-brown light clay or medium clay, with heavy sandstone fragments.
$B_{C}$	42/75 to 100+ cm	yellowish grey with yellowish brown and red-dish brown mottled light clay or fine sandy clay loam, with heavy weathered sedimentary rock.

### **TYPE - 13C**

Dull greyish brown loams over clays with weathered sedimentary rock. These soils occur on crests of gentle ridges.

$\mathbf{A}_{1}$	0 to 5/10 cm	dull greyish brown to brown loam to fine sandy clay loam, sharply separated from.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	15/20 to 50 cm	brown or yellow-brown with reddish brown, yellowish brown and grey-brown light clay, occasionally medium clay, with slight stone.
$\mathbf{B}_2$	50 to 100 cm	brown with yellowish brown and yellowish grey medium clay, with moderate to light stone.

Variant - Sandy clay to fine sandy clay loam occurring below 75cm.

### **TYPE - 13US**

Dull brown to red-brown fine sandy clay loams over sandy clays. These soils occur on the upper slopes of ridges.

$A_1$	0 to 8/15 cm	dull brown to red-brown fine sandy clay loam.
$A_2$	8/15 to 15/25 cm	light brown to light reddish brown fine sandy clay loam.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	15/25 to 32/50 cm	red –brown sandy clay with slight stone.
$B_2$	32/50 to 100+ cm	red-brown or yellowish brown with red-brown sandy clay or light clay with moderate stone.
		dull reddish brown fine sandy clay loam over medium clay.

### **TYPE - 13GS**

These soils occur on long gentle slopes. Grey brown loams over medium clays. A2 horizons present.

$\mathbf{A}_{l}$	0 to 12 cm	grey-brown loam, friable.
$\mathbf{A}_2$	12 to 25 cm	pale grey-brown with light brown sporadic, bleach gravelly loam, extremely hard with stone fragments.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	25 to 57 cm	reddish brown with light brown and yellowish grey mottling, sandy clay loam extremely hard with heavy gravel and stone.
$\mathbf{B}_2$	57 to 107 cm	brown wit reddish brown and yellowish brown and grey mottling, medium clay (sandy) sub-angular blocky structure, friable m with heavy gravel and stone.
	107 to 127 cm	brown with yellowish grey and yellowish brown mottling, sandy clay to medium clay (sandy), angular blocky structure, hard when dry, with slight gravel and stone.

#### TYPE - 13SL

Alluvial Soils occurring in swales. Greyish brown sandy loams over sandy clay loams. A2 horizons present.

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$A_1$	0 to 12 cm	grevish brown to dark brown sandy loam.

A<sub>2</sub> 12 to 25 cm light brown or yellowish brown sandy clay loam.

B<sub>1</sub> 25 to 45/62 cm yellowish brown sandy clay loam to sandy clay with slight stone.

B<sub>2</sub> 45/62 to 100+ cm yellowish brown with yellowish grey sandy clay loam to sandy clay with slight

#### **TYPE - 13S2**

Dull greyish brown loams over sandy clay loams. A2 horizons present.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 3 cm	dull greyish brown loam, friable when moi	ist.

3 to 11 cm greyish brown light fine sandy clay loam, friable when moist.

A<sub>2</sub> 11 to 18 cm pale greyish brown conspicuous bleach, fine sandy clay loam.

B<sub>1</sub> 18 to 40 cm greyish yellowish brown with yellowish grey and yellowish brown

mottling, fine sandy clay loam.

40 to 52 cm dull brown with yellowish grey and dull yellowish brown mottling, fine

sandy clay loam heavy.

B<sub>2</sub> 52 to 70 cm dull brown with yellowish grey mottling, fine sandy clay loam platy

structure.

### **TYPE - 13S3**

Brownish grey fine sandy clay loams over light clays. A<sub>2</sub> horizons present.

A<sub>1</sub> 0 to 10 cm brownish grey fine sandy clay loam.

A<sub>2</sub> 10 to 26 cm light brownish grey clay loam.

B<sub>1</sub> 26 to 75+ cm yellow-brown with yellowish brown and red-brown light clay.

B<sub>2</sub> 75 to 100+ cm yellow-brown with yellowish brown and red-brown fine sandy clay to

fine sandy clay loam.

#### **TYPE - 13S4**

Red brown clay loams over light clays. Gravelly loam A2 horizons present.

 $A_1$  0 to 12 cm red-brown clay loam.

12 to 35 cm red-brown light clay.

A<sub>2</sub> 35 to 50 cm red-brown gravelly loam.

50 to 70 cm light brown fine sandy loam.

70 to 85 cm yellowish grey loam with slight gravel.

В	85 to 100+ cm	brown with yellowish brown and yellow-grey mottled light clay.
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### **TYPE - 13S5**

Greyish brown clay loams over medium clays (sandy). Bleached  $A_2$  horizons present.

$A_1$	0-11 cm	greyish brown clay loam.	
$A_2$	11-25 cm	light grey with yellowish brown, sporadic bleach, sandy clay loam, hard when dry.	
$B_1$	25-55 cm	yellowish grey with yellowish brown mottled medium clay (sandy), hard when dry.	
$B_2$	55-60 cm	greyish yellow-brown with slight yellowish grey mottled sandy clay, hard when dry.	
	60 –90 cm	yellow-brown with slight yellowish grey mottled silty clay, hard when dry.	
	90 – 100+cm	reddish brown with slight yellowish grey fine sandy clay loam, friable when moist.	

### **TYPE - 13S6**

Greyish brown light clays over heavy clays.

A	0 to 7 cm	greyish brown light clay.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	7 to 70 cm	dark grey-brown medium clay to heavy clay, with trace of hard lime.
$\mathrm{B}_2$	70 to 100+ cm	dull greyish brown heavy clay, with slight to moderate hard lime.

### Soils of the 313132 Land System

### **TYPE - 13SC 3**

Shallow stony soils with sandy loam surfaces over sandy clays. These soils occur on sharp crests.

A	0 to 10 cm	grey-brown loam with stone fragments.
B2	10 to 20 cm	reddish brown fine sandy clay loam with slight stone.
B2	20 to 30 cm	red-brown with yellow-brown mottled light clay with heavy rock.
	30 to 40 cm	yellowish brown with yellow-brown and yellowish grey mottled light clay with moderate rock.
	40 to 85 cm	yellowish grey-brown clay loam with heavy rock.

### **TYPE - 13 GS3**

Shallow stony soils with sandy loam surfaces over sandy clays.  $A_2$  horizons present. These soils occur on gentle slopes.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 7 cm	greyish brown sandy loam with heavy gravel and rock fragments.
$A_2$	7 to 22 cm	light brown sandy loam with heavy gravel and rock.

$\mathbf{B}_1$	22 to 29 cm	red-brown with light brown sandy clay, with light gravel and rock fragments.
$\mathrm{B}_2$	29 to 70cm	red-brown with yellowish brown and yellowish grey light clay, with slight to moderate small rock fragments.
	70 to 100cm	yellow-brown with red-brown and yellowish grey mottled sandy clay, with slight to moderate rock.

### **TYPE - 13MS3**

Shallow stony soils with dull greyish brown loam surfaces over light clays.  $A_2$  horizons present. These soils occur on mid slopes of gentle and higher hills.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 7 cm	dull greyish brown loam with gravel and rock fragments.	
$A_2$	7 to 20 cm	light brown sandy loam with slight gravel and rock.	
$B_1$	20 to 42 cm	reddish brown with yellowish brown and slight yellowish grey mottled sandy clay to medium clay (sandy), with rock.	
$B_2$	42 to 52 cm	yellow-brown with yellowish brown and yellowish grey mottled light clay, with rock fragments.	
	52 to 70 cm	red-brown with yellowish brown and slight yellowish grey coarse sandy clay, with gravel	
	70 to 77 cm	yellowish brown with slight reddish brown and yellowish grey mottled sandy clay, with gravel.	
	77 to 95 cm	yellowish brown with dark brown and yellowish grey silty clay, with slight gravel.	
	95+ cm	yellow-brown with light yellowish grey silty clay, with gravel and sand.	

### **TYPE - 13SW1**

Grey-brown sandy clay loam surfaces over medium clay.  $A_2$  horizons present. These soils occur in swales.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 10 cm	dull grey-brown light sandy clay loam.
$A_2$	10 to 25 cm	light grey-brown with light grey light sandy loam.
	25 to 35 cm	light brown with light grey-brown light sandy loam.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	35 to 50 cm	yellow-brown with light brown and slight yellowish grey mottled sandy clay, with rock fragments.
$B_2$	50 to 65 cm	yellow-brown with dark brown and red-brown mottled medium clay (sandy).
	65 to 90 cm	yellowish brown with red-brown mottled sandy clay (heavy), with gravel.
	90 to 120 cm	yellowish brown with light grey heavy clay.

### **TYPE - 13SW2**

Brownish grey clay loam surfaces over medium clays.

A	0 to 9 cm	brownish grey clay loam.
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B<sub>1</sub> 9 to 25 cm brownish grey with grey medium clay (fine sandy).

B<sub>2</sub> 25 to 90 cm yellowish grey with yellowish brown medium clay with slight hard lime.

### **TYPE - 13SW3**

Grey-brown gravelly loams over clays.

A	0 to 10 cm	grev-brown	gravelly loam.
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A<sub>2</sub> 10 to 16 cm light grey-brown gravelly loam.

B<sub>1</sub> 16 to 25 cm light yellowish grey with yellowish brown mottled sandy clay loam.

B<sub>2</sub> 25 to 100 cm yellow-brown with slight yellowish grey light clay to medium clay.

### Granitic Soils of the 321231 Land System

#### **TYPE - 21C**

Grey brown gravelly loams over sandy materials. A<sub>2</sub> horizons present.

These soils occur on crests and gentle ridges.

$A_1$	0 to 7/10 cm	dull brown to dull grey-brown coarse sandy to gravelly loam.
	7/10 to 15/25 cm	grey-brown to greyish brown coarse sandy to gravelly loam, sharply separated from:
$A_2$	15/25 to 25/40 cm	pale greyish brown coarse sandy to gravelly loam, sharply separated from:
$\mathbf{B}_1$	25/40 to 60/80 cm	yellowish brown weakly mottled with yellowish grey to grey with yellowish brown, occasionally red-brown, sandy clay to medium clay (sandy), grades into:
$B_2$	60/80 to 100+ cm	grey with yellowish grey and yellowish brown mottled sandy clay to medium clay (sandy).

### **TYPE - 21LS**

Grey-brown gravelly loams over clays. 'Sandy clay deep subsoils." These soils occur on the long slopes of high and low hills.

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$A_1$	0 to 10 cm	grey-brown to dull grey-brown coarse sandy to gravelly loam, occasionally gravelly sandy clay loam, sharply separated from:
$A_2$	10 to 14/25 cm	pale greyish brown coarse sandy loam, sharply separated from:
$B_1$	14/25 to 40/60 cm	yellow-brown with red-brown and grey mottled, or yellowish greyish brown with yellowish grey mottled light clay, occasionally heavy clay:

$\mathrm{B}_2$	40/60 to 85 cm	red-brown with yellowish brown and yellowish grey mottled, yellowish
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brown with yellowish grey light clay:

85 to 100 cm grey with reddish brown sandy clay.

### **TYPE - 21DL1**

Grey coarse sandy loams over coarse sandy clay loams.  $A_2$  horizons present. These soils occur along drainage lines.

$A_1$	0 to 8/22 cm	dull grey-brown to dark brownish grey coarse sandy loam, occasionally coarse sandy clay loam, sharply separated from;		
$A_2$	8/22 to 15/40 cm	pale grey-brown sandy loam, sharply separated from;		
$\mathbf{B}_1$	15/40 to 25/70 cm	yellowish brown or grey coarse sandy clay to sandy clay.		
$B_2$	25/70 to 40/8 cm	yellowish brown with light yellowish grey to dark grey coarse sandy clay, occasionally medium clay.		
	40/85 to 95 cm	grey with yellowish brown sandy clay, occasionally medium to heavy clay.		
	90 to 105 cm	dark grey with yellowish brown mottled coarse sandy clay loam.		
	105 to 130 cm	dark grey with yellowish brown coarse sandy clay loam, with light gravel.		

### TYPE - DL2

Gravelly soil with dull grey-brown coarse sandy loam surfaces over medium clays.  $A_2$  horizons present.

$\mathbf{A}_1$	0 to 8 cm	dull grey-brown coarse sandy loam.
	8 to 25 cm	grey-brown coarse sandy loam with gravel.
$A_2$	25 to 40 cm	light grey brown light sandy clay loam with moderate gravel.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	40 to 54 cm	grey with yellowish brown sandy clay.
$B_2$	54 to 90 cm	grey with red-brown mottled medium clay
	90 – 100+ cm	grey with slight yellowish brown medium clay to heavy clay.

### **TYPE - 21DL3**

Gravelly soils with dark brownish grey sandy loam surfaces over coarse sandy clay loams.  $A_2$  horizons present.

$A_1$	0 to 22 cm	dark brownish grey sandy loam.
$A_2$	40 to 75 cm	light greyish brown with yellowish brown loamy sand with gravel.
$\mathbf{B}_1$	40 to 75 cm	yellowish grey with greyish brown sandy loam with gravel.
$\mathrm{B}_2$	75 to 105 cm	dark grey with yellowish brown mottled coarse sandy clay with gravel.

#### Basaltic Soils of the 352123 Land System

#### TYPE - 52BC

Brownish grey clay loams or light clays over medium to heavy clays. These soils occur on broad crests of high ridges.

A 0 to 12 cm dull brownish grey clay loam.

B<sub>1</sub> 12 to 40cm brownish grey medium clay sandy.

B<sub>2</sub> 40 to 70cm yellowish grey sandy clay to medium clay sandy.

60 to 100 cm yellowish grey medium clay with trace of hard lime.

Dark grey-brown light clay surfaces over heavy clays.

A 0 to 16 cm dark grey-brown light clay.

B<sub>1</sub> 16 to 50 cm yellowish grey with slight yellowish brown heavy clay.

B<sub>2</sub> 50 to 60 cm yellowish brownish grey medium to heavy clay.

60 to 100+ cm dark grey with yellowish grey heavy clay with slight hard lime.

#### Soils of the 254112 Land System

#### **TYPE - 54F1**

These soils occur on flats. Greyish brown fine sandy clay loams over reddish brown medium clays. Bleached. A<sub>2</sub> horizons present.

A<sub>1</sub> 0 to 8/10 cm greyish brown to dull reddish brown fine sandy clay loam, sharply

separated from:

A<sub>2</sub> 8/10 to 18 cm pale reddish brown fine sandy clay loam, weakly bleached, sharply

separated from:

B<sub>1</sub> 18 to 60 cm red-brown light clay to medium clay:

 $B_2$  60 to 70/85 cm reddish brown with yellowish brown to yellowish brown with yellowish

grey mottled medium clay, with slight soft lime:

70/85 to 100+ cm yellowish grey with yellowish brown medium clay to light clay, with

moderate hard and soft lime.

### **TYPE - 54F2**

Grey-brown light clays over medium clays. Bleached A2 horizons present.

 $A_1$  0 to 12/16 cm grey-brown light clay:

A<sub>2</sub> 12/16 to 19/25 cm pale grey-brown with pale greyish brown sandy clay loam, weakly

bleached sharply separated from:

B<sub>1</sub> 19/25 to 65 cm dull yellowish greyish brown medium clay to heavy clay:

B<sub>2</sub> 65 to 90 cm yellowish brown medium clay:

90 to 100+ cm yellowish brown light clay.

#### **TYPE - 54F3**

Reddish brown fine sandy loams over reddish brown light clays. Lime present in subsoils.

 $A_1$  0 to 6/15 cm reddish brown fine sandy loam to fine sandy clay loam:

6/15 to 15/20 cm reddish brown sandy clay loam to fine sandy clay:

B<sub>1</sub> 15/20 to 40 cm reddish brown light clay, friable:

B<sub>2</sub> 40 to 70 cm reddish brown with slight yellowish brown light clay, friable:

70 to 120 cm reddish brown with slight yellowish brown clay, friable, with slight to

moderate hard and soft lime.

#### **TYPE - 54F4**

Greyish brown fine sandy loams over reddish brown medium clays. Lime accumulations in deep subsoils.

A 0 to 10 cm greyish brown fine sandy clay loam:

B<sub>1</sub> 10 to 50 cm reddish brown medium clay:

B<sub>2</sub> 50 to 150 cm yellowish brown medium clay with slight hard and soft lime.

#### **TYPE - 54F5**

Brownish grey light clay surfaces over heavy clays.

A 0 to 5 cm brownish grey medium clay, blocky structure.

B<sub>1</sub> 5 to 20 cm dark dull brown heavy clay, blocky structure, extremely hard dry.

B<sub>2</sub> 20 to 30 cm yellowish brown heavy clay, angular blocky structure, with slight hard

lime

75 to 100+ cm yellowish brown with yellowish grey medium clay, with slight hard

lime.

#### PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SOILS

Field and laboratory data for 15 profiles, taken from different soil types in the six land systems, are given in appendix 3. This data is discussed briefly in the following paragraphs.

#### Particle Size Distribution

All the profile samples, with the exception of soil types 12F, 13S2, 13SC, 21C and 13SW3, are characterised by high clay contents in their  $B_1$  horizons. The prevalent clayey nature of the subsoils is illustrated by the selected profiles, given in table 1.

The non-clay fraction is high in all profiles with the exception of those of the soils of Land System 321231. In this land system  $B_0$  horizons are very low in coarse sand. The fine sand to silt ratio often decreases from the A to the B1 horizon with the exception of soil types 13gs and 12F. This trend indicates the dominance of weathering of the silt fraction in the A horizons, over any eluviation of silt.

High amounts of rock fragments are present in almost all soil types which occur on crests or slopes in land systems 212131, 213131, while high amounts of gravels are present in Land System 321231.

The high clay contents and the fine grading of the non-clay fractions draws attention to the possibility of low permeablities in the subsoils. However, adverse particle size distribution is countered by good structural characteristics in at least some of the soil types, e.g. types 12SC and 12F are well structured and water does not remain on soil surfaces for long periods after rain.

#### Chloride

(Determined by electrometric titration method of Best)

Chloride ion concentration is generally low. Average values for chloride for soil profiles vary with locality. The highest average profile chloride figures in map 1 are 0.273, 0.096, 0.088, 0.061 and 0.062 for profiles Nos. 18, 15, 43, 4, 36, and 37 respectively. Salt (NaCl), which can be calculated from the chloride value by multiplying by 1.65, necessarily follows the chloride figure.

These are spot values. Actual concentrations probably vary widely with locality and season.

# *pH* (Determined on the 1:5 soil to water suspension by the glass electrode)

Generally, all the soil profiles show a consistent trend of pH increase with depth. All the surface soils are strongly to slightly acid (4.8 to 6.7). In the deep subsoils, types 12SC and 52BC have a pH value of 8.9 and types 54F1 to 54F5, have pH values varying from 8.2 to 8.7. The only soil type, 21GS in Land System 321231 has a strongly alkaline deep subsoil.

Table 1 -	· Clay (	Content	of th	e Soil	<i>Types</i>
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Land System	Soil Type	Profile No. Site	Surface A Horizo Depth (c		Subsoil B1 Hori Depth (c	zon m) Clay %	
212131	12SC 12F	12 13	0-8 0-6	29 23	8-30 20-40	66 30	
213131	13S2 13SC 13GS 13GS	1 2 3 15	0-3 0-5 0-12 0-11	13 20 22 28	3-11 20-30 57-107 25-40	17 29 54 63	
	1385	14	0-10	16	16-25	40	
321231	21LS 21 C 21GS	4 5 6	0-10 0-10 0-8	10 6 14	30-40 65-85 45-75	65 25 50	

Land System	Soil Type	Profile No. Site	Surface A Horizo Depth (cr		Subsoil B1 Hori Depth (c	izon m) Clay %	
254112	54F1 54F2 54F5	8 7 9	0-10 0-12 0-5	24 29 28	10-30 19-60 5-20	68 72 54	
313132	13SW3	11	0-10	11	16-25	17	
352123	52BC	10	0-8	43	8-16	57	

### Potassium and Organic Carbon in Surface Soils

Some chemical analysis of 15 surface samples from 15 soil sites, are presented in appendix 3. The organic matter contents (organic carbon X 1.72) Walkley and Black's method for organic carbon) of the surface soils are moderate in Land Systems 212131, 313132 and 352123, where the range found is 2.4 to 3.8 percent. Surface soil organic matter is low in Land Systems 254112 and 321231, (with the exception of type 21GS,) the range found being 1.0 to 2.0 percent.

Soil potassium, (determination on 1:20 soil HCl 0.05M suspension) is commonly referred to as available potassium. Figure for the surface soil, indicate that the available potassium is very low to low in the soils of Land Systems 321231, 313132 and 352123. The figures for the soils of Land Systems 213131 and 212131 are moderate. The highest figures are for soils of the 252114 Land System.

#### **Exchangeable Cations**

The exchangeable cations (data presented in appendix 3) include calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium (determined in ammonium chloride leached at pH 8.5) and hydrogen, (determined by BaC1-Triethenolamine method as modified by Peech et al 1962). The data is for selected horizons and is expressed both as total amounts per 100g of soil, and as percentage of cation exchange capacity which, in this case, is the sum of the individual cations.

The exchange complex of surface horizon soils in all profiles is strongly dominated by hydrogen (40 to 86 percent), except in the case of soils 54F2 and 52BC where the figures for exchangeable hydrogen are 24 and 30 percent respectively.

The exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP), calcium/magnesium ratio (Ca/Mg) and calcium /sodium ratio (Ca/Na) are of agricultural interest since they are the soil factors controlling dispersion of the clay and hence the permeability of the soil. Table 2 shows that the Ca/Mg and Ca/Na ratios decrease with depth in all profiles.

Table 2 - Calcium / Magnesium and Calcium/Sodium ratios, and Exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP)

Soil Type	Depth (cm)	Calcium/Magnesium ratio, Ca/Mg	Calcium/Sodiu m ratio, Ca/Na	ESP
21C	0-10	11.5	23.0	1
	40-65	6.1	61.0	1
	65-85	2.1	51.0	1
21LS	0-10	5.0	15.0	1
	30-40	0.7	3.7	8
21LS	0-8	5.0	12.5	2
	8-23	1.1	5.0	3
	23-45	0.4	1.8	5
	45-75	0.4	1.5	11
	75-100	0.5	1.6	15

Soil Type	Depth (cm)	Calcium/Magnesium ratio, Ca/Mg	Calcium/Sodiu m ratio, Ca/Na	ESP
12F	0-6	3.5	45.0	1
	20-40	3.9	25.5	2
	60-80	1.5	20.5	2
12SC	0-8	2.5	16.0	2
	8-30	1.5	14.3	3
	75-100	0.6	2.6	11
13S5	0-10	2.4	9.7	3
	16-25	0.8	2.2	10
	60-80	0.1	0.8	21
54F1	0-10	2.0	9.3	3
	18-30	0.8	2.7	10
54F5	0-5	1.8	6.7	3
	5-20	1.5	4.7	7
	30-50	0.9	3.0	10
52BC	0-8	1.7	9.8	4
	8-16	1.4	8.4	5
	45-55	1.2	3.5	12
	55-68	1.0	2.5	16
	68-80	0.8	2.0	17
13S2	0-3	1.2	10.5	2
	3-11	0.8	19.0	1
	40-52	0.6	3.0	6
13SW3	0-10	1.2	7.0	2
	16-25	0.9	4.0	2
54F2	0-12	1.0	8.3	4
	19-60	0.7	1.9	16
13SC	0-5	1.0	0.6	5
	20-30	0.1	0.3	3 2
13GS	0-11	0.5	2.5	2
	25-40	0.1	0.4	5
	55-60	0.05	0.2	13
13GS	0-12	0.1	0.3	3
	12-25	0.2	0.5	2
	57-107	0.1	0.1	14

The ratio changes such that the value for magnesium, in the deeper subsoil horizons, is usually more than twice that for calcium.

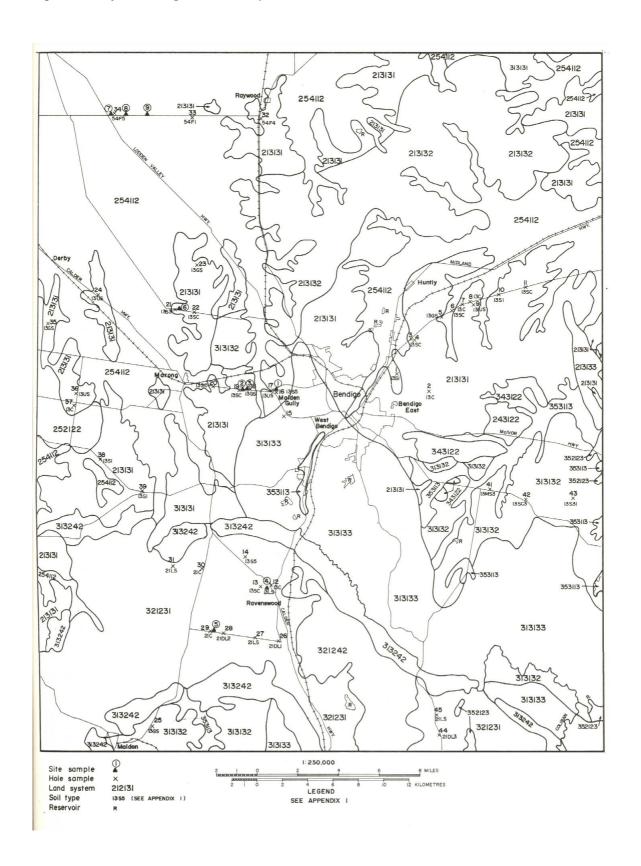
In all profiles except those of soil types 21C and 12F, ESP values are very low in surface soils and increase with depth up to values of 10 to 21 below 60cm.

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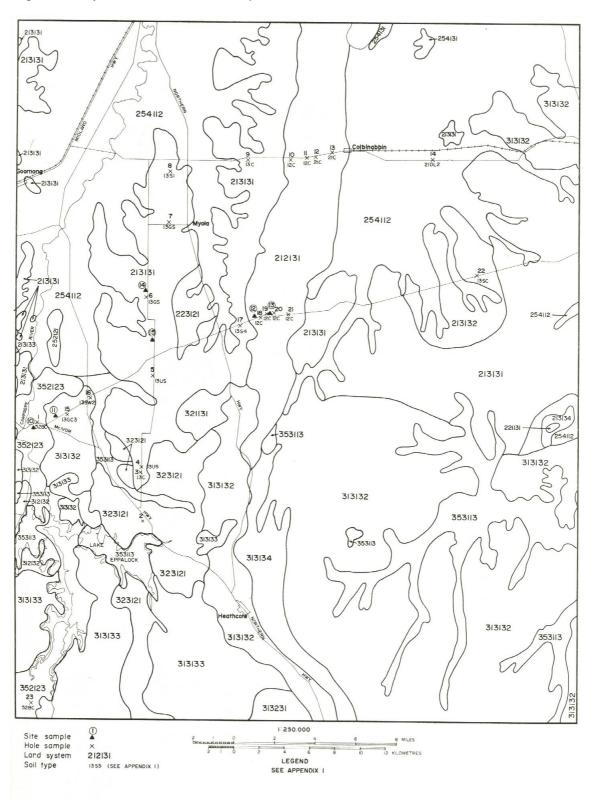
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Map 1 – Soils of the Bendigo Area Land Systems



Map 2 – Soils of the Heathcote area Land Systems



### Appendix 1 – Legend

Symbol, geology for each land system, together with topography, classification and drainage class for major soils within each land system.

Land System	Soil Type	Symbol		Geology	Topography	Classificat	tion		Reaction (b)	Drainage Class <sup>(a*)</sup>
·	• •			- St		Great Soil Group <sup>(d)</sup>	Northcote (c xxx)			
212131	Crest 1	12SC		Predominantly diabase	Crest	NSG	Gn	)	Slightly Acid passing to	A
	Crest 1	12C		Colluvium from diabase	Long slope	NSG	Gn	)	strongly alkaline	В
	Flat 1	12F			Fan	Black earth	Gn	)		
213131	Sharp Crest 2	13SC	)	Lower Palaeozoic slates and	Sharp crest	NSG	Gn			В
	Crest 2	13C	)	sandstones, interbedded, steeply-	Gentle crest	Red podzolic	GN	)		В
	Upper slope 2	13US	)	dipping with quartz reefs.	Upper slope	NSG	Gn	)	Strongly acid to slightly	C/B
	Gentle slope 2	13GS	)			Solodized solonetz	D	)	alkaline passing to	C/D
	Swale 1	13S1	)	Alluvium	Swales	And solodic soils	D	)	slight acid to strongly	В
	Swale 2	13S2	)			Lateritic podzolic soils	Um	)	alkaline	В
	Swale 3	13S3	)			•	Gn	)		В
	Swale 4	13S4	)			NSG	D	)		В
	Swale 5	13S5	Ú			NSG	D	ĺ		В
	Swale 5	13S6	Ó			NSG	Ug	Ú		В
313132	Sharp crest e	13SC3	)		Sharp crest	Non-calcic brown soils	D		Moderately acid passing	В
	•			Lower palaeozoic sandstones and					to strongly alkaline	
	Gentle slope 3	13GS3	)	slates interbedded, steeply dipping,	Gentle crest	Non-calcic brown soils	D		Moderately acid	В
	Mid slope 3	13MS3	)	with quartz reefs.	Mid slope	Lateritic podzolic soils	D		Moderately acid	C/D
	Swale 7	13SW1	)	)	•	Lateritic podzolic soils	D		Moderately Acid	B/C
	Swale 8	13SW2	)	Alluvium )		NSG	D		Strongly acid passing to	B/C
				<u> </u>	Swales				strongly alkaline	
	Swale 9	13SW3	)	)		Yellow podzolic soils	D		Moderately acid	
321231	Crest 4	21C	)	Granodiorite	Crest with	Yellow podzolic soils	D		Strongly acid	В
					granite	•				
	Long slope 4	21LS	)		Long slope	Yellow podzolic soils	D		Strongly to slightly acid	C/D
	Drain line 1	21DL1	ĺ		. 5	Yellow podzolic soils	D	)		В
	Drain line 2	21DL2	ĺ	Alluvium		NSG	Gn	ĺ	Slightly acid to strongly	В
	Drain line 3	21DL3	Ó			Yellow podzolic soils	D	ĺ	alkaline	В
352123	Broad crest 5	52BC		Basalt	Broad crest	NSG	D		Slight acid passing to	B/C
	Broad crest 6	52BC	)			Grey clay of the grey, brown	Gn		slightly alkaline	
			,			and red clays				
254112	Flat 2	54F1	)	Quaternary fluviatile siliceous	Prior stream	Red brown earth	D	)	Slight acid surface	B/C
			,	deposits, usually overlaid by	levees				passing to very strongly	
	Flat 3	54F2	)	calcareous dust	Flat plain	Solodized solonetz and	D	)	alkaline	C/D
			′		r	solodic soils	_			
	Flat 4	54F3	)		Prior stream	Solodic soils	D	)		B/C
	***		′		levees	Red brown earth				
	Flat 5	54F4	)		Flat plain	Red brown earth	D	)		C/D
	Flat 6	54F5	Lí		Flat plain	Grey brown clay of the grey,	Ug	Lí		C/D
			′		r	brown and red clays	~ 5			

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated from permeability by Soil Conservation Authority

Neutral, pH 7.0

Soils classified to the Division and sometimes Sub-Division levels

Drainage Class: subjective assessment of surface and soil permeability (A) rapid, (B) moderate; (C) low; (D) very low Reaction: very strongly acid pH 4.5-4.9; Strongly acid, pH 5.0-5.5; Moderately acid, pH 5.6-6.0

Slightly acid, pH 6.1-6.9
Slightly alkaline, pH 7.1-7.9
Strongly alkaline, pH 8.6-9.0

Slightly alkaline, pH 7.1-7.9 Moderately alkaline, pH 8.0-8.5 Strongly alkaline, pH 8.6-9.0 Very strongly alkaline, pH 9.1-9.5 Extremely alkaline, greater than 9.5

<sup>(</sup>c) Northcote, K.H. (1960) – A factual key for the recognition of Australian Soils. 3'd Ed. (Rellim; Glenside SA) (d) Great Soil Groups are based on Stace et al (1968). "A Handbook of Australian Soils" (Rellim; Glenside SA)

 $Appendix\ 2-Surface\ Texture,\ profile\ pH\ Range\ and\ average\ profile\ chloride\ (Cl)\ \%\ for\ the\ main\ soils\ in\ Bendigo\ District.$ 

Map No.	Hole No.	Soil texture of A Horizons	Profile pH Range	Average profile Cl % x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Land System 212131				
Flat and Gentle Slope				
Map 2	10	Cl-LC	6.1-8.3	30
1	12	Cl	6.1-9.0	5
	13	LC	7.6-9.0	9
	18	Fscl	6.5-8.8	9
Sharp Crest		1	•	
•	21	Cl	6.3-9.3	22
Land System 213131				
Flat				
Map 1	1	Fscl	6.0-7.7	8
1	5	Fscl	5.4-6.0	8
	16	Fscl	5.4-6.9	35
Map 2	17	Cl	7.6-7.9	39
Map 1	39	Sl	7.0-8.6	23
		J 51	7.0 0.0	23
Crest	2	SC	5.7-7.8	A E
Map 1	2			45
	3	Fsc	5.7-4.8	43
	8	Fsc	5.5-5.7	13
	19	Cl	5.9-5.3	32
	20	Fscl	4.5-6.1	61
	22	Fscl	4.4-7.9	66
	37	Fscl	7.1-9.6	9
Map 2	13	LC	6.1-7.6	15
	11	Cl	7.5-7.6	5
Upper Slope			1	
Map 1	4	Fscl	5.0-6.7	81
	7	Fscl	5.2-5.9	43
	24	Fscl	6.3-7.3	5
	36	Fscl	6.1-8.6	61
Map 2	9	Fscl	6.4-9.0	12
Gentle Slope				
Map 1	18	Fscl	6.2-6.5	273
	23	Fscl	6.9-8.9	20
	32	Fscl	6.2-9.0	29
	35	Fscl	6.4-9.0	12
Land System 254112				
Map 1	33	Fscl	6.5-7.9	12
	34	LC	6.6-8.0	62
	32	Fscl	6.2-9.0	29
Map 2	14	Cl	6.5-9.6	15
	8	Scl (et)	6.5-9.6	11
Land System 321231				
Drain Line				
Map 1	14	Sl	6.4-7.6	32
*	28	Sl (Cse)	5.9-6.1	11
	44	SI	6.7-7.8	7

Map No.	Hole No.	Soil texture of A Horizons	Profile pH Range	Average profile Cl % x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Crest				
Map 1	13	Sl (Cse)	5.5-6.1	7
	30	Sl (Cse)	5.5-4.9	7
	42	L	5.5-8.5	15
Map 2	15		6.2-6.7-5.6	10
Long slope				
Map 1	12	Sl	6.0-5.8	8
•	27	Sl	5.5-5.3	2
	29	Sl (Cse)	6.2-6.7	10
	31	Scl (gravel)	5.3-7.0	10
	45	L (gravel)	6.3-6.7-5.4	10
Land System 313132  Sharp crest				
Map 1	42	L	5.5-8.5	15
Gentle slope				
Map 1	25	L (gravel)	5.2-5.9	4
Map 2	15	Sl	5.6-6.7	10
Mid slope				
Map 1	41	L (gravel)	5.5-6.5	21
Swale				
Map 1	43	Scl	5.7-6.9	88
Map 2	16	Cl	5.7-8.9	6
Map 2	Type 11	L (gravel)	5.9-6.3	4
Land System 352123				
Map 2	23	LC	6.3-7.7	6

Appendix 3 – Analytical Data for Representative Profiles

Sample No	Depth (cm)	Field Texture	pН	Moisture 15 atmosphere	Coars e Sand	Fine Sand	Silt	Clay	Loss on Acid Treatment	Chloride	Organic Carbon	me% - milliequivalents per 100 g of soil							me% - milliequivalents per 100 g of soil % - percentage of total Metal Cations					CEC
			_	%	%	%	%	%	%	% x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	%	Ca Mg			I	K	N	Na	I					
												me%	%	me%	%	me%	%	me%	%	me%	%			
		(2): Profile 1: M		10.4		64.0		42.2								0.5				6.0				
13767 68	0-3 3-11	FSCL (lt)	6.2 6.3	10.4 6.9	3.2 1.2	61.9 60.3	17.2 21.0	13.2 17.2	1.2 0.8	8 5	2.7	2.6 1.7	21 19	2.2 2.3	17 24	0.5 0.4	4 4	0.2 0.1	2	6.9 7.9	56 52	12.4 9.4		
69	11-18	FSCL	6.6	0.9	1.2	00.5	21.0	17.2	0.8	6		1./	19	2.3	24	0.4	-	0.1	1	1.9	32	2.4		
70	18-40	FSCL	7.0							8														
71	40-52	FSCL	7.1							8		2.5	23	4.0	37	0.3	3	0.7	6	3.3	31	10.8		
72	52-70	FSCL (lt)	7.1							8														
73 74	70-100 100-120	FSCL	7.1 7.5							10 6														
		C): Profile 2: M						l .		6												L		
13775	0-5	L L	4.8	11.0	9.4	32.7	24.6	19.7	1.7	3	3.8	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.3	7	0.2	5	3.3	82	7.0		
76	5-20	SCL (lt)	4.9	7.1						4					-	0.1								
77	20-30	CL-LC	5.2		8.2	3819	2913	2417	1.9	6		0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.3	3	7.1	83	7.7		
78	30-40	LC	5.7							13														
79 Land System	40-60	LC-MC GS): Profile 3: M	5.9	l .	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		20			<u> </u>	l		l	l	1	1	1				
13780	0-12	L L	<b>5.0</b>	6.6	7.6	45.5	19.4	21.5	1.6	20	3.8	0.2	1	1.4	7	0.8	4	0.5	3	17.1	86	20.0		
81	12-25	GrL	4.6	5.3	16.4	48.2	16.0	18.2	0.8	80		0.4	4	1.7	18	0.4	4	0.2	2	6.9	72	9.6		
82	25-37	SCL	5.1							58														
83	37-57	SCL	5.4		460			<b></b>	0.7	71					2.5									
84 85	57-107 107-127	MS (S) SC-MC (S)	5.0 5.1		16.9	20.9	11.3	53.8	0.7	123 127		0.3	2	5.4	35	0.4	3	2.1	14	7.2	76	15.7		
86	127-150	SC-IVIC (S)	5.5							127														
		LS): Profile 4: M		I	1	1			I.				1	1			ı	ı		1				
13787	0-10	GrL (h)	5.8	5.7	40.3	35.8	9.6	9.6	0.7	4	1.8	1.3	15	0.3	3	0.4	5	0.1	1	6.5	75	8.6		
88	10-30	GrL (h)	5.9		20.0	40.0		65.0		-			20	0.6		0.5				2.5		20.2		
89 90	30-40 40-50	SC-MC (S) SC-MC (S)	6.5	22.0	20.0	12.8	5.5	65.0	1.0	7		6.0	30	8.6	42	0.7	3	1.5	8	3.5	17	20.3		
90	50-75	MC (S)	6.4 5.5		16.7	9.5	4.5	72.0	0.8	13														
13792	75-85	MC	5.6		10.7	7.5	1.0	72.0	0.0	13														
93	85-100	SC (h)	5.6		43.4	15.5	11.7	31.5	1.1	14														
		C): Profile 5: Maj																						
13794 95	0-10 10-40	GrL GrL	5.7 5.9	4.9	41.7	35.6	10.6	6.1	0.8	3	1.7	2.0	23	0.2	2	0.3	4	0.1	1	5.9	69	8.5		
96	40-65	GrL-GrCL	6.4	4.0	53.4	23.8	10.6	10.6	0.8	3		5.9	61	1.0	10	0.2	2	0.1	1	2.4	25	9.6		
97	65-85	SC-MC (S)	6.7		44.8	20.8	11.3	24.7	1.3	2		10.7	51	4.9	24	0.3	1	0.3	1	4.6	22	10.8		
98	85-110	SC																						
	` `	S): Profile 6: Ma			200	100	460						2.5	0.5	_	0.5	-							
13799 800	0-8 8-23	SL(h) SC	5.8 5.6	4.1 5.1	30.0 23.8	42.0 41.5	16.0 18.7	14.0 16.7	1.0 1.2	8 4	2.3	3.3 1.1	25 15	0.6 1.0	5 14	0.7 0.3	5 4	0.2 0.2	2 3	8.4 4.5	63 63	13.2 7.1		
801	23-45	SC	5.8	3.1	23.0	71.3	10./	10.7	1.2	7		1.1	9	3.2	21	0.3	3	0.2	5	9.6	63	15.2		
802	45-75	LC-MC	8.0		8.3	26.3	18.6	49.6	1.4	·		3.6	16	8.4	37	0.7	3	2.6	11	7.7	33	23.0		
803	75-100	LC	8.3							21		5.9	24	12.1	48	0.9	4	3.7	15	2.4	10	25.0		
	` `	2): Profile 7: Ma	•		100		100	20.5								0.6						0.7		
13804 805	0-12 12-19	LC SCL	6.5 7.0	9.3	19.0	32.0	199	28.6	0.8	6	1.0	3.2	33	3.1	32	0.6	6	0.4	4	2.4	24	9.7		
805 806	12-19	MC-HC	8.0		6.9	12.5	11.4	71.5	1.3			8.7	31	12.9	46	0.7	2	4.6	16	1.4	5	28.3		
807	60-90	MC MC	8.5		J.,	1.2.5		, 1.5				0.7	J.			J	-		10		3	20.5		
808	90-100	MC-LC	8.8																					
	` `	1): Profile 8: Ma				25 -	45-																	
13809	0-10	SCL	5.7	7.5	26.0	30.7	15.8	23.5	1.2	5	2.0	3.5	28	1.7	14	0.7	6	0.4	3	6.0	49	12.0		
810 811	10-18 18-30	SCL MC	6.0 7.3	23.4	8.9	14.7	9.5	68.3	1.2			8.2	27	10.1	33	1.2	4	3.0	10	7.8	26	30.3		
812	30-60	MC	8.2	23.4	0.7	17./	7.3	00.5	1.2			0.2	2/	10.1	33	1.2	•	5.0	10	7.0	20	30.3		
813	60-70	MC	8.5																					
814	70-85	MC	8.7																					
815	85-100	MC-LC	8.7																					

Sample No	Depth (cm)	Field Texture	pН	Moisture 15 atmosphere	Coars e Sand	Fine Sand	Silt	Clay	Loss on Acid Treatment	Chloride	Organic Carbon	Exchangeable Cations  me% - milliequivalents per 100 g of soil  % - percentage of total Metal Cations							CEC				
				%	%	%	%	%	%	% x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	%	Ca		M	Ig		K			Va			
												me%	%	me%	%	me%	%	me%	me%	%	me%	%	
		5): Profile 9: Ma																					
13816	0-5	LC	6.3	11.1	15.1	31.5	19.5	28.3	1.1	11	1.7	5.6	23 33	3.1	13	0.8	3	0.8		3	13.7	57	24.0
17	5-20	HC HC	7.0	21.6	7.9	22.7	14.2	53.6	1.2			11.2	33	7.5	22	1.0	3	2.5	2.5	7	11.4	34	33.6
18 19	20-30 30-50	MC	8.5 8.6							3		13.2	30	14.1	32	1.1	2	4.2	4.2	10	11.6	26	44.1
20	50-75	MC MC	8.8							3		13.2	30	14.1	32	1.1	2	4.2	4.2	10	11.0	20	44.1
21	75-100	MC MC	8.7																				
	and System 352123 (52BC): Profile 10: Map 2																						
13822	0-8	LC	6.7	22.5	11.0	25.7	16.3	42.5	1.6	10	2.6	12.4	39	7.3	23	1.0	3	1.3	1.3	4	9.6	30	31.6
23	8-16	MC	7.1	26.9	9.3	18.8	13.4	57.2	1.9	10		16.5	42	11.7	30	1.4	4	1.9	1.9	5	7.7	19	39.2
24	16-25	MC-HC	7.2																				
25	25-45	MC-HC	7.7														_					_	
26 27	45-55	MC (FS)	8.5		16.4	28.1	14.4	40.6	1.4	21		10.8	42	9.1	35	0.6	2	3.1		12	2.4	9	26.0
28	55-68 68-80	MC (FS) HC	8.9 8.9		14.4	27.3	15.0	41.4	1.8	37		10.1 11.1	38 34	10.6 14.0	39 43	5.0 0.6	2 2	4.3 5.5		16 17	1.4 1.5	5	26.9 32.7
		W3): Profile 11:			l			<u> </u>			I.	11.1	34	14.0	43	0.0		3.3	5.5	17	1.3	3	32.1
13830	0-10	GrL	6.3	4.6	27.7	48.2	8.4	11.1	0.9	5	1.2	1.2	14	1.0	12	0.2	2	0.2	0.2	2	6.0	70	8.6
31	10-16	GrL																					
32	16-25	SCL	5.6	6.5	16.1	39.0	23.6	17.2	1.1	7		0.8	8	0.9	9	0.3	3	0.2	0.2	2	7.8	78	10.0
33	25-45	FSC-LC	5.8																				
34	45-55	LC-MC	5.9																				
35	55-65	LC	6.0																				
36 37	65-85 85-100	LC LC	6.0 6.1																				
		SC): Profile 12: N			l								<u> </u>	1									l
13838	0-8	LC	6.0	14.4	7.8	31.5	20.6	29.1	1.5	6	3.1	8.6	32	3.5	13	0.4	2	0.4	0.4	2	13.7	51	26.6
39	8-30	HC	7.0	26.9	4.0	16.1	12.8	65.8	2.2	5	2.1	19.2	43	13.0	29	0.2	1	1.3		3	11.4	25	45.1
40	30-60	HC	7.5																			-	
41	60-75	HC	8.3																				
42	75-100	SC-MD (S)	8.9									10.0	28	16.7	46	0.2	1	5.0	5.0	11	5.0	14	36.0
		F): Profile 13: M:				1			1		1	1				1	1	1			1		1
13843	0-6	FSC	6.4	15.5	10.9	30.7	23.7	23.4	2.1	10	2.4	13.0	45	3.8	13	0.3	1	0.3	0.3	1	11.6	40	29.0
44 45	6-20 20-40	LC LC	6.7 6.8	12.6	11.2	32.7	19.5	29.5	1.8	4		12.5	51	3.2	13	0.2	1	0.4	0.4	2	8.4	34	24.7
46	40-60	MC	6.9	12.0	11.2	32.1	19.5	29.3	1.0	6		12.3	31	3.2	13	0.2	1	0.4	0.4	2	0.4	34	24.7
47	60-80	MC	0.7							Ü		17.3	41	11.5	27	0.1	4	1.0	1.0	2	12.7	30	42
48	80-100	MC	6.6							17													
		55): Profile 14: M	lap 2	-											_								
13849	0-10	SCL	6.4	5.8	28.7	39.4	13.7	16.2	0.5	7	1.2	3.1	29	1.3	12	0.6	6	0.3	0.3	3	5.5	51	10.8
50	10-16	SCL	6.5	12.6	20.2	20.0	12.1	20.0	0.5	11		1	22	1.0	20	0.0			١.,	10	4.0	22	
51	16-25	SC MC (S)	6.8	12.6	20.2	30.0	13.1	38.9	0.5	16		3.2	22	4.2	29	0.8	6	1.4	1.4	10	4.8	33	14.4
52 53	25-40 40-60	SC-MC (S) MC (S)	7.2 7.6							22 26													
54	60-80	MC (S)	7.8							32		2.9	16	7.8	43	1.0	6	3.7	3.7	21	2.6	14	18.0
55	80-90	SC SC	8.0							38		2.7	10	7.0	7.5	1.0		3.1	3.1	2.1	2.0	17	10.0
56	90-100	SC	0.0							30													
Land System	213131 (130	GS): Profile 15: N	Iap 2																				
13857	0-11	SCL	5.9	11.7	3.3	39.6	21.9	28.2	0.9	4	3.7	0.9	5	2.2	11	0.5	3	0.4	0.4	2	15.4	79	19.4
58	11-25	SCL (h)	5.9			25.0			0.6								l .	0.6		_			
59	25-40	MC (S)	6.0	11.5	10.7	37.8	16.6	36.3	0.6	4		0.2	2	3.3	27	0.5	4	0.6	0.6	5	7.5	62	12.1
60 61	40-55 55-60	MC (FS) SC	6.4 6.3									0.2	2	4.2	41	0.3	3	1.3	1.2	13	4.1	41	10.1
62	60-90	SiC	6.3									0.2	2	4.2	41	0.3	3	1.5	1.3	1.5	4.1	41	10.1
02	00-70	SIC	0.3		l	l	l	1			l	l	1	1		l	l	l			l		l .

Appendix 4 – Site Localities

Soil Type	Profile No.	Locality	Map Sheet					
		(Standard Reference)						
13S2	1	BV512302						
13SC	2	BV49299	Scale 1:100,000					
13GS	3	BV486299	Bendigo sheet 7724 Vic					
21LS	4	BV509143	Edition 2-AAS					
21C	5	BV468108	Series R 652					
21LS	6	BV432363						
54F2	7	BV375515						
54F1	8	BV387515						
54F5	9	BV404516						
52BC	10	CV784253						
13SW3	11	CV802262						
12SC	12	CV954346	Scale 1:100,000					
12F	13	CV966349	Heathcote sheet 7824 Vic					
13SF	14	CV861365	Edition 2-AAS					
13GS	15	CV876324	Series R 652					