

Integrating geophysics to provide the big picture

Outline

- 1. Geophysical products
- 2. Resource exploration
- 3. Geological mapping
- 4. Water identification
- 5. Online systems



Geophysical products



Geophysical products

- Magnetic
- Radiometric
- Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM)
- Elevation (DEM)
- Gravity

- AusLAMP Magnetotelluric (MT)
- Seismic
- Remote sensing
- Assorted ground techniques



Magnetic surveys

- Can be airborne or ground
- Airborne magnetics can cover large regional areas
- Merged surveys allow for the creation of statewide datasets
- Useful for exploration and geological mapping





Radiometric surveys

- Predominately airborne and flown in conjunction with magnetics
- Merged surveys allow for the creation of statewide datasets
- Shallow penetration depth, making it useful for regolith and outcrop mapping







Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) surveys

- Measures resistivity/conductivity of the subsurface
- Can be used to delineate features caused by groundwater
- Useful for subsurface mapping of geological features





Gravity surveys

- Can be airborne or ground-based, typically performed as a ground technique
- Merged surveys allow for the creation of statewide datasets
- Useful for resource exploration and geological mapping, especially in correlation with other techniques like magnetics





Resource exploration



Endeavor Mine

- This mine was discovered as a direct result of airborne magnetics.
- Ground geophysics such as IP and other electrical techniques are used over many mines to guide drilling programs.







Achilles Prospect

- Geophysical data correlates with many other datasets
- Deep AEM conductor coincident with surface geochemistry and proximal to ground EM plates





Geological mapping



Ballabala Monzogranite

- Radiometric data guided geological mapping in the Braidwood area.
- Outlined region displays a leucogranite phase in the Ballabala Monzogranite that was previously undetected.
- Correlation with magnetics also suggests northern and southern plutons continue undercover.





Interpreted subsurface granites

- Magnetic and gravity data guided geological mapping in the Murray Basin.
- Minimal geological outcrops are in the area.
- Geophysics was used to guide subsurface interpretation, correlating with drillhole controls.





Water identification



Cobar AEM

- The Cobar AEM survey has delineated many features correlating with groundwater.
- Borehole control is used when available to 'confirm' the observation.
- Similar anomalies without borehole control are worth following up.
 - Water bore approx. 400 m south of AEM line

Line 10020

- Water BZ: 103.6–109.7 m, fractured
- Located at a sandstone/slate contact
- Salinity description: good stock
- S.W.L: 94.5 m



WEATHERING

Transported

Unknown Weathered

Fresh

Plunge 00 Azimuth 034 500

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• Water bore sampled by GSNSW

located on the AEM line

Conductivity: 2611.0

• TDS (mg/L) 1993.0

Unknown lithology

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Watertable depth: 86.94 m

Online systems



MinView and contact details

MinView

- Download individual surveys
- Download statewide products

Email contacts

- geophysics.products@geoscience.nsw. gov.au
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