

GA: update on geophysical survey progress from the Geological Surveys of Western Australia, South Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and Victoria (information current on 15 January 2016)

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Table 1. Airborne magnetic and radiometric surveys

Survey name	Client	Project management	Contractor	Start flying	Line km	Spacing AGL Dir	Area (km²)	End flying	Final data to GA	Locality diagram (<i>Preview</i>)	GADDS release
Coompana	GSSA	GA	GPX Surveys	7 Feb 2015	255 265	400 m 80 m E–W	85910	8 Nov 2015	Dec 2015 for magnetic and elevation data	173: Dec 2014 p. 24	The magnetic and elevation data were released via GADDS on 10 Dec 2015. The radiometric data is expected to be released in Feb 2016
Delamere/ Spirit Hills	NTGS	GA	Thomson Aviation	20 Jul 2015	96 500 est.	400 m 80 m N-S	33690	7 Nov 2015	Expected to be supplied to GA in Jan or Feb 2016	176: Jun 2015 p. 22	ТВА
Yalgoo	GSWA	GA	MAGSPEC Surveys	30 May 2015	110 516 est.	100/200 m 50 m E-W	11 200	27 Sep 2015	Nov 2015	176: Jun 2015 p. 23	10 Dec 2015

TBA, to be advised.

Table 2. Gravity surveys

Survey name	Client	Project management	Contractor	Start survey	No. of stations	Station spacing (km)	Area (km²)	End survey	Final data to GA	Locality diagram (Preview)	GADDS release
Gippsland	GSV	GA	Atlas	30 Jun 2014	1440	12 traverses at 500 m station spacing	8358	21 Jul 2015	2015	170: Jun 2014 p. 25	10 Dec 2015
Northern Wiso Basin	NTGS	GA	Atlas	18 Jun 2015	5020	4 km regular grid with areas of 2 km and 1 km infill	83 240	9 Aug 2015	Preliminary final data supplied to GA in Sep 2015	176: Jun 2015 p. 24	14 Oct 2015
SW Yilgarn	GSWA	GA	Atlas	12 Jun 2015	27 678	2 km along public roads and tracks	175 000	100% complete to 3 Dec 2015	ТВА	176: Jun 2015 p. 24	Proposed release on 11 Feb 2016
Victoria Basin	NTGS	GA	Atlas	14 Aug 2015	6300	4 km regular grid	99170	17 Sep 2015	Preliminary final data supplied to GA on 13 Nov 2015	177: Aug 2015 p. 17	10 Dec 2015
Stavely	GSV	GA	ТВА	Survey Quotation Request in preparation	Approx. 8000 in 9 separate areas	500 m regular grid in 8 areas and 500 m station interval along one traverse	ТВА	TBA	ТВА	177: Aug 2015 p. 18	ТВА
Wiluna	GSWA	GA	ТВА	The Survey Quotation Request was released on 28 Jan and closes on 23 Feb	Approx 17 000 in 2 separate areas	2500 m regular grid	103 000	ТВА	TBA	The proposed survey covers parts of the Bullen, Trainor,Nabberu, Wiluna, Sir Samuel, Madley, Herbert, Robert Standard 1:250 000 map sheets	ТВА

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Table 3. AEM surveys

Survey name	Client	Project management	Contractor	Start flying	Line km	Spacing AGL Dir	Area (km²)	End flying	Final data to GA	Locality diagram (<i>Preview</i>)	GADDS release
Musgrave Region	GSSA	GA	ТВА	Mar 2016	16 000 est.	2 km; E-W lines	30 691	ТВА	ТВА	179: Dec 2015 p. 23	The Quotation Request was released on 12 Oct 2015 and closed on 30 Oct 2015. The proposed survey covers parts of the Mann, Woodroffe, Alberga, Birksgate, Lindsay and Everard Standard 1:250 000 map sheets
West Kimberley and Ord- Bonaparte	WA Government: Departments of Water, Agriculture and Food	GA	SkyTEM Australia	26 Sep 2015	7837	Various + traverses	ТВА	3 Nov 2015	ТВА	178: Oct 2015 pp. 30–31	ТВА
Isa Region	GSQ	GA	ТВА	Winter 2016. Centred on Cloncurry	TBA	ТВА	ТВА	TBA	ТВА	The Technical Specifications of the survey are being planned between GSQ and GA	The National Collaboration Framework Agreement was executed between GA and GSQ on 16 Dec 2015

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GSSA: Coompana magnetic and radiometric survey and future initiatives

The largest airborne magnetic and radiometric survey ever conducted in South Australia was completed in late 2015. The survey covers the Coompana Province and parts of the Officer, Eucla and Bight Basins, representing underexplored frontier areas in the State's far west. The survey collected over 250 000 line kilometres of pre-competitive geophysical data at 400 m line spacing, with 200 m infill over the Coompana Anomaly, at 60 m flight height.

The Coompana magnetic survey (2015SA0001) (Figures 1–3) is available for download from SARIG using the Geophysical Data Downloads tool. Some simple instructions for using the tool can be found at: http://minerals.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/online_tools/free_data_delivery_and_publication_downloads/sarig/geophysical_data.

At the time of writing the radiometric data is being processed and should be

available on SARIG by late January.

The SA Government has committed \$20M to exploration in South Australia as part of the PACE Copper Strategy. At the time of writing we are in the early planning stages of several major geophysical activities in South Australia. As well as re-flying some key areas of the Gawler Province at 200 m resolution, we're hoping to undertake gravity infill in areas with sparse coverage. The details of these exciting programmes will become available over coming months, so stay tuned!

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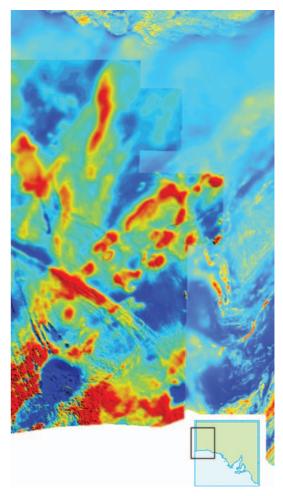


Figure 1. Coompana Total Magnetic Intensity image.





Figure 2. Coompana First Vertical Derivative of TMI image.



Figure 3. Coompana Digital Elevation Model.

