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### **PRODROMUS OF A DETERMINATIVE SCHEME**

## FOR AUSTRALIAN AMMONITES

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#### ABSTRACT

A determinative classificatory table is presented here in an abridged version, not going lower in the scale of categories than super-families (but there are a few exceptions). It is hoped that, in spite of its abridged nature, this determinative table will prove useful to palaeontologists.

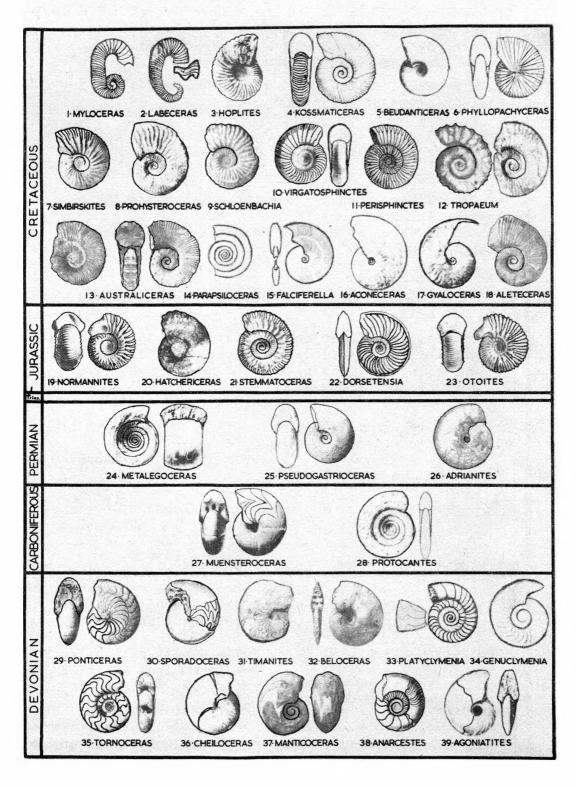
#### INTRODUCTION

Ammonites are found in all parts of the Australian continent, representing all major groups of the Order Ammonoidea, except the Suborder Ceratitina, starting from the early groups of the Devonian Period to the strongly evolved or specialised Cretaceous superfamilies, alongside with some conservative, persistent groups of long temporal range.

The earliest, <u>Devonian</u> ammonites (Suborders: Clymeniina, Anarcestina, Goniatitina) are abundant at several localities in Western Australia (Glenister 1958), especially in the Fitzroy Basin, Kimberley district, where it forms the basis for 3 zones (Upper Devonian: 1. Manticoceras zone, 2. Cheiloceras zone, 3. Sporadoceras zone)which are also present in Europe (Stufe I, II, III) indicating a sea-link, and a rapid dispersal of genera and species, between the two areas at that time. Devonian Ammonites also occur in the Keepit area, near Tamworth, northeastern N.S.W. In the subsequent Carboniferous Period ammonites are relatively rare: conditions could not have been favourable and a possible separation from the main centre of evolution might have taken place; also, the two oldest suborders (Anarcestina, Clymeniina) died out by the end of the Devonian Period. Permian ammonites are found in the Hunter Valley (Teichert 1954, Teichert & Fletcher 1943) in the Dalwood Group and Maitland Group; also in Western Australia (Teichert 1942, Teichert & Glenister 1952). The ammonite groups with goniatitic suture lines became extinct in Australia before the end of the Permian Period and this may be responsible for the curious lack of Triassic ammonites: the new suborders (with ammonitic suture lines) first reached Australia during the Jurassic Period. Triassic ammonites, which mostly belong to the Suborder Ceratitina, seem to be absent: though they are very abundant on the neighbouring island of Timor. Jurassic ammonites are abundant in Western Australia. The new ammonite groups (Ammonitina, Lytoceratina, Phylloceratine) probably first reached Australia during the Jurassic Period. The eastern edge of the Great Artesian Basin is especially abundant in Cretaceous ammonites, where the marine Roma Formation and Tambo Formation outcrop, forming part of the aquiclude above the Bundamba Group. (Whitehouse 1926, 1927, 1928, Etheridge jun. 1904, 1909). Also at the western periphery, in Central and South Australia, some ammonites have been recorded (Howchin and Whitehouse 1928).

This type of determinative table seems to prefer the morphological (typological) species concept, based on fossil morphotypes ("type species"): here species is a group of individuals, essentially indistinguishable from the selected group of individuals, essentially indistinguishable, from the selected standard specimen ("holotype" and all the "paratypes").

There is no great abundance of ammonites in Australia (compared with the abundance of English and European ones) and this inevitably renders the species definitions simpler by means of the morphological concept and more difficult by means of the biological concept, where a species is defined as a natural and statistical unit based on interbreeding populations.



Diagnostic characteristics for genera are given in one or two sentences, but species are merely listed. Stratigraphic occurrence, locality and age are also listed for genera, and sometimes for species.

Classification on the level of the higher categories is based, in order of importance, on:

- 1. suture lines,
- 2. position of siphuncle,
- 3. external form and ornamentation.

Uncertain genera have been omitted.

The determinative table is based on the Treatise on Invertebrate Palaeontology (ed. R.C. Moore), (L) Mollusca, 4: Ammonoidea, which is by now the standard work on ammonites.

#### THE DETERMINATIVE TABLE

(Note:) ( S.L.) = see picture of suture-line in the back of this article.

I. Simple, goniatitic sutures (at least 3 or 4 lobes); ventral (external) siphuncle and retrochoanitic septal neck: Primitive gyrocones or convolute forms. Devonian.

Suborder Anarcestina

1. Sutures have small V-shaped ventral lobe; Only 3 or 4 lobes with rounded outline. Devonian.

Superfamily Anarcestaceae

Gyroceratites Meye	r L. Devon	
	M. Devon	S-E Austr。(S.L.22*)
- desideratus	M. Devon	Taravale Mudstone, Buchan distr.Vic. Disc-shaped, smooth shell, very simple suture.
<u>Anarcestes</u> Mojs.	L. Devon	Murrindal Limestone, Buchan distr.Vic.
	M. Devon	Disc-shaped shell with half-moon whorl section. (Fig.38)
<u>Agoniatites</u> Meek.	M. Devon	Flat shell with 4-lobed suture lines (S.L. 23 and Fig. 39).

2. Sutures with large divided ventral (external) lobe. Also a median lobe. Disc. or lens-shaped conch,growth lines biconvex, no prominent sculpture. U. Devonian. Superfamily Pharcicerataceae <u>Manticoceras</u> Hyatt. U. Devon Fitzroy Basin, W.A. (S.L. 19 and Fig. 37)

- cinctum 6 lobed sutures Shell up to 2 ft. in guppyi lindneri diameter. Koenenites Wed. U. Devon W.A. Ponticeras Mat. U. Devon Fitzroy Basin, W.A. (20 S.L. & Fig. 29) 4-lobed sutures, simpler - discoidale — retorquatum but more divided. Probeloceras Clarke U. Devon Fitzroy Basin, W.A. --- alveolatum 4-lobed sutures. Timanites Mojs. (= Hoeninghausia) U. Devon Fitzroy Basin, W.A. (S.L. 21 and Fig. 31) — angustus 10 lobed sutures — pons Fitzroy Basin, W.A. (Fig.22) Beloceras Hyatt U. Devon — sagittarium Many adventitious lobes. Neomanticoceras Schind. U. Devon Fitzroy Basin, W.A. Pair of adventitious lobes - erraticum inside ventral lobe. Fitzroy Basin, W.A. Up to Mesobeloceras Glen. U. Devon 12 lobes; 3 pairs of adventitious lobes within — thomasi ventral lobe. II. Simply wavy suture line. Siphuncle on the internal (ventral) side, marginal. Septal necks cylindrical, retrochoanitic. Tightly coiled shell. U. Devonian. Suborder Clymeniina. Platyclymenia Hyatt. U. Devon. Keepit area, N.E.-N.S.W. (S.L. 17 and Fig. 33) Ribbed on smooth shell. Keepit area, N.E.-B.S.W. Cyrtoclymenia Hyatt. U. Devon. Nearly spherical shell. Keepit area, N.E.-N.S.W. Genuclymenia Wed. U. Devon. (S.L.18 & Fig. 34) Discshaped, densely ribbed shell. Simply wavy, goniatitic sutures with III。 basically 8 lobes. Siphuncle on dorsal side, prochoanitic septal neck. M. Devonian - U. Permian. Suborder Goniatitina. 1. Adventitious ventral lobe. All together 6 lobes. M. Devonian - M. Permian. Biconvex growth-lines.

Superfamily Cheilocerataceae

W.A. (Fitzroy Basin) M. Devon Tornoceras Hyatt (S.L. 15 and Fig.35) U. Devon small flat shell. - clausum - contracticum W.A. Subglobular shell. Posttornoceras Wed.U. Devon Pseudoclymenia Frech. U. Devon W.A. Flat lens-like shell, evolute. W.A. Subglobular shell, Cheiloceras Frech. U. Devon 6-10 lobes (Fig. 36) W.A. Large lateral lobe, Dimeroceras Hyatt. U. Devon otherwise similar to Cheiloceras. --- clarkei Sporadoceras Hyatt.U.Devon W.A. (S.L. 16 & Fig. 30) Subglobular shell.10-12 lobes (3 internal). Fitzroy Basin: Laurel Form., Imitoceras Schind. U. Devon L.Carbonif. 8 distinct lobes. M. Perm. - rotatorium Prominently bifid ventral lobe, undivided lateral 2. Thinly discoidal or lenticular to globular lobe. conch. L.Carbonif. - U. Perm. Superfamily Goniatitaceae (a) Suture-lines with 8 lobes. No prominent sculpture. L.Carb. - L. Perm. Family Goniatitidae Muensteroceras Hyatt. Lowermost Carbonif. (S.L. 14 & Fig.27). Discoidal to globular shell with nearly linear growth-lines. (b) 8-lobed suture-lines. Prominently sculptured conch. L. Carb. - U. Perm. Family Neoicoceratidae Paragastrioceras Tsch. L. Perm. — wandageense Pseudogastrioceras Perm. W.A. Hunter Valley, N.S.W. Spath. (S.L. 13 and Fig. 25) - goochi N.W. of W.A. -- pokolbinense Hunter Valley, N.S.W. in Dalwood Gp. (c) Goniatitic sutures with 12-14 lobes. Disc. to globeshaped conch. L. Perm. - M. Perm. Family Metalegoceratidae Metalegoceras Schind. L. Perm & M. Perm. Irwin R. Valley (Fossil Cliff beds)W.A.(S.L.12 & Fig.24) --- campbelli - clarkei ("Lower Ferruginous)12 lobes; subglobular (series". M. Perm.)conch.

— jacksoni Irwin R.Coalfield, N.W.of W.A. - striatum Kimberley distr. Pseudoschistoceras Teich. L.Perm. W.A. Similar to Metalegoceras but additional lobe in umbilical region of suture - simile Perm. W.A. line. 3. Sutures goniatitic to ammonitic with trifid lateral lobes, which produce 3 or 4 independent lobes in more advanced forms. Subdiscoidal to globular conch. U. Carbonif. - M. Perm. Superfamily Agathicerataceae Agathiceras Gemm. U.Carbonif. - M. Perm. - micromphalum Kimberley distr. W.A.; — planorbiforme Gympie Form. Q'ld. — applanatum Perm. W.A. 4. Goniatitic suture lines with 10-30 lobes. Discoidal to globular shell. U.Carbonif. - M. Perm. Superfamily Adrianitaceae Adrianites Gemm. (= Neocrimites Ruzh.) M. Permian (S.L. 11 and Fig. 26) Maitland Group, Hunter R. Valley, N.S.W. Sutures with 20-30 lobes. Inflated shell. — meridionalis 5. Goniatitic sutures with large bifid ventral lobe and subdivided external lobes: serrate to digitate. Disc-shaped or lens-shaped shell. Carbonif. - M. Permian. Superfamily Dimorphocerataceae Thalassoceras Gemm. L. Perm. - M. Permian - wadei "Lower Ferruginous Sutures with digitate Series"(M.Perm.) external lobes. Kimberley distr. Goniatitic to ceratitic suture lines with IV. auxiliary lobes. Siphuncle simple, with retrochoanitic septal neck. Conchs discoidal to thinly lenticular. U. Devon. - U. Trias. Suborder Prolecanitina Protocanites Schmidt L.Carb.S.E.Austr. (e.g. Keepit area, N.S.W.) (S.L. 9 and Fig.28).Discshaped conch, large umbilici. Propinacoceras Gemm. M.Perm.N.W. of W.A. (S.L. 10) Primitive sutures with bifid - australe - paucilobatum auxiliary lobes and low, broad first lateral saddle. Discoidal shell.

Suture-lines have moss-like saddles and lobes. v. Siphuncle on dorsal side. Evolute, loosely coiled, round-whorled shell, ornamented with growth lines, only rarely ribbed. Jurassic - Cretaceous E. Australia. Suborder Lytoceratina 1. Uncoiled mostly, with hooked body-chambers. Tithonian - L. Albian. Superfamily Ancylocerataceae Australiceras Whitehouse.Aptian. Roma Form. Great Artesian Basin, (Qld.,S.A.) (Fig. 13) — gracile - irregulare - Blackdown Form. (L. Apt.) Carpentaria Sub-basin. - lampros - Upper Flinders River. 54 cm in diameter (for holotype) — jacki (no final hook. - robustum (alternate ribs with tubercles. - transiente (Trituberculation on initial (and final stages of the shell. Roma Form.Gr.Art.Basin(Q'ld., Tropaeum Sow. Aptian. S.A.) (S.L. 6 and Fig. 12) - australe - arcticum Large shell, many costae. Complete loss of tubercles. Cretaceous argill. limestone, - imperator 48m. S.W. of Oodnadatta, on the N.E. flanks of the Stuart Range (S.A.) The largest species of all. - leptum - rarum - undatum Hamiticeras Anderson Aptian. Roma Form.Gr.Art.Basin (Qld.S.A.) Small shell: plane open spiral, followed by long shaft and - taylori final hook; fine ribe(oblique) Leptoceras Uhlig Barremian Small shell with slight — edkinsi spire, long shaft and massive hook. Ribs and tubercles increase towards hook. Ancyloceras d'Orb. Aptian Roma Form.Gr.Art.Basin (Qld,S.A.).Similar to Hamiticeras, but larger shell and 2 rows of tubercles. Ammonitoceras Dumas Aptian Roma Form.Gr.Art.Basin (Qld., S.A.)

2. Suture with no auxiliary element. Heteromorph coiling of many forms, with smooth, ribbed and tuberculate shell surfaces. Cretaceous. Superfamily Turrilitaceae Ptychoceras d'Orb. U-Aptian - L. Albian E. Australia. Long, straight, ribbed initial shaft, on which - closteroides the longer second shaft (tapering into a point) is closely bent back. Hamites Park. U. Aptian - U. Albian. Tambo Form. Gr.Art.Basin (Qld., S.A.). 3 wellseparated, nearly parallel shafts: strong ribs. Anisoceras Pict. U. Alb. -Tambo Form.Gr.Art.Basin U. Turon Eubaculites Spath. Maastrichtian, W.A. Glyptoxoceras Spath. Santonian - Maastr. Diplomoceras Hyatt Campanian - Maastr. Bostrychoceras Hyatt Cenomanian - L. Maastr.W.A. - indicum Strongly ribbed, tightly coiled, acute angled spire. Similar to Turrilites. Suture lytoceratid in early forms, but there is much 3. variation. Coiled in loose, tight plane spiral, with terminal hook on short or long shaft. U. Albian -Maastrichtian. Superfamily Scaphitaceae Campanian,Qld. (S.L. 8) U.Alb. Scaphites Park. Irregularly sutures. - ericiformis Early whorls incontact. Shaft short. Ribs branching. 2 rows of tubercles. Tambo Form of Gr.Art.Basin Labeceras Spath. U. Alb. in Qld. and S.A. (S.L. 7 and Fig. 2) (i) Labeceras (Labeceras) — bryani small shell with open spire of few whorls followed by - compressum curved shaft and final hook. — laqueum Fine ribs and some tubercles - populatum — trifidum (ii)Labeceras (Appurdiceras) - corycepoides — etheridgei Myloceras Spath. L.-U.-Alb. Tambo Form. Gr. Art. Basin (Qld., S.A.) (Figure I)

Larger shell than Labeceras --- ammonoides Spire more closely coiled. — davidi — orbiculum (i) Myloceras (Flindersites) Tambo Form.Gr.Art.Basin(Qld) - baccatum - flindersi -- intermedium (ii) Myloceras (Aleteceras) (Fig. 18: a young specimen, with tuberculate ribs, no shaft or - plectoides — tardicostatum hook.) - nautiloides - axonoides Lytoceratid suture lines, fully coiled shell, smooth or 4. with ribs. Jurassic - Cretaceous. Superfamily Lytoceraceae Suture line with auxiliary elements. Lirate, striate, or smooth shell, Cretaceous. Family Tetragonitidae Campanian-Maastr. W. Australia. Pseudophyllites Kossm. No constrictions on shell, involute: whorl-section rounded. Very finely divided, complex suture-line. VI. Ammonitic sutures. Dorsal siphuncle. Thick test with strong ornamentation. Closed, planispiral shell. Jurassic - Cretaceous. Suborder Ammonitina Simple, rather phylloceratitic sutures; evolute shell 1. with smooth or vaguely ribbed surface, rounded venter. L. Jurassic. Superfamily Psilocerataceae Parapsiloceras Hyatt (= Paraphylloceras Salfeld)(Fig.14) Hettangian, W.A. Evolute many-whorled shell; elliptical cross-section. Venter unkeeled. 2. Truly ammonitic sutures. Compressed or planulate or even oxycone shell, with keel and falcate or falcoid ribbing. L. Jur. - M. Jurassic. Superfamily Hildocerataceae Dorsetensia Buckm. M. Bajocian W. Australia (Fig. 22) - clarkei Falcoid ribs, but outer whorls smooth. Sonninia Bayle M.Bajocian)Newmarracarra Limestone, Witchellia Buckm. 11 )Geraldton District, N. of Perth, W.A.

Ammonitic sutures. Compressed, discoidal shell, with 3∘ or without keel, smooth surface, falcoid or falcate ribbing. L. Bajocian - Albian. Superfamily Haplocerataceae Sculpture and sutures in almost infinite variety. Ribbing usually S-shaped and forked. Bajocian - Albian Family Oppeliidae Aconeceras Hyatt L. Albian Roma Formation, Gr. Art. Basin (Qld.,S.A.)(S.L.5 & Fig.16) - austronisoides - walshense Involute shell with flat sides. — whitehousei Keel very finely serrate. Falciferalla Casey M. Albian Tambo Formation Gr. Art. Basin - breadeni (Qld., S.A.) (Fig.15) Flat-sided shell with venter — reymenti varying from rounded to flat. Eofalciferalla - condoni Sanmartinoceras Bona, W.A. and E. Austr. M.Apt.-L.Alb.Roma Formation (Gr.Art.Basin, Qld. S.A.) (S.L.3) Falcate or falcoid ribs — fontinale -- olene Aperture with long rostrum and lappets. Gyaloceras Whiteh. U.Apt. - L.Alb. Roma Formation, Old, (Fig 17) -- smithi Smooth shell, not so involute as Aconeceras. 4 Sharply ribbed cadicones (evolute, thick), also can be sphaerocones, oxycones and planulates, with complex (Dominant 1st lateral lobe). suture-lines. M. Jura - U. Jura Superfamily Stephanocerataceae Stemmatoceras Masc.M.Bajocian Greenough R.district, W.A. (Fig. 21)Stout, involute shell Zemistephanus McLearn, Greenough R, district, W.A. Coronate whorl cross-section, M.Bajocian Normannites Mun-Chal M.Bajocian Greenough R. district, W.A. (Fig 19) - australia Large lappets Otoites Masc M. Bajocian Greenough R. district, W.A. (Fig.23) Pseudotoites Spath M. Bajocian Greenough R. district, W.A. Complex, differentiated sutures with dominant first 5 lateral lobe. Evolute, predominantly planulate shell with strong and very variable ribbing, usually forked

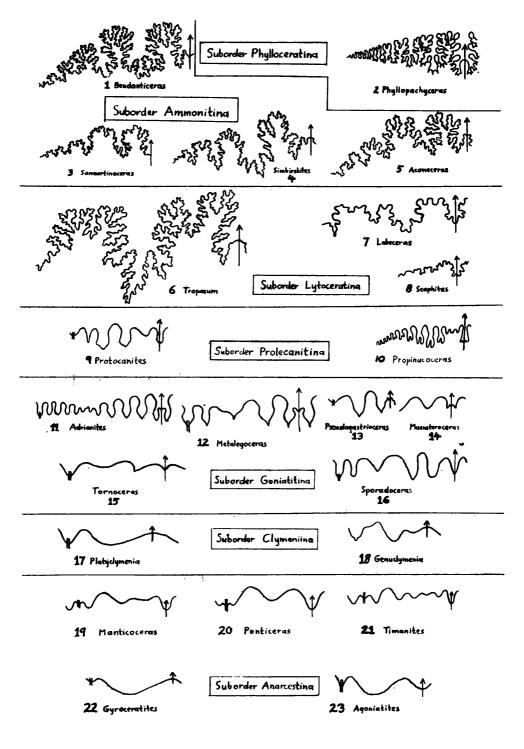
M. Bajocian - Valanginian. Superfamily Perisphinctaceae

-	Simbirskites Pavlow L.Ha	uteriv.Qld.(S.L. 4 & Fig.7)
	morvenae	Involute shell with coronate cross-section. Forking of ribs
		starts about half-way outwards,
		branching point marked by
		tubercles
	Virgato-sphinctes Uhlig	· / •
	communis	Canning Desert, N.W.Australia.
		Alexander Form, (Kimmeridgian
		to early Tithonian), Also
		Langey Beds(Uppermost Jurassic) on Dampier Peninsula (Fig 10)。
		Large evolute shell, biplicate
		ribs.
	Kossmatia Uhlig	Alexander Form, (Kimmeridg, L.
		Tithonian),Canning Desert,
		N.W.Aust, Also in Langey Beds,
		Fine, many-branched ribbing.
	Perisphinctes Waag.U.Ox	fordian Jarlemai siltstone
	chempienencia	(Canning Basin) W.A.(Fig.11) Also in Greenough R. district.
	— championensis — kayseri	ATSO IN GLEENOUGH K. UISCIICC.
	•	Hauteriv, Lakefield (On
		Normanby R. N.Qld.)(Fig.20)
		Large, involute, flat shell.
	— lakefieldense	Fine, branched ribbing Simple
		sutures with wide lobes.
6.	Phylloceratoid sutures ()	but folioles are not phylloid).
		nded or oval in cross-section.
		weakly ribbed. Derived from
	Phylloceratina. Valangin	nian - Maastrichtian. Superfamily Desmocerataceae
	Puzosia Bavle I. Albian	Large, evolute shell; whorls
		n are flattened sideways, i.e.
		elliptical in cross-section
		Weak, simple ribs. Very complex
		phylloceratoid suture lines.
	<u>Beudanticeras</u> Hitzel(=?]	Boliterceras Whiteh)L.AlbU.Alb.
	— daintreei	Tambo Form,Qld,S.A.(S.L. 1 &
	flindersi	Fig.5) Flat, involute shell, smooth surface with weak ribs.
	- ingente	Suture lines simpler than in
	— mitchelli	Puzosia
	- perlatum	
	sutherlandi Beudantiella Breistr (-	Compine compa Whitch
	<u>Beudantiella</u> Breistr (= ogilviei	Sparse, nearly straight main
	-0	ribs and short intermediate
		ribs.

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Desmoceras Zittel U.Apt. - Cenoman. Qld., W.A. Involute shell, with circular whorl section. Hauericeras de Gross.Coniacian - Maastricht. W.A. Kossmaticeras de Gross. U.Turon. Campanian, W.A. (Fig. 4) Evolute shell with dense, (Natalites) simply branched ribbing. Simplified desmoceratoid suture-lines. Compressed shell 7. with flat venter and strong ornamentation (branched ribs, tubercles). Hauterivian - Campanian. Superfamily Hoplitaceae Deshayesites Kazansky Aptian Qld. (= Parahoplitoides) Flat, evolute shell. Aioloceras Whiteh. L.Alb. Qld. — jonesi Hoplites Neum. L.Neocomian, Jowlaenga Form. Dampier Peninsula, W.A. (Fig. 3) Flat shell, with near rectangular whorlsection. Strong ribs, branching. Neum.U.Alb. - Cenomanian (Fig.9) Schloenbachia Smooth shell with faint but - rostrata wide ribs, and keel on the venter. Suture-lines with squarish, symmetrical, deeply and 8. sharply indented saddles. A polyphyletic group, derived from Desmoceratidae, possessing strong ribs and tubercles; also includes smooth oxycones. Ribs are simple or branched. Cretaceous. Superfamily Acanthocerataceae Lower Upper Albian, TamboForm., Prohysteroceras Spath. Qld. (Fig.8) Flat, evolute — angolaense shell with keel. Dense, fine — richardsi ribbing. Tubercles present. Mortoniceras Meek Upper M.Alb.- U.Alb. (= Pervinquieria Boehmi = Inflaticeras Stieler) Strongly ribbed evolute shell with tubercles. Phylloid (leaf-like) saddles on suture-lines. VII. Smooth, weakly sculptured shell of thin test. Persistent, conservative group: Triassic -Cretaceous. Suborder Phylloceratina Phyllopachyceras Spath. Barremian-Maastr.W.A.(S.L.2 and Fig.6) Involute shell with strong outer ribs. Suture lines with 1st and 2nd lateral saddles.

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Representative suture lines In the seven suborders which occur in Australia

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# SOME OBSERVATIONS ON QUARTZ CRYSTALS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, NEW SOUTH WALES

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#### ABSTRACT

Smoky quartz crystals from three types of ore deposits, associated with the late Permian granitic intrusions, in the New England district were examined.

The crystals from each deposit were found to have certain characteristic morphological features.

#### INTRODUCTION

The localities from which the crystals were collected are: (a) <u>Kingsgate</u> - molybdenite bearing quartz pipes.

- (b) Fielders' Hill a wolframite bearing quartz -Topaz intrusion.
- (c) Blatherarm a complex Uranium bearing pegmatite.

The smoky quartz crystals observed in these deposits vary in size from  $\frac{1}{8}$ " to 1". The crystals all have a prismatic habit and the only forms developed are the first order prism (M), the positive rhombohedron (R) and the negative rhombohedron (Z). The crystals are singly terminated by a combination of the R and Z faces.

Contact twins, where the first order prism (1010) is the twin symmetry and twin composition plane, are common. Poor cleavage parallel to the positive rhombohedron is rarely observed, but hackly to sub-conchoidal fractures develop along random crystallographic directions. Zoning was not observed in these crystals.

With respect to the features described above the crystals are similar, however with respect to certain features of the habit and crystal face markings, the crystals from each deposit are significantly different from those of the other deposits as follows: