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Mary Kathleen Domain Geology

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Overview

- Defining the magmatic history of the southern portion of the Mary Kathleen domain, incorporating the Argylla Suite and Wonga Belt
- Asses the geochronology of the southern part of the Corella Formation including the Mount Philp Breccia
- Assessing the extent and effect of Williams Supersuite magmatism
- Provision of a framework for the understanding of the relationship between magmatism and mineralisation



Geological Background





1700









New Work

Geochronology

- 15 Preliminary
Shrimp Dates
- 4 LA-IMCPS
Titanite

-300 analyses

Geochemistry



A and I-S-M-type Granite Differentiation using Zr (Whalen et al, 1987)





Overlander and Bowlers Hole

- Bowlers hole granite ~1780Ma
- Overlander granite ~1730Ma
- Mafic rocks from the Corella formation, 1500±3.75 Ma metamorphic cooling age





Mount Philp area

- Mount Philp Breccia ~1750 Ma MDA, not conclusive but indicates the Mount Philp Breccia is comprised of material sourced from the Corella Formation or Wonga-Burstall suite and may well be a part of the magmatic system.
- Two samples of Rhyolite Corella formation ~1740 Ma crystallisation with ~1515 Ma metamorphic age, indicates the volcanic component of the volcanic component of the Corella formation is coeval with the Wonga-Burstall.





Mount Colin

- Mount Colin, ~1740 Ma Corella formation titanite granite ~1550 Ma titanite
- Northern unfoliated fine grained high marialitic part of the Burstall granite/1 returned 1740ma
- Hardway Granite ~1860 Ma KLB





Godkin area

- Mount Godkin consists of a complex of skarn and granite which intrudes the Corella formation
- Mount Godkin granite has indications of high level of intrusion, vesicular porphyritic phases so was thought to have potential to be part of the Williams suite.

PINNACLE

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WONGARA

ROSE BEE FAULT

- To the north of mount Godkin, west of the Wonga fault is cryptic intrusion similar in composition and age but poorly expo
- These two :

Myubee, Mount Erle

- Myubee ~1725 Ma
- Mount Erle ~1735 Ma
- Southern Corella Quartzite
 ~1750 Ma



Myubee Igneous Complex

~1725 Ma

Wimberu Granite 1520 Ma



Mount Phil Breccia Matrix ~1750 Ma Wimberu Granite ~1520 Ma

~1500 Ma granite

- The Mavis granodiorite associated with the Dipvale granodiorite is the eastern most portion of the mapped Williams suite in northern part of the Mount Isa inlier
- In the most extreme north of the eastern part of the MKD there is some poorly exposed unnamed granite which is similar in age and composition
- To the east of the rosebee fault a small body of unmapped granite with a ~1510 Ma crystallisation age
- Prelim geochem indicates this suite can be characterised using REEE geochemistry has a much less pronounced Eu anomaly and relatively flat pattern



Geochemistry

- Work in progress second suite samples not yet processed
- Mafic Geochemistry indicates a diversity of source
- Define suites in Argylla aged granites and Wonga-Burstall suites
- Relationship between Corella dykes and the mafic component of the Wonga Burstall suite





Magma fertility

- Preliminary work from JCU indicates gabbroids and granites may be different evolution trends
- Copper concentrated in mafic rocks, very limited amount of intermediate rocks





Outputs & Future Work

Descriptive GSQ record of magmatic rocks LA-ICPMS dating campaign at QUT O-Hf transect Corella Geochronology Undercover area Strucutral interpretation in northern part of belt

Northern Undercover area

- 19 cores sampled from historical exploration
- Extend the geochemistry and geochronology into the undercover area
- Currently mapped as Corella Formation and Mount Albert group, contains a significant number of intrusions and large alteration systems



O-Hf Transect

• Utilising mostly existing Shrimp mounts to characterise the lower crust



Nd model ages (Champion, 2013)



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