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# Broken Hill Exploration Sydney Mineral Exploration Discussion Group February 2014

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# Where does one look for .....



# **Broken Hill Mine**



# Giant Orebody

- Continuously mined for over 125 years to present day
- Largest and richest lead-zinc-silver deposit of its kind in the world
- > 300 million tonnes averaging >15% combined lead and zinc and 100-300g/t silver, over 150MT at +20%.
- Recorded 28Mt of lead, 24Mt of zinc, 1 billion ounces of silver
- Historical importance for Australia

# > GLOBAL COMPANY MAKER

1896



# Silver in Australia 5

How many people in this room have at some stage in their career worked at Broken Hill?

Is the geology well understood?

How well explored is the district? Has it been done to death?

Is the next Broken Hill-type (BHT) deposit going to be different?

# THIS PRESENTATION

- The under-explored-ness of Broken Hill; how data rich is the district?
- Geological setting
- Mineral system and likely genetic model for BHTs
- Character of the model and identifiable geological parameters that are practical to exploration.
- Talks about a subjective ranking methodology
- Looks at the datasets available for explorers and what seems to be useful
- Talks about high ranking targets for future exploration

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.....And about 5000 other geologists who have worked at Broken Hill before us.

### **OTHER STUDIES**

# **Genetic Models**

- John Greenfield (2003) Study references over 2100 papers, and 348 university theses.
- **CBH (2008-09)**

# **Geology/Stratigraphy**

Stevens (Proterozoic to 2015)..... and unpublished work on magnetic rocks

# **District Exploration**

- > Perilya (MEGWA talk). XRF, RAB, Drill hole analysis
- CBH XRF geochemistry



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Drilling reported to date. Multiple high grade intersections.

- > 10m at 4.1% Pb, 12% Zn, 29g/t Ag
- > 2m at 8.4% Pb, 11.5% Zn, 39.2g/t Ag
- > 2m at 5.0% Pb, 6.8% Zn, 44.3g/t Ag
- > 3m at 4.0% Pb, 9.2% Zn, 31g/t Ag
- > 7m at 2.5% Pb, 2.3% Zn, 21g/t Ag
- 9m at 2.5% Pb 3.1% Zn, 19.7g/t Ag
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- > 6m at 10.4% Zn...Off-hole conductor

Now looking deeper and along strike: FOUR VTEM LINES FLOWN





- 1. Outcropping Geology and magnetics
- 2. Broken Hill Group Interpreted
- 3. Gravity and IP
- 4. Drilling and RAB Anomaly



# **BROKEN HILL**

# Why is Silver City interested?

Strategic tenure
position
Under-explored
tenure position



# EXPLORATION AT BROKEN HILL

#### What have we tested?

#### **APPROX 130 holes TOTAL at 13 Prospects**

- > Allendale, 45 drill holes
- > Razorback West, 18 drill holes
- Champion, 3 drill holes
- > Stephens Trig, 6 drill holes
- > Umberumberka (Ag,Pb), 6 drill holes
- Yellowstone (Au), 6 holes
- > Golden King (Au), 9 holes
- > Wolseley, 6 holes
- > Maybell, 12 holes
- > Ziggys, 4 drill holes
- Mt Brown, 6 holes
- Native Dog, 4 holes
- Parnell, 4 holes
- Widespread RAB, ground magnetics, IP (Yellowstone, Razorback), VTEM also completed



### TENURE

- ➢ Approx 1200 square kilometres
- ≻15 granted Els
- Joint Ventures with CBH, GCR over 60% of tenure
- ≻CBH locally contributing (25%)
- Covers key stratigraphic horizons with remainder held by Perilya
- ➤Well established mining centre
- ≻Two mills operating in town
- ➢ Great infrastructure
- >Main projects within 25 km of town



### GEOLOGY

- Rift sedimentation and volcanism Proterozoic age 1850 to 1670Ma. Narrow Rift.
- Mineralisation 1685-1670Ma
- At least four deformations, two thermal events; rocks reach upper amphibolitegranulite metamorphic grade locally. Need to filter out the effects of the Olarian Orogeny

Key units

- 1. Thackaringa Group: potential source for metals and saline fluids. Itself a host to ore.
- 2. Broken Hill Group: host to ore especially in upper parts.
- 3. Silver City Suite: granitic intrusions. Silver King and Parnell metadolerites introduced as sills or volcanic rocks penecontemporaneous with ore. Important source of sulphur.
- 4. Sundown Group: a cap rock shows waning evidence of hydrothermal activity.

### GEOCHRONOLOGY





- Broken Hill orebodies emplace over 6 million years and are younger than host rocks
- Pinnacles orebody formed 6 million years after its host rocks and 10 million years before Broken Hill ores





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#### From Stevens B.P.J. (2003)

# Broken Hill Schematic 'unfolded' Cross section



Metals located close to feeder structure over a 6 Ma period (eg C-lode feeder)

#### **BIF** as connected Outflow zones

main fluid conduct

FIG. 2. Schematic reconstructed section across the Broken Hill lodes in the southern operations. Schematic section based on numerous cross sections, such as that of section 58 in Figure 1, with allowance for structural modification of the ore lenses, including inversion of the lithostratigraphic package

Groves et. al (2008)







# Looks like this now



Long-section

# SILVER CITY REVIEW

#### PURPOSE

"To focus exploration for discovery of high quality BHT lead-zinc-silver ore (+20Mt at plus 20% Pb+Zn, with high grade Ag)."

### **EVALUATION**

- 1. Mineral System Approach to district. Recognises quantifiable proxies (geological indicators) to best ore setting.
- 2. Systematic data collation, collection and interpretation.

#### **THREE TARGET TYPES**

- 1. Known and previously evaluated prospect "hot-spots". Often heavily drilled.
- 2. Hot-spots with data gaps.... Largely untested, sparse drilling.
- 3. Hot-spots defined by new geological interpretation....data poor, no drilling.

# STUDY OUTLINE

### **Mineral Systems Approach**

- **Process Driven Assessment**
- Looks at:
- Fluid and metal source
- Transport of ore-bearing fluids
- Fluid traps and depositional sites

#### Geological Indicators (proxies) reflect past processes and can be defined

- Mineral system proxies are the essential 'ingredients' of a model
- Proxies are independent, quantifiable attributes
- Used for target ranking/probability analysis

### **Data Evaluation and Assessment**

Continued compilation, collation and analysis of historic and modern exploration data

#### **KEY EXPLORATION CRITERIA BHT's** System **Mineral System Proxy** Variable Within influence of Upper Thackaringa Group $\geq$ source $\triangleright$ bimodal volcanic rocks in the footwall stratigraphy transport transport $\succ$ Strong folding and complexity, structural re-activation $\succ$ Rapid/complex host facies variations (and lateral 'potosi gneiss') transport IP response (sulphide detection) $\succ$ trap Zoned or stacked Pb and Zn geochemistry deposition $\succ$ Envelope of fine-grained Fe-Mn garnet-quartzite, element enrichment /depletion $\geq$ deposition trends (enriched in K, Fe, Si, Mn, Rb and depleted in Na, Ca, Sr) Silver bearing galena-sphalerite dominant with subordinate poddy pyrrhotite and >deposition minor pyrite. Lateral / overlying stratigraphic marker units - guartz-gahnite and/or overlying BIF $\geq$ units outflow



 Pole-dipole IP may detect some halos (including false positives), ground EM not reliable.

 Zones of strong folding and complex structural reactivation. (early high temperature) high strain zones and drag folds.

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 Envelope of fine-grained Fe-Mn garnet-quartzite, Si-Fe-K/Rb-eincr.; and Na-Ca/Sr decr., including 'Skarnlike' mineralogy.

bimodal volcanics in the footwall stratigraphy.

 Rapid/complex host facies variations (and lateral 'potossi gneiss'?)

Upper Thakaringa Gp or younger and within stratigraphic 2km of Thakaringa Gp

# **PROSPECTIVITY RANKING**

Highest Rank Broken Hill Line-of-Lode * Potosi *	
Stephens Trig Pinnacles * Razorback West Native Dog Balaclava	Group 1
Peppertree Mt Brown Speedwe	Group 2
Allenda Parne	ale Group 3 all Cross South
Lowest Rank Yalcowinna West	
* Not SCI Prospect	

# **BROKEN HILL TARGET SUMMARY**

# **Tier One Targets (large systems)**

- Razorback West Corridor
- Stephens Trig Corridor
- > Balaclava
- Native Dog

# Tier Two Targets (constrained or poorly defined systems)

- Speedwell
- Selected VTEM targets
- Southern Cross South
- Further work required(Coombarra, Riddock, Rildar, Yalcowinna, Mt Brown, Parnell)





### THACKARINGA GROUP

- > Albite (Na) rich
- Depleted in metals



# BROKEN HILL GROUP AND SILVER CITY SUITE

- Broken Hill type (BHt) mineralisation has strong correlation to Broken Hill Group stratigraphy
- BHt's associated with "lode rocks" quartz-gahnite, blue quartz, garnet-quartzites, BIFs
- Important proximity of mineralisation to Silver City Suite Granite Gneisses.



### SILVER CITY SUITE

#### Interpretation based on outcrops



### SILVER CITY SUITE

#### Interpretation based geophysics



### AMPHIBOLITES

- Mafic Volcanic and Intrusive rocks: MORB-like melts:Fe-Ti enriched.
- Restricted magma chamber in rift setting derived from partial melt of asthenosphere


### MAGNETICS

- BIFs in close proximity to ore; exhalative
- Curvilinear magnetic ridges represent disseminated magnetite formed also in exhalative setting.



Stratigraphic Relationships of BIF and Ore

Modified after Haydon and McConachy (1987)



Psammite, pelite, Potosi Gneiss

> Magnetic linears transgress rock units, but generally conform with stratigraphy

NO OUTCROP





## Distribution of gahnite, garnets, BIF and qtz-mt



## Distribution of gahnite, garnets, BIF and qtz-mt

And BHts



Garnet quartzite, blue quartz-gahnite-garnet rocks, plumbian orthoclase



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### GRAVITY

- Spatial relationship between BHts and gravity ridges
- To date no clear relationship between ore and gravity.
- Ribbon-like plunging nature of ore difficult to resolve with gravity.
- "Theoretical studies of Falcon gravity gradiometry acknowledge that the survey would have seen a positive anomaly over the intact Broken Hill orebody but that it would have been indistinguishable from other anomalies cause by other geological features"

#### > Amphibolites



## FALCON GRAVITY GRADIOMETRY

Relationship between gravity gradiometry and amphibolites



Equivalent source Gdd, 2.75 g/cc terrain density, ~600m minimum wavelength

Lane 2003



## ELECTRICAL GEOPHYSICS

Review suggests IP is a good technique for mapping out prospective packages, but not a targeting tool. (Allendale, Native Dog, Razorback West)

#### EM largely thought to be ineffective:

1.Occurrences of stratabound py-po. 2.Graphitic and pyritic shears

- 3.Saline water in streambeds and shear zones 4.Local supergene pyrite
- 5.Non conductive sphalerite-rich ores6.Ribbon-shaped, pencil-like orebodies7.Old EM technology and inadequate line spacings.

#### > However:

1.Flying Doctor BHt highly conductive2.Potosi applied potential techniques effective,Mise-a-la-masse3.DHMMR a possibility4.Perilya VTEM targets hit sulphides

#### So we have not written-off EM as a tool; currently reviewing historic interpretations

















Combination of geology and geochemistry; RAB, soil, drilling

- Focus on specific zones
  - And specific prospects

#### **PROSPECTIVITY RANKING**



## **"BUT THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL"**





Figure 1: Cross-section of the southwestern part of the Broken Hill orebody, through the Zinc Corporation main shaft. Based on interpretations by Haydon & McConachy (1987), W.R. Leyh (unpublished diagram), and G. Reed (unpublished data ).





# What do we actually know?

- 1. Laing: Ore body and large areas of district overturned.
- 2. Webster : strong arguments to contrary
- 3. SCI Interp on basis if Geological Survey mapping suggests some is and some isn't



Domains that show overturned fold structures vs Laing overturned nappes

Less extensive, But detected only if refolded

Razorback area seems UPRIGHT

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF FACING DOMAINS FOR EXPLORATION?

- High strain zones and complex folding near the transition from downward to upward facing sequences may be inherited from growth faults that originally controlled mineralisation and as such should be the focus of exploration.
- Problematic because many of these boundaries are now younger focussed Delamerian shears.

•What do these boundaries look like? - 2 cross sections



Razorback cross Section Line shown

'upright domain'

Interpretive cross section Maybelle-Yellowstone Shear

#### Assumes NSWGS structure (upright)

#### (buckled up carpet)





Rupee cross Section Line shown

'overturned domain'



#### **Interpretive Cross section - Rupee**

Clevedale fold as synform? Mt Darling fold as F1? Himalaya Ftm not recognised near B Hill Thorndale Gneiss closed fold (sheath?) (can't do this to carpet!)

#### Not Pastry but Dali?



Spider of the Evening ... Hope!, 1940 - Dali

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## 16km long Interpretive Broken Hill Cross sections



3D-WEG Model (N7) (Mcli

B. Hill Oret



Figure 2: a) Photo of a F2 sheath fold plunging shallowly to moderately (out of the page) in a thin psammitic gneiss unit. Photo looking north. This fold structure is interpreted to be representative of the overall structure of the Maybell East Fold.

2 km

\$3

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NW

\$2

B.P. J. Stevens November 2004

ALMA

THACKARINGA

THORNDALE

RIFT package

KI Southeast

SE

lill Fold

## **Two Important Targets**

**Razorback West and Stephens Trig Prospects** 

Two large (related?) systems of:

Proven geochemical anomalismHigh mineral system rankingUncertain architecture (structure)



## STEPHENS TRIG/RAZORBACK WEST



#### North Broken Hill Targets

RAB geochemistry (zinc) shows strong anomalism in the Stephens Trig trend and at Razorback West, including a new area to NE of current Razorback survey area



## LONGITUDINAL SECTION

#### Line of Lode extensions



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#### Interpretive cross section Maybelle-Yellowstone Shear

#### The Razorback West link to Stephens Trig Prospect






### RAZORBACK WEST

#### **Work Program**

- Target massive sulphides under cover
- Ground electro-magnetic surveys
- Gravity profiles
- Extend IP to northeast
- Follow-up drilling.





#### SEARCHING FOR COMPLEXITY

Stephens Trig –Peppertree Corridor

Maybell East Fold suggests-

extra folds or rapid sequence thickening Required to explain geology





## Alternative Stephens Trig geological interpretations









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#### New target zone "Trig East"

- Alteration and geochemical signature in high strain zone
- South plunge 40 degrees





#### NEXT TARGETS FOR SILVER CITY

- Upper parts of BH Group
- High strain zones
- Right geochem
- Right alteration
- Close relationship to coeval volcanic rock and intrusions (heat engines)
- Gravity Ridges

.....but largely under cover with geology poorly understood.

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Author	No.	Rock types	Approaching ore:	
	Analyses		Enriched in	Depleted in
Walker (1964)	4000 (trace elements)	Potosi, pelite, psammite, tholeiite	Pb. Zn, Ag, Cu, Cd	Sr
Ransom (1972)	21 (modal)	tholeiite to Potosi transition	K, Si, Na	Fe, Mg, Ca
Hodgson (1975)	thin sections	Wall rocks to ore	Ca, Mn, Fe	Na, K, Al, Si
Klingner & McConachy (1975)	1723 (XRF)	Potosi	K, Ca, Al	Na, Si
Plimer (1976) Elliot (1976)	112 (XRF)	Potosi, pelite	Rb, K, (sericite), Fe3+	Sr, Ca, Na, Mg
		thoeliite	Rb, K, Al, $H_2O$	Ca, Sr, Na, Ti
Elliot (1979)	347 (XRF)	Potosi, pelite, psammite, tholeiite	Mn, Fe3+, Pb, Zn	Na, Ca, Sr, Mg
Plimer (1979)	260 (XRF)	Potosi, pelite, psammite, tholeiite	K, Fe, Si, Mn, Pb, Rb, S, Ti	Na, Ca, Sr, Mg
Main et al. (1983)	4054 (XRF)	Mainly Potosi	Mn, (K, Fe, Ca, Mg, Rb, Ti, Al)	Na, Sr, (P, Ba)
Haydon et al. (1993), Wright et al. (1993)	1093 (XRF)	Potosi, pelite, psammite	K, Fe, Mn, Pb, Zn, Cu, As	Na, P
Stanley (1997)	1300 (XRF) 1400 (probe)	Pelite, psammite	K, Fe, Si, Mn, Pb, Zn	Na, Ca
Prendergast et al. (1998)	Fluid inclusions	Potosi, pelite, psammite	Fe, Mn, Mg	Na, K, Ca
Williams et al. (1998)	Fluid inclusions	Qtz-rich veins	K, Fe, Ca, Si, Mn, Pb, Zn, P, F, Na	
Stevens & Capperhurst (1998)	2300 (XRF)	Mainly Potosi and	Potosi: K	Potosi: Na
cupiteritarist (1990)		thoeliite	Thoeliite: Si, P	Thoeliite: Fe3+, Mg, Ti
BHEI2000 GIS (Skirrow & Ashley, 2000) Olary Domain	352 (XRF), K/Th gamma	All rock types	Fe, Na/K, K	К
Kent et al. (2000) Olary Domain	20 (XRF), fluid inclusions	calc-silicate	Mn, Fe <sup>3+</sup> , Ca, Cu	Na, Fe <sup>2+</sup> , Mg, Rb
Walters (2000)	10000 (XRF)	Pelite, psammite	K, Fe, Si, Mn, Pb, Rb, Zn	Na, Ca, Sr, Mg
Leyh (2000)	petrographic	Pelite, psammite	K, Si, Fe, Mn, Mg K, Fe, Si, Mg	
Evans (2002)	20 (XRF)	Pelite, psammite	Fe, Mn, Zn, Ca	K, Si, Rb

# SILVER CITY MINERALS alteration studies

Diverse alteration studies on BHt have an overall consistent conclusion:

On approaching the ore position the alteration halo displays-

• enrichment in K, Fe, Si, Mn, Rb

•depletion in Na, Ca, and Sr

Metasomatic complications

(CSIRO Gaps Analysis, 2003 and Greenfield, 2003).



#### HYMAP IMAGERY

"Hyperspectral imagery can be successfully employed to recognise minerals and lithologies ....."

#### AND

"The spectrally-derived maps are dependent on scene statistics generated for whole image swaths. Should an explorer wish to generate lithology and mineral abundance maps for a small exploration target, the scene statistics can be optimised for that target, and a better resolution of small outcrops can be achieved than has been illustrated here". Geoff Taylor 2005