

MEMBER SBS

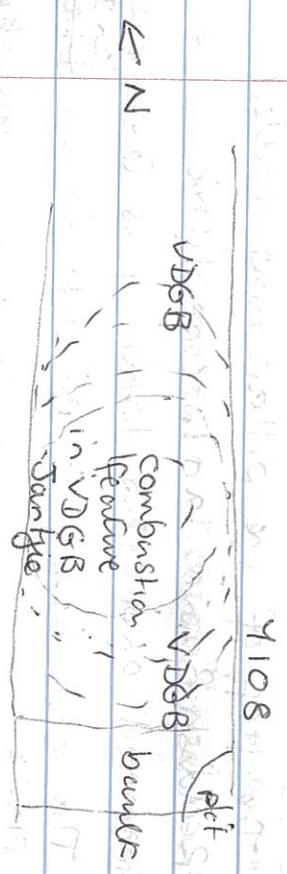
Excavation 3 2017 May 6 - June 1
Squares X113 Y108 and Y108 are

henceforth called E118 N109 and N108

2017 All excavation recorded here is N108 E113

6th There was a lot of damage to the
many section and 3 buckets of slump
were removed and sieved

I began on VDIGB and found a
narrow blade and a plate almost
immediately. The uppermost plan was
labelled SBS (member) layer VDIGB
Sam Black pins placed at base
of this plan.

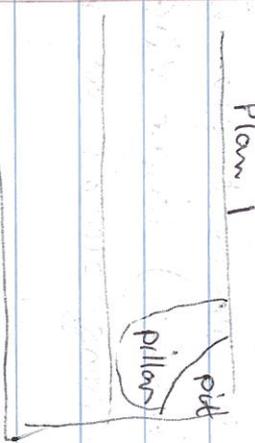


07/05 Combustion Feature 1 in VDIGB

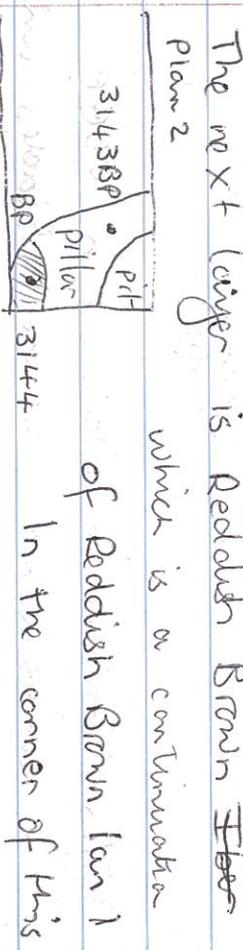
contains many knives - blades and
two broken denticulates. One large
piece of charcoal, but charcoal was

generally rare and organic preservation was not good. Blue pins at the base of the plan; the feature was marked by white ash under VDBG and the feature was called Combustion Feature 1 in VDBG Santiago.

I panned to remove the pillar left from the excavation of the pit in N108E113



The top of the pillar was called Reddish Brown lan 1. One lithic was recovered and this layer was terminated.



The next layer is Reddish Brown ~~lan 1~~ ^{lan 2} which is a continuation of Reddish Brown lan 1. In the corner of this is a dark patch taken out as RB DIRT. Nothing much came out of the

sediments so only Bucket Points ^{lan 4} The layer under is Reddish Brown ~~lan 1~~ which has 5 lithics and one piece of bone.

The next layer on the pillar is Reddish Brown ~~lan 1~~ ^{lan 5} This ends on ^{lan 5} a layer with white concretions that may be

geological and secondary (sample to be used with FTIR). There is a tiny piece of possible bone with concentric rings and the centre is filled with an

iron oxide type of sediment (taken for FTIR). The removed floor may be the result of scraping out of a hearth.

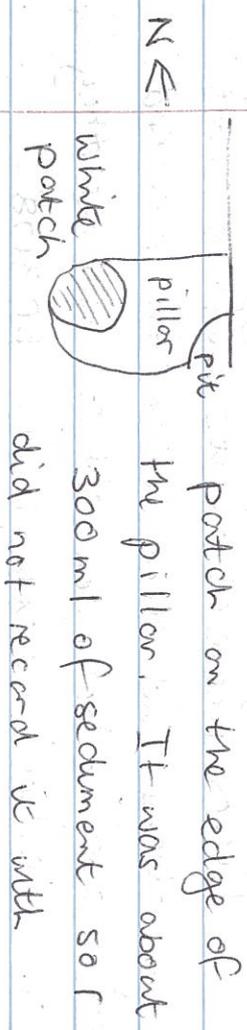
Trampling seems less likely. However, the lithics recovered on its surface were clearly laid down when the removed surface had consolidated because they are horizontal only level. BP 3178

Reddish Brown ~~lan 1~~ ^{lan 6} (on pillar) Photo on tablet. Lithics flat on surface

BP 3209

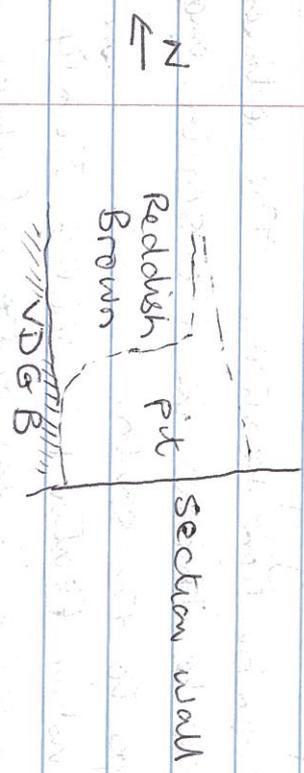
08/05 Reddish Brown ~~Filler~~ ^{lan} This layer ends on the blue pins from the 2016 excavation of RB (white Ash RB on 13/03). Up against the section wall in the north part is white ash that will join with the main part of the square. Surrounding the ash is the subfined, speckled sediment with concretions so this speckled area may have been adjacent to the hearth and may be from the sweeping out

09/05 Very Dark Greyish Brown Sam 2 SBS The last part of the pillar next to the pit. I found a small white

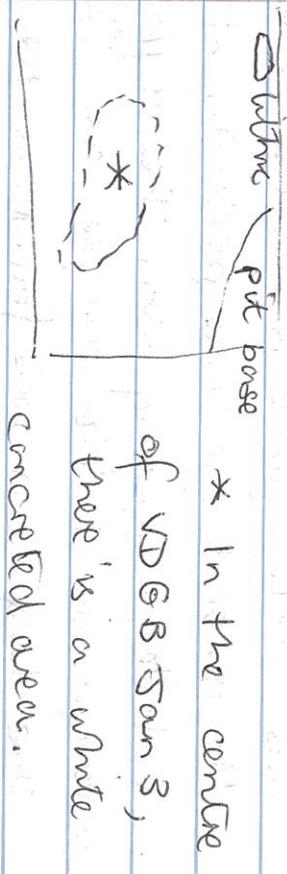


I found a small white patch on the edge of the pillar. It was about 300ml of sediment so I did not record it with coordinates, but had it sieved and bagged separately. This was because it is on the contact of 4WA and SBS and I cannot be sure whether

it is a small lump of white ash trampled from 4WA into SBS, Very Dark Greyish Brown Sam 2 - this is the base of the pillar adjacent to the pit.



The section showing the pit is now clear, The pit contained some gypsum nodules, as does the Reddish Brown adjacent to it.



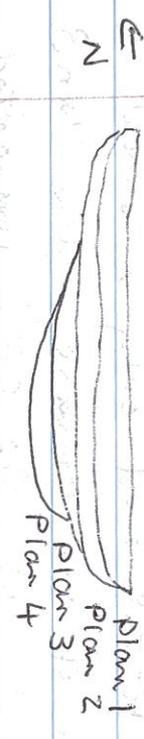
* In the centre of VDGB Sam 3, there is a white concreted area.

one that truncated Orange The first layer of the pit ends on a layer of gypsum (?) nodules (pink and white).
 3 Prates were in this first layer.



15/05/2017 Combustion Feature 1 Plan 4 in very Dark Greyish Brown Sam 4

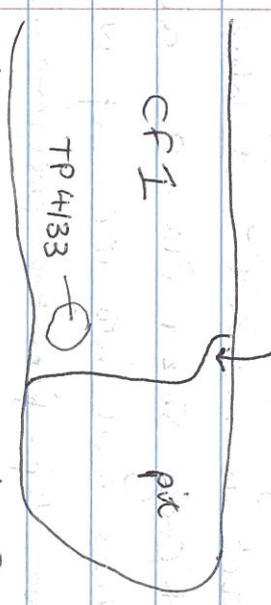
This is the base of the feature, which is an asymmetrical basin that is cut



by the pit.

Pit Plan 2 ends on a slightly redder brown colour than previously and has some bone fragments and a few lithics. Against the section there is a small

tunnel into the combustion feature



within the combustion feature is a small pit (ash lined, not like the adjacent pit).

It is 50 x 90 mm and it has the lithics sloping into it, not quite vertically. It is labeled TP 4133 (topographical point) and is only 30-40mm deep. Its side forms a ridge with the large brown pit to the south.

Combustion Feature 2 white Set This may be part of Combustion Feature 1 Sam 4, but it was separated by a thin black lens so I have kept it separate.



If it is the same as CF 1 then Plan 1 is part of

Plan 3 CF 1 and Plan 2 is part of CF 1 Plan 4 [it does fit like a jigsaw puzzle!]

The Combustion Feature 2 white Set

ends on Very Dark Grey (called Sez)
The contact is marked with blue pins.

16/05/ Very Dark Grey Sez 1 Plan 2 occurs
17/05 all over N108 and into 10cm of N109

where it was left from the previous excavation. I have included the N109 material with N108 because it is very little. One cone on Flake, many lithics, some ochre and charcoal was recovered. The very dark grey continues into Plan 3.

18/05 Very Dark Grey Sez 1 Plan 3

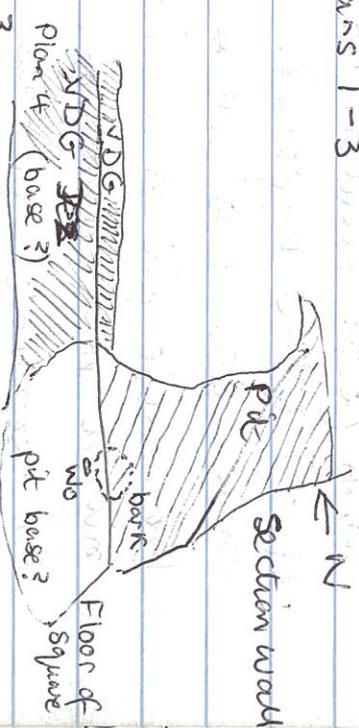
Once again all over the square except for the pit area (which seems to be enlarging), the layer seems to be coming on to a layer with rock nodules, perhaps tiny, chunky spalls.

19/05 Very Dark Grey Sez Plan 4

The layer continued, producing another pavement of lithics as well as a piece of charcoal, a cluster of 5mm bone fragments and, importantly (for ESR), a piece of tooth enamel. At the base,

the sediment seems a lighter colour. The Pit ^{sediment} adjacent to VDG Sez is now raised above the level of the VDG Sez, so I shall remove it next.

Pit (perhaps the base) This has expanded in size and undercuts VDG Sez Plans 1-3



20/05 Pit Plan 3 in VDG Sez revealed a

semi circle of bark. I used a syringe to put very diluted Paraloid on the bark, unfortunately when it dried a slice of the semi circle came away from the section wall. More of the bark remains in the section and I later found that it is also present on the floor of the square. It has been compressed into an oval shape, but it may have been a container, I

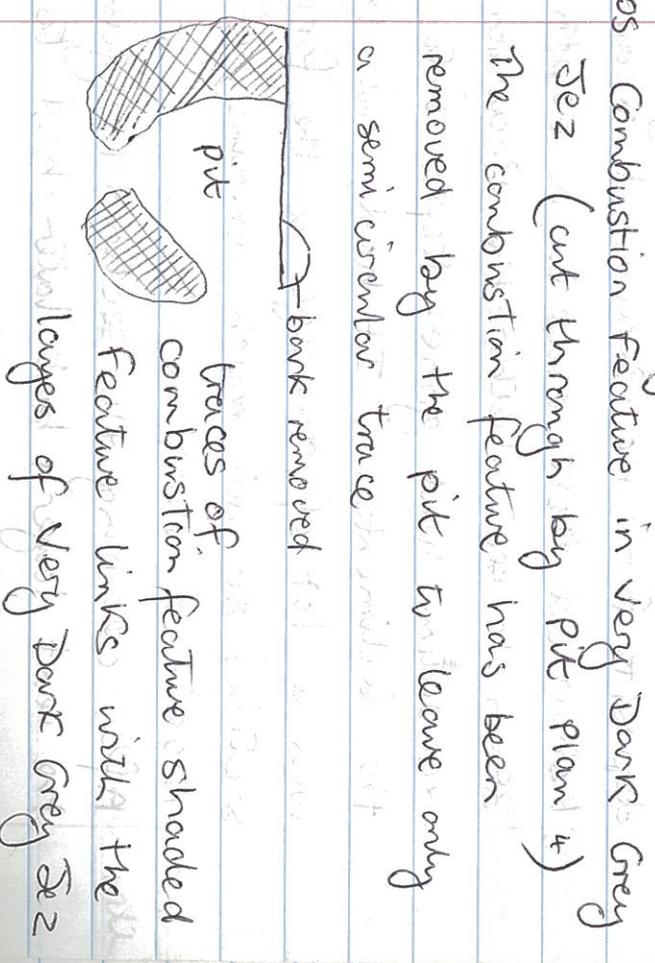
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collected sediment from inside the
bark. Close by was a stick that had
broken into several segments. Some
lithics lay horizontally, but on the
side of the pit they were almost
vertical. This pit may belong to
4WA (either Reddish Brown or one
of the white layers like White 8) rather
than SRS. This will be the case if
the entire pit is a single feature,
but it may have been dug in
two separate episodes.

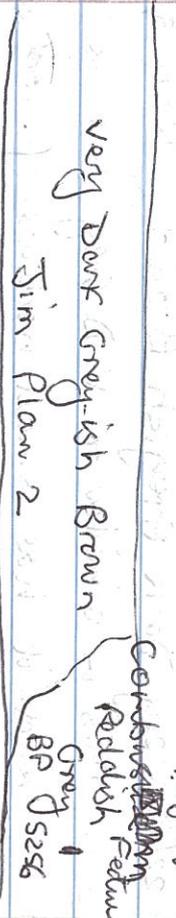
21/05 A small plaster jacket was placed on
the trench side in a semi circle around
the bark "containers". Paratoid was applied
to the section half circle, while cleaning
a horizontal "moat" above the half circle
on the sediment, some pieces broke off and were stored in
plastic containers, on 22/05 a plaster
jacket was placed around the plant and
it was removed in a little sediment
wrapped in gauze

Very Dark Grey Sez Plan 5
The dark layer continues, but has small
reef rock fragments and is adjacent to
the combustion feature that was cut by
the pit in the southern part of the square.
Some charcoal and bone and plenty lithics
but fewer than in the other plans.
22/05 Very Dark Greyish Brown 10YR 3/2
This is similar to V.D. Grey, but is browner
and it has small nodules of reef spall

23/05 Combustion feature in very Dark Grey
Sez (cut through by pit Plan 4)
The combustion feature has been
removed by the pit to leave only
a semi circular trace



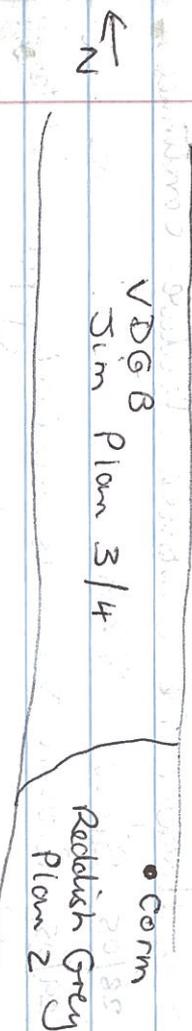
24/05 Very Dark Greyish Brown Sim Plan 2
 This seems to have fewer lithics, but more charcoal than previously. In the south corner where the pit had previously been is an ashing/light grey layer
 51R 512 Reddish Grey that looks like a combustion feature. (~~that looks like~~)



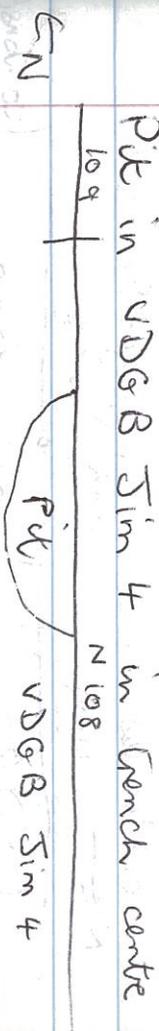
Sim Plan 2 was on the level of the modern "floor" comprising slumped deposits from the Beaumont excavation. I shovelled these out to a depth of 35cm to see whether the Beaumont excavation had gone deeper into the sediments. It had, but there was a lot of damage to the former section, so not much remains of N108 and N109.

After cleaning the section I began the next layer, but later had to

stop to clean the ragged section again because some tiny fragments of grass were compacted into it. Reddish Grey Plan 2 on edge of square is a combustion feature - associated with VDG B Sim. It is filled with



gritty nodules of roof spall and cemented ash. A corn (carbonised) was lying next to a lithic. The base of the combustion feature has plenty of lithics in it. One on the western edge is tilted into the feature.



Pit has gritty texture and small < 5m roof spall nodules. It is mixed with green pins

Base of VDEB Sim Plan 4 is marked with orange pins. The layer is generally grittier than before, with small roof spall. There are markedly fewer lithics from previously so there is a change of behaviour - I shall create a new layer. The combustion feature continues.

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Brown Sohn

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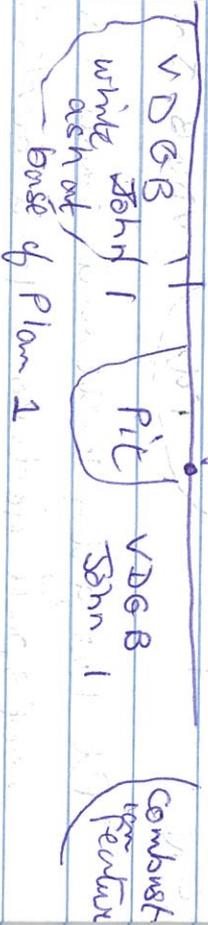
Brown Sohn is relatively poor in terms of lithics and bone. In N109 the Plan 1 ends on white ash (thin) that is probably a combustion feature. The pit that started in VDEB Sim 4 continues and it contained a fragment of spongy ceramic that could be human. The combustion feature also

N ← continues

N109

combustion fragment

N108



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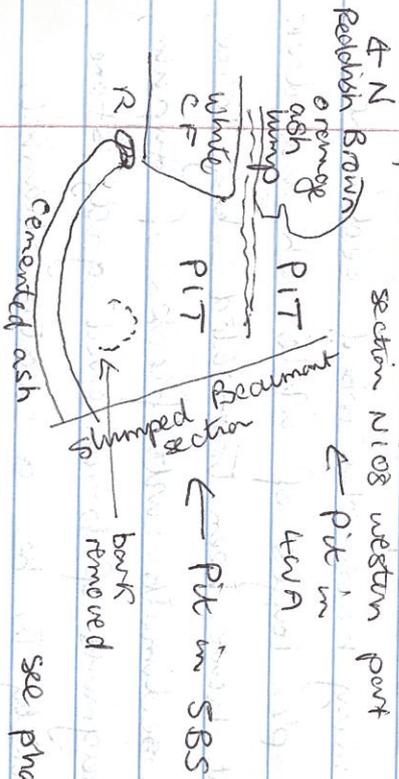
Stratigraphy drawings

In 2016 Justin excavated N109 and having cleaned the collapsed section, I see that below very dark greyish brown where the small pit with lithics was found, many have disturbed sediment. The complex layers of white ash and dark sediment have been truncated by loose, brown sediment with flecks of gypsum, ash, fragments of bone and gully stone. It is likely to be a water channel. Very Dark Grey Z2 under it seems to be intact.

Combustion Feature in Very Dark Grey Z2 (continued from earlier pages) (below pit) This lower level of the feature is on a level with Brown Sohn, but probably does not belong with it. Although the ash is cemented in places, it may be transported ash and ash lumps. The lithics in the feature mostly stand

16/ vertically - both small and large ones,
check notes from 23/05 because here I

noted the circular shape of the
cemented ash. Now the circular shape
of cemented ash is clear in the section.



Although the Beaumont excavation truncates
the pit and some is lost, the structure is
still clear. It looks now like a roasting
pit, perhaps for meat ^{and} heating rocks, too.
A Jasperflour that was glossy and
heated was on top of the cemented ash,
It may have been accidentally heated
through.

01/06 Pattern sample taken behind where
#5628 bark had been removed,