



UFOs ghosts dreams the future *The* **incredible**

By John Pinkney

UFO: Put rocket up staff at Woomera.

FLYING BALLS BAFFLE BOFFINS

MYSTERIOUS metal spheres that fall from seemingly empty skies are puzzling scientists around the world.

At least one of these baffling balls landed on Australia's Woomera Rocket range.

Its metal surface was so strong that researchers using a high-speed drill were unable to cut into it.

In 1982, scientists in Iowa, USA, had a similar experience. Two flaming spheres, each about the size of a basketball, crashed into a cornfield, setting the crop alight.

Researchers retrieved the

balls next morning and announced that they were "as light as helium balloons".

The spheres resisted everything that scientists could throw at them.

"We can't even dent the things," a spokeswoman said.

The smooth, seamless ball that plunged onto Woomera was just as tough.

The sphere (about 80cm in diameter) was completely immune to heat, remaining cool even after prolonged blasts from an oxy-torch.

British UFO investigator Timothy Good told the story in his book *Alien Encounter*.

Good's informant was a

radio technician who worked at Woomera on telemetry for Black Knight military missiles.

"UFOs were frequently seen over the range, especially during high-altitude trials," he said. "But we seldom reported them for fear of official persecution."

"In 1959, during a period of intense UFO activity, a helicopter pilot discovered a metal ball lying on the range, just outside the missile trials zone.

"The colour was mid-grey metallic and it was very light - easily supported by one hand.

"We tried to cut into the sphere but we couldn't even

mark it with handtools, saws, drills, hammers or chisels.

"Next we tried to heat it with an oxy-torch, but you could touch the ball with your hand the moment the torch was removed. Oxygen applied at cutting heat made no difference either.

"By this time we were very curious. To the naked eye - and our instruments - it was a perfect sphere, with no dents or bumps.

"The ball had no radiation and a geiger counter registered zero.

"At this point we admitted defeat and sought advice.

The next thing I knew, the ball was removed by security staff and we heard it had been taken to Wright-Patterson Airforce Base in the US.

"Several years later, I encountered by chance one of the people with whom I'd studied the sphere. He was still working at Woomera.

"When I asked him about the ball, he said that as far as he was concerned it had never existed. He strongly advised me to say the same thing if I was ever asked."



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John,

The following is an extract from the Sunday Mail May 4 1963 p. 23

MORE OBJECTS FROM OUTER SPACE MAY BE FOUND

More objects from space may be scattered in the remote area north of Broken Hill, where the "Boullia Ball" was found last month. This possibility was disclosed in Adelaide this week, the ball was found at Boullia Station, 180 miles North of Broken Hill early in April.

Controversy as to whether it was really from outer space or simply part of a refrigerator ended this week when the Minister of Supply, Mr Fairhall, announced that it had been proved the "ball" had come from a space vehicle.

Scientists have now told the Sunday Mail that satellites and rocket systems often include a number of pressure vessels like the one recovered.

The article covers a whole page and I was only allowed to copy as much as I could with a blunt pencil they gave me and there are two photographs as well. I have ordered a copy of the article from the Mortlock Library and when it arrives in 10 working days I will forward it to you. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Georgia Livissianos

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Heritage Centre

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To the Manager/Caretaker,
Woomera Heritage Museum,
Woomera.

Dear Sir,

You will see from the enclosed cuttings from the Barlow Daily Truth, that it has taken me some 33 years to link up with the red-hot round ball I saw pass over Warrnambool "about" the time it was discovered.

The first report is dated 9th April '63, and although I am unable to set a date when I saw the object pass over; it had to be mid-October, whether 1963, because it was the cold that decided me to head for the Open fire on a crisp clear, moonless night -- thus shortening my period of sky watching, and in particular satellites.

As I began packing up my telescope, my attention was drawn to what at first appeared to be a small full-moon low down in the Sth east (over the ocean) and travelling at an enormous speed; as from the time I first saw it until it crossed over a double row of Norfolk Island pines some 70ft high in our (then) street, when I lost it, - was 3-4 seconds.

Being familiar with meteors etc - I knew it was not related - no sound - no tail or sparks, no boom (breaking sound barrier) just a small red-hot ball heading north-westerly (roughly) and apparently of no great altitude - 1-2,000 ft perhaps.

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Naturally I did not mention this to my mates
at work, nor anyone else for some years afterwards
but I do recall reports in our (Vic) + local papers of
the find. Believing it was one and the same ball, I
got out my atlas + placing a ruler along what I
believed was its trajectory, it came out near Broken Hill.

Thus satisfied I went my way on other space
adventures. Last year I decided to follow up the
mystery, obtaining the address of the paper in B Hill
from my news agent. Enclosed his reply.

As the article recounts, the ball was sent to Woomera?
(or Weapons Research Est. Salisbury S.A.) I thought that
was the end of the trail, as all that rocket business had
closed down years ago. I wrote to a chap in England
who spent some time at Woomera but did not get a
reply - although my letter was delivered by his sister-in-law,
in person. May not have heard of it?

Last night on T.V. I saw your museum on "Holidays"
+ wondered if that ball was an exhibit there -
and if so - could I have a photo of it please.
I'm prepared to cover cost of photo + postage
if it will assist in delivery.

If your museum + W.R.E. are not connected
(pardon my ignorance on this) could you make
a few enquiries re ball (TANK) from W.R.E. if
still up + running - or their address please.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
Regards

P.S.

I have just looked up the locations of Salisbury, Woomera + they
are miles apart. Maybe I'm on the wrong team. The only SALISBURY
I can find is just north of Adelaide.??

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* A late addendum:-3

This tank MAY have been part of the Russian SPUTNIK. 5. Launched on 19/8/1960. "Sputnik satellites were generally launched on orbits which are low + are inclined at an angle of 65° with respect to the equatorial plane of the planet. They have a short lifetime (of the order of some months) thus leading to the vehicles destruction once its potentialities have been realized." I am now certain the round, red hot ball I saw falling over Wannamitool was this tank - later found near Broken Hill.

* Sputnik 5 was the first space ship recovered. Therefore James Henry the tank must have belonged to Sputnik 4. 15th May 1960 - 4500 KG. The orbiting was successful but recovery of the capsule failed.

Later satellites following this programme:-
COSMOS. A series of USSR satellites first launched in 1962 (52 Cosmos satellites orbited in 1965)

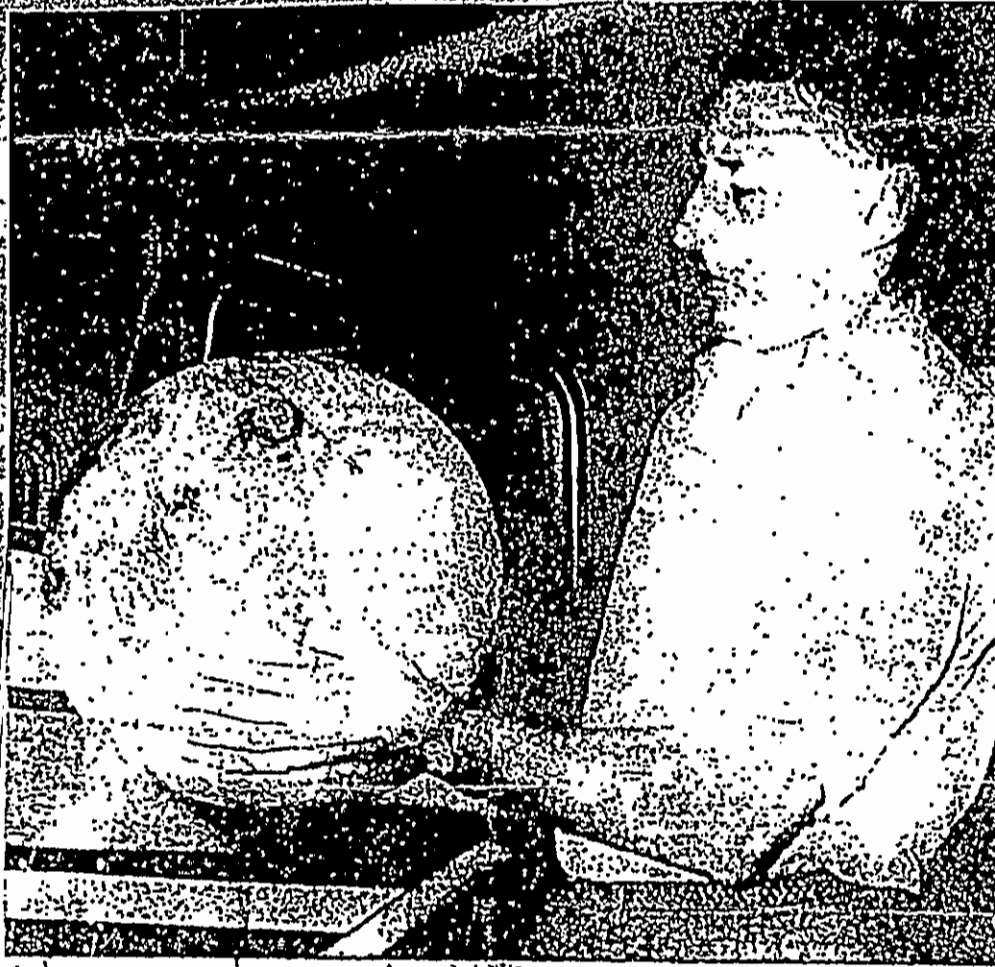
Many return to the ground a short time after their launching.

" Collins Concise Encyclopedia of
Astronautics ~ 1968

The sighting followed from the early Explorer (Nadelle. Wheel) solar panels that flashed like a beacon and passed over Explorer 16 designed to study danger from meteorites (16/12/1962)

JKH.

Puzzles Locals



When Jim McClure of Boullia Station went out yesterday to visit parts of his property that had not been explored for 50 years, he stumbled on to a mystery.

The mystery was a 14-inch sphere, greyish in color, and weighing 12 to 14 lbs. At the 180 degree points two odd fittings were attached. These were partly fused by heat.

Although it had retained its spherical shape the object had the appearance of having passed through intense heat.

It was flown to Broken Hill yesterday afternoon by Ken Rossen, of Silver City Air Taxi. On his arrival, Ray Yeoman, BDT photographer took the photos seen above.

IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM

Rossen turned it over to Yeoman, who was then faced with two problems — to try to identify it — and where to dispose of it.

He took it out to the Zinc Corporation and the South Mine where it became the centre of a fascinated and curious group of metallurgists, geologists and other technicians.

First they checked it with a Geiger counter and determined that it was not radioactive. Then they scratched and filed it, and found it to be an extremely hard metal. But Jim said they had to admit that it was constructed of a metal unknown to them.

Yeoman's then phoned the Woomera Rocket Range and told their chief security officer about the object.

"It is nothing we know of," said this official, "but dispatch it immediately to Mr. J. Madden at the Weapons Research Establishment, Salisbury, S.A., for examination."

Yeoman then phoned up the mysterious sphere and took it over to Anzac-ANA office.

However, when the airplane pilot, Captain Lionel Edwards, heard of the nature of the cargo he refused to carry it, stating:

COULD BE BOMB

"It might be a bomb. I will jeopardise the safety of my passengers. If the Weapons Research people want it they could send an aircraft out to pick it up."

The "BDT" office last night showed what it could have been the "rain" of a hammer and other tools, but this did not appear in photos.

It was housed in Ray Yeoman's "darkroom" last night.

pending the problem of how to dispatch it.

There is always the possibility, according to certain sources, that it is only a "core ball valve used in pasteurisation tanks."

But if so, why is it constructed of a "mystery metal?"

Electrocuted While Wiring

About 8 p.m. yesterday Giuseppe Tavian, of 148 Silica Lane, was playing an electric light on an extension cord in the laundry of his home.

Hearing him cry out his wife investigated and found him on the floor.

A neighbor, Tim Silica, was called to the scene and called the Tavian's and pulled the cord.

When the 11 ambulance arrived, Tavian's condition was hopeless, but without success.

Mr. Tavian was a native of Italy.

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... reported the News yesterday. It should be available next winter. The vaccine is being prepared by the Pasteur Institute, Paris, at a special type of glass bottle containing only dead virus of measles virus. This has been administered to a few children, but it is not yet available in large quantities. The vaccine is being prepared by the Pasteur Institute, Paris, at a special type of glass bottle containing only dead virus of measles virus. This has been administered to a few children, but it is not yet available in large quantities.

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Admiral... will be in Sydney on Thursday...
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Sydney, Thursday. A mysterious ball...
 The ball was found in Sydney on Thursday...

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 Sydney, Thursday. The weather is...
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Jim Henry looks for the USA space shuttle Endeavour. Picture: DAMIAN WHITE.

SEVERAL Warranbool and district residents have caught glimpses of what they believe to be the star-fazer, the space shuttle Endeavour.

Veteran Warranbool stargazer Jim Henry said that on Monday at 6.20 pm, he saw a break in the clouds near the Southern Cross, and saw bright lights he thought were from the shuttle between two stars moving towards the south-east.

"I counted up to 90 before it faded away," Mr Henry said.

Space shuttle spotted by Warranbool residents

The angle was about 50 degrees above the horizon, I got my binoculars, but at that low altitude from the sun, it didn't reflect a lot of light."

On Sunday night there was a report of the shuttle being spotted from Nullawarre.

Mr Henry said people may have confused the shuttle with stars, which looked like lights changing color, due to

the cloud cover, he said. The shuttle travels at 15,000 kilometres an hour, and takes about 90 minutes to orbit the earth.

Warranbool's Crawley Street resident Tony Colleen said he observed what he believed to be the shuttle at 6.25 pm last night.

He said he saw it clearly as it passed directly over Warranbool.

A Bureau of Meteorology information officer said yesterday tomorrow night would probably be the least cloudy evening to spot the shuttle.

Meanwhile, up on the shuttle the Australian-born astronaut Andy Thomas on his second day in space was helping to inflate a giant antenna and taste-testing Coca-Cola in zero gravity.

The space shuttle Endeavour was launched from Cape Canaveral Sunday night Australian time with Dr Thomas and five other astronauts on board.

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BOULLIA BALL- MYSTERY FALLING OBJECTS

Dear Sir,

Mrs Dangerfield of the Woomera Heritage Centre has passed me your letter to answer. As the Range Activities Manager, I have access to a number of old unclassified and classified files relating to airborne observations of an undetermined kind.


I have enclosed two articles that appeared in newspapers, one back in 1963 the other about a year ago. It would appear from the articles and other information contained in the files that over the past 49 years Woomera has been both the sighting centre and occasional recovery point of a number of pieces of discarded rocketry and other items. In the article "Flying balls baffle boffins" reference is made to the fact that the Americans were given certain spherical objects, which had been either recovered at Woomera or handed over to the Weapons Research Establishment (WRE) at Salisbury, via Woomera. Research into the files indicate that the balls were never returned to Australia for further investigation by our people. It is most likely that the Americans provided Australia with some relevant information, and that was the end of that.

The Boullia ball story was answered with typical WRE efficiency, thereby eluding any reference to secret or unusual findings. To the best of my knowledge the Boullia ball is at the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) Salisbury, quite possibly in storage, without anybody actually knowing what it is or where it came from!

Mr Roger Henwood of the DSCW main workshops, was involved with the recovery of the Europa and WRESAT rockets from the Simpson desert, over the past 3 years, and in amongst the different rockets first stage sections are a number of spherical pressure vessels of similar dimensions to the Boullia ball. A number of these are on display at the Woomera Heritage Centre.

I hope that this information will be of some use to you.

Of note, Woomera will be celebrating it's 50th birthday during the Easter long weekend, 1997. A number of major reunion functions are being planned for the weekend.


JC Draper
Range Activities Manager
04 July 1996

