

1  
00:00:00,149 --> 00:00:11,939  
hello my name is Willa you're listening

2  
00:00:02,879 --> 00:00:14,609  
to uncle ratchet welcome to the sceptic

3  
00:00:11,939 --> 00:00:16,009  
zone the podcast from Australia for

4  
00:00:14,609 --> 00:00:18,089  
science and reason

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00:00:16,010 --> 00:00:21,060  
[Music]

6  
00:00:18,089 --> 00:00:26,600  
[Applause]

7  
00:00:21,059 --> 00:00:29,250  
[Music]

8  
00:00:26,600 --> 00:00:33,800  
yes it's the skeptics are in episode

9  
00:00:29,250 --> 00:00:35,789  
number 448 for the 21st of May 2017

10  
00:00:33,799 --> 00:00:38,159  
richardsaunders here with you from

11  
00:00:35,789 --> 00:00:41,850  
Sydney Australia and it's the sort of

12  
00:00:38,159 --> 00:00:44,669  
weather I just love it's fine sunny it's

13  
00:00:41,850 --> 00:00:47,280  
not hot it's not cold you can wear a

14  
00:00:44,670 --> 00:00:49,109  
jacket you can wear a t-shirt you can

15  
00:00:47,280 --> 00:00:51,420  
wear snorkels and flippers if you want

16  
00:00:49,109 --> 00:00:53,549  
it's very pleasant at the moment in

17  
00:00:51,420 --> 00:00:55,829  
Sydney we were supposed to get all this

18  
00:00:53,549 --> 00:00:58,500  
deluge this weekend but didn't happen so

19  
00:00:55,829 --> 00:01:03,299  
very good coming up on this week's

20  
00:00:58,500 --> 00:01:07,019  
episode of the skeptic zone UFOs oh yes

21  
00:01:03,299 --> 00:01:09,719  
an oldie but a goodie I do like UFOs

22  
00:01:07,019 --> 00:01:12,479  
stories one of the reasons I got into

23  
00:01:09,719 --> 00:01:14,969  
skepticism growing up in the 1970s all

24  
00:01:12,480 --> 00:01:16,439  
those UFOs flying about we're going to

25  
00:01:14,969 --> 00:01:19,109  
kick off the show with the report about

26  
00:01:16,439 --> 00:01:21,209  
government funding federal government

27  
00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:23,400  
funding I think it is for a local UFO

28  
00:01:21,209 --> 00:01:25,859  
group up in New South Wales up by just

29

00:01:23,400 --> 00:01:28,440  
north of Sydney is this a good thing

30  
00:01:25,859 --> 00:01:30,719  
this is a bad thing is this a ridiculous

31  
00:01:28,439 --> 00:01:33,149  
thing find out when we have some reports

32  
00:01:30,719 --> 00:01:35,939  
including one read by Shelley stockin

33  
00:01:33,150 --> 00:01:37,290  
now reporter about this situation and

34  
00:01:35,939 --> 00:01:39,120  
then that's followed by an interview

35  
00:01:37,290 --> 00:01:41,190  
with dr. Steve Roberts from the

36  
00:01:39,120 --> 00:01:45,450  
Australian skeptics who is a UFO expert

37  
00:01:41,189 --> 00:01:47,700  
an expert in to something that isn't yet

38  
00:01:45,450 --> 00:01:50,310  
to be proven to exist go figure that one

39  
00:01:47,700 --> 00:01:51,719  
out UFOs are out there they're in there

40  
00:01:50,310 --> 00:01:53,040  
they're up there they're doing something

41  
00:01:51,719 --> 00:01:54,989  
or other they're certainly doing

42  
00:01:53,040 --> 00:01:56,940  
something with government funding find

43  
00:01:54,989 --> 00:01:58,890

out to kick off the skeptic zone

44

00:01:56,939 --> 00:02:01,370  
following that it's a follow up to a

45

00:01:58,890 --> 00:02:03,840  
story we covered in January about the

46

00:02:01,370 --> 00:02:06,120  
National Institute of complementary

47

00:02:03,840 --> 00:02:08,250  
medicines who were nominated for the

48

00:02:06,120 --> 00:02:09,689  
Australian skeptics Bend spoon award and

49

00:02:08,250 --> 00:02:12,479  
they weren't very pleased about that

50

00:02:09,689 --> 00:02:15,239  
will the story of their whinging and

51

00:02:12,479 --> 00:02:18,479  
whining and complaining has ended up in

52

00:02:15,239 --> 00:02:21,269  
the journal of Australian pharmacist so

53

00:02:18,479 --> 00:02:23,039  
we're going to be covering that which is

54

00:02:21,269 --> 00:02:26,189  
a sort of a follow up to a story we did

55

00:02:23,039 --> 00:02:29,759  
earlier in the year then we have

56

00:02:26,189 --> 00:02:31,259  
brouhaha from Australia science TV what

57

00:02:29,759 --> 00:02:34,348  
are we looking at this week Oh

58  
00:02:31,259 --> 00:02:36,060  
Earth's accidental force field

59  
00:02:34,348 --> 00:02:38,669  
that sounds pretty interesting that's

60  
00:02:36,060 --> 00:02:40,409  
with Casey Harrigan then we have another

61  
00:02:38,669 --> 00:02:43,439  
report from the Australian skeptics

62  
00:02:40,409 --> 00:02:46,199  
website about pro-vaccine measures in

63  
00:02:43,439 --> 00:02:47,789  
the recent federal budget something

64  
00:02:46,199 --> 00:02:50,789  
that's not going to please the

65  
00:02:47,789 --> 00:02:53,099  
anti-vaccination lobby and speaking of

66  
00:02:50,789 --> 00:02:54,750  
the anti-vaccination lobby the final

67  
00:02:53,099 --> 00:02:58,699  
report on this week's show is about a

68  
00:02:54,750 --> 00:03:02,069  
disabled boy in danger of malnutrition

69  
00:02:58,699 --> 00:03:05,250  
being removed from his parents by the

70  
00:03:02,069 --> 00:03:09,419  
police and community services why have

71  
00:03:05,250 --> 00:03:11,819  
the authorities acted to to remove this

72  
00:03:09,419 --> 00:03:14,009  
boy which is a dramatic thing to do well

73  
00:03:11,819 --> 00:03:16,560  
find out in our report to round off this

74  
00:03:14,009 --> 00:03:18,569  
week's show now there are all sorts of

75  
00:03:16,560 --> 00:03:21,509  
sceptical conventions and conferences

76  
00:03:18,569 --> 00:03:23,579  
and congresses coming up before the end

77  
00:03:21,509 --> 00:03:25,018  
of the year we have we have the New

78  
00:03:23,580 --> 00:03:27,420  
England conference and science and

79  
00:03:25,019 --> 00:03:30,030  
skepticism in New York which I'll be

80  
00:03:27,419 --> 00:03:32,789  
attending we have saikhan in Las Vegas

81  
00:03:30,030 --> 00:03:35,909  
we have the European skeptics Congress

82  
00:03:32,789 --> 00:03:39,900  
in Poland skeptic owl one-day event in

83  
00:03:35,909 --> 00:03:42,840  
California QED in Manchester and skeptic

84  
00:03:39,900 --> 00:03:44,969  
on Sydney if you want to find out more

85  
00:03:42,840 --> 00:03:47,250  
about all those events I'll add a link

86

00:03:44,969 --> 00:03:49,319  
in the show notes and I think those

87  
00:03:47,250 --> 00:03:51,780  
links will be pretty permanent from now

88  
00:03:49,319 --> 00:03:54,060  
on well at least until the individual

89  
00:03:51,780 --> 00:03:58,159  
congresses and conferences and

90  
00:03:54,060 --> 00:04:01,079  
conventions and cons and everything else

91  
00:03:58,159 --> 00:04:03,659  
come to an end this year a quick shout

92  
00:04:01,079 --> 00:04:06,719  
out to the Gold Coast skeptics if you're

93  
00:04:03,659 --> 00:04:11,359  
in the Gold Coast area of Queensland why

94  
00:04:06,719 --> 00:04:16,160  
not visit facebook.com slash G sea

95  
00:04:11,360 --> 00:04:18,329  
skeptics that's facebook.com slash G sea

96  
00:04:16,160 --> 00:04:21,810  
skeptics to find out about the Gold

97  
00:04:18,329 --> 00:04:23,250  
Coast skeptics and any upcoming events

98  
00:04:21,810 --> 00:04:25,579  
and I think we'll be bringing you more

99  
00:04:23,250 --> 00:04:28,379  
about the Gold Coast to skeptics um

100  
00:04:25,579 --> 00:04:30,629

shortly in in the weeks to come

101

00:04:28,379 --> 00:04:32,909

good luck Gold Coast skeptics in

102

00:04:30,629 --> 00:04:35,038

beautiful part of the world but now it's

103

00:04:32,910 --> 00:04:37,020

time for me to run downstairs

104

00:04:35,038 --> 00:04:39,000

I hope those cats aren't waiting outside

105

00:04:37,019 --> 00:04:41,069

the door sometimes you open the door and

106

00:04:39,000 --> 00:04:42,689

cat springing cat owners yes you know

107

00:04:41,069 --> 00:04:47,038

what I mean time for me to run

108

00:04:42,689 --> 00:04:49,410

downstairs and um ah look for those fish

109

00:04:47,038 --> 00:04:51,509

and chips I haven't quite gotten through

110

00:04:49,410 --> 00:04:52,689

yet I think there's another server fish

111

00:04:51,509 --> 00:04:54,730

and chips

112

00:04:52,689 --> 00:04:56,800

and I like to have it with a little bit

113

00:04:54,730 --> 00:04:59,319

of hot - English mustard on the chips

114

00:04:56,800 --> 00:05:00,579

and also something I picked up when I

115  
00:04:59,319 --> 00:05:04,509  
lived in Germany a little bit of

116  
00:05:00,579 --> 00:05:05,800  
mayonnaise on the side yeah mmm some

117  
00:05:04,509 --> 00:05:08,529  
listeners will know what I mean

118  
00:05:05,800 --> 00:05:10,750  
I'm going to run down quickly scoff

119  
00:05:08,529 --> 00:05:12,579  
those fish and chips run straight back

120  
00:05:10,750 --> 00:05:14,980  
up the stairs to bring you the rest of

121  
00:05:12,579 --> 00:05:33,659  
the sceptic zone

122  
00:05:14,980 --> 00:05:33,660  
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123  
00:05:38,689 --> 00:05:43,669  
is the truth out there is the truth up

124  
00:05:41,538 --> 00:05:46,009  
there is the truth on the central coast

125  
00:05:43,668 --> 00:05:48,019  
of New South Wales the area just north

126  
00:05:46,009 --> 00:05:51,110  
of Sydney a beautiful area surrounded by

127  
00:05:48,019 --> 00:05:53,468  
beaches and lakes and the city of

128  
00:05:51,110 --> 00:05:56,509  
Gosford little communities and

129  
00:05:53,468 --> 00:06:00,110  
apparently that area is a hot

130  
00:05:56,509 --> 00:06:03,049  
spot for UFO activity and so we come to

131  
00:06:00,110 --> 00:06:06,729  
a series of reports about the fact that

132  
00:06:03,048 --> 00:06:09,888  
their local UFO group has been receiving

133  
00:06:06,728 --> 00:06:13,068  
government funding to continue its

134  
00:06:09,889 --> 00:06:16,459  
activities after these reports will hear

135  
00:06:13,069 --> 00:06:18,439  
from Australian skeptics UFO expert dr.

136  
00:06:16,459 --> 00:06:23,439  
Steve Roberts but we'll kick off with

137  
00:06:18,439 --> 00:06:23,439  
our friend and reporter Shelley stockin

138  
00:06:26,519 --> 00:06:33,408  
[Music]

139  
00:06:28,809 --> 00:06:43,939  
interesting claims questioning take

140  
00:06:33,408 --> 00:06:47,178  
stock with Shelley stockin hi I'm

141  
00:06:43,939 --> 00:06:49,968  
Shelley stockin where I live about an

142  
00:06:47,178 --> 00:06:53,328  
hour or so north of Sydney there's

143

00:06:49,968 --> 00:06:58,399  
plenty of sunny weather plenty of golden

144  
00:06:53,329 --> 00:07:03,528  
beaches plenty of parking and as ABC

145  
00:06:58,399 --> 00:07:05,959  
News reports possibly plenty of UFOs in

146  
00:07:03,528 --> 00:07:11,329  
an ABC News article dated Friday the

147  
00:07:05,959 --> 00:07:13,550  
19th of May 2017 they report Christian

148  
00:07:11,329 --> 00:07:17,569  
Porter launches probe into taxpayer

149  
00:07:13,550 --> 00:07:19,699  
funding of UFO group if the truth is out

150  
00:07:17,569 --> 00:07:22,908  
there it won't be funded by the

151  
00:07:19,699 --> 00:07:25,309  
government anymore social services

152  
00:07:22,908 --> 00:07:28,069  
minister Christian Porter has launched

153  
00:07:25,309 --> 00:07:30,199  
an urgent probe to determine how a UFO

154  
00:07:28,069 --> 00:07:33,408  
group received thousands of dollars in

155  
00:07:30,199 --> 00:07:35,269  
taxpayers funds mr. Porter said he was

156  
00:07:33,408 --> 00:07:37,550  
unaware his department had approved

157  
00:07:35,269 --> 00:07:40,309

nearly six thousand dollars of grants

158

00:07:37,550 --> 00:07:43,838

for the Tuggerah Lakes UFO group on the

159

00:07:40,309 --> 00:07:47,179

New South Wales Central Coast since 2013

160

00:07:43,838 --> 00:07:50,749

the funding exposed by News Corp and

161

00:07:47,178 --> 00:07:52,229

confirmed by the ABC was first provided

162

00:07:50,749 --> 00:07:53,910

by the Labour government

163

00:07:52,230 --> 00:07:56,460

to assist with the cost of transporting

164

00:07:53,910 --> 00:07:59,790

volunteers with the disability mr.

165

00:07:56,459 --> 00:08:02,250

Porter who is an avid sci-fi fan said it

166

00:07:59,790 --> 00:08:05,550

was a beam me up Scotty moment when he

167

00:08:02,250 --> 00:08:07,290

found out about the funding I'm sure

168

00:08:05,550 --> 00:08:08,790

they're very nice people and there are

169

00:08:07,290 --> 00:08:11,160

lots of volunteers who are getting

170

00:08:08,790 --> 00:08:13,170

something out of it but looking at it

171

00:08:11,160 --> 00:08:15,689

from my perspective representing

172  
00:08:13,170 --> 00:08:18,530  
taxpayers it didn't seem to pass a

173  
00:08:15,689 --> 00:08:20,759  
common sense test mr. Porter said I

174  
00:08:18,529 --> 00:08:22,649  
asked the department to hold the

175  
00:08:20,759 --> 00:08:24,629  
transmission of funds until they could

176  
00:08:22,649 --> 00:08:27,539  
give me a little more detail around what

177  
00:08:24,629 --> 00:08:29,430  
the group does mr. Porter said he

178  
00:08:27,540 --> 00:08:31,230  
wouldn't be swayed by suggestions the

179  
00:08:29,430 --> 00:08:35,549  
Central Coast region was a hot spot for

180  
00:08:31,230 --> 00:08:36,779  
UFO sightings it's very hard to unpack

181  
00:08:35,549 --> 00:08:40,139  
cause and effect

182  
00:08:36,779 --> 00:08:41,970  
he said you tend to find a lot of

183  
00:08:40,139 --> 00:08:45,929  
sightings when you're funding UFO

184  
00:08:41,970 --> 00:08:48,120  
sighting groups official records show

185  
00:08:45,929 --> 00:08:50,039  
the department approved two thousand six

186  
00:08:48,120 --> 00:08:52,649  
hundred and forty five dollars for the

187  
00:08:50,039 --> 00:08:56,189  
UFO group in this year's volunteer grant

188  
00:08:52,649 --> 00:08:57,980  
program the group received two thousand

189  
00:08:56,190 --> 00:09:02,250  
nine hundred and ninety four dollars in

190  
00:08:57,980 --> 00:09:03,990  
2013 the Tuggerah Lakes UFO group has

191  
00:09:02,250 --> 00:09:07,110  
eight hundred and twenty two members on

192  
00:09:03,990 --> 00:09:10,529  
Facebook and was created to share news

193  
00:09:07,110 --> 00:09:13,560  
information support friends and network

194  
00:09:10,529 --> 00:09:16,860  
in UFO matters as well as related topics

195  
00:09:13,559 --> 00:09:18,649  
the ABC it reports has tried to make

196  
00:09:16,860 --> 00:09:20,980  
contact with the UFO group

197  
00:09:18,649 --> 00:09:23,629  
[Music]

198  
00:09:20,980 --> 00:09:25,690  
this is Shelly stockin thanks for having

199  
00:09:23,629 --> 00:09:38,730  
me in your earholes

200

00:09:25,690 --> 00:09:38,730  
[Music]

201  
00:09:40,889 --> 00:09:46,689  
from Matt Taylor writing in the Central

202  
00:09:44,049 --> 00:09:48,519  
Coast Gosford Express advocate newspaper

203  
00:09:46,690 --> 00:09:51,670  
on the 19th of May

204  
00:09:48,519 --> 00:09:54,039  
Central Coast UFO group funding mystery

205  
00:09:51,669 --> 00:09:57,129  
Federal Minister calls for urgent review

206  
00:09:54,039 --> 00:10:00,399  
the disbelieving Federal Minister has

207  
00:09:57,129 --> 00:10:02,439  
launched a probe into the x-file mystery

208  
00:10:00,399 --> 00:10:04,389  
of why tax payers have forked out

209  
00:10:02,440 --> 00:10:06,459  
thousands of dollars for a Central Coast

210  
00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:07,720  
UFO group to conduct its

211  
00:10:06,458 --> 00:10:10,750  
out-of-this-world

212  
00:10:07,720 --> 00:10:13,389  
activities Minister for social services

213  
00:10:10,750 --> 00:10:15,789  
Christian Porter this week called for an

214  
00:10:13,389 --> 00:10:19,088

urgent review into his department's

215

00:10:15,789 --> 00:10:21,610

decision to approve a grant of two

216

00:10:19,089 --> 00:10:24,880

thousand six hundred and \$45 for

217

00:10:21,610 --> 00:10:27,669

Tuggerah Lakes UFO group to quote do

218

00:10:24,879 --> 00:10:29,649

their important work man quote after it

219

00:10:27,669 --> 00:10:32,559

had received two thousand nine hundred

220

00:10:29,649 --> 00:10:34,958

and ninety four dollars in 2013 quote

221

00:10:32,559 --> 00:10:37,088

the minister's office has been advised

222

00:10:34,958 --> 00:10:39,369

that this group was previously funded

223

00:10:37,089 --> 00:10:42,100

under the Labour government in 2013 and

224

00:10:39,370 --> 00:10:44,350

some of this grant goes to the transport

225

00:10:42,100 --> 00:10:46,360

costs of volunteers with a disability

226

00:10:44,350 --> 00:10:49,120

when quote a spokesman for mr. Porter

227

00:10:46,360 --> 00:10:51,639

told the Express Advocate quote however

228

00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:53,560

the minister is somewhat surprised at

229  
00:10:51,639 --> 00:10:56,169  
the nature of this particular volunteer

230  
00:10:53,559 --> 00:10:58,299  
group being funded through his grant

231  
00:10:56,169 --> 00:11:00,789  
program and he has instructed his

232  
00:10:58,299 --> 00:11:03,699  
department to hold the transmission of

233  
00:11:00,789 --> 00:11:06,730  
funds pending a reexamination of the

234  
00:11:03,700 --> 00:11:08,560  
application banquet at agra lakes UFO

235  
00:11:06,730 --> 00:11:11,620  
group spokeswoman said the close

236  
00:11:08,559 --> 00:11:14,229  
encounter with a funding investigation

237  
00:11:11,620 --> 00:11:16,778  
was quote disappointing and quote but

238  
00:11:14,230 --> 00:11:17,230  
quote it's not the end of the world end

239  
00:11:16,778 --> 00:11:20,289  
quote

240  
00:11:17,230 --> 00:11:23,470  
ask what the group which has more than

241  
00:11:20,289 --> 00:11:26,259  
800 Facebook members used the funding

242  
00:11:23,470 --> 00:11:28,209  
for she said quote we have elderly

243  
00:11:26,259 --> 00:11:30,669  
people we pick up and take to meetings

244  
00:11:28,208 --> 00:11:32,679  
where they need projectors and

245  
00:11:30,669 --> 00:11:35,439  
microphones so everyone can see and hear

246  
00:11:32,679 --> 00:11:38,949  
what's going on we also have outings at

247  
00:11:35,440 --> 00:11:40,899  
night checking for unusual activity and

248  
00:11:38,950 --> 00:11:43,450  
quote the Department of Social Services

249  
00:11:40,899 --> 00:11:46,120  
said on its website that quote the

250  
00:11:43,450 --> 00:11:48,940  
funding will help the UFO groups

251  
00:11:46,120 --> 00:11:51,009  
volunteers to do their important work by

252  
00:11:48,940 --> 00:11:52,080  
sharing their experiences and knowledge

253  
00:11:51,009 --> 00:11:54,240  
with the community

254  
00:11:52,080 --> 00:11:57,269  
the volunteers foster social inclusion

255  
00:11:54,240 --> 00:11:59,789  
and enrich the local region and quote

256  
00:11:57,269 --> 00:12:03,980  
it's said the Central Coast has long

257

00:11:59,789 --> 00:12:07,860  
been a hot spot for UFO sightings the

258  
00:12:03,980 --> 00:12:10,709  
1994 Gosford UFO incident where business

259  
00:12:07,860 --> 00:12:14,639  
owners policemen and retired academics

260  
00:12:10,708 --> 00:12:17,239  
witnessed a large object beaming four or

261  
00:12:14,639 --> 00:12:21,269  
five bright lights into Brisbane water

262  
00:12:17,240 --> 00:12:24,259  
made for national headlines as an aside

263  
00:12:21,269 --> 00:12:26,789  
Brisbane water is the body of water

264  
00:12:24,259 --> 00:12:27,240  
around the Gosford area on the Central

265  
00:12:26,789 --> 00:12:30,389  
Coast

266  
00:12:27,240 --> 00:12:33,470  
the Tuggerah Lakes UFO group spokeswoman

267  
00:12:30,389 --> 00:12:36,600  
says the truth is out there for the many

268  
00:12:33,470 --> 00:12:39,120  
locals who have since spotted unusual

269  
00:12:36,600 --> 00:12:41,100  
activity in the region quote it's always

270  
00:12:39,120 --> 00:12:43,470  
hard to get a definite photo in quotes

271  
00:12:41,100 --> 00:12:46,050

she said quote often people find it

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00:12:43,470 --> 00:12:48,600

easier to speak about their experiences

273

00:12:46,049 --> 00:12:51,319

and quote quizzed on how the public

274

00:12:48,600 --> 00:12:54,180

reacted to the UFO group she said quote

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00:12:51,320 --> 00:12:55,320

it's getting better but some people

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00:12:54,179 --> 00:12:58,019

think we're all crazy

277

00:12:55,320 --> 00:13:00,089

we actually get people come out to our

278

00:12:58,019 --> 00:13:02,189

meetings from all walks of life we're

279

00:13:00,089 --> 00:13:04,829

all open-minded to aliens being out

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00:13:02,190 --> 00:13:07,709

there when you read and hear the stories

281

00:13:04,828 --> 00:13:12,809

of UFO sightings anything's possible

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00:13:07,708 --> 00:13:14,849

then quote Gosford 1994 x-files still a

283

00:13:12,809 --> 00:13:17,838

mystery it's one of Australia's most

284

00:13:14,850 --> 00:13:21,329

intriguing UFO cases our new year's eve

285

00:13:17,839 --> 00:13:24,209

1994 police switchboards lit up with

286  
00:13:21,328 --> 00:13:26,759  
reports of an unidentified illuminated

287  
00:13:24,208 --> 00:13:30,419  
object over Brisbane water witnesses

288  
00:13:26,759 --> 00:13:32,370  
reported seeing quote a huge ball shaped

289  
00:13:30,419 --> 00:13:35,278  
object with bright lights on the bottom

290  
00:13:32,370 --> 00:13:39,328  
and quote where it appeared to be

291  
00:13:35,278 --> 00:13:42,088  
sucking up water some believed the four

292  
00:13:39,328 --> 00:13:44,849  
or five beams of lights were turning the

293  
00:13:42,089 --> 00:13:47,699  
water into steam while others described

294  
00:13:44,850 --> 00:13:49,829  
the water as frothing reports came in

295  
00:13:47,698 --> 00:13:51,208  
that night from respected members of the

296  
00:13:49,828 --> 00:13:53,458  
community including police officers

297  
00:13:51,208 --> 00:13:55,948  
doctors teachers nurses and lawyers

298  
00:13:53,458 --> 00:13:58,049  
police were sent out to investigate but

299  
00:13:55,948 --> 00:14:01,019  
they soon found themselves chasing a

300  
00:13:58,049 --> 00:14:04,019  
quote strange metallic craft and quote

301  
00:14:01,019 --> 00:14:05,669  
back and forth across the bay officers

302  
00:14:04,019 --> 00:14:09,000  
said they came within

303  
00:14:05,669 --> 00:14:11,219  
D meters of the UFO and the quote craft

304  
00:14:09,000 --> 00:14:13,129  
would turn off its lights and shoot up

305  
00:14:11,220 --> 00:14:15,570  
sky words out of sight men quote

306  
00:14:13,129 --> 00:14:18,090  
residents also reported their pets

307  
00:14:15,570 --> 00:14:21,660  
acting strangely with dogs howling for

308  
00:14:18,090 --> 00:14:24,530  
no apparent reason the mystery has never

309  
00:14:21,659 --> 00:14:24,529  
been explained

310  
00:14:24,950 --> 00:14:28,039  
[Music]

311  
00:14:30,559 --> 00:14:35,359  
joining me now on the line all the way

312  
00:14:33,139 --> 00:14:35,959  
from sunny Melbourne haha sunny

313  
00:14:35,360 --> 00:14:37,938  
Melbourne

314

00:14:35,958 --> 00:14:41,239  
well sunny one day raining the next it's

315  
00:14:37,938 --> 00:14:44,299  
the Australian skeptics UFO expert if

316  
00:14:41,240 --> 00:14:46,100  
there can be an expert into UFOs dr.

317  
00:14:44,299 --> 00:14:48,438  
Steve Roberts hello Steve

318  
00:14:46,100 --> 00:14:50,959  
good morning Richard how are you I'm

319  
00:14:48,438 --> 00:14:52,338  
very well I'm very I'm kind of battles

320  
00:14:50,958 --> 00:14:54,318  
to how somebody could be an expert on

321  
00:14:52,339 --> 00:14:55,970  
something that's unknown it's true

322  
00:14:54,318 --> 00:14:58,308  
that's what I thought they call me

323  
00:14:55,970 --> 00:14:59,990  
anyway oh well we'll go with that at the

324  
00:14:58,308 --> 00:15:03,620  
moment I'm quite well at the moment I

325  
00:14:59,990 --> 00:15:05,509  
think I benefit from the all the secret

326  
00:15:03,620 --> 00:15:07,339  
hidden knowledge that the humanity has

327  
00:15:05,509 --> 00:15:09,558  
gained over the years from aliens I

328  
00:15:07,339 --> 00:15:12,110

think that's the way it works here the

329

00:15:09,558 --> 00:15:15,528

transistor and other stuff I suppose

330

00:15:12,110 --> 00:15:17,659

that's right we're looking at this

331

00:15:15,528 --> 00:15:21,588

interesting story today about government

332

00:15:17,659 --> 00:15:23,120

funding for a UFO group but I kind of

333

00:15:21,589 --> 00:15:25,430

think there's more to this story than

334

00:15:23,120 --> 00:15:28,639

meets the eye what's your take up on

335

00:15:25,429 --> 00:15:31,458

this the UFO groups are social clubs in

336

00:15:28,639 --> 00:15:33,289

a great way because you know actually

337

00:15:31,458 --> 00:15:36,258

the UFOs don't really exist I mean if

338

00:15:33,289 --> 00:15:39,528

you if you have a poetry circle as to be

339

00:15:36,259 --> 00:15:41,659

some poetry yeah lifting my UFO group

340

00:15:39,528 --> 00:15:44,058

you've only got stories of UFOs that

341

00:15:41,659 --> 00:15:45,828

should be seen by other people rather

342

00:15:44,058 --> 00:15:48,620

than by the people in the groups itself

343  
00:15:45,828 --> 00:15:50,958  
so just a sort of you to store your

344  
00:15:48,620 --> 00:15:53,959  
appreciation group about UFOs and it is

345  
00:15:50,958 --> 00:15:56,778  
a it is a social group and I've been in

346  
00:15:53,958 --> 00:15:58,758  
some of these myself and it is it is a

347  
00:15:56,778 --> 00:16:02,028  
very own set of people are sort of

348  
00:15:58,759 --> 00:16:04,399  
present in every time but it is a big

349  
00:16:02,028 --> 00:16:07,549  
social scene you can be in on yeah um

350  
00:16:04,399 --> 00:16:09,889  
and you can have discussions and whatnot

351  
00:16:07,549 --> 00:16:11,719  
and you have fun as a whole little true

352  
00:16:09,889 --> 00:16:14,688  
believers in the group that don't open

353  
00:16:11,720 --> 00:16:17,689  
their minds to things but it's a it is a

354  
00:16:14,688 --> 00:16:20,208  
social occasion you can go to and it can

355  
00:16:17,688 --> 00:16:22,639  
be argued that some you know if somebody

356  
00:16:20,208 --> 00:16:25,909  
disabled has difficulty going to a

357  
00:16:22,639 --> 00:16:27,558  
meeting about UFOs it's not really the

358  
00:16:25,909 --> 00:16:29,808  
business of welfare groups what the

359  
00:16:27,558 --> 00:16:31,458  
meeting is about the fact is somebody's

360  
00:16:29,808 --> 00:16:33,499  
disabled and has trouble getting there

361  
00:16:31,458 --> 00:16:35,778  
and if they wish to go there there

362  
00:16:33,499 --> 00:16:38,259  
should be assistance yeah it's

363  
00:16:35,778 --> 00:16:41,389  
interesting I tend to agree but you know

364  
00:16:38,259 --> 00:16:43,430  
there's two aspects to this there's the

365  
00:16:41,389 --> 00:16:45,139  
money which we don't know all the

366  
00:16:43,429 --> 00:16:47,359  
ins and outs of it and it's not it's not

367  
00:16:45,139 --> 00:16:48,769  
a huge amount of money but on one aspect

368  
00:16:47,360 --> 00:16:50,750  
there are people saying how can you

369  
00:16:48,769 --> 00:16:53,419  
waste it on something as ridiculous and

370  
00:16:50,750 --> 00:16:56,149  
outdated as UFOs but the flipside is

371

00:16:53,419 --> 00:16:57,829  
well if it's a benefit to people as you

372  
00:16:56,149 --> 00:17:01,070  
say to get out of the house and help

373  
00:16:57,830 --> 00:17:03,020  
them socialize meet other people then

374  
00:17:01,070 --> 00:17:05,000  
that's another aspect to it there were

375  
00:17:03,019 --> 00:17:06,740  
some thousands of dollars those three or

376  
00:17:05,000 --> 00:17:09,500  
six thousand or something I don't know

377  
00:17:06,740 --> 00:17:12,078  
exactly what that was given forth a lot

378  
00:17:09,500 --> 00:17:14,660  
of money to help people go out actually

379  
00:17:12,078 --> 00:17:16,459  
but I don't really what it was really

380  
00:17:14,660 --> 00:17:18,558  
applied to but then all the other side

381  
00:17:16,459 --> 00:17:21,230  
you know six thousand dollars is quote

382  
00:17:18,558 --> 00:17:24,109  
only six thousand dollars not very much

383  
00:17:21,230 --> 00:17:26,088  
on that on the budget of things so it's

384  
00:17:24,109 --> 00:17:27,828  
not really worth the minister's time to

385  
00:17:26,088 --> 00:17:30,470

worry that much about it compared to

386

00:17:27,828 --> 00:17:32,029

other social causes that waste hundreds

387

00:17:30,470 --> 00:17:34,700

and millions of dollars well yes

388

00:17:32,029 --> 00:17:36,558

absolutely true but I guess it's also

389

00:17:34,700 --> 00:17:38,808

the sort of story that the media love

390

00:17:36,558 --> 00:17:42,470

and even the skeptic Jones covering it

391

00:17:38,808 --> 00:17:44,720

because it's got to do with UFOs and I

392

00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:46,670

guess what do you think do you think

393

00:17:44,720 --> 00:17:49,160

there's a lot of nostalgia now about

394

00:17:46,670 --> 00:17:53,529

these things because there are discussed

395

00:17:49,160 --> 00:17:56,000

a little division about UFOs since 1997

396

00:17:53,529 --> 00:17:59,480

that the first UFO sighting of the

397

00:17:56,000 --> 00:18:01,880

modern era was in 1947 yeah and the VAS

398

00:17:59,480 --> 00:18:04,460

wahoo house 1948 she was only actually

399

00:18:01,880 --> 00:18:06,950

dug up in about 1980 by Stanton Friedman

400  
00:18:04,460 --> 00:18:10,610  
nobody really had much time for that

401  
00:18:06,950 --> 00:18:12,830  
story before but if you look at the UFO

402  
00:18:10,609 --> 00:18:16,099  
movement now or ask any UFO fan they'll

403  
00:18:12,829 --> 00:18:17,990  
say oh this all began in only 47 48 and

404  
00:18:16,099 --> 00:18:19,609  
there was stuff around was Boswell

405  
00:18:17,990 --> 00:18:21,920  
around that time when the American got

406  
00:18:19,609 --> 00:18:23,750  
the testing and actually still are

407  
00:18:21,920 --> 00:18:26,090  
testing around there their stealth

408  
00:18:23,750 --> 00:18:28,400  
bombers and cruise missiles and secret

409  
00:18:26,089 --> 00:18:31,399  
weapons and God knows what it always was

410  
00:18:28,400 --> 00:18:34,009  
secret rail there and what I'm was the

411  
00:18:31,400 --> 00:18:36,350  
50th anniversary came out in 1997 and

412  
00:18:34,009 --> 00:18:37,879  
the beedi had to think okay it's the

413  
00:18:36,349 --> 00:18:41,119  
50th anniversary of the first UFO

414  
00:18:37,880 --> 00:18:43,340  
sighting do we report this you know this

415  
00:18:41,119 --> 00:18:46,969  
subject has reared its head do we report

416  
00:18:43,339 --> 00:18:49,970  
this seriously or with division or with

417  
00:18:46,970 --> 00:18:51,890  
humor or what how do we do it you know

418  
00:18:49,970 --> 00:18:54,410  
do we say these people are lunatics or

419  
00:18:51,890 --> 00:18:56,960  
there really is an issue and they

420  
00:18:54,410 --> 00:18:59,990  
decided to report it with a sort of them

421  
00:18:56,960 --> 00:19:01,789  
benevolent humor yeah and ever since

422  
00:18:59,990 --> 00:19:03,200  
then UFOs have been viewed with kind of

423  
00:19:01,789 --> 00:19:05,750  
benevolent because the UFO sightings

424  
00:19:03,200 --> 00:19:07,670  
have died out with the advent of mobile

425  
00:19:05,750 --> 00:19:09,829  
phones especially mobile phones with

426  
00:19:07,670 --> 00:19:13,160  
cameras in them yeah they just are no

427  
00:19:09,829 --> 00:19:15,949  
you see sightings anymore they're pretty

428

00:19:13,160 --> 00:19:18,230  
scarce I must say that they are pretty

429  
00:19:15,950 --> 00:19:21,460  
scarce that kind of tells you sorry so

430  
00:19:18,230 --> 00:19:25,099  
ever since 1997 this ufos has been a

431  
00:19:21,460 --> 00:19:28,180  
subject for miles on a slightly mild

432  
00:19:25,099 --> 00:19:31,609  
insanity or quirkiness or eccentricity

433  
00:19:28,180 --> 00:19:35,120  
and they're they're harmless nobody ever

434  
00:19:31,609 --> 00:19:36,529  
got killed by UFO by believing it right

435  
00:19:35,119 --> 00:19:38,779  
so it's moved from there to be a

436  
00:19:36,529 --> 00:19:40,430  
metaphor for especially in politics to

437  
00:19:38,779 --> 00:19:42,379  
be a metaphor for insanity you know I

438  
00:19:40,430 --> 00:19:44,810  
mean we we had a science with us through

439  
00:19:42,380 --> 00:19:46,850  
in Victoria once who believed in UFOs so

440  
00:19:44,809 --> 00:19:49,250  
this was often quoted you know we've got

441  
00:19:46,849 --> 00:19:52,069  
a science minister who believes in UFOs

442  
00:19:49,250 --> 00:19:54,829

yeah well that closes that issue then

443

00:19:52,069 --> 00:19:57,259

you know it was said so I think when

444

00:19:54,829 --> 00:19:59,389

politicians or bill fear agencies get

445

00:19:57,259 --> 00:20:02,809

caught handing out money for flying

446

00:19:59,390 --> 00:20:07,190

saucer clubs um there's a very clear

447

00:20:02,809 --> 00:20:08,089

sort of view of division about this but

448

00:20:07,190 --> 00:20:10,700

as I said there are social

449

00:20:08,089 --> 00:20:12,589

considerations if somebody has trouble

450

00:20:10,700 --> 00:20:14,090

getting out and about then they should

451

00:20:12,589 --> 00:20:17,329

be helped to get out and about whatever

452

00:20:14,089 --> 00:20:19,009

for whatever reason yes it's not really

453

00:20:17,329 --> 00:20:21,049

on the welfare people to judge why

454

00:20:19,009 --> 00:20:23,359

they're getting out and about yeah there

455

00:20:21,049 --> 00:20:26,659

is no that is it's really a double-edged

456

00:20:23,359 --> 00:20:28,129

issue I agree completely I mean you and

457  
00:20:26,660 --> 00:20:29,600  
I like to get out and do social

458  
00:20:28,130 --> 00:20:31,160  
activities more to do with the

459  
00:20:29,599 --> 00:20:33,799  
science-based areas although of course

460  
00:20:31,160 --> 00:20:37,910  
the the UFO believers I've certainly

461  
00:20:33,799 --> 00:20:39,829  
encountered at at paranormal conferences

462  
00:20:37,910 --> 00:20:44,180  
and whatever would insist they are the

463  
00:20:39,829 --> 00:20:46,129  
true scientific people that we will have

464  
00:20:44,180 --> 00:20:48,230  
closed lines so we all have closed minds

465  
00:20:46,130 --> 00:20:51,080  
yes no I used to Bill you for believer

466  
00:20:48,230 --> 00:20:54,799  
years ago I thought you looked at the

467  
00:20:51,079 --> 00:20:57,289  
evidence with a more open mind thought

468  
00:20:54,799 --> 00:21:01,220  
or maybe you know is this really true is

469  
00:20:57,289 --> 00:21:02,569  
this really cooperated and so on but I

470  
00:21:01,220 --> 00:21:04,579  
mean people are free to believe whatever

471  
00:21:02,569 --> 00:21:06,349  
they wish and pursue whatever they wish

472  
00:21:04,579 --> 00:21:09,649  
and it's not really for welfare

473  
00:21:06,349 --> 00:21:10,849  
organizations to ensure what they want

474  
00:21:09,650 --> 00:21:13,430  
people go out to

475  
00:21:10,849 --> 00:21:14,059  
there are some groups out there who are

476  
00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:16,460  
harmful

477  
00:21:14,059 --> 00:21:21,730  
you know neo-nazis and anti-vaccination

478  
00:21:16,460 --> 00:21:24,079  
maniacs yeah so on but even for those

479  
00:21:21,730 --> 00:21:26,799  
stopping people going to the meetings is

480  
00:21:24,079 --> 00:21:28,970  
sort of like since having you know their

481  
00:21:26,799 --> 00:21:30,769  
broadcasts or whatever it's so it's a

482  
00:21:28,970 --> 00:21:33,079  
bit of a free speech issue in a way oh

483  
00:21:30,769 --> 00:21:35,210  
yeah yeah these things aren't as black

484  
00:21:33,079 --> 00:21:36,799  
and white as people would like to point

485

00:21:35,210 --> 00:21:38,269  
out again we're just gonna have to

486  
00:21:36,799 --> 00:21:41,149  
follow this story to see what the

487  
00:21:38,269 --> 00:21:43,609  
minister or the Department decide to do

488  
00:21:41,150 --> 00:21:45,530  
I wouldn't be surprised if they have

489  
00:21:43,609 --> 00:21:48,019  
their funding curtailed because of the

490  
00:21:45,529 --> 00:21:50,059  
negative media interest in at the moment

491  
00:21:48,019 --> 00:21:51,559  
but then again yeah cuz it's getting a

492  
00:21:50,059 --> 00:21:54,799  
lot of interest maybe more people will

493  
00:21:51,559 --> 00:21:56,720  
join their UFO Club who knows well there

494  
00:21:54,799 --> 00:21:58,039  
is that one it was funny for a farmer

495  
00:21:56,720 --> 00:22:00,440  
study I think the funny will have to get

496  
00:21:58,039 --> 00:22:04,039  
curtailed because it is such a clear-cut

497  
00:22:00,440 --> 00:22:05,450  
issue so in political speak yeah but

498  
00:22:04,039 --> 00:22:07,039  
only of how the UFO Club should be able

499  
00:22:05,450 --> 00:22:10,069

to sort of milk that for publicity for

500

00:22:07,039 --> 00:22:12,500

all it's worth and and you eventually

501

00:22:10,069 --> 00:22:14,509

maybe get a story I was denied attending

502

00:22:12,500 --> 00:22:16,849

a UFO meeting the government stopped me

503

00:22:14,509 --> 00:22:18,619

I just imagine that it's the goodness of

504

00:22:16,849 --> 00:22:22,309

the who are that it's the conspiracy

505

00:22:18,619 --> 00:22:23,719

Steve it my father conspiracy yeah well

506

00:22:22,309 --> 00:22:26,389

I hope this broadcast gets out and it

507

00:22:23,720 --> 00:22:28,069

should be a you not struck by a 400

508

00:22:26,390 --> 00:22:30,800

bustles on the all my hopes try a

509

00:22:28,069 --> 00:22:32,869

meteorite yeah oh well that there you go

510

00:22:30,799 --> 00:22:34,970

well let Steve keep looking for those

511

00:22:32,869 --> 00:22:37,309

UFOs I mean you are regarded as one of

512

00:22:34,970 --> 00:22:38,809

Australia's top UFO experts but again we

513

00:22:37,309 --> 00:22:40,549

get back to saying how can you be an

514  
00:22:38,809 --> 00:22:44,059  
expert into something that has not been

515  
00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:45,440  
proven yes no I I know all the stories

516  
00:22:44,059 --> 00:22:47,299  
and people say what about windowsill

517  
00:22:45,440 --> 00:22:49,250  
forests any I know I know that story

518  
00:22:47,299 --> 00:22:54,319  
what happened there learned all that

519  
00:22:49,250 --> 00:22:56,660  
stuff I couldn't do something more fun

520  
00:22:54,319 --> 00:22:58,909  
instead but here it is you could maybe

521  
00:22:56,660 --> 00:23:00,890  
spinners maybe this this spinner cranes

522  
00:22:58,910 --> 00:23:03,590  
maybe they came from alien technology oh

523  
00:23:00,890 --> 00:23:06,590  
they did yeah we didn't have those until

524  
00:23:03,589 --> 00:23:09,349  
the aliens landed in the desert look at

525  
00:23:06,589 --> 00:23:11,809  
the spit oh I happen to note that you

526  
00:23:09,349 --> 00:23:14,809  
have a collection of spinners now oh I

527  
00:23:11,809 --> 00:23:17,119  
might have yes I bought one of the

528  
00:23:14,809 --> 00:23:20,149  
market that they've sold commercially I

529  
00:23:17,119 --> 00:23:22,699  
got my IndieGoGo but you into patties

530  
00:23:20,150 --> 00:23:25,490  
market and there they were there so

531  
00:23:22,700 --> 00:23:27,350  
faint voices ahead of the game well if

532  
00:23:25,490 --> 00:23:29,750  
that's not proof of alien technology I

533  
00:23:27,349 --> 00:23:31,490  
don't know what is but Steve Roberts all

534  
00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:32,990  
the way from Melbourne and Victoria

535  
00:23:31,490 --> 00:23:36,460  
thank you very much

536  
00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:36,460  
no problem legit

537  
00:23:40,319 --> 00:23:47,338  
[Music]

538  
00:23:49,630 --> 00:23:55,429  
the wait is over tickets are now

539  
00:23:52,220 --> 00:23:57,140  
available for skeptic on the 2017

540  
00:23:55,429 --> 00:24:00,350  
Australian skeptics National Convention

541  
00:23:57,140 --> 00:24:02,870  
The Skeptical highlight of the year our

542

00:24:00,349 --> 00:24:04,879  
33rd convention is being organized by

543  
00:24:02,869 --> 00:24:08,538  
thinking and will be held on November

544  
00:24:04,880 --> 00:24:11,690  
the 18th and 19th 2017 at the city

545  
00:24:08,538 --> 00:24:13,400  
recital hall angel place Sydney this

546  
00:24:11,690 --> 00:24:15,890  
promises to be a great event with

547  
00:24:13,400 --> 00:24:18,380  
speakers including science media star

548  
00:24:15,890 --> 00:24:21,500  
dr. Carl puzzle is key of course

549  
00:24:18,380 --> 00:24:24,320  
astronomer Alan Duffy YouTube super

550  
00:24:21,500 --> 00:24:27,230  
debunker captain disillusion comedian

551  
00:24:24,319 --> 00:24:30,129  
and MC Lawrence lung former naturopath

552  
00:24:27,230 --> 00:24:34,150  
and now critic of altmed Britt Hermes

553  
00:24:30,130 --> 00:24:36,830  
doctor and TV personality dr. Brad McCoy

554  
00:24:34,150 --> 00:24:39,048  
award-winning documentary maker Sonja

555  
00:24:36,829 --> 00:24:41,750  
Pemberton Walkley award winning

556  
00:24:39,048 --> 00:24:44,538

journalist cathy marks and dr. Kerr

557

00:24:41,750 --> 00:24:46,490

magician doctor veeram sharma more great

558

00:24:44,538 --> 00:24:48,798

speakers will be announced soon as well

559

00:24:46,490 --> 00:24:50,990

as news of the convention dinner on the

560

00:24:48,798 --> 00:24:53,750

night of Saturday the 18th of November

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00:24:50,990 --> 00:24:59,329

single day and full weekend tickets are

562

00:24:53,750 --> 00:25:10,398

available skeptic on Australia or GU

563

00:24:59,329 --> 00:25:13,319

[Music]

564

00:25:10,398 --> 00:25:17,118

now you may well remember that in

565

00:25:13,319 --> 00:25:21,960

January this year the 22nd of January on

566

00:25:17,118 --> 00:25:24,388

sceptics own episode number 431 we

567

00:25:21,960 --> 00:25:27,509

covered the story of the Australian

568

00:25:24,388 --> 00:25:30,178

skeptic standing by a bent spoon

569

00:25:27,509 --> 00:25:33,450

nomination for the National Institute of

570

00:25:30,179 --> 00:25:35,220

complementary medicine are the bent

571  
00:25:33,450 --> 00:25:37,950  
spoon is our annual award for the most

572  
00:25:35,220 --> 00:25:41,899  
purpose truest piece of paranormal or

573  
00:25:37,950 --> 00:25:45,450  
pseudo scientific people in other words

574  
00:25:41,898 --> 00:25:48,358  
people or organisations or products out

575  
00:25:45,450 --> 00:25:50,848  
there that we feel or people feel who

576  
00:25:48,358 --> 00:25:52,918  
let us know certainly do not live up to

577  
00:25:50,848 --> 00:25:56,460  
the paranormal or pseudo scientific

578  
00:25:52,919 --> 00:25:58,470  
claims that they are making the National

579  
00:25:56,460 --> 00:26:00,419  
Institute of complementary medicine was

580  
00:25:58,470 --> 00:26:02,639  
not very pleased at receiving this

581  
00:26:00,419 --> 00:26:04,499  
nomination and they wrote it to the

582  
00:26:02,638 --> 00:26:08,278  
Australian skeptics to express their

583  
00:26:04,499 --> 00:26:09,210  
displeasure and ask that we withdraw the

584  
00:26:08,278 --> 00:26:11,069  
nomination

585  
00:26:09,210 --> 00:26:13,769  
the Australian skeptics of course said

586  
00:26:11,069 --> 00:26:16,138  
no and just this week it's come to our

587  
00:26:13,769 --> 00:26:21,298  
attention that the Australian Journal of

588  
00:26:16,138 --> 00:26:24,148  
Pharmacy has taken up this story and you

589  
00:26:21,298 --> 00:26:26,489  
can find this report at the website of

590  
00:26:24,148 --> 00:26:30,000  
the Australian Journal of Pharmacy under

591  
00:26:26,489 --> 00:26:32,490  
the title of unproven issues

592  
00:26:30,000 --> 00:26:34,869  
[Music]

593  
00:26:32,490 --> 00:26:37,569  
complementary medicines body under fire

594  
00:26:34,869 --> 00:26:40,298  
over evidence-based and environmental

595  
00:26:37,569 --> 00:26:42,759  
issues the National Institute of

596  
00:26:40,298 --> 00:26:45,759  
complementary medicines is once again

597  
00:26:42,759 --> 00:26:48,700  
under fire for promoting unproven

598  
00:26:45,759 --> 00:26:51,370  
products as well as having inconsistent

599

00:26:48,700 --> 00:26:53,679  
views on the use of endangered species

600  
00:26:51,369 --> 00:26:55,719  
in traditional Chinese medicines the

601  
00:26:53,679 --> 00:26:59,409  
Australian skeptics have renewed their

602  
00:26:55,720 --> 00:27:01,990  
campaign against the ni c m accusing it

603  
00:26:59,409 --> 00:27:05,289  
of quote apparent endorsement of

604  
00:27:01,990 --> 00:27:08,470  
unproven traditional chinese treatments

605  
00:27:05,288 --> 00:27:11,169  
and quote in an article in the most

606  
00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:14,200  
recent edition of the skeptic the

607  
00:27:11,169 --> 00:27:17,710  
association's quarterly journal the ni c

608  
00:27:14,200 --> 00:27:20,409  
m was also accused of quote directly or

609  
00:27:17,710 --> 00:27:22,240  
indirectly and quote promoting or

610  
00:27:20,409 --> 00:27:26,620  
supporting the use of endangered animals

611  
00:27:22,240 --> 00:27:29,620  
in traditional chinese medicine TCM the

612  
00:27:26,619 --> 00:27:33,099  
latest criticism follows comments by ni

613  
00:27:29,619 --> 00:27:36,099

cm head professor alan ban Susan backing

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00:27:33,099 --> 00:27:39,459

the work ni cm does highlighting the

615

00:27:36,099 --> 00:27:43,000

quote Nobel prize-winning research into

616

00:27:39,460 --> 00:27:45,879

art museum and NOAA a good example of

617

00:27:43,000 --> 00:27:48,398

the recent validation of a traditional

618

00:27:45,878 --> 00:27:49,740

medicine used for centuries in managing

619

00:27:48,398 --> 00:27:52,778

malaria end quote

620

00:27:49,740 --> 00:27:56,079

professor ben Susan told MJ a insight

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00:27:52,778 --> 00:27:58,599

the research highlighted the work ni CM

622

00:27:56,079 --> 00:28:00,460

was undertaking however the Australian

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00:27:58,599 --> 00:28:03,788

skeptics article claims that quote

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00:28:00,460 --> 00:28:07,450

unfortunately for Ben Susan is claims

625

00:28:03,788 --> 00:28:09,128

for the efficacy of a n OA is totally

626

00:28:07,450 --> 00:28:12,669

contradicted by the World Health

627

00:28:09,128 --> 00:28:14,949

Organization which said in a position

628  
00:28:12,669 --> 00:28:18,370  
paper for the global malaria program

629  
00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:21,669  
that it quote does not recommend the use

630  
00:28:18,369 --> 00:28:24,128  
of a in our plant material in any form

631  
00:28:21,669 --> 00:28:27,250  
including tea for the treatment or

632  
00:28:24,128 --> 00:28:31,048  
prevention of malaria in quote quote the

633  
00:28:27,250 --> 00:28:33,849  
amount of artemisinin in a an hour is

634  
00:28:31,048 --> 00:28:36,220  
extremely variable which is why the

635  
00:28:33,849 --> 00:28:38,469  
World Health Organization does not

636  
00:28:36,220 --> 00:28:39,579  
recommend the use of the plant itself as

637  
00:28:38,470 --> 00:28:42,190  
a treatment end quote

638  
00:28:39,579 --> 00:28:43,240  
the article said in addition the article

639  
00:28:42,190 --> 00:28:47,259  
raised issues are

640  
00:28:43,240 --> 00:28:50,319  
the links on the niam website to a TCM

641  
00:28:47,259 --> 00:28:53,289  
herbal database that gives quote helpful

642  
00:28:50,319 --> 00:28:56,769  
information men quote on the medical use

643  
00:28:53,289 --> 00:28:59,889  
of rhino horn the clinical uses and

644  
00:28:56,769 --> 00:29:04,808  
indications of which it gives as quote

645  
00:28:59,890 --> 00:29:08,380  
clears heat relieves fire toxicity cools

646  
00:29:04,808 --> 00:29:11,549  
blood arrests tremors arrhythmia

647  
00:29:08,380 --> 00:29:14,830  
nosebleed vomiting blood diarrhea

648  
00:29:11,549 --> 00:29:16,509  
convulsions manic behavior loss of

649  
00:29:14,829 --> 00:29:18,879  
consciousness end quote

650  
00:29:16,509 --> 00:29:22,089  
in February when this link was pointed

651  
00:29:18,880 --> 00:29:23,920  
out to the N ICM it was removed from

652  
00:29:22,089 --> 00:29:26,319  
their website but the Australian

653  
00:29:23,920 --> 00:29:29,259  
skeptics say there are also links

654  
00:29:26,319 --> 00:29:31,480  
between n IC m and research citing the

655  
00:29:29,259 --> 00:29:33,970  
use of products containing ingredients

656

00:29:31,480 --> 00:29:37,089  
sourced from endangered animals such as

657  
00:29:33,970 --> 00:29:39,819  
Indian Rhinoceros and Chinese forest

658  
00:29:37,089 --> 00:29:42,789  
musk deer professor ben susan has

659  
00:29:39,819 --> 00:29:45,730  
previously stated that quote the TCM

660  
00:29:42,789 --> 00:29:48,549  
profession and the community should

661  
00:29:45,730 --> 00:29:50,860  
absolutely reject any use of endangered

662  
00:29:48,549 --> 00:29:53,319  
animals and plant species in Chinese

663  
00:29:50,859 --> 00:29:55,240  
medicines unquote last year

664  
00:29:53,319 --> 00:29:57,039  
professor ben susan asked that his

665  
00:29:55,240 --> 00:29:59,380  
organization's nomination for the

666  
00:29:57,039 --> 00:30:02,799  
australian skeptics bent spoon award for

667  
00:29:59,380 --> 00:30:05,380  
2016 be withdrawn in a letter to the

668  
00:30:02,799 --> 00:30:09,579  
association professor ben susan said ni

669  
00:30:05,380 --> 00:30:11,860  
cm does not quote defend the use of any

670  
00:30:09,579 --> 00:30:13,799

complementary medicines unsupported by

671

00:30:11,859 --> 00:30:16,419

evidence the focus of our research

672

00:30:13,799 --> 00:30:18,369

institute excludes many forms of

673

00:30:16,420 --> 00:30:21,340

complementary medicines based on this

674

00:30:18,369 --> 00:30:24,609

notion end quote and that story comes to

675

00:30:21,339 --> 00:30:26,649

us from a Jay P calm that ru written by

676

00:30:24,609 --> 00:30:29,500

a Chris Brooker published on the 18th of

677

00:30:26,650 --> 00:30:31,920

May 2017 and you can find out more about

678

00:30:29,500 --> 00:30:37,089

the Australian skeptics bent spoon award

679

00:30:31,920 --> 00:30:39,640

by visiting WWF Dexcom delay you and if

680

00:30:37,089 --> 00:30:42,639

you feel so inclined you can nominate an

681

00:30:39,640 --> 00:30:46,240

individual an organization a product for

682

00:30:42,640 --> 00:30:50,679

the bent spoon the criteria is that they

683

00:30:46,240 --> 00:30:52,329

should be Australian based we can't go

684

00:30:50,679 --> 00:30:54,070

nominating people from around the world

685  
00:30:52,329 --> 00:30:56,470  
although it's not a bad idea sometimes

686  
00:30:54,069 --> 00:30:57,079  
we'd like to but basically Australian

687  
00:30:56,470 --> 00:31:00,410  
based part

688  
00:30:57,079 --> 00:31:02,149  
accent people and services and you feel

689  
00:31:00,410 --> 00:31:04,519  
free to nominate somebody for that award

690  
00:31:02,150 --> 00:31:06,700  
we can review your nomination and who

691  
00:31:04,519 --> 00:31:09,170  
knows it may appear on the website and

692  
00:31:06,700 --> 00:31:11,630  
your nomination may prove to be the

693  
00:31:09,170 --> 00:31:12,529  
winning one or the losing one depending

694  
00:31:11,630 --> 00:31:26,810  
on how you look at it

695  
00:31:12,529 --> 00:31:28,670  
skeptics comm got a you hi this is Ben

696  
00:31:26,809 --> 00:31:30,589  
Radford and this is Pascual Romero from

697  
00:31:28,670 --> 00:31:32,779  
the squaring the strange podcast every

698  
00:31:30,589 --> 00:31:35,329  
week my co-host and I cast a skeptical

699  
00:31:32,779 --> 00:31:37,549  
eye at a different topic monsters ghosts

700  
00:31:35,329 --> 00:31:39,740  
demons mysteries and even current events

701  
00:31:37,549 --> 00:31:41,779  
are dissected and discussed with a fun

702  
00:31:39,740 --> 00:31:43,579  
unscripted and skeptical take that

703  
00:31:41,779 --> 00:31:46,039  
you're sure to enjoy - is squirting

704  
00:31:43,579 --> 00:31:49,149  
strange calm itunes or on your favorite

705  
00:31:46,039 --> 00:31:49,149  
podcast platform

706  
00:31:52,339 --> 00:32:00,699  
[Music]

707  
00:31:56,730 --> 00:32:02,710  
and now direct from the cafe at

708  
00:32:00,700 --> 00:32:08,279  
Australia's Science Channel

709  
00:32:02,710 --> 00:32:08,279  
it's brouhaha with Casey Harrigan

710  
00:32:09,089 --> 00:32:14,500  
sometimes humanity makes mistakes and

711  
00:32:12,009 --> 00:32:15,970  
sometimes we accidentally make a force

712  
00:32:14,500 --> 00:32:18,400  
field around our planet without

713

00:32:15,970 --> 00:32:20,799  
realizing ever since we've been using

714  
00:32:18,400 --> 00:32:22,720  
very low frequency radio transmissions

715  
00:32:20,799 --> 00:32:24,730  
to say what's up to submarines we've

716  
00:32:22,720 --> 00:32:27,160  
created this sort of radio wave space

717  
00:32:24,730 --> 00:32:28,809  
bubble now so just discovered that it's

718  
00:32:27,160 --> 00:32:31,120  
it's about a thousand kilometers from

719  
00:32:28,809 --> 00:32:32,319  
Earth which for reference is about 600

720  
00:32:31,119 --> 00:32:34,509  
kilometres further than the

721  
00:32:32,319 --> 00:32:36,159  
International Space Station to add

722  
00:32:34,509 --> 00:32:38,349  
another layer of happy to this accident

723  
00:32:36,160 --> 00:32:41,110  
our force field sits right at the inner

724  
00:32:38,349 --> 00:32:42,209  
edge of the Van Allen radiation belt if

725  
00:32:41,109 --> 00:32:44,559  
it wasn't for our magnetic field

726  
00:32:42,210 --> 00:32:46,390  
radiation belts like this as well as the

727  
00:32:44,559 --> 00:32:48,279

Sun would bombard our planet with

728

00:32:46,390 --> 00:32:49,690

charged particles and cause everything

729

00:32:48,279 --> 00:32:52,210

from health problems to satellite

730

00:32:49,690 --> 00:32:53,799

interference our very low frequency

731

00:32:52,210 --> 00:32:56,079

bubble gives us an extra layer of

732

00:32:53,799 --> 00:32:57,849

protection from radiation now we know

733

00:32:56,079 --> 00:32:59,859

it's there we can figure out exactly how

734

00:32:57,849 --> 00:33:01,779

protective it is and maybe even figure

735

00:32:59,859 --> 00:33:04,509

out how to use it to push away charged

736

00:33:01,779 --> 00:33:06,339

particles during severe space weather so

737

00:33:04,509 --> 00:33:09,129

21 whose job it is to communicate with

738

00:33:06,339 --> 00:33:12,629

submarines go ahead and have a nice long

739

00:33:09,130 --> 00:33:12,630

chat humanity thanks

740

00:33:12,779 --> 00:33:22,460

for more brouhaha and Australian science

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00:33:15,869 --> 00:33:22,459

head 4ww Australia science TV

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[Applause]

744  
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745  
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[Applause]

746  
00:33:29,180 --> 00:33:35,450  
save the date Sunday June the 11th for

747  
00:33:32,839 --> 00:33:37,459  
skeptic al the day long

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00:33:35,450 --> 00:33:41,660  
Northern California conference of

749  
00:33:37,460 --> 00:33:42,440  
science and skepticism featuring Eugenie

750  
00:33:41,660 --> 00:33:45,769  
see Scott

751  
00:33:42,440 --> 00:33:48,380  
science and pseudoscience of race Brian

752  
00:33:45,769 --> 00:33:52,129  
gunning challenging popular assumptions

753  
00:33:48,380 --> 00:33:56,780  
and roof-rack noise pseudoscience advice

754  
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for the 2017 solar eclipse ed wood vasa

755  
00:33:56,779 --> 00:34:05,329  
man fake news judith Horstman myths of

756  
00:34:00,980 --> 00:34:09,469  
the brain Marty Klein pornography and

757  
00:34:05,329 --> 00:34:13,360  
porn panic plus science comedy magic

758  
00:34:09,469 --> 00:34:13,359  
with Luigi and Savino

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761  
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skeptical at the Shattuck hotel Austin

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11th

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765  
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766  
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now here's a little update from the

767  
00:34:41,809 --> 00:34:49,159  
Australian skeptics website wapt.com

768  
00:34:45,909 --> 00:34:52,099  
today you buy tim Mendham published on

769  
00:34:49,159 --> 00:34:56,300  
the 10th of May under the title of probe

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00:34:52,099 --> 00:34:58,700  
axon measures in the 2017 budget the

771  
00:34:56,300 --> 00:35:01,730  
anti-vaccination Lobby will not be

772  
00:34:58,699 --> 00:35:05,328  
pleased with the 2017 federal budget

773  
00:35:01,730 --> 00:35:08,119  
following on it's no jab no pay policy

774  
00:35:05,329 --> 00:35:10,280  
the government has decided that families

775  
00:35:08,119 --> 00:35:12,950  
who fail to immunize their children and

776  
00:35:10,280 --> 00:35:15,319  
who fail to get a health check on their

777  
00:35:12,949 --> 00:35:17,568  
four-year-olds will lose twenty eight

778  
00:35:15,318 --> 00:35:20,480  
dollars a fortnight from the Family Tax

779  
00:35:17,568 --> 00:35:22,099  
Benefit this is part of the policy of

780  
00:35:20,480 --> 00:35:24,769  
increasing national immunization

781  
00:35:22,099 --> 00:35:27,349  
coverage rates and improving the

782  
00:35:24,769 --> 00:35:30,739  
effectiveness of the national

783  
00:35:27,349 --> 00:35:34,039  
immunization program increase the aim is

784  
00:35:30,739 --> 00:35:37,068

that the immunization coverage rates in

785

00:35:34,039 --> 00:35:39,529

children at five years of age should be

786

00:35:37,068 --> 00:35:41,329

increased from an estimated ninety two

787

00:35:39,530 --> 00:35:45,109

point two percent of children immunized

788

00:35:41,329 --> 00:35:50,839

in 2016-17 to at least ninety four

789

00:35:45,108 --> 00:35:53,719

percent of children by 2020 21 the

790

00:35:50,838 --> 00:35:56,239

government says it will commit 14 point

791

00:35:53,719 --> 00:35:58,279

1 million dollars over four years

792

00:35:56,239 --> 00:36:00,709

through the National immunisation

793

00:35:58,280 --> 00:36:03,410

programme to provide ongoing catch-up

794

00:36:00,710 --> 00:36:05,690

vaccines for almost three hundred and

795

00:36:03,409 --> 00:36:09,409

seventy-five thousand Australians aged

796

00:36:05,690 --> 00:36:13,039

10 to 19 years and more than 8,000 adult

797

00:36:09,409 --> 00:36:14,929

refugees and humanitarian entrants in

798

00:36:13,039 --> 00:36:17,750

addition the government will launch a

799  
00:36:14,929 --> 00:36:19,879  
five point five million dollar awareness

800  
00:36:17,750 --> 00:36:22,309  
campaign over three years to improve

801  
00:36:19,880 --> 00:36:24,789  
awareness and uptake of immunization for

802  
00:36:22,309 --> 00:36:27,260  
children less than five years of age

803  
00:36:24,789 --> 00:36:28,759  
regular reminders will be sent to

804  
00:36:27,260 --> 00:36:30,770  
parents covering the importance of

805  
00:36:28,760 --> 00:36:33,589  
immunizing children and predicting

806  
00:36:30,769 --> 00:36:36,230  
public health and we notice all there's

807  
00:36:33,588 --> 00:36:40,099  
a comment published on the 14th of May

808  
00:36:36,230 --> 00:36:43,369  
on that page from David Smith and the

809  
00:36:40,099 --> 00:36:45,420  
David Smith rights you blokes are going

810  
00:36:43,369 --> 00:36:48,720  
to give scientists a bad name

811  
00:36:45,420 --> 00:36:50,880  
neither you nor any doctors know how

812  
00:36:48,719 --> 00:36:53,969  
each vaccine is produced purified

813  
00:36:50,880 --> 00:36:57,298  
activated inactivated how successful or

814  
00:36:53,969 --> 00:36:59,639  
not such activation actions are the

815  
00:36:57,298 --> 00:37:02,369  
constituents of each batch batch control

816  
00:36:59,639 --> 00:37:05,250  
and the specific molecular actions that

817  
00:37:02,369 --> 00:37:09,048  
occur in vitro from the administration

818  
00:37:05,250 --> 00:37:11,849  
of this multiple protein / adjunct mix

819  
00:37:09,048 --> 00:37:13,469  
what you do have is critical trial

820  
00:37:11,849 --> 00:37:15,750  
results provided to you by the

821  
00:37:13,469 --> 00:37:18,449  
manufacturers and you call yourself

822  
00:37:15,750 --> 00:37:20,519  
scientists I am a biochemist and I would

823  
00:37:18,449 --> 00:37:22,649  
not have a clue where the vaccines are

824  
00:37:20,519 --> 00:37:25,559  
as safe as claimed and neither would you

825  
00:37:22,650 --> 00:37:28,380  
so kindly stop this Inquisition type

826  
00:37:25,559 --> 00:37:30,809  
hunt of anti-vaxxers most of whom are

827

00:37:28,380 --> 00:37:34,170  
more correctly described as X of axes

828  
00:37:30,809 --> 00:37:36,150  
your embarrassment will be extreme if it

829  
00:37:34,170 --> 00:37:38,818  
turns out down the line that some of the

830  
00:37:36,150 --> 00:37:40,680  
plethora of the vaccines in the market

831  
00:37:38,818 --> 00:37:42,900  
are not as safe as currently believed

832  
00:37:40,679 --> 00:37:45,750  
leave them alone and concentrate on

833  
00:37:42,900 --> 00:37:48,599  
something more important thank you

834  
00:37:45,750 --> 00:37:50,429  
David Smith your comments are noted and

835  
00:37:48,599 --> 00:37:53,539  
if you wish to leave a comment just

836  
00:37:50,429 --> 00:38:03,299  
visit skeptics comm dot a you

837  
00:37:53,539 --> 00:38:03,300  
[Music]

838  
00:38:09,440 --> 00:38:13,858  
hey Spence got skipped ago

839  
00:38:11,818 --> 00:38:16,230  
the vet valid veteran scope for billing

840  
00:38:13,858 --> 00:38:18,929  
in the dog nun hangar of the skeptic

841  
00:38:16,230 --> 00:38:21,150

zone at a knock so are fearful dog pop

842

00:38:18,929 --> 00:38:24,480

science quiz or skeptical Kevin Thomas

843

00:38:21,150 --> 00:38:26,970

Valley Quinn po vvv Punto front si

844

00:38:24,480 --> 00:38:29,460

thought spawning vivoli lugar local

845

00:38:26,969 --> 00:38:30,929

training a hunter Malanda topic on warm

846

00:38:29,460 --> 00:38:33,358

the door installed talent defense

847

00:38:30,929 --> 00:38:37,828

non-local training often to start FL

848

00:38:33,358 --> 00:38:40,828

your pot on a day is new hello all

849

00:38:37,829 --> 00:38:42,450

skeptics in Sweden I'm sure you already

850

00:38:40,829 --> 00:38:44,970

know that the Swedish skeptics

851

00:38:42,449 --> 00:38:47,219

Association not only is a big fan of the

852

00:38:44,969 --> 00:38:49,709

skeptic zone but that we also organize

853

00:38:47,219 --> 00:38:54,078

lectures pop science quiz and skeptics

854

00:38:49,710 --> 00:38:56,460

in the pub all over the country go to

855

00:38:54,079 --> 00:38:58,798

www.hsn

856  
00:38:56,460 --> 00:39:01,230  
to see what our seven local chapters are

857  
00:38:58,798 --> 00:39:03,538  
up to and if you live in a place where

858  
00:39:01,230 --> 00:39:04,260  
there is no local chapter why not start

859  
00:39:03,539 --> 00:39:21,059  
one yourself

860  
00:39:04,260 --> 00:39:23,250  
I am talking to you Leo over the last

861  
00:39:21,059 --> 00:39:27,119  
few weeks a very disturbing story has

862  
00:39:23,250 --> 00:39:30,750  
been unfolding of a four year old boy

863  
00:39:27,119 --> 00:39:32,880  
quite ill with cerebral palsy being

864  
00:39:30,750 --> 00:39:36,389  
denied proper medical attention due to

865  
00:39:32,880 --> 00:39:41,338  
the beliefs of his mother

866  
00:39:36,389 --> 00:39:45,568  
it would seem and this culminated just

867  
00:39:41,338 --> 00:39:48,328  
last night here in in Australia with the

868  
00:39:45,568 --> 00:39:50,909  
boy being removed from his parents or

869  
00:39:48,329 --> 00:39:54,930  
his mother at least in order for him to

870  
00:39:50,909 --> 00:40:01,108  
receive proper care because it seems the

871  
00:39:54,929 --> 00:40:03,389  
mother and her associates are of the

872  
00:40:01,108 --> 00:40:05,518  
conspiratorial mindset in other words

873  
00:40:03,389 --> 00:40:08,129  
that they've discovered the right method

874  
00:40:05,518 --> 00:40:10,500  
to treat this sick boy which involves

875  
00:40:08,130 --> 00:40:11,880  
medical cannabis and I'm not saying

876  
00:40:10,500 --> 00:40:14,219  
anything for or against that

877  
00:40:11,880 --> 00:40:17,700  
particularly at the moment and organic

878  
00:40:14,219 --> 00:40:19,828  
food good more importantly that what the

879  
00:40:17,699 --> 00:40:21,230  
proper medical authorities are

880  
00:40:19,829 --> 00:40:23,420  
recommending

881  
00:40:21,230 --> 00:40:26,300  
to their mind is nothing more than

882  
00:40:23,420 --> 00:40:28,880  
dangerous chemicals and pharmaceutical

883  
00:40:26,300 --> 00:40:30,890  
conspiracy an overview here from Jane

884

00:40:28,880 --> 00:40:34,090  
Hansen who is writing in The Sunday

885  
00:40:30,889 --> 00:40:36,409  
Telegraph published on the 21st of May

886  
00:40:34,090 --> 00:40:39,829  
disabled boy in danger of malnutrition

887  
00:40:36,409 --> 00:40:42,108  
removed from parents child protection

888  
00:40:39,829 --> 00:40:44,750  
authorities have removed a severely

889  
00:40:42,108 --> 00:40:47,090  
disabled four-year-old from his parents

890  
00:40:44,750 --> 00:40:50,030  
because the boy was deemed at risk of

891  
00:40:47,090 --> 00:40:52,280  
serious harm due to malnutrition last

892  
00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:55,400  
year his parents stopped the prescribed

893  
00:40:52,280 --> 00:40:58,160  
total nutrition formula diet fed through

894  
00:40:55,400 --> 00:41:00,740  
a tube into the boys stomach in favor of

895  
00:40:58,159 --> 00:41:04,250  
a quote natural diet of pureed fruit and

896  
00:41:00,739 --> 00:41:06,409  
vegetables unquote and cannabis oil the

897  
00:41:04,250 --> 00:41:08,840  
child has been under the care of a

898  
00:41:06,409 --> 00:41:12,079

struck off doctor but he's weighted

899

00:41:08,840 --> 00:41:14,630

plummeted he was taken to John Hunter

900

00:41:12,079 --> 00:41:17,358

Hospital on the first of May and blood

901

00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:20,059

tests showed the child to have quote

902

00:41:17,358 --> 00:41:22,759

critical abnormal levels of potassium in

903

00:41:20,059 --> 00:41:24,949

quote consistent with malnutrition the

904

00:41:22,760 --> 00:41:27,170

parents failed to return him for a

905

00:41:24,949 --> 00:41:29,509

checkup by the 17th of May

906

00:41:27,170 --> 00:41:33,740

prompting child protection authorities

907

00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:35,869

to act on Friday at 5:00 p.m. for police

908

00:41:33,739 --> 00:41:39,319

officers and to Family and Community

909

00:41:35,869 --> 00:41:41,960

Services workers arrived at where he was

910

00:41:39,320 --> 00:41:44,240

staying in Newcastle quote we had him

911

00:41:41,960 --> 00:41:47,570

barricaded in a room with his mother and

912

00:41:44,239 --> 00:41:49,368

quote his doctor said quote we agreed to

913  
00:41:47,570 --> 00:41:51,260  
take him to hospital with his mother

914  
00:41:49,369 --> 00:41:53,660  
where the doctors cleared him to go back

915  
00:41:51,260 --> 00:41:55,820  
home then Child Protection stepped in

916  
00:41:53,659 --> 00:41:58,250  
and the mother was sprayed with capsicum

917  
00:41:55,820 --> 00:41:59,780  
spray and thrown into a paddy wagon it

918  
00:41:58,250 --> 00:42:01,969  
was a disgrace end quote

919  
00:41:59,780 --> 00:42:05,180  
the doctor said the child had been on

920  
00:42:01,969 --> 00:42:07,399  
potassium replacement therapy he

921  
00:42:05,179 --> 00:42:10,419  
rejected criticism that child's diet was

922  
00:42:07,400 --> 00:42:13,490  
inappropriate quote the child has

923  
00:42:10,420 --> 00:42:15,710  
malabsorption problems and he has

924  
00:42:13,489 --> 00:42:19,009  
terrible reflux when quote the doctor

925  
00:42:15,710 --> 00:42:21,460  
said the parents and anti vaccine

926  
00:42:19,010 --> 00:42:23,960  
campaigners have taken up his cause

927  
00:42:21,460 --> 00:42:25,970  
believed vaccinations caused him to

928  
00:42:23,960 --> 00:42:28,909  
develop his medical problems the child's

929  
00:42:25,969 --> 00:42:31,129  
seizures began before he was vaccinated

930  
00:42:28,909 --> 00:42:33,230  
and that little update comes to us from

931  
00:42:31,130 --> 00:42:34,579  
Jane Hanson writing in The Sunday

932  
00:42:33,230 --> 00:42:37,490  
Telegraph

933  
00:42:34,579 --> 00:42:39,889  
and here courtesy of the Nine Network

934  
00:42:37,489 --> 00:42:40,729  
The Nine News is a report on the

935  
00:42:39,889 --> 00:42:43,429  
situation

936  
00:42:40,730 --> 00:42:45,349  
it's another chapter in the sad fight

937  
00:42:43,429 --> 00:42:47,839  
over the medical treatment of a four

938  
00:42:45,349 --> 00:42:58,039  
year old boy with cerebral palsy

939  
00:42:47,840 --> 00:43:00,500  
play secada we've just been pepper

940  
00:42:58,039 --> 00:43:02,809  
sprayed police arresting the boy's

941

00:43:00,500 --> 00:43:05,239  
mother after she tried to stop doctors

942  
00:43:02,809 --> 00:43:12,079  
at a Newcastle hospital from treating

943  
00:43:05,239 --> 00:43:14,149  
him the young boy the center of the

944  
00:43:12,079 --> 00:43:17,360  
medical stash can't be named for legal

945  
00:43:14,150 --> 00:43:18,050  
reasons but it's the second time in less

946  
00:43:17,360 --> 00:43:20,329  
than a month

947  
00:43:18,050 --> 00:43:22,730  
his mother has clashed with authorities

948  
00:43:20,329 --> 00:43:25,340  
over her son receiving traditional

949  
00:43:22,730 --> 00:43:27,260  
treatment versus unconventional medicine

950  
00:43:25,340 --> 00:43:30,410  
we are concerned like I think who was

951  
00:43:27,260 --> 00:43:32,660  
you you know just three weeks ago

952  
00:43:30,409 --> 00:43:35,179  
Queensland police issued an Amber Alert

953  
00:43:32,659 --> 00:43:37,699  
after the boy's parents took him from

954  
00:43:35,179 --> 00:43:40,309  
lady salento hospital and drove to

955  
00:43:37,699 --> 00:43:42,829

Newcastle before police found him last

956

00:43:40,309 --> 00:43:44,840

night New South Wales authorities came

957

00:43:42,829 --> 00:43:47,059

to collect the boy at a church that

958

00:43:44,840 --> 00:43:53,539

promotes medicinal cannabis and an

959

00:43:47,059 --> 00:43:55,400

organic diet that court order alleged

960

00:43:53,539 --> 00:43:57,949

the four-year-old suffered medical

961

00:43:55,400 --> 00:44:00,289

neglect a blood test showing the boy had

962

00:43:57,949 --> 00:44:02,419

critically abnormal potassium levels

963

00:44:00,289 --> 00:44:04,880

which can place him at risk of

964

00:44:02,420 --> 00:44:06,710

life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia

965

00:44:04,880 --> 00:44:09,200

his mother has since been released

966

00:44:06,710 --> 00:44:12,559

without charge but her son is now in

967

00:44:09,199 --> 00:44:15,529

care Shannan Marshall mcCormick nine as

968

00:44:12,559 --> 00:44:18,230

you could hear in that report the the

969

00:44:15,530 --> 00:44:21,170

screams of the parents and the other

970  
00:44:18,230 --> 00:44:23,090  
people involved and I'm not surprised

971  
00:44:21,170 --> 00:44:26,470  
because we've got two issues going on

972  
00:44:23,090 --> 00:44:28,970  
here we've got one which is the normal

973  
00:44:26,469 --> 00:44:31,399  
concern a parent would have for their

974  
00:44:28,969 --> 00:44:35,989  
child regardless and that can easily

975  
00:44:31,400 --> 00:44:38,150  
bubble over into um into hysteria if a

976  
00:44:35,989 --> 00:44:39,549  
parent thinks their child is in imminent

977  
00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:41,720  
danger and that's absolutely

978  
00:44:39,550 --> 00:44:44,360  
understandable I I think any parent

979  
00:44:41,719 --> 00:44:47,089  
could under understand where they're

980  
00:44:44,360 --> 00:44:48,470  
coming from there but that combined with

981  
00:44:47,090 --> 00:44:50,809  
what they're being fed by

982  
00:44:48,469 --> 00:44:53,029  
by the conspiracy theories the

983  
00:44:50,809 --> 00:44:56,019  
anti-vaccination crowd and the one-world

984  
00:44:53,030 --> 00:44:58,010  
government and now all chemicals or evil

985  
00:44:56,019 --> 00:44:59,599  
pharmaceuticals are out to get you the

986  
00:44:58,010 --> 00:45:02,869  
doctors are puppets of the large fire

987  
00:44:59,599 --> 00:45:04,510  
all this sort of thing all that wrapped

988  
00:45:02,869 --> 00:45:07,869  
up

989  
00:45:04,510 --> 00:45:10,730  
combined with the the angst and the

990  
00:45:07,869 --> 00:45:12,769  
worry that the parents have this is the

991  
00:45:10,730 --> 00:45:15,730  
result at least for the moment the boys

992  
00:45:12,769 --> 00:45:30,050  
in proper care and we will bring you any

993  
00:45:15,730 --> 00:45:31,190  
relevant updates as they happen from the

994  
00:45:30,050 --> 00:45:33,950  
dawn of time

995  
00:45:31,190 --> 00:45:36,829  
one blood cast has unlocked the secrets

996  
00:45:33,949 --> 00:45:39,439  
of science and technology to enrich the

997  
00:45:36,829 --> 00:45:41,719  
lives of billions and now after a year

998

00:45:39,440 --> 00:45:43,880  
where they've unlocked the Golden Age of

999  
00:45:41,719 --> 00:45:47,179  
knowledge they're about to get warp

1000  
00:45:43,880 --> 00:45:49,490  
speed and go stratospheric holed up on

1001  
00:45:47,179 --> 00:45:51,980  
oh no Ross and Carrie we don't make

1002  
00:45:49,489 --> 00:45:54,139  
extraordinary claims we investigate them

1003  
00:45:51,980 --> 00:45:56,480  
we go undercover with fringe religious

1004  
00:45:54,139 --> 00:45:58,250  
groups investigate paranormal claims and

1005  
00:45:56,480 --> 00:46:00,349  
we participate in pseudo scientific

1006  
00:45:58,250 --> 00:46:02,510  
medical treatments and then report our

1007  
00:46:00,349 --> 00:46:05,990  
findings to you and yes we've even

1008  
00:46:02,510 --> 00:46:09,050  
investigated Scientology crash new

1009  
00:46:05,989 --> 00:46:12,259  
episodes every month at maximum fun org

1010  
00:46:09,050 --> 00:46:15,220  
oh no Ross and Carrie they show up so

1011  
00:46:12,260 --> 00:46:15,220  
you don't have to

1012  
00:46:22,590 --> 00:46:26,980

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1013

00:46:25,059 --> 00:46:29,860

zone and thank you once again and as

1014

00:46:26,980 --> 00:46:32,590

always once again the noise to those

1015

00:46:29,860 --> 00:46:35,769

wonderful people who support the skeptic

1016

00:46:32,590 --> 00:46:38,680

zone by chipping in on our website

1017

00:46:35,769 --> 00:46:41,590

skeptics on TV directly via micro

1018

00:46:38,679 --> 00:46:43,809

payments with PayPal or by a patreon and

1019

00:46:41,590 --> 00:46:47,860

the links are both there you can do it

1020

00:46:43,809 --> 00:46:49,659

either way you can also just send in a

1021

00:46:47,860 --> 00:46:52,269

little donation if you so wish or once

1022

00:46:49,659 --> 00:46:53,980

off some people like to do that some

1023

00:46:52,269 --> 00:46:56,679

people chip in a dollar a week some

1024

00:46:53,980 --> 00:46:58,659

people five dollars a week and as I say

1025

00:46:56,679 --> 00:47:01,599

it's like little drops in in the bathtub

1026

00:46:58,659 --> 00:47:04,659

drop drop drop drop drop the bathtub

1027  
00:47:01,599 --> 00:47:06,969  
fills up slowly but surely and it means

1028  
00:47:04,659 --> 00:47:10,869  
we can do things like produce the show

1029  
00:47:06,969 --> 00:47:14,139  
and afford microphones and sometimes we

1030  
00:47:10,869 --> 00:47:16,059  
need a little extra cash for our little

1031  
00:47:14,139 --> 00:47:19,690  
outings to bring you reports and to help

1032  
00:47:16,059 --> 00:47:23,920  
my reporters at all it all goes to

1033  
00:47:19,690 --> 00:47:26,619  
helping keep the skeptic zone on the

1034  
00:47:23,920 --> 00:47:28,030  
Internet and in some cases on the air

1035  
00:47:26,619 --> 00:47:31,150  
because I know there are some radio

1036  
00:47:28,030 --> 00:47:33,730  
stations which do use segments of the

1037  
00:47:31,150 --> 00:47:35,710  
skeptic zone and any producers out there

1038  
00:47:33,730 --> 00:47:38,139  
at radio stations who like to use the

1039  
00:47:35,710 --> 00:47:40,240  
odd interviewer or whatever from the

1040  
00:47:38,139 --> 00:47:42,639  
skeptic zone you're more than welcome to

1041  
00:47:40,239 --> 00:47:44,799  
do so just drop me a line let me know

1042  
00:47:42,639 --> 00:47:45,400  
and I'm sure that will be that will be

1043  
00:47:44,800 --> 00:47:47,980  
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I'm will and when I grew up I want to be

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a marine biologist what what are you

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study what what are some of the things

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in the ocean stop stop what are some of

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the things in the ocean you'd like to

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study don't get dizzy what are some of

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the things in the ocean you'd like to

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study starfish yeah what else

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fish yeah well yeah oh yeah turtle that

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sounds like a very good thing to be a

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