

SAUCER KALGOORLIE FOLK SAW WAS THE EVENING STAR

Last year Kalgoorlie people saw a "flying saucer."

It turned out to be Venus.

About 80 p.c. of flying saucer reports made in WA have been traced to high-flying planes and the balance generally had an astronomical explanation.

Venus, because of its appearance in different positions after long intervals, is suspect No. 1 as a source of saucer reports.

Commonly known as the Evening Star, although, for that matter, it could also be called the Morning Star, Venus sometimes disappears from its usual position for from 12 to 18 months.

Because it hangs low over the horizon it can, without steady observation, be mistaken for an object speeding low over the sky.

Particularly can this impression delude car travellers whose consistent sight of Venus is blotted out by passing landscape.

It can also, as one cynic observes, look like a flying saucer shortly after hotel closing time.

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