

Grafton 'flying saucer' was only a star

SYDNEY, Tuesday.
—Two Grafton policemen who drove around the city following a "flying saucer" on Sunday learnt today they had spent their time chasing the Star Canopus.

Hundreds of Grafton residents sighted the unidentified flying object which moved slowly over the city.

They jammed the police switchboard to report the multi-coloured object.

Two police constables who were on duty—Const E. Mercer and Const P. Woodman—set out after the "saucer," which was moving at a slow speed "1,500" feet above the ground.

They followed the object in a police car for two hours until it moved off in the south of the city and disappeared.

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away also reported sighting the multi-coloured object.

Meteorological officials in the area made an investigation into the sightings.

They made a quick check of the position of the star during the night and found the object was Canopus.

It had been a clear night on Sunday when the object was sighted over Grafton they said

The brightly illuminated star could have given rise to the belief that it was a "hovering" object similar to a saucer, they added.