

# GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

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## Bar scatters as 'missile' roars in . . .

Drinkers today told how a "technicolor fireball" interrupted their hotel drinking by demolishing a wall in the public bar.

"We saw the thing coming and ducked behind chairs as it roared through the main door," Mr Bob Wright, of St Georges Basin, near Nowra, said today.

The fireball hit the Jervis Bay Hotel at Huskisson at the height of the renegade storm this week. *-19 mcm.*

Then, according to the stunned drinkers, it flashed across the street, unroofing the Avoca Guest House.

"We're still shaking, even though we downed a few more beers to get over the shock," Mr Wright said.

"But we weren't drunk, mate.

"That technicolor fireball hit us right enough.

"We've got a wall missing to prove it."



Mr Wright said he and his mates had downed their glasses when they heard a "roaring" sound in the main street.

"One of my mates went to the door and yelled 'Christ, what's this?'

"Next thing he was flat on his back as the thing came through the door and we ducked for cover.

"We could see the eastern wall of the public bar moving inward.

"Next thing, the wall blew out in a thousand pieces and the fireball tore out the opening and rolled across to the guest house.

"It had all the colors-of-the rainbow — the glowing lights were beautiful."

Hotel staff and drinkers watched amazed as the fireball crossed the street, flashed up the side of the guest house and struck the roof eaves.

"Galvanised iron flew in all directions as the thing headed off into the night," Mr Wright said.