

Guyra meteorite to be extracted

An extra-terrestrial object that rocketed a northern New South Wales town to fame is likely to be recovered from the dam into which it crashed.

Guyra, population 2200, made national headlines in December when a meteorite fell into the murky depths of the local water supply.

Now a mystery businessman is likely to pay the estimated thousands of dollars

needed to pluck it out.

"We actually have a person who would be prepared to pay to have the meteorite extracted," Guyra deputy mayor Robyn Jackson said.

Guyra Shire Council is involved in negotiations with the man, described only as a businessman from northern NSW.

The meteorite, estimated now to be the size of a golf

ball, created a dent the size of a backyard swimming pool when it fell into the fringe of the Guyra dam.

The meteorite created just as much impact on the township, with one rumor suggesting it was a UFO. The incident even attracted the attention of US space organisation NASA.

Since it hit, tourism has increased, with people coming just to stare at the dam. AAP