

**SHANE RYAN**

**WESTALL  
UFO**



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00:00:00,060 --> 00:00:05,050  
we're live

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00:00:34,540 --> 00:00:13,640  
[Music]

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00:00:39,560 --> 00:00:37,310  
hello and welcome to the show on Martin

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00:00:41,660 --> 00:00:39,570  
Willis your host and we have another

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00:00:43,820 --> 00:00:41,670  
great show for you this evening I'm

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00:00:47,330 --> 00:00:43,830  
excited about it and I want to welcome

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00:00:50,390 --> 00:00:47,340  
everyone this week's guest is Shane Ryan

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00:00:54,280 --> 00:00:50,400  
I would consider him like a lead

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00:00:58,280 --> 00:00:54,290  
investigator on our researcher into the

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00:01:02,510 --> 00:00:58,290  
1966 Westall UFO incident I has several

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00:01:04,790 --> 00:01:02,520  
different names the Westall Flying

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00:01:07,760 --> 00:01:04,800  
Saucer incident things like that but

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00:01:10,280 --> 00:01:07,770

anyway it is a school another schoolyard

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00:01:12,680 --> 00:01:10,290

sighting very very interesting long and

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:12,690

with a cover-up and all kinds of very

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00:01:18,790 --> 00:01:15,360

interesting things happen throughout

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00:01:20,660 --> 00:01:18,800

that a little bit of housekeeping first

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00:01:23,240 --> 00:01:20,670

first of all I want to thank everyone

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00:01:25,460 --> 00:01:23,250

that helps out with the show anyone can

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00:01:27,680 --> 00:01:25,470

support the show and we're also on

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00:01:33,260 --> 00:01:27,690

patreon as well and that will get you a

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00:01:35,779 --> 00:01:33,270

feed to the full to our shows there's a

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00:01:38,090 --> 00:01:35,789

feed over there for that as well as if

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00:01:41,540 --> 00:01:38,100

anyone signs up at podcast UFO comm

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00:01:45,710 --> 00:01:41,550

there's also the feed there and archives

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00:01:47,690 --> 00:01:45,720

that goes way back so as I said a little

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00:01:49,550 --> 00:01:47,700

housekeeping I get a lot of email every

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00:01:52,460 --> 00:01:49,560

week about Alejandro everyone's worried

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00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:52,470

about Eleanor which i think is nice so I

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00:01:57,580 --> 00:01:54,000

talked to him today he's doing really

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00:02:00,710 --> 00:01:57,590

well he's just he's got so much going on

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:00,720

he's not up to date I invited him on

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00:02:05,389 --> 00:02:03,119

tonight as well but he couldn't make

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00:02:06,889 --> 00:02:05,399

tonight's show he says he's just not up

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00:02:09,529 --> 00:02:06,899

to date with what's going on in UFOs

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00:02:13,070 --> 00:02:09,539

hasn't been paying attention to much but

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00:02:16,130 --> 00:02:13,080

he said to his listeners of open minds

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00:02:19,370 --> 00:02:16,140

which I do help him out with he had a

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00:02:21,710 --> 00:02:19,380

nice interview and recently he's going

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00:02:24,170 --> 00:02:21,720

to be posting that soon so keep your eye

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00:02:27,620 --> 00:02:24,180

out for that for those of you who listen

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00:02:31,059 --> 00:02:27,630

to the open minds show a t-shirts and

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00:02:34,399 --> 00:02:31,069

stuff we have do we have a new new site

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00:02:36,020 --> 00:02:34,409

on our website actually a merchandise

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00:02:37,370 --> 00:02:36,030

store or whatever you want to call it

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00:02:40,910 --> 00:02:37,380

there's a link on podcast

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00:02:42,680 --> 00:02:40,920

UFO comm that has a great t-shirts

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00:02:46,160 --> 00:02:42,690

there's two different types of graphics

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00:02:48,380 --> 00:02:46,170

you can choose from and one works really

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00:02:52,370 --> 00:02:48,390

well with dark shirts and one works with

51  
00:02:54,230 --> 00:02:52,380  
either or light or dark and as well as

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00:02:57,590 --> 00:02:54,240  
shirts as other products over there -

53  
00:02:59,690 --> 00:02:57,600  
all with the podcast UFO graphic on them

54  
00:03:02,840 --> 00:02:59,700  
very nice graphic by the way in Diane

55  
00:03:05,840 --> 00:03:02,850  
cash made that beautiful job

56  
00:03:08,210 --> 00:03:05,850  
so we also have a blog over at our

57  
00:03:12,170 --> 00:03:08,220  
website podcast UFO calm and that is

58  
00:03:15,650 --> 00:03:12,180  
about guess what the Westall UFO Charles

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00:03:17,510 --> 00:03:15,660  
Leah wrote an article blog about that

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00:03:20,180 --> 00:03:17,520  
incident so you can read up on that if

61  
00:03:23,930 --> 00:03:20,190  
you're if you want more information

62  
00:03:27,500 --> 00:03:23,940  
that's on the website as well the next

63  
00:03:30,670 --> 00:03:27,510

three weeks are going to be tricky for

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00:03:33,920 --> 00:03:30,680

me next week I have a big job in my

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00:03:35,180 --> 00:03:33,930

career that I'd actually do and I'm not

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00:03:37,280 --> 00:03:35,190

going to be able to do a live show next

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00:03:40,280 --> 00:03:37,290

week so you know I'm gonna try to figure

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00:03:42,320 --> 00:03:40,290

that out so if you're watching live on

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00:03:45,110 --> 00:03:42,330

YouTube or just watch the shows on

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00:03:47,030 --> 00:03:45,120

YouTube just click the bell if you're a

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00:03:48,470 --> 00:03:47,040

subscriber or please do subscribe and

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00:03:51,050 --> 00:03:48,480

click the little bell and that will get

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00:03:54,170 --> 00:03:51,060

send you notifications of when my show

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00:03:57,110 --> 00:03:54,180

will be coming up but I'm going to be

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00:03:59,150 --> 00:03:57,120

pre recording if you are a podcast

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00:04:02,110 --> 00:03:59,160

listener do not fret because it'll be

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00:04:04,580 --> 00:04:02,120

out Tuesday nights the same as always

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00:04:05,690 --> 00:04:04,590

and I'm not a hundred percent sure if

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00:04:07,520 --> 00:04:05,700

I'm going to be streaming these shows

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00:04:09,650 --> 00:04:07,530

live on YouTube or not

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00:04:11,990 --> 00:04:09,660

I'll get that figured out I had Chris

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00:04:14,330 --> 00:04:12,000

O'Brien for next week but he just

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00:04:17,479 --> 00:04:14,340

informed me that he's on his way to the

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00:04:19,580 --> 00:04:17,489

west coast so he's not able to be on the

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00:04:20,930 --> 00:04:19,590

show so I do not know who my guest is

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00:04:26,210 --> 00:04:20,940

going to be next week I'm working on

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00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:26,220

that right now and I think that might be

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00:04:31,010 --> 00:04:28,080

I might be out of stuff to talk about

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00:04:34,280 --> 00:04:31,020

and that's plenty and anyway I'm going

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00:04:38,300 --> 00:04:34,290

to now invite our guest welcome to the

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00:04:40,520 --> 00:04:38,310

show Shane hello and motts and all the

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00:04:43,010 --> 00:04:40,530

way over there in - lovely to see you

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00:04:45,080 --> 00:04:43,020

again that's right yeah we're doing the

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00:04:49,430 --> 00:04:45,090

time travel here you're actually in

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00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:49,440

Wednesday right means less Dateline yeah

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00:04:54,170 --> 00:04:51,240

exactly and you know

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00:04:56,120 --> 00:04:54,180

was this month six years ago that we

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00:04:58,189 --> 00:04:56,130

last chatted on your show I can't

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00:05:01,730 --> 00:04:58,199

believe was it by six yes

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00:05:03,589 --> 00:05:01,740

yeah December 2013 six years ago yeah I

101  
00:05:04,400 --> 00:05:03,599  
can't the label that time has passed

102  
00:05:08,689 --> 00:05:04,410  
already

103  
00:05:11,360 --> 00:05:08,699  
I know I know and wasn't 2016 was the

104  
00:05:13,820 --> 00:05:11,370  
50th anniversary right that was kind of

105  
00:05:15,559 --> 00:05:13,830  
a that's right exactly so when I started

106  
00:05:18,589 --> 00:05:15,569  
this research I was actually a brunette

107  
00:05:21,740 --> 00:05:18,599  
and I didn't need spectacles so you're

108  
00:05:24,980 --> 00:05:21,750  
now looking at what happens when you do

109  
00:05:26,839 --> 00:05:24,990  
14 years of UFO research into one single

110  
00:05:30,700 --> 00:05:26,849  
UFO story this is what it does to you

111  
00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:30,710  
yeah well I had a full head of hair -

112  
00:05:38,360 --> 00:05:35,759  
you're looking right yeah so but before

113  
00:05:40,100 --> 00:05:38,370

we get into that also I just wanted to

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00:05:41,779 --> 00:05:40,110

talk quickly a you're not really that

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00:05:43,999 --> 00:05:41,789

far you know I brought this up a few

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00:05:47,110 --> 00:05:44,009

times with people in California but

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00:05:49,550 --> 00:05:47,120

you're not too far from the fires right

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00:05:51,290 --> 00:05:49,560

we're very close to where the fires are

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00:05:53,689 --> 00:05:51,300

happening so we've had an extremely

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00:05:55,850 --> 00:05:53,699

early start to the bushfire season in

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00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:55,860

Australia this year it actually started

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00:06:00,560 --> 00:05:58,800

in the middle of spring normally we

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00:06:03,740 --> 00:06:00,570

don't get really any serious bush fires

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00:06:06,469 --> 00:06:03,750

until late December early January so

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00:06:09,290 --> 00:06:06,479

well into summer so I think what's

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00:06:13,490 --> 00:06:09,300

happening is it's really analogous to

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00:06:16,760 --> 00:06:13,500

what happened in California in in in

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00:06:19,059 --> 00:06:16,770

there autumn and when they were getting

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00:06:23,330 --> 00:06:19,069

very bad bush fires

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00:06:24,800 --> 00:06:23,340

unseasonally in terms of time and the

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00:06:27,529 --> 00:06:24,810

extremity of the fires that were

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00:06:29,870 --> 00:06:27,539

happening in California were terrible of

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00:06:31,839 --> 00:06:29,880

course and we're getting it here now in

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00:06:35,450 --> 00:06:31,849

Australia particularly in our eastern

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00:06:38,809 --> 00:06:35,460

states so New South Wales parts of

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00:06:40,040 --> 00:06:38,819

Queensland parts of Victoria I live in

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00:06:42,350 --> 00:06:40,050

Canberra which of course is in the

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00:06:44,959 --> 00:06:42,360

Australian Capital Territory which is

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00:06:47,830 --> 00:06:44,969

surrounded by New South Wales quite

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00:06:50,540 --> 00:06:47,840

similar to the District of Columbia in

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00:06:53,059 --> 00:06:50,550

America but we're close to where the

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00:06:56,330 --> 00:06:53,069

fires are as well and many of our big

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00:06:58,779 --> 00:06:56,340

cities like Brisbane and Sydney camera

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00:07:00,529 --> 00:06:58,789

are being shrouded with bushfire smoke

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00:07:03,230 --> 00:07:00,539

day-in day-out

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00:07:04,910 --> 00:07:03,240

here in Canberra we're quite high with

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00:07:07,910 --> 00:07:04,920

the highest city in Australia

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00:07:11,180 --> 00:07:07,920

terms of altitude we set at about 580

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00:07:13,520 --> 00:07:11,190

metres above sea level so we tend to

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00:07:15,170 --> 00:07:13,530

have very clear skies here we don't have

151  
00:07:17,420 --> 00:07:15,180  
much in the way of heavy industry and

152  
00:07:20,780 --> 00:07:17,430  
Canberra I guess a little bit similar to

153  
00:07:23,300 --> 00:07:20,790  
to Washington or Ottawa and so our air

154  
00:07:25,310 --> 00:07:23,310  
here is usually clear and and pristine

155  
00:07:27,680 --> 00:07:25,320  
and but we're getting this bushfire

156  
00:07:32,680 --> 00:07:27,690  
smoke as it blows in from from the bush

157  
00:07:34,880 --> 00:07:32,690  
fires nearby and apparently the the

158  
00:07:37,850 --> 00:07:34,890  
health people the medical people are

159  
00:07:41,140 --> 00:07:37,860  
telling us that it's equivalent to

160  
00:07:43,700 --> 00:07:41,150  
smoking five to ten cigarettes per day

161  
00:07:47,090 --> 00:07:43,710  
when we breathe in this bushfire smoke

162  
00:07:49,460 --> 00:07:47,100  
and particularly in places like Sydney

163  
00:07:51,860 --> 00:07:49,470

they've been doing this on a daily basis

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00:07:56,270 --> 00:07:51,870

for a couple of weeks now so it's it's

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00:07:59,090 --> 00:07:56,280

terrible Wow and not as far as the crow

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00:08:01,160 --> 00:07:59,100

flies probably in the hundreds of miles

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00:08:05,420 --> 00:08:01,170

not the thousands I get the volcano

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00:08:07,790 --> 00:08:05,430

right in New Zealand yes exactly how far

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00:08:10,700 --> 00:08:07,800

away that is from you but still that's

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00:08:13,420 --> 00:08:10,710

right that was terrible in white island

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00:08:15,470 --> 00:08:13,430

in the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand and

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00:08:16,850 --> 00:08:15,480

unfortunately most of the people who

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00:08:19,880 --> 00:08:16,860

seem to have been caught up with that

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00:08:23,840 --> 00:08:19,890

both in terms of fatalities and injuries

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00:08:25,010 --> 00:08:23,850

are Australian tourists and and people

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00:08:28,100 --> 00:08:25,020

from other countries as well of course

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00:08:31,400 --> 00:08:28,110

but it's just shocking terrible Wow well

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00:08:33,770 --> 00:08:31,410

a lot of stuff going on well where you

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00:08:36,410 --> 00:08:33,780

live is not really too far away from

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00:08:40,640 --> 00:08:36,420

where this incident happened is that

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00:08:44,270 --> 00:08:40,650

right are you certainly closer than

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00:08:46,130 --> 00:08:44,280

Maine so I'm in Canberra and where this

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00:08:48,290 --> 00:08:46,140

incident happened was in Melbourne which

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00:08:51,740 --> 00:08:48,300

is the state capital city of Victoria

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00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:51,750

Australia second largest city so about

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00:08:55,640 --> 00:08:54,000

eight hours drive but yes not very far

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00:08:57,790 --> 00:08:55,650

in an aeroplane I imagine a little bit

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00:09:01,490 --> 00:08:57,800

faster in a flying saucer

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00:09:06,080 --> 00:09:01,500

I'm sure and that's what we're gonna

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talk about so let's let's first of all I

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00:09:12,350 --> 00:09:09,030

think before I get into the incident

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00:09:15,560 --> 00:09:12,360

itself just I want to find out did you

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00:09:18,650 --> 00:09:15,570

have an interest in UFOs yourself prior

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00:09:21,050 --> 00:09:18,660

to this case or is this what

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kind of led you into the study of UFOs

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00:09:27,560 --> 00:09:25,890

are looking at them well as everyone

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00:09:33,290 --> 00:09:27,570

says that's a long and convoluted story

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00:09:36,140 --> 00:09:33,300

of course we have ours I think I think

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00:09:38,360 --> 00:09:36,150

like a lot of kids especially boys I

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00:09:40,910 --> 00:09:38,370

think often boys perhaps more than girls

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00:09:42,410 --> 00:09:40,920

to generalize a little bit I had a

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00:09:48,500 --> 00:09:42,420

little bit of an interest in things like

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00:09:50,690 --> 00:09:48,510

UFOs and space and and and mysterious

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00:09:52,700 --> 00:09:50,700

things and you know I can actually try

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00:09:57,140 --> 00:09:52,710

to sit back quite specifically to when I

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00:09:59,750 --> 00:09:57,150

was about 12 or 13 years old and I was

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00:10:02,180 --> 00:09:59,760

wandering through the department store

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00:10:05,090 --> 00:10:02,190

in the city in which I grew up in a

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00:10:08,660 --> 00:10:05,100

place called Shepperton about two hours

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00:10:11,660 --> 00:10:08,670

north of Melbourne in Victoria and was a

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00:10:14,810 --> 00:10:11,670

city of about 25,000 people and we only

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00:10:18,650 --> 00:10:14,820

had one department store and the

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00:10:21,380 --> 00:10:18,660

favorite part of that store for me was

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00:10:23,690 --> 00:10:21,390

the book section and back in those days

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00:10:26,810 --> 00:10:23,700

this was the late 1970s we didn't have a

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00:10:28,070 --> 00:10:26,820

lot of specialised bookstores back then

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00:10:30,470 --> 00:10:28,080

in my town

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00:10:32,480 --> 00:10:30,480

so often if you're interested in reading

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00:10:35,060 --> 00:10:32,490

you'd go to this book section in this

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00:10:39,800 --> 00:10:35,070

department store and I can remember one

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00:10:46,580 --> 00:10:39,810

day wandering in and on a stand was a

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series of books world mysteries and one

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00:10:52,490 --> 00:10:49,770

of the titles was about ghosts and one

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00:10:54,830 --> 00:10:52,500

of the titles was about monsters and one

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00:10:59,740 --> 00:10:54,840

of the other titles was flying saucers

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00:11:03,220 --> 00:10:59,750

UFOs and I picked it up and was lavishly

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00:11:05,360 --> 00:11:03,230

Illustrated all these wonderful color

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00:11:06,890 --> 00:11:05,370

pictures not photographs but there was

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some photographs with only pictures

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00:11:11,750 --> 00:11:09,810

illustrations and there were some what I

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00:11:16,820 --> 00:11:11,760

now know to be quite well known cases

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00:11:21,140 --> 00:11:16,830

mentioned in the book like the Kelly

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Hall case I think the kasich helped to

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00:11:26,960 --> 00:11:23,280

give rise to the the term little green

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00:11:29,000 --> 00:11:26,970

man and the Thomas Mantell incident

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00:11:31,730 --> 00:11:29,010

Thomas Mantell of course he'll remember

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00:11:33,950 --> 00:11:31,740

was shot down chasing some

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00:11:36,200 --> 00:11:33,960

thing over the skies of Kentucky I think

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00:11:39,230 --> 00:11:36,210

it was back in the 1950s so there was

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00:11:43,250 --> 00:11:39,240

some of these classic so-called UFO

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cases and I was fascinated and so I

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00:11:48,590 --> 00:11:46,110

bought the one about UFOs I bought the

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00:11:50,090 --> 00:11:48,600

one about ghosts and I think I left the

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00:11:51,470 --> 00:11:50,100

one about monsters on the shelf because

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00:11:55,070 --> 00:11:51,480

I think that was just a little bit too

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00:11:57,860 --> 00:11:55,080

frightening and I took them home and I

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00:11:59,360 --> 00:11:57,870

think that's where it started and also

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00:12:03,080 --> 00:11:59,370

of course at that time on television

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there was some classic UFO related TV

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00:12:07,580 --> 00:12:05,460

shows like Project Blue Book

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00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:07,590  
do you remember plaue at Project Blue

252  
00:12:12,560 --> 00:12:09,360  
Book I think it was sometimes called

253  
00:12:14,780 --> 00:12:12,570  
Project UFO in America yeah project UFO

254  
00:12:16,070 --> 00:12:14,790  
right mm-hmm that's right so when it was

255  
00:12:21,020 --> 00:12:16,080  
televised in Australia was called

256  
00:12:23,390 --> 00:12:21,030  
Project Blue Book and and I watched that

257  
00:12:24,830 --> 00:12:23,400  
as a lot of people did and then of

258  
00:12:28,760 --> 00:12:24,840  
course there was the wonderful program

259  
00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:28,770  
in search of hosted by the late Leonard

260  
00:12:36,560 --> 00:12:33,120  
Nimoy yeah and it was all fascinating to

261  
00:12:40,550 --> 00:12:36,570  
me and I think part of the reason it was

262  
00:12:43,790 --> 00:12:40,560  
fascinating for me was my father had

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00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:43,800

passed away when I was 1 year old and I

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00:12:50,180 --> 00:12:46,800

was very much aware of his absence when

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00:12:54,200 --> 00:12:50,190

I was growing up and and my mother in

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00:12:59,170 --> 00:12:54,210

raising me on her own and I was very

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00:13:03,010 --> 00:12:59,180

conscious of there being this mysterious

268

00:13:06,050 --> 00:13:03,020

aspect to life that there was something

269

00:13:08,570 --> 00:13:06,060

potentially beyond what was immediately

270

00:13:12,560 --> 00:13:08,580

obvious to us that there perhaps was

271

00:13:16,810 --> 00:13:12,570

really an unseen world as well as a seen

272

00:13:19,640 --> 00:13:16,820

world and as a child I think I was

273

00:13:22,910 --> 00:13:19,650

rather impressionable and and impressed

274

00:13:24,140 --> 00:13:22,920

by that but because I'd had a father but

275

00:13:28,520 --> 00:13:24,150

my father had passed away

276

00:13:31,160 --> 00:13:28,530

and he was now gone from me I felt well

277

00:13:35,330 --> 00:13:31,170

there must be this other world where

278

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:35,340

things aren't immediately visible and I

279

00:13:41,690 --> 00:13:38,160

think that played into where this

280

00:13:44,510 --> 00:13:41,700

perhaps all began but of course that was

281

00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:44,520

when I was a child and also

282

00:13:50,420 --> 00:13:47,760

and graduated from secondary school and

283

00:13:53,480 --> 00:13:50,430

went to university and started work

284

00:13:56,480 --> 00:13:53,490

those things got left behind as they do

285

00:13:58,519 --> 00:13:56,490

because you get involved in work and all

286

00:14:02,870 --> 00:13:58,529

the demands of being an adult and so I

287

00:14:05,389 --> 00:14:02,880

really sort of pushed all those things

288

00:14:10,760 --> 00:14:05,399

aside and didn't really think about the

289

00:14:12,290 --> 00:14:10,770

UFO subject again until I moved from my

290

00:14:15,220 --> 00:14:12,300

hometown Shepperton and went down to

291

00:14:18,139 --> 00:14:15,230

Melbourne to start my university study

292

00:14:20,180 --> 00:14:18,149

then went to a university called Monash

293

00:14:24,050 --> 00:14:20,190

University which as it turned out is

294

00:14:26,930 --> 00:14:24,060

only about five ten kilometers maybe not

295

00:14:29,030 --> 00:14:26,940

even that up the road from Westall but I

296

00:14:34,310 --> 00:14:29,040

had no idea about Westall at the time

297

00:14:36,620 --> 00:14:34,320

but what did happen was I was doing a

298

00:14:38,540 --> 00:14:36,630

bit of University I started that I was

299

00:14:41,630 --> 00:14:38,550

actually doing a degree in Japanese

300

00:14:44,060 --> 00:14:41,640

studies because in the intervening years

301  
00:14:46,460 --> 00:14:44,070  
I'd been sent to Japan as an exchange

302  
00:14:48,980 --> 00:14:46,470  
student by the Rotary International

303  
00:14:51,800 --> 00:14:48,990  
Rotary organization and had come back

304  
00:14:53,410 --> 00:14:51,810  
from living in Japan for a year very

305  
00:14:57,560 --> 00:14:53,420  
interested in Japanese culture Japanese

306  
00:15:00,280 --> 00:14:57,570  
language Japanese politics and started a

307  
00:15:05,000 --> 00:15:00,290  
degree at Monash University in Japanese

308  
00:15:08,990 --> 00:15:05,010  
but very what's the word I guess it's

309  
00:15:12,680 --> 00:15:09,000  
sort of happenstance I found a place to

310  
00:15:14,569 --> 00:15:12,690  
live near the university with a lady who

311  
00:15:17,510 --> 00:15:14,579  
was just beginning to retire from her

312  
00:15:20,750 --> 00:15:17,520  
long career at that time as an infant

313  
00:15:23,780 --> 00:15:20,760

welfare nurse in Melbourne and she had

314

00:15:26,600 --> 00:15:23,790

been for a few years hosting university

315

00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:26,610

students at her home as boarders both

316

00:15:31,400 --> 00:15:28,560

Australian students and students from

317

00:15:32,510 --> 00:15:31,410

other countries and I was in search of a

318

00:15:35,600 --> 00:15:32,520

place to stay

319

00:15:38,870 --> 00:15:35,610

and so I ended up becoming a boarder at

320

00:15:41,300 --> 00:15:38,880

her house and we became good friends

321

00:15:43,850 --> 00:15:41,310

over the years that I lived with her and

322

00:15:48,400 --> 00:15:43,860

she happened to mention to me one day

323

00:15:51,470 --> 00:15:48,410

that she had a couple of friends who

324

00:15:53,390 --> 00:15:51,480

knew about a flying saucer incident

325

00:15:57,199 --> 00:15:53,400

which had happened up the road from

326

00:15:58,040 --> 00:15:57,209

where we were living again only about 15

327

00:16:01,579 --> 00:15:58,050

kilometers away

328

00:16:04,999 --> 00:16:01,589

at a place called Westall which i never

329

00:16:06,350 --> 00:16:05,009

inner never even heard of and she told

330

00:16:08,989 --> 00:16:06,360

me the bare bones of the story she

331

00:16:13,009 --> 00:16:08,999

didn't know a great deal about it but

332

00:16:15,259 --> 00:16:13,019

simply that this school we're still high

333

00:16:17,479 --> 00:16:15,269

school and the school next door the West

334

00:16:21,109 --> 00:16:17,489

Allstate primary stall had been involved

335

00:16:24,319 --> 00:16:21,119

in this mass sighting of a flying saucer

336

00:16:27,049 --> 00:16:24,329

and that hundreds of people had seen it

337

00:16:29,210 --> 00:16:27,059

kids had seen it some of the teachers

338

00:16:33,229 --> 00:16:29,220

were involved some of the local

339

00:16:35,720 --> 00:16:33,239

residents were involved and she knew

340

00:16:38,629 --> 00:16:35,730

this from from from these friends of

341

00:16:39,949 --> 00:16:38,639

hers and so she told me the story and we

342

00:16:41,929 --> 00:16:39,959

actually I remember doing this we

343

00:16:44,479 --> 00:16:41,939

actually did a drive in her car we went

344

00:16:48,350 --> 00:16:44,489

over to Westall and we drove around the

345

00:16:49,609 --> 00:16:48,360

perimeter of the school and we didn't

346

00:16:50,780 --> 00:16:49,619

know what we were doing or what we were

347

00:16:53,660 --> 00:16:50,790

looking at of course we were just going

348

00:16:56,979 --> 00:16:53,670

for a drive and then we drove back home

349

00:17:00,710 --> 00:16:56,989

to her house where I was living and

350

00:17:03,319 --> 00:17:00,720

pretty much forgot about it except for

351

00:17:05,809 --> 00:17:03,329

the fact that at some point afterwards I

352

00:17:10,100 --> 00:17:05,819

came across a book by an Australian

353

00:17:12,069 --> 00:17:10,110

author a fella called John Pinckney who

354

00:17:15,620 --> 00:17:12,079

had a long career as a newspaper

355

00:17:19,879 --> 00:17:15,630

reporter and an author in Australia and

356

00:17:23,600 --> 00:17:19,889

John also had a strong interest in UFOs

357

00:17:26,079 --> 00:17:23,610

and the paranormal and things that were

358

00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:26,089

a little bit unusual mystery stories

359

00:17:31,760 --> 00:17:28,799

unsolved murders people who had

360

00:17:34,060 --> 00:17:31,770

disappeared and he penned several books

361

00:17:36,490 --> 00:17:34,070

over the years on that topic and I

362

00:17:39,350 --> 00:17:36,500

happened to pick up one of those books

363

00:17:43,430 --> 00:17:39,360

this is the one actually called a

364

00:17:45,379 --> 00:17:43,440

paranormal file by John pickney and I

365

00:17:47,710 --> 00:17:45,389

opened it up and lo and behold there

366

00:17:51,919 --> 00:17:47,720

were a couple of sections in the book

367

00:17:56,299 --> 00:17:51,929

about Westall like this one the saucer

368

00:17:59,269 --> 00:17:56,309

that shocked a school and just a few

369

00:18:02,060 --> 00:17:59,279

pages two and a half pages and then

370

00:18:05,480 --> 00:18:02,070

there was another small section students

371

00:18:09,049 --> 00:18:05,490

punished for discussing the Westall UFO

372

00:18:11,090 --> 00:18:09,059

and so I read these sections in his book

373

00:18:11,840 --> 00:18:11,100

and of course it confirmed some of the

374

00:18:15,400 --> 00:18:11,850

details

375

00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:15,410

my friend had heard from her friends and

376

00:18:23,330 --> 00:18:20,400

that was the end of it for me because I

377

00:18:25,760 --> 00:18:23,340

was working I'd done some university and

378

00:18:28,040 --> 00:18:25,770

then I went back over to Japan to live

379

00:18:30,920 --> 00:18:28,050

and did some more university study there

380

00:18:35,620 --> 00:18:30,930

and completely forgot about the Western

381

00:18:39,380 --> 00:18:35,630

story just didn't think of it at all

382

00:18:44,900 --> 00:18:39,390

until years later many years later in

383

00:18:47,210 --> 00:18:44,910

fact it was 2005 when my friend who had

384

00:18:53,570 --> 00:18:47,220

told me this story had actually by that

385

00:18:56,630 --> 00:18:53,580

stage passed away and I was looking

386

00:18:58,730 --> 00:18:56,640

around for a story to write a book about

387

00:19:01,490 --> 00:18:58,740

I was having an early midlife crisis I

388

00:19:03,800 --> 00:19:01,500

think and I wanted to pen a book

389

00:19:04,960 --> 00:19:03,810

something I've had several by the way

390

00:19:07,940 --> 00:19:04,970

yeah

391

00:19:10,220 --> 00:19:07,950

that's rapid and I was particularly

392

00:19:14,470 --> 00:19:10,230

interested in writing a book that would

393

00:19:19,010 --> 00:19:14,480

be read by children and young adults

394

00:19:20,900 --> 00:19:19,020

teenagers and I don't know how it came

395

00:19:23,050 --> 00:19:20,910

into my mind it popped into my mind and

396

00:19:25,970 --> 00:19:23,060

I don't know from where or how I

397

00:19:29,450 --> 00:19:25,980

remembered this story a story about a

398

00:19:31,310 --> 00:19:29,460

UFO incident that had happened in a

399

00:19:33,890 --> 00:19:31,320

couple of schools have been witnessed by

400

00:19:38,870 --> 00:19:33,900

all of these people young people and and

401  
00:19:41,480 --> 00:19:38,880  
some adults and I thought to myself well

402  
00:19:43,610 --> 00:19:41,490  
a lot of what I've heard not that I had

403  
00:19:46,100 --> 00:19:43,620  
heard very much about it is probably not

404  
00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:46,110  
true it's probably partly an urban

405  
00:19:50,600 --> 00:19:48,240  
legend and there must have been a

406  
00:19:54,110 --> 00:19:50,610  
cretians to the story and things that

407  
00:19:55,760 --> 00:19:54,120  
had been perhaps made up not maliciously

408  
00:19:58,580 --> 00:19:55,770  
but just as these things happen over

409  
00:20:01,730 --> 00:19:58,590  
time so I thought well I'll do a little

410  
00:20:04,250 --> 00:20:01,740  
bit of research and I set up a yahoo

411  
00:20:06,860 --> 00:20:04,260  
groups website this is way back before

412  
00:20:08,450 --> 00:20:06,870  
social media before Facebook when Yahoo

413  
00:20:09,650 --> 00:20:08,460

groups is one of the way four main ways

414

00:20:12,290 --> 00:20:09,660

that you could make contact with people

415

00:20:14,840 --> 00:20:12,300

right over the internet and in my

416

00:20:17,480 --> 00:20:14,850

innocence and naivety I set up this

417

00:20:21,160 --> 00:20:17,490

yahoo groups website put it out into

418

00:20:24,260 --> 00:20:21,170

cyberspace and to see what would happen

419

00:20:25,460 --> 00:20:24,270

and some people noticed it and they got

420

00:20:30,230 --> 00:20:25,470

some people contacting

421

00:20:33,049 --> 00:20:30,240

me about the story and I actually had a

422

00:20:34,760 --> 00:20:33,059

couple of articles posted printed in a

423

00:20:38,029 --> 00:20:34,770

couple of the local newspapers around

424

00:20:41,180 --> 00:20:38,039

Westall and that led to quite a response

425

00:20:43,310 --> 00:20:41,190

from people people who did actually as I

426  
00:20:45,770 --> 00:20:43,320  
was hoping they would remembered the

427  
00:20:48,649 --> 00:20:45,780  
story and had actually been involved in

428  
00:20:50,600 --> 00:20:48,659  
the story and one witness led to three

429  
00:20:53,240 --> 00:20:50,610  
and in three led to six and six led to

430  
00:20:56,990 --> 00:20:53,250  
twelve and it went on like that and then

431  
00:20:59,120 --> 00:20:57,000  
the science editor of the Maine

432  
00:21:02,360 --> 00:20:59,130  
broadsheet newspaper in Melbourne a

433  
00:21:05,090 --> 00:21:02,370  
newspaper called the Aged saw the story

434  
00:21:07,850 --> 00:21:05,100  
and he for some reason was quite

435  
00:21:10,480 --> 00:21:07,860  
interested in it and he contacted me and

436  
00:21:16,340 --> 00:21:10,490  
that led to an almost full page article

437  
00:21:19,370 --> 00:21:16,350  
back in 2005 about the Westall story and

438  
00:21:22,960 --> 00:21:19,380

from there it just sort of bloomed and

439

00:21:27,820 --> 00:21:22,970

blossomed and more people contacted me

440

00:21:30,230 --> 00:21:27,830

but and that eventually led to a

441

00:21:32,029 --> 00:21:30,240

filmmaker in Melbourne by the name of

442

00:21:34,399 --> 00:21:32,039

Rosie Jones a very accomplished

443

00:21:38,330 --> 00:21:34,409

filmmaker seeing that story because

444

00:21:41,180 --> 00:21:38,340

she's a reader of the age newspaper and

445

00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:41,190

she happened to come across the article

446

00:21:46,520 --> 00:21:44,460

she contacted me she flew up to milk to

447

00:21:48,740 --> 00:21:46,530

Canberra from Melbourne we sat down

448

00:21:51,409 --> 00:21:48,750

I remember we we had our meeting in the

449

00:21:53,480 --> 00:21:51,419

National Film and Sound Archive building

450

00:21:54,950 --> 00:21:53,490

in Canberra was very a lovely building

451  
00:21:58,490 --> 00:21:54,960  
and a lovely setting very appropriate

452  
00:22:00,200 --> 00:21:58,500  
for Rosie as as a filmmaker and I simply

453  
00:22:03,230 --> 00:22:00,210  
told her the story as I understood it

454  
00:22:04,640 --> 00:22:03,240  
and what my interest was and she went

455  
00:22:06,620 --> 00:22:04,650  
back to Melbourne thought about it for a

456  
00:22:09,500 --> 00:22:06,630  
couple of weeks contacted me and said

457  
00:22:11,890 --> 00:22:09,510  
Shane it's an interesting story and I'm

458  
00:22:14,360 --> 00:22:11,900  
interested in it from a couple of angles

459  
00:22:17,810 --> 00:22:14,370  
would you be interested in participating

460  
00:22:20,390 --> 00:22:17,820  
in a documentary film about it and about

461  
00:22:23,090 --> 00:22:20,400  
your research in it and again in my

462  
00:22:25,399 --> 00:22:23,100  
innocence in my naivety and and perhaps

463  
00:22:27,980 --> 00:22:25,409

lack of modesty I said sure that sounds

464

00:22:31,730 --> 00:22:27,990

like a wonderful idea and that's what

465

00:22:34,190 --> 00:22:31,740

led to the the 2010 film being broadcast

466

00:22:37,880 --> 00:22:34,200

on the Australian sci-fi channel west or

467

00:22:39,230 --> 00:22:37,890

66th oh oh yeah the suburban UFO mystery

468

00:22:42,710 --> 00:22:39,240

I believe that's up on

469

00:22:46,250 --> 00:22:42,720

you tube if I'm if I'm not mistaken now

470

00:22:48,860 --> 00:22:46,260

I believe it is because I think I

471

00:22:50,330 --> 00:22:48,870

watched that a while back we only have

472

00:22:52,610 --> 00:22:50,340

about two minutes before we're going

473

00:22:55,610 --> 00:22:52,620

into the break so we just have to keep

474

00:22:59,210 --> 00:22:55,620

that in mind but I did want to start

475

00:23:03,910 --> 00:22:59,220

talking about the story itself was April

476

00:23:06,799 --> 00:23:03,920

6 or something like that 1960s right

477

00:23:09,700 --> 00:23:06,809

yeah but again we only have about a

478

00:23:12,260 --> 00:23:09,710

minute so I think what I'm gonna do is

479

00:23:14,240 --> 00:23:12,270

hopefully I'll just go right into the

480

00:23:17,030 --> 00:23:14,250

break now and we'll talk about the

481

00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:17,040

incident itself when we come back so

482

00:23:29,840 --> 00:23:18,900

hang in everyone we'll be right back

483

00:23:32,000 --> 00:23:29,850

right after these messages and we're

484

00:23:34,640 --> 00:23:32,010

clear Martin all right how much time we

485

00:23:35,560 --> 00:23:34,650

have just under four minutes all right

486

00:23:38,840 --> 00:23:35,570

very good

487

00:23:41,360 --> 00:23:38,850

all right so Shane we are still live as

488

00:23:45,860 --> 00:23:41,370

I mentioned to you prior so we're still

489

00:23:47,210 --> 00:23:45,870

alive on on YouTube currently and so at

490

00:23:51,500 --> 00:23:47,220

this time I usually talk about a

491

00:23:54,919 --> 00:23:51,510

different different topic and so I am

492

00:23:58,820 --> 00:23:54,929

wondering if you can talk about the UFO

493

00:24:00,290 --> 00:23:58,830

groups that are in I know there's the

494

00:24:03,410 --> 00:24:00,300

Victoria group I actually entered

495

00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:03,420

interviewed some representatives from

496

00:24:07,160 --> 00:24:04,830

that had a great time with them and

497

00:24:09,650 --> 00:24:07,170

Phoenix last year they were there and

498

00:24:12,770 --> 00:24:09,660

not last year a few months ago in

499

00:24:15,799 --> 00:24:12,780

September I had a really wonderful time

500

00:24:18,980 --> 00:24:15,809

with that group there and but are there

501  
00:24:23,900 --> 00:24:18,990  
a lot of other like active groups on

502  
00:24:28,490 --> 00:24:23,910  
UFOs there are some I think the the era

503  
00:24:29,230 --> 00:24:28,500  
of the UFO groups is not as strong as it

504  
00:24:32,000 --> 00:24:29,240  
once was

505  
00:24:35,060 --> 00:24:32,010  
so I think obviously going back to the

506  
00:24:39,110 --> 00:24:35,070  
1950s 60s 70s and in the early part of

507  
00:24:41,390 --> 00:24:39,120  
the 1980s there were a lot of UFO groups

508  
00:24:43,280 --> 00:24:41,400  
based in the various states of Australia

509  
00:24:45,320 --> 00:24:43,290  
and often they would meet in in the

510  
00:24:47,480 --> 00:24:45,330  
state capital cities which in Australia

511  
00:24:49,010 --> 00:24:47,490  
unlike the American tradition all of our

512  
00:24:51,320 --> 00:24:49,020  
state and territory capital cities are

513  
00:24:52,730 --> 00:24:51,330

the largest cities and so that's where

514

00:24:55,190 --> 00:24:52,740

most people live and

515

00:24:59,330 --> 00:24:55,200

the meetings were generally held there I

516

00:25:01,400 --> 00:24:59,340

sense and and of course they were men

517

00:25:03,290 --> 00:25:01,410

they were very much into UFO research

518

00:25:07,100 --> 00:25:03,300

but they were also they were social

519

00:25:09,290 --> 00:25:07,110

groups they support groups and they were

520

00:25:13,760 --> 00:25:09,300

brief and a little bit like a service

521

00:25:15,590 --> 00:25:13,770

club or a church or or some other social

522

00:25:17,720 --> 00:25:15,600

organization they were very much about

523

00:25:20,930 --> 00:25:17,730

coming together talking about the latest

524

00:25:23,360 --> 00:25:20,940

sightings discussing research but having

525

00:25:25,060 --> 00:25:23,370

a cup of tea and a scone and a cake and

526  
00:25:27,530 --> 00:25:25,070  
and maybe doing the occasional

527  
00:25:31,340 --> 00:25:27,540  
occasional excursion and going on a

528  
00:25:33,650 --> 00:25:31,350  
field trip and with the passage of time

529  
00:25:36,380 --> 00:25:33,660  
and the advent of social media and the

530  
00:25:39,280 --> 00:25:36,390  
internet and that's all broken down a

531  
00:25:42,049 --> 00:25:39,290  
little bit which in a way is a little

532  
00:25:43,520 --> 00:25:42,059  
but the groups still exist they've

533  
00:25:45,950 --> 00:25:43,530  
morphed a little bit over the years into

534  
00:25:47,360 --> 00:25:45,960  
different formats but of course the myth

535  
00:25:51,049 --> 00:25:47,370  
the group you mentioned the Victorian

536  
00:25:54,049 --> 00:25:51,059  
UFO action group in Victoria based in

537  
00:25:56,540 --> 00:25:54,059  
Melbourne it's in a way replaced an

538  
00:25:59,000 --> 00:25:56,550

earlier organisation which had existed

539

00:26:01,250 --> 00:25:59,010

previously to that there's another group

540

00:26:03,680 --> 00:26:01,260

in New South Wales and in Queensland

541

00:26:05,530 --> 00:26:03,690

perhaps smaller groups in Tasmania and

542

00:26:07,640 --> 00:26:05,540

South Australia and Western Australia

543

00:26:10,760 --> 00:26:07,650

but a lot of the way people communicate

544

00:26:13,130 --> 00:26:10,770

these days is of course like this like

545

00:26:15,890 --> 00:26:13,140

we're doing over huge boob and the

546

00:26:17,780 --> 00:26:15,900

internet and Facebook but I think those

547

00:26:20,720 --> 00:26:17,790

groups still have a important role to

548

00:26:23,750 --> 00:26:20,730

play and I've certainly appreciated the

549

00:26:26,930 --> 00:26:23,760

support the Victorian UFO action group

550

00:26:30,320 --> 00:26:26,940

have shown me in recent years they've

551  
00:26:34,100 --> 00:26:30,330  
very much taken on the West or story as

552  
00:26:36,680 --> 00:26:34,110  
one of their celebrated stories yeah and

553  
00:26:39,169 --> 00:26:36,690  
and and some of the members of the group

554  
00:26:42,020 --> 00:26:39,179  
are researching it as well and they've

555  
00:26:43,940 --> 00:26:42,030  
always been very supportive of me yeah

556  
00:26:47,090 --> 00:26:43,950  
and have a nice day couple of events

557  
00:26:50,270 --> 00:26:47,100  
over recent years - to talk about it

558  
00:26:53,890 --> 00:26:50,280  
right I think when I was a meeting first

559  
00:26:56,960 --> 00:26:53,900  
with Ben hurl and a few other people in

560  
00:26:59,690 --> 00:26:56,970  
Phoenix they some one message you

561  
00:27:01,580 --> 00:26:59,700  
messed you right away because I had

562  
00:27:04,010 --> 00:27:01,590  
your old email address I had been trying

563  
00:27:06,320 --> 00:27:04,020

to reach you and it was not you were not

564

00:27:07,669 --> 00:27:06,330

getting the emails and so I was that's

565

00:27:09,740 --> 00:27:07,679

but actually made this connection and

566

00:27:11,840 --> 00:27:09,750

here we are I think we're ready to go

567

00:27:15,049 --> 00:27:11,850

okay we're ready to go here to art

568

00:27:17,990 --> 00:27:15,059

standby programs all free and available

569

00:27:23,490 --> 00:27:18,000

to download in Google Play or the iTunes

570

00:27:28,330 --> 00:27:23,500

App Store this is my cast UFO

571

00:27:36,230 --> 00:27:31,669

okay here we go Martin in five four

572

00:27:39,289 --> 00:27:36,240

three two all right everyone welcome

573

00:27:41,840 --> 00:27:39,299

back my guest this evening is Shane Ryan

574

00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:41,850

from Australia we're talking about the

575

00:27:49,159 --> 00:27:46,080

Westall UFO incident or Westall UFO has

576  
00:27:51,470 --> 00:27:49,169  
many names like I mentioned and let's

577  
00:27:55,070 --> 00:27:51,480  
talk about the incident exactly what

578  
00:27:57,140 --> 00:27:55,080  
happened it's it's it's quite amazing

579  
00:28:00,110 --> 00:27:57,150  
actually when the amount of witnesses

580  
00:28:02,320 --> 00:28:00,120  
and and and all that so if you would go

581  
00:28:06,700 --> 00:28:02,330  
over exactly what happened on April 6

582  
00:28:09,620 --> 00:28:06,710  
1966 Schewel Mountain thank you for that

583  
00:28:11,870 --> 00:28:09,630  
it's an important incident because it

584  
00:28:17,600 --> 00:28:11,880  
did happen as you mentioned on the 6th

585  
00:28:21,169 --> 00:28:17,610  
of April in 1966 and unlike I guess most

586  
00:28:23,900 --> 00:28:21,179  
UFO incidents this was unusual in that

587  
00:28:27,500 --> 00:28:23,910  
it happened in broad daylight it was

588  
00:28:31,039 --> 00:28:27,510

about 10:15 in the morning when it first

589

00:28:34,159 --> 00:28:31,049

happened and it happened in front of

590

00:28:37,370 --> 00:28:34,169

literally hundreds of people so

591

00:28:41,030 --> 00:28:37,380

initially it was in front of the two

592

00:28:43,460 --> 00:28:41,040

classes of kids who are doing physical

593

00:28:46,460 --> 00:28:43,470

education classes on the sports ground

594

00:28:49,310 --> 00:28:46,470

at Westall high school and Westall by

595

00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:49,320

the way to about 21 kilometers southeast

596

00:28:53,390 --> 00:28:50,970

of the central business district the

597

00:28:57,230 --> 00:28:53,400

center of Melbourne so at that time in

598

00:29:00,289 --> 00:28:57,240

1966 a suburban area but on the fringe

599

00:29:02,590 --> 00:29:00,299

so it was partially suburban and rapidly

600

00:29:05,990 --> 00:29:02,600

becoming more so but it was also

601  
00:29:08,690 --> 00:29:06,000  
partially still country semi

602  
00:29:10,460 --> 00:29:08,700  
agricultural so mixed in around the

603  
00:29:12,260 --> 00:29:10,470  
houses and some of the factories and

604  
00:29:17,000 --> 00:29:12,270  
shops that were being built was still

605  
00:29:20,409 --> 00:29:17,010  
market garden areas farms and so it was

606  
00:29:22,669 --> 00:29:20,419  
a mixture of both city and country but

607  
00:29:24,280 --> 00:29:22,679  
it was an incident that happened in

608  
00:29:27,890 --> 00:29:24,290  
front of a large number of people

609  
00:29:30,799 --> 00:29:27,900  
initially those two groups during PE on

610  
00:29:35,930 --> 00:29:30,809  
the sports ground but then when the

611  
00:29:38,570 --> 00:29:35,940  
recess bell went that then involved

612  
00:29:41,450 --> 00:29:38,580  
literally almost the entire poppy

613  
00:29:43,490 --> 00:29:41,460

of the school coming out onto the sports

614

00:29:45,700 --> 00:29:43,500

ground and witnessing what the other

615

00:29:50,090 --> 00:29:45,710

kids had been seeing five or ten minutes

616

00:29:52,280 --> 00:29:50,100

previously and before the recess bell

617

00:29:54,410 --> 00:29:52,290

went one of the students who was doing

618

00:29:57,290 --> 00:29:54,420

physical education on sports ground came

619

00:29:59,990 --> 00:29:57,300

rushing in to the classroom that was

620

00:30:02,060 --> 00:30:00,000

being a class being taught by Andrew

621

00:30:04,580 --> 00:30:02,070

Greenwood who was one of the science

622

00:30:06,050 --> 00:30:04,590

teachers at the school he was a a young

623

00:30:09,110 --> 00:30:06,060

teacher was his first year of teaching

624

00:30:11,210 --> 00:30:09,120

he was only about 21 years old himself

625

00:30:13,220 --> 00:30:11,220

and a girl rushed him from the class say

626  
00:30:15,200 --> 00:30:13,230  
mr. Greenwood mr. Greenwood there are

627  
00:30:17,900 --> 00:30:15,210  
flying saucers outside flying saucers

628  
00:30:21,020 --> 00:30:17,910  
outside and of course the classroom

629  
00:30:23,180 --> 00:30:21,030  
erupted into pandemonium but Andrew

630  
00:30:25,040 --> 00:30:23,190  
brought the class back under control he

631  
00:30:27,020 --> 00:30:25,050  
told the student to not be silly

632  
00:30:28,910 --> 00:30:27,030  
and to go back out to the sports

633  
00:30:30,980 --> 00:30:28,920  
grounded to close the door which she did

634  
00:30:34,070 --> 00:30:30,990  
and he brought the close the class back

635  
00:30:35,780 --> 00:30:34,080  
under control but it was literally only

636  
00:30:38,330 --> 00:30:35,790  
about five minutes later that the recess

637  
00:30:40,790 --> 00:30:38,340  
Bell went and Andrew Greenwoods interest

638  
00:30:43,070 --> 00:30:40,800

was actually peaked as you would imagine

639

00:30:45,320 --> 00:30:43,080

and so we actually went out to the

640

00:30:47,990 --> 00:30:45,330

sports ground and the class followed him

641

00:30:50,000 --> 00:30:48,000

and lo and behold he actually did see

642

00:30:51,920 --> 00:30:50,010

what all the other kids had been

643

00:30:55,700 --> 00:30:51,930

watching for the previous five or ten

644

00:30:59,570 --> 00:30:55,710

minutes and he saw one andrew greenwood

645

00:31:01,910 --> 00:30:59,580

saw one flying saucer shaped object up

646

00:31:03,110 --> 00:31:01,920

in the sky now as I'm talking about this

647

00:31:05,570 --> 00:31:03,120

incident is always a little bit

648

00:31:07,220 --> 00:31:05,580

difficult because it's hard for me to

649

00:31:11,420 --> 00:31:07,230

know whether to use the singular or the

650

00:31:14,570 --> 00:31:11,430

plural because even though most of the

651  
00:31:18,560 --> 00:31:14,580  
witnesses and so far I've actually been

652  
00:31:22,450 --> 00:31:18,570  
in contact with 117 people Wow who's

653  
00:31:25,370 --> 00:31:22,460  
what the flying saucer or flying saucers

654  
00:31:27,800 --> 00:31:25,380  
there is a smaller group a subset of

655  
00:31:31,580 --> 00:31:27,810  
that 19 people that I've been in contact

656  
00:31:33,980 --> 00:31:31,590  
with so 19 out of the 117 we're adamant

657  
00:31:37,760 --> 00:31:33,990  
there were more than one and they

658  
00:31:39,560 --> 00:31:37,770  
remember them being two or three so it

659  
00:31:41,420 --> 00:31:39,570  
does seem to me that there was more than

660  
00:31:43,700 --> 00:31:41,430  
one but it's true to say that most of

661  
00:31:45,110 --> 00:31:43,710  
the witnesses remember seeing one and

662  
00:31:48,320 --> 00:31:45,120  
Andrew Greenwood is certainly one of

663  
00:31:49,790 --> 00:31:48,330

those people but as he went out most of

664

00:31:51,200 --> 00:31:49,800

the rest of the school joined him on the

665

00:31:53,870 --> 00:31:51,210

sports ground

666

00:31:56,630 --> 00:31:53,880

and there were kids literally hanging

667

00:31:58,549 --> 00:31:56,640

off the perimeter fences of the school

668

00:32:01,430 --> 00:31:58,559

on the western side and the southern

669

00:32:04,430 --> 00:32:01,440

side looking up at the sky trying to get

670

00:32:06,289 --> 00:32:04,440

a closer look at this object and the

671

00:32:09,380 --> 00:32:06,299

object that most people remember seeing

672

00:32:11,240 --> 00:32:09,390

was in that classic flying saucer shape

673

00:32:13,460 --> 00:32:11,250

that was so used to people talking about

674

00:32:16,940 --> 00:32:13,470

particularly from that era from the

675

00:32:19,399 --> 00:32:16,950

1950s in the 1960s and so they described

676  
00:32:22,570 --> 00:32:19,409  
it as being like a bowl on top of

677  
00:32:25,370 --> 00:32:22,580  
another Bowl or a bowl on top of a plate

678  
00:32:27,440 --> 00:32:25,380  
some people even described it as a tea

679  
00:32:29,149 --> 00:32:27,450  
cup on top of a plate which I guess is a

680  
00:32:32,630 --> 00:32:29,159  
very British or Australian way of

681  
00:32:35,090 --> 00:32:32,640  
describing me and her flying saucer but

682  
00:32:38,120 --> 00:32:35,100  
I mean there was a handle on the cup but

683  
00:32:42,289 --> 00:32:38,130  
it was like a couple bowl shape on top

684  
00:32:45,980 --> 00:32:42,299  
of another bowl or plate shape and that

685  
00:32:49,490 --> 00:32:45,990  
it was metallic looking but it was

686  
00:32:53,210 --> 00:32:49,500  
silver or gray in colour but it didn't

687  
00:32:55,700 --> 00:32:53,220  
seem to be making any sound or if it did

688  
00:32:58,029 --> 00:32:55,710

it was a very very low humming sound

689

00:33:01,970 --> 00:32:58,039

they didn't seem to be any obvious

690

00:33:06,909 --> 00:33:01,980

windows or portholes no obvious rivets

691

00:33:11,450 --> 00:33:06,919

or scenes or joins and that it was

692

00:33:13,279 --> 00:33:11,460

flying without any of the attributes you

693

00:33:18,440 --> 00:33:13,289

would normally associate with a flying

694

00:33:20,690 --> 00:33:18,450

object so no tail no fins my wings no

695

00:33:23,779 --> 00:33:20,700

strings or ropes no propellers no

696

00:33:26,000 --> 00:33:23,789

engines so something very mysterious and

697

00:33:27,980 --> 00:33:26,010

and you have to remember that there was

698

00:33:30,320 --> 00:33:27,990

a very busy Airport called Moorabbin

699

00:33:33,380 --> 00:33:30,330

Airport only five kilometers away from

700

00:33:35,750 --> 00:33:33,390

the schools at that time Moorabbin

701  
00:33:39,320 --> 00:33:35,760  
airport was Mel Byrnes second airport

702  
00:33:41,990 --> 00:33:39,330  
and it was actually by flight number a

703  
00:33:44,510 --> 00:33:42,000  
number of flights about the busiest

704  
00:33:47,960 --> 00:33:44,520  
airport in the southern hemisphere at

705  
00:33:50,269 --> 00:33:47,970  
that time and there was almost no

706  
00:33:53,299 --> 00:33:50,279  
possible time you could be at Westall at

707  
00:33:56,980 --> 00:33:53,309  
the schools or elsewhere and not here or

708  
00:33:59,510 --> 00:33:56,990  
at least or see aircraft flying about

709  
00:34:02,180 --> 00:33:59,520  
doing the circuits and bumps training

710  
00:34:04,610 --> 00:34:02,190  
exercises that that planes often do and

711  
00:34:06,170 --> 00:34:04,620  
the kids were very very used to seeing

712  
00:34:08,560 --> 00:34:06,180  
planes and those planes were mostly

713  
00:34:11,690 --> 00:34:08,570

training aircraft so aircraft like

714

00:34:13,810 --> 00:34:11,700

Cessnas or piper chieftains maybe

715

00:34:19,100 --> 00:34:13,820

chipmunks so that's sort of like

716

00:34:21,290 --> 00:34:19,110

aircraft but what they saw this day was

717

00:34:24,649 --> 00:34:21,300

nothing like that nothing like that at

718

00:34:27,770 --> 00:34:24,659

all and the kids observed the object or

719

00:34:30,980 --> 00:34:27,780

objects flying around going from one

720

00:34:33,530 --> 00:34:30,990

side of the sky to the other moving so

721

00:34:35,750 --> 00:34:33,540

quickly It was as if the kids the

722

00:34:38,450 --> 00:34:35,760

witnesses couldn't quite tell was it

723

00:34:41,330 --> 00:34:38,460

blinking off vanishing and then blinking

724

00:34:43,940 --> 00:34:41,340

on and reappearing at the other end of

725

00:34:46,040 --> 00:34:43,950

their their sky but the Vista that they

726

00:34:48,230 --> 00:34:46,050

could see or was it just simply flying

727

00:34:51,080 --> 00:34:48,240

so quickly from one side to the other

728

00:34:55,070 --> 00:34:51,090

that looked like it was doing that it

729

00:34:57,830 --> 00:34:55,080

ascended descended again no sound it

730

00:35:01,010 --> 00:34:57,840

would make these strange angular turns

731

00:35:04,810 --> 00:35:01,020

that nobody could had ever associated

732

00:35:09,620 --> 00:35:04,820

with aircraft and then at some point

733

00:35:11,420 --> 00:35:09,630

five actual aircraft flew in and most of

734

00:35:13,940 --> 00:35:11,430

the witnesses who remember seeing these

735

00:35:17,150 --> 00:35:13,950

aeroplanes remember them simply as being

736

00:35:18,620 --> 00:35:17,160

ordinary light aircraft likes listeners

737

00:35:19,610 --> 00:35:18,630

they make Auto beam systems but there

738

00:35:21,710 --> 00:35:19,620

was something like that

739

00:35:24,110 --> 00:35:21,720

yeah aircraft that they were well used

740

00:35:28,190 --> 00:35:24,120

to seeing and these planes were trying

741

00:35:30,770 --> 00:35:28,200

to chase these flying objects and the

742

00:35:33,550 --> 00:35:30,780

planes would get close to one of the

743

00:35:36,290 --> 00:35:33,560

objects and then the UFO would move away

744

00:35:38,060 --> 00:35:36,300

effortlessly and go to another part of

745

00:35:40,970 --> 00:35:38,070

the sky the plane would do the long

746

00:35:42,380 --> 00:35:40,980

banking turn that planes need to do and

747

00:35:45,080 --> 00:35:42,390

making the sound of the engines of

748

00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:45,090

planes need to do and try to get closer

749

00:35:49,820 --> 00:35:47,520

to one of the objects again and then the

750

00:35:53,150 --> 00:35:49,830

object or objects would move off again

751  
00:35:55,010 --> 00:35:53,160  
and so this what was described in the

752  
00:35:59,510 --> 00:35:55,020  
newspaper reports at the time is like a

753  
00:36:02,510 --> 00:35:59,520  
cat and mouse exercise went on for

754  
00:36:05,210 --> 00:36:02,520  
several minutes and then at some point

755  
00:36:09,200 --> 00:36:05,220  
after this at least one of the objects

756  
00:36:13,370 --> 00:36:09,210  
went down to a an area called the Grange

757  
00:36:15,500 --> 00:36:13,380  
which was an old rural property which

758  
00:36:18,060 --> 00:36:15,510  
had a an old house on it but it had a

759  
00:36:20,670 --> 00:36:18,070  
large area of land

760  
00:36:23,490 --> 00:36:20,680  
and on part of that land was a large

761  
00:36:25,530 --> 00:36:23,500  
grow of pine trees and the kids at the

762  
00:36:27,360 --> 00:36:25,540  
school just called that area the pines

763  
00:36:28,740 --> 00:36:27,370

they knew it well because they often

764

00:36:32,100 --> 00:36:28,750

went over there for their cross-country

765

00:36:34,380 --> 00:36:32,110

running or their excursions when they

766

00:36:36,210 --> 00:36:34,390

went looking for frogs and the local

767

00:36:40,050 --> 00:36:36,220

kids used it as their their local

768

00:36:42,320 --> 00:36:40,060

playground and this object flew down to

769

00:36:46,710 --> 00:36:42,330

that grove of pine trees and was seen to

770

00:36:48,590 --> 00:36:46,720

disappear behind the trees and it set

771

00:36:52,580 --> 00:36:48,600

behind those trees for something like

772

00:36:54,900 --> 00:36:52,590

perhaps ten minutes maybe 15 minutes

773

00:36:56,960 --> 00:36:54,910

it's hard to tell the exact time but it

774

00:36:59,700 --> 00:36:56,970

was something of that nature

775

00:37:04,170 --> 00:36:59,710

enough time in fact to give a certain

776

00:37:08,190 --> 00:37:04,180

cohort of the kids time to jump over the

777

00:37:09,720 --> 00:37:08,200

boundary fence over a ditch a channel

778

00:37:12,450 --> 00:37:09,730

that was between the fence and the

779

00:37:15,660 --> 00:37:12,460

unmade Street Road at the back of the

780

00:37:19,020 --> 00:37:15,670

school over that road through the market

781

00:37:23,730 --> 00:37:19,030

gardens down a dirt track down towards

782

00:37:25,530 --> 00:37:23,740

the Grange chasing this quarry chasing

783

00:37:29,670 --> 00:37:25,540

this object which they had been watching

784

00:37:33,030 --> 00:37:29,680

in the sky high low left right fast slow

785

00:37:35,910 --> 00:37:33,040

and it came down and they wanted to find

786

00:37:36,990 --> 00:37:35,920

it and it was an extraordinary thing in

787

00:37:40,290 --> 00:37:37,000

a way because we're talking about

788

00:37:45,720 --> 00:37:40,300

schoolchildren in the 1960s aged between

789

00:37:47,670 --> 00:37:45,730

about twelve and fifteen who knew about

790

00:37:50,880 --> 00:37:47,680

the worst thing you could possibly do at

791

00:37:54,990 --> 00:37:50,890

school was to leave the school's grounds

792

00:37:57,510 --> 00:37:55,000

not sure permission of a teacher or your

793

00:37:59,190 --> 00:37:57,520

parents without a note because it was

794

00:38:01,170 --> 00:37:59,200

dangerous because you were crossing a

795

00:38:03,930 --> 00:38:01,180

road because you're going to the bush

796

00:38:06,360 --> 00:38:03,940

because you didn't have permission but

797

00:38:08,040 --> 00:38:06,370

there was a group of them and so I guess

798

00:38:10,800 --> 00:38:08,050

they felt like they have a little bit of

799

00:38:13,380 --> 00:38:10,810

support and a little bit of courage and

800

00:38:15,300 --> 00:38:13,390

off they went and a certain group a

801  
00:38:17,700 --> 00:38:15,310  
small group according to some of the

802  
00:38:21,090 --> 00:38:17,710  
witnesses got there in time down to the

803  
00:38:23,010 --> 00:38:21,100  
Grange to see one object either sitting

804  
00:38:25,800 --> 00:38:23,020  
on the ground or just perhaps a little

805  
00:38:27,150 --> 00:38:25,810  
bit above the ground and one of the

806  
00:38:30,120 --> 00:38:27,160  
witnesses talking about getting down

807  
00:38:31,890 --> 00:38:30,130  
there and seeing four kids a couple of

808  
00:38:33,150 --> 00:38:31,900  
boys a couple of girls

809  
00:38:36,029 --> 00:38:33,160  
and the boys were a little bit further

810  
00:38:38,539 --> 00:38:36,039  
back from the object the girls were a

811  
00:38:43,620 --> 00:38:38,549  
little bit closer and the girls had been

812  
00:38:46,470 --> 00:38:43,630  
affected somehow by the object one had

813  
00:38:48,779 --> 00:38:46,480

fainted and was still on the ground one

814

00:38:53,730 --> 00:38:48,789

was sort of dusting herself off and and

815

00:38:56,789 --> 00:38:53,740

still getting up and this witness then

816

00:38:59,309 --> 00:38:56,799

watched the object lift up from where he

817

00:39:02,849 --> 00:38:59,319

had been it went up into the sky a few

818

00:39:06,380 --> 00:39:02,859

meters turned into a vertical plane and

819

00:39:08,549 --> 00:39:06,390

then shot off fast up into the sky

820

00:39:11,640 --> 00:39:08,559

joining one or two others that were

821

00:39:15,240 --> 00:39:11,650

still up there and then at great speed

822

00:39:18,210 --> 00:39:15,250

the three objects flew away again in

823

00:39:19,859 --> 00:39:18,220

that vertical plane flying off so

824

00:39:25,079 --> 00:39:19,869

quickly that hardly anybody could notice

825

00:39:27,210 --> 00:39:25,089

where they had gone to so this was not

826

00:39:31,019 --> 00:39:27,220

your normal start to the school day at

827

00:39:33,870 --> 00:39:31,029

Weston High School right right before we

828

00:39:36,539 --> 00:39:33,880

move on let me just just ask a couple of

829

00:39:38,940 --> 00:39:36,549

things so you just mentioned that they

830

00:39:41,460 --> 00:39:38,950

just flew off with the three objects but

831

00:39:43,319 --> 00:39:41,470

there's still confusion between some of

832

00:39:45,990 --> 00:39:43,329

the witnesses whether there was one

833

00:39:48,809 --> 00:39:46,000

object or multiple objects even though

834

00:39:53,400 --> 00:39:48,819

this thing flew off together with those

835

00:39:54,779 --> 00:39:53,410

other three well mountainy wouldn't be a

836

00:39:58,410 --> 00:39:54,789

flying social story if they wasn't

837

00:40:01,470 --> 00:39:58,420

confusion no you're right right if you

838

00:40:03,150 --> 00:40:01,480

hit clarity then it can't be a UFO story

839

00:40:06,359 --> 00:40:03,160

we can't be a bonafide

840

00:40:08,880 --> 00:40:06,369

flying saucer consider that's true and

841

00:40:10,490 --> 00:40:08,890

and I think we we know that from some of

842

00:40:13,019 --> 00:40:10,500

the other perhaps better known

843

00:40:14,640 --> 00:40:13,029

historical incidents from over the years

844

00:40:17,099 --> 00:40:14,650

which we're all still talking about

845

00:40:20,069 --> 00:40:17,109

after all of these years and trying to

846

00:40:22,200 --> 00:40:20,079

not help the finer details but it's true

847

00:40:24,779 --> 00:40:22,210

in a sense there's some confusion it's

848

00:40:26,430 --> 00:40:24,789

not really confusion I guess from the

849

00:40:29,490 --> 00:40:26,440

perspective of someone trying to

850

00:40:32,130 --> 00:40:29,500

understand it like me as a researcher it

851  
00:40:33,690 --> 00:40:32,140  
can be a bit confusing but in the minds

852  
00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:33,700  
of the witnesses there's not much

853  
00:40:38,460 --> 00:40:36,160  
confusion because you are either a

854  
00:40:41,940 --> 00:40:38,470  
witness who remembered seeing one and

855  
00:40:44,099 --> 00:40:41,950  
one only or you are a witness and it's a

856  
00:40:45,390 --> 00:40:44,109  
smaller number that I've been in contact

857  
00:40:47,190 --> 00:40:45,400  
with and of course there's

858  
00:40:49,380 --> 00:40:47,200  
lots of people who were witnesses

859  
00:40:53,490 --> 00:40:49,390  
potentially that have not yet been in

860  
00:40:55,770 --> 00:40:53,500  
contact with who saw two or three and so

861  
00:40:57,780 --> 00:40:55,780  
those people are either adamant there

862  
00:41:00,780 --> 00:40:57,790  
were three for example or they're

863  
00:41:04,680 --> 00:41:00,790

adamant there was only one and mostly

864

00:41:08,370 --> 00:41:04,690

those people are happy to admit that

865

00:41:11,070 --> 00:41:08,380

they saw what they saw but what they saw

866

00:41:13,320 --> 00:41:11,080

of course was conditioned by where they

867

00:41:15,240 --> 00:41:13,330

were standing when they got to where

868

00:41:18,530 --> 00:41:15,250

they were standing what else was

869

00:41:21,930 --> 00:41:18,540

happening around them and of course the

870

00:41:25,470 --> 00:41:21,940

and of course their memory and the

871

00:41:28,200 --> 00:41:25,480

frailty of their memory and so most

872

00:41:30,570 --> 00:41:28,210

people are adamant about what they saw

873

00:41:32,280 --> 00:41:30,580

but they're happy to admit that there

874

00:41:34,590 --> 00:41:32,290

may have been other people who saw

875

00:41:37,050 --> 00:41:34,600

something slightly different they see

876

00:41:41,130 --> 00:41:37,060

the interesting element to that aspect

877

00:41:44,190 --> 00:41:41,140

of the story is that there are also

878

00:41:46,650 --> 00:41:44,200

there are 165 people open in contact

879

00:41:49,830 --> 00:41:46,660

with who remember seeing that the

880

00:41:51,930 --> 00:41:49,840

circles left behind in the paddock in

881

00:41:55,410 --> 00:41:51,940

the grassy field by whatever these

882

00:41:57,570 --> 00:41:55,420

objects were and so a larger number then

883

00:41:59,580 --> 00:41:57,580

saw the actual flying saucers which

884

00:42:02,940 --> 00:41:59,590

makes sense because there was more time

885

00:42:06,420 --> 00:42:02,950

for people to go down after school local

886

00:42:08,700 --> 00:42:06,430

residents and see these trace marks what

887

00:42:11,930 --> 00:42:08,710

in fact had been left behind apparently

888

00:42:16,170 --> 00:42:11,940

by these objects and off that group of

889

00:42:19,770 --> 00:42:16,180

165 there are 25 who remember seeing

890

00:42:22,380 --> 00:42:19,780

more than one circle so as a proportion

891

00:42:24,660 --> 00:42:22,390

it's almost the same percentage of

892

00:42:27,300 --> 00:42:24,670

people who remember seeing more than one

893

00:42:29,550 --> 00:42:27,310

flying saucer as opposed to one flying

894

00:42:33,660 --> 00:42:29,560

saucer so there's certainly evidence

895

00:42:35,850 --> 00:42:33,670

that there is certainly a group of

896

00:42:39,150 --> 00:42:35,860

witnesses who remember seeing more than

897

00:42:41,880 --> 00:42:39,160

one trace mark more than one circle

898

00:42:44,580 --> 00:42:41,890

which would seem to indicate that

899

00:42:47,340 --> 00:42:44,590

perhaps there was indeed more than one

900

00:42:49,950 --> 00:42:47,350

object involved it's hard to be

901  
00:42:53,190 --> 00:42:49,960  
definitive of course at my job as the

902  
00:42:55,110 --> 00:42:53,200  
researcher is to strive to be definitive

903  
00:42:57,090 --> 00:42:55,120  
but obviously I've got to hold all of

904  
00:42:58,820 --> 00:42:57,100  
these parts of the jigsaw puzzle

905  
00:43:01,790 --> 00:42:58,830  
together somehow and to

906  
00:43:05,450 --> 00:43:01,800  
as many of the common denominators as I

907  
00:43:08,980 --> 00:43:05,460  
can and for those common elements to to

908  
00:43:11,600 --> 00:43:08,990  
tell the the thrust of the story right

909  
00:43:14,630 --> 00:43:11,610  
so another thing you mentioned early on

910  
00:43:17,210 --> 00:43:14,640  
was that there was no apparent rivets

911  
00:43:20,120 --> 00:43:17,220  
portholes seams anything like that so

912  
00:43:24,500 --> 00:43:20,130  
that seems to indicate that it was seen

913  
00:43:29,120 --> 00:43:24,510

rather closely would you be able to tell

914

00:43:31,940 --> 00:43:29,130

us what is the the guess of the closest

915

00:43:36,170 --> 00:43:31,950

that someone was able to to view the

916

00:43:37,610 --> 00:43:36,180

object sure sure obviously measurements

917

00:43:40,460 --> 00:43:37,620

are a tricky thing and particularly

918

00:43:41,960 --> 00:43:40,470

after the passage of all this time but

919

00:43:44,030 --> 00:43:41,970

there are several witnesses remember

920

00:43:47,570 --> 00:43:44,040

being very close to the object is one

921

00:43:51,350 --> 00:43:47,580

witness who features in the documentary

922

00:43:53,780 --> 00:43:51,360

West or 66 who was the one sole person

923

00:43:55,970 --> 00:43:53,790

that we know of that I've been in

924

00:43:58,610 --> 00:43:55,980

contact with he says there were a couple

925

00:44:00,380 --> 00:43:58,620

of other boys who did what he did which

926  
00:44:03,290 --> 00:44:00,390  
was jumped the western boundary fence

927  
00:44:07,160 --> 00:44:03,300  
where there was a mass of kids and at

928  
00:44:08,750 --> 00:44:07,170  
least one teacher viewing the object but

929  
00:44:12,980 --> 00:44:08,760  
he says there were two objects at that

930  
00:44:15,920 --> 00:44:12,990  
point landed or almost landed in the

931  
00:44:17,450 --> 00:44:15,930  
paddock next to the school he remembers

932  
00:44:20,210 --> 00:44:17,460  
there being a bit of a space between the

933  
00:44:24,470 --> 00:44:20,220  
bottom of these two flying saucers and

934  
00:44:26,060 --> 00:44:24,480  
the grass and he got so close this

935  
00:44:28,310 --> 00:44:26,070  
witness's name is Victor by the way

936  
00:44:30,710 --> 00:44:28,320  
Victor got so close to one of the

937  
00:44:33,620 --> 00:44:30,720  
objects that you could feel heat coming

938  
00:44:37,940 --> 00:44:33,630

off it Wow and put his hand up towards

939

00:44:40,010 --> 00:44:37,950

it to touch it but thought about thought

940

00:44:41,600 --> 00:44:40,020

not to do that had second thoughts about

941

00:44:44,540 --> 00:44:41,610

doing that because he could feel the

942

00:44:47,810 --> 00:44:44,550

heat coming off and so he backed and

943

00:44:49,580 --> 00:44:47,820

took his hand probably a smart move yeah

944

00:44:51,050 --> 00:44:49,590

that's right if it was to do it now he

945

00:44:53,210 --> 00:44:51,060

said to me the other day that he'd

946

00:44:55,820 --> 00:44:53,220

probably put his hand on and hang on for

947

00:44:58,430 --> 00:44:55,830

dear life and probably not on the

948

00:45:00,190 --> 00:44:58,440

outside but he didn't do that

949

00:45:02,750 --> 00:45:00,200

he was he was at that point what

950

00:45:05,960 --> 00:45:02,760

thirteen years old I think and so he

951  
00:45:09,200 --> 00:45:05,970  
took his hand back and then he took a

952  
00:45:11,480 --> 00:45:09,210  
few steps back and walked back towards

953  
00:45:12,410 --> 00:45:11,490  
the fence and as he did one of the

954  
00:45:14,780 --> 00:45:12,420  
objects

955  
00:45:17,180 --> 00:45:14,790  
if that up and food down towards the

956  
00:45:19,310 --> 00:45:17,190  
Grange the other object he said blew up

957  
00:45:21,530 --> 00:45:19,320  
and didn't go down to the Grange but

958  
00:45:24,080 --> 00:45:21,540  
went up into the sky and went high in

959  
00:45:26,930 --> 00:45:24,090  
the sky and stayed there so he was very

960  
00:45:31,670 --> 00:45:26,940  
close another witness a lady by the name

961  
00:45:33,650 --> 00:45:31,680  
of Terry she was the witness one of the

962  
00:45:35,750 --> 00:45:33,660  
students had gone down to the Grange and

963  
00:45:38,830 --> 00:45:35,760

saw the four kids in front of her

964

00:45:41,990 --> 00:45:38,840

between her and the flying saucer and

965

00:45:44,390 --> 00:45:42,000

saw the two girls affected by the flying

966

00:45:47,000 --> 00:45:44,400

saucer fainted in the ground fainted on

967

00:45:49,670 --> 00:45:47,010

the ground and she estimates that she

968

00:45:52,580 --> 00:45:49,680

was probably within about five meters

969

00:45:54,890 --> 00:45:52,590

maybe ten meters off the flying saucer

970

00:45:57,890 --> 00:45:54,900

again close enough to be able to get a

971

00:46:00,470 --> 00:45:57,900

good view of it so much so that when it

972

00:46:03,890 --> 00:46:00,480

lifted up and before it turned into the

973

00:46:06,550 --> 00:46:03,900

the perpendicular the vertical axis she

974

00:46:09,910 --> 00:46:06,560

could see what appeared to be bluish

975

00:46:14,090 --> 00:46:09,920

purplish colored lights on the bottom

976

00:46:16,880 --> 00:46:14,100

rotating in a fashion pulsating as it

977

00:46:18,320 --> 00:46:16,890

lifted up there were other witnesses who

978

00:46:20,180 --> 00:46:18,330

were on the sports ground at the time

979

00:46:24,050 --> 00:46:20,190

before the flying saucer went down to

980

00:46:26,330 --> 00:46:24,060

the Grange who they felt they were so

981

00:46:29,000 --> 00:46:26,340

close to the object they felt as though

982

00:46:31,640 --> 00:46:29,010

it was coming down in front of them and

983

00:46:34,100 --> 00:46:31,650

they were so petrified thinking that the

984

00:46:36,440 --> 00:46:34,110

object was actually going to crash were

985

00:46:39,580 --> 00:46:36,450

going to land on the sports ground in

986

00:46:42,890 --> 00:46:39,590

front of them and there were a set of

987

00:46:45,680 --> 00:46:42,900

goalposts Australian rules football gold

988

00:46:49,820 --> 00:46:45,690

posts on the sports ground so you can

989

00:46:51,230 --> 00:46:49,830

imagine some goal posts and a couple of

990

00:46:53,750 --> 00:46:51,240

the witnesses referred to the flying

991

00:46:56,330 --> 00:46:53,760

saucer being almost at the top of those

992

00:46:58,730 --> 00:46:56,340

goal posts so we're only talking there

993

00:47:01,280 --> 00:46:58,740

about what would that be maybe ten

994

00:47:04,870 --> 00:47:01,290

meters or so above the ground where they

995

00:47:08,720 --> 00:47:04,880

were standing and some of the kids

996

00:47:11,270 --> 00:47:08,730

watching this happen were afraid they

997

00:47:14,980 --> 00:47:11,280

were petrified what about girls talks

998

00:47:17,480 --> 00:47:14,990

about wetting her pants being so scared

999

00:47:19,670 --> 00:47:17,490

being so taken aback about what was

1000

00:47:22,340 --> 00:47:19,680

happening in front of her wedding her

1001  
00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:22,350  
pants rushing off to the toilets taking

1002  
00:47:26,349 --> 00:47:24,720  
refuge taking cover from what she

1003  
00:47:30,260 --> 00:47:26,359  
thought was about to have

1004  
00:47:32,660 --> 00:47:30,270  
on the sports ground and so some of

1005  
00:47:37,550 --> 00:47:32,670  
these witnesses were were pretty close

1006  
00:47:40,670 --> 00:47:37,560  
so this is like a group trauma I mean

1007  
00:47:42,680 --> 00:47:40,680  
was everyone or were some people

1008  
00:47:44,270 --> 00:47:42,690  
fascinating and some were you know

1009  
00:47:47,300 --> 00:47:44,280  
traumatized and I want to talk about

1010  
00:47:49,280 --> 00:47:47,310  
Tonya I believe it is too but but as how

1011  
00:47:53,270 --> 00:47:49,290  
it was happening was it was it a mixture

1012  
00:47:54,560 --> 00:47:53,280  
or was it everyone was scared no I don't

1013  
00:47:55,970 --> 00:47:54,570

think everybody was scared at all it was

1014

00:47:58,970 --> 00:47:55,980

certainly was a mixture so it was very

1015

00:48:01,849 --> 00:47:58,980

dependent upon I think where people were

1016

00:48:05,329 --> 00:48:01,859

when they were there and of course most

1017

00:48:07,040 --> 00:48:05,339

importantly I imagine how they were as

1018

00:48:10,609 --> 00:48:07,050

people their personalities their

1019

00:48:13,099 --> 00:48:10,619

demeanors and so a lot of the witnesses

1020

00:48:16,490 --> 00:48:13,109

most of the witnesses talk to me about

1021

00:48:20,780 --> 00:48:16,500

finding extremely exciting it was

1022

00:48:23,960 --> 00:48:20,790

exciting it was something that they

1023

00:48:25,990 --> 00:48:23,970

remember very very fondly they remember

1024

00:48:28,160 --> 00:48:26,000

it as being the most incredible thing

1025

00:48:31,220 --> 00:48:28,170

that's happened to them in their lives

1026  
00:48:33,410 --> 00:48:31,230  
as a memory it's the strongest memory

1027  
00:48:37,579 --> 00:48:33,420  
that they ever have probably up there

1028  
00:48:40,520 --> 00:48:37,589  
with having children but there are

1029  
00:48:42,890 --> 00:48:40,530  
certainly some witnesses who have talked

1030  
00:48:44,990 --> 00:48:42,900  
to me about it being traumatic that it

1031  
00:48:48,530 --> 00:48:45,000  
was scary was frightening that was

1032  
00:48:50,839 --> 00:48:48,540  
worrying for them and I guess one

1033  
00:48:53,390 --> 00:48:50,849  
wonders how many of that particular

1034  
00:48:56,960 --> 00:48:53,400  
cohort that subset of witnesses perhaps

1035  
00:48:59,030 --> 00:48:56,970  
have decided not to talk to me or to

1036  
00:49:01,730 --> 00:48:59,040  
come forward or to talk talk to other

1037  
00:49:04,599 --> 00:49:01,740  
people because for them it was that sort

1038  
00:49:07,630 --> 00:49:04,609

of experience for whatever reason and

1039

00:49:09,980 --> 00:49:07,640

it's perhaps the students the the

1040

00:49:12,349 --> 00:49:09,990

children and perhaps the older adults

1041

00:49:16,490 --> 00:49:12,359

for whom it was more of an exciting

1042

00:49:18,920 --> 00:49:16,500

incident who have decided to talk more

1043

00:49:22,760 --> 00:49:18,930

about it and to be more open about it

1044

00:49:26,570 --> 00:49:22,770

and and what's a scoop with with what

1045

00:49:28,700 --> 00:49:26,580

happened with Tonya so there is a

1046

00:49:31,790 --> 00:49:28,710

student who was at the school by the

1047

00:49:33,680 --> 00:49:31,800

name of Tonya and there are several

1048

00:49:35,750 --> 00:49:33,690

witnesses who remember her

1049

00:49:38,810 --> 00:49:35,760

has been somehow connected with the

1050

00:49:40,700 --> 00:49:38,820

Flying Saucer incident so some of the

1051  
00:49:44,240 --> 00:49:40,710  
people remember that she was the girl

1052  
00:49:46,630 --> 00:49:44,250  
who ran into the the science classroom

1053  
00:49:49,160 --> 00:49:46,640  
been taught by Andrew Greenwood and

1054  
00:49:50,930 --> 00:49:49,170  
sliding the door back and shouting up

1055  
00:49:53,630 --> 00:49:50,940  
there are flying saucers in the sky

1056  
00:49:55,430 --> 00:49:53,640  
flying saucers in the sky and some

1057  
00:49:57,500 --> 00:49:55,440  
people are very clear that it was her

1058  
00:50:00,110 --> 00:49:57,510  
other people not so clear and just

1059  
00:50:02,630 --> 00:50:00,120  
remember being a female student or a

1060  
00:50:04,670 --> 00:50:02,640  
student but for those who remember being

1061  
00:50:08,630 --> 00:50:04,680  
a specific student they do usually name

1062  
00:50:11,410 --> 00:50:08,640  
it as this girl Tanya and one of the

1063  
00:50:13,850 --> 00:50:11,420

other witnesses remembers very clearly

1064

00:50:16,940 --> 00:50:13,860

Tonya being one of the students who

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00:50:20,270 --> 00:50:16,950

raced down towards the Grange in chase

1066

00:50:22,850 --> 00:50:20,280

of the flying saucer and this witness a

1067

00:50:26,240 --> 00:50:22,860

lady called Jacqueline raced after her

1068

00:50:28,790 --> 00:50:26,250

and also tried to race down to the

1069

00:50:31,300 --> 00:50:28,800

Grange but Toni apparently was a very

1070

00:50:34,300 --> 00:50:31,310

fast runner faster than Jacqueline and

1071

00:50:36,560 --> 00:50:34,310

about half way down towards the Grange

1072

00:50:38,510 --> 00:50:36,570

Jacqueline noticed Tonya coming back in

1073

00:50:42,640 --> 00:50:38,520

the opposite direction back towards a

1074

00:50:45,230 --> 00:50:42,650

school property screaming hysterical and

1075

00:50:47,060 --> 00:50:45,240

the Jacqueline tried to grab her and

1076  
00:50:50,680 --> 00:50:47,070  
hold her and ask her what was going on

1077  
00:50:53,300 --> 00:50:50,690  
but she was too upset she was too

1078  
00:50:56,060 --> 00:50:53,310  
she was too hysterical she was

1079  
00:50:58,550 --> 00:50:56,070  
frightened by something and she broke

1080  
00:51:00,200 --> 00:50:58,560  
her grip and raced back towards the

1081  
00:51:02,030 --> 00:51:00,210  
school so Jacqueline at that point

1082  
00:51:04,010 --> 00:51:02,040  
decided not to go any further and to

1083  
00:51:06,730 --> 00:51:04,020  
turn around and to go back towards the

1084  
00:51:08,690 --> 00:51:06,740  
school and when they got back to school

1085  
00:51:10,070 --> 00:51:08,700  
Jacqueline remembers she's not

1086  
00:51:12,230 --> 00:51:10,080  
absolutely sure about the passage of

1087  
00:51:14,960 --> 00:51:12,240  
time but she remembers not very long

1088  
00:51:17,660 --> 00:51:14,970

afterwards an ambulance being at the

1089

00:51:21,020 --> 00:51:17,670

school Tania being attended to by the

1090

00:51:24,890 --> 00:51:21,030

ambulance officers and Tania being taken

1091

00:51:27,230 --> 00:51:24,900

away in the ambulance and there are a

1092

00:51:30,440 --> 00:51:27,240

couple of other witnesses who have that

1093

00:51:33,200 --> 00:51:30,450

same visual memory and there's some

1094

00:51:38,390 --> 00:51:33,210

other witnesses who heard that that was

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00:51:40,430 --> 00:51:38,400

the case and one of the witnesses Terry

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00:51:45,230 --> 00:51:40,440

who I mentioned before thinks it was

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00:51:47,150 --> 00:51:45,240

Tania who was down at the Grange fainted

1098

00:51:47,450 --> 00:51:47,160

on the ground having been affected by

1099

00:51:49,700 --> 00:51:47,460

what

1100

00:51:55,580 --> 00:51:49,710

you have seen close range to the flying

1101  
00:51:57,740 --> 00:51:55,590  
saucer so that's Tonya's story and the

1102  
00:51:59,780 --> 00:51:57,750  
other aspect of Tonya story is that two

1103  
00:52:02,390 --> 00:51:59,790  
of the witnesses Jacqueline and Terri

1104  
00:52:03,980 --> 00:52:02,400  
were both friends with Tonya separately

1105  
00:52:05,510 --> 00:52:03,990  
went around to Tanya's house and you

1106  
00:52:07,670 --> 00:52:05,520  
wish he'd lived they'd been to her house

1107  
00:52:12,110 --> 00:52:07,680  
before her house wasn't very far from

1108  
00:52:15,170 --> 00:52:12,120  
the school and not Don Tonya's door to

1109  
00:52:17,960 --> 00:52:15,180  
see how she was and Tonya wasn't there

1110  
00:52:20,330 --> 00:52:17,970  
her family wasn't there and in fact a

1111  
00:52:21,080 --> 00:52:20,340  
stranger that neither of these girls had

1112  
00:52:23,150 --> 00:52:21,090  
ever met before

1113  
00:52:25,880 --> 00:52:23,160

answered the door and told them that

1114

00:52:27,530 --> 00:52:25,890

Tonya wasn't there had never lived there

1115

00:52:30,820 --> 00:52:27,540

there was no one there by that name but

1116

00:52:34,430 --> 00:52:30,830

both kids had been to that house before

1117

00:52:37,760 --> 00:52:34,440

well we ever heard that part of it yeah

1118

00:52:39,230 --> 00:52:37,770

yeah so they knew that that was Tonya's

1119

00:52:41,390 --> 00:52:39,240

house they knew that Tonya's family

1120

00:52:44,900 --> 00:52:41,400

lived there and yet there was his

1121

00:52:45,830 --> 00:52:44,910

strange lady at the door saying sorry no

1122

00:52:51,140 --> 00:52:45,840

one here by that name

1123

00:52:54,230 --> 00:52:51,150

and neither Jacqueline or Terry ever saw

1124

00:52:57,050 --> 00:52:54,240

Tony again she didn't return to the

1125

00:52:59,290 --> 00:52:57,060

school and it wasn't until years later

1126  
00:53:02,030 --> 00:52:59,300  
apparently that some of the other kids

1127  
00:53:06,830 --> 00:53:02,040  
as young adults met up with her later

1128  
00:53:11,210 --> 00:53:06,840  
but she was not seen at the school again

1129  
00:53:15,650 --> 00:53:11,220  
now Tonya's been hard to find it's

1130  
00:53:16,670 --> 00:53:15,660  
possible that a lady with her name has

1131  
00:53:20,990 --> 00:53:16,680  
been found

1132  
00:53:23,470 --> 00:53:21,000  
Rosie Jones the filmmaker for West of 66

1133  
00:53:26,540 --> 00:53:23,480  
believe she has been in contact with her

1134  
00:53:29,390 --> 00:53:26,550  
but Tonya doesn't really want to talk

1135  
00:53:31,130 --> 00:53:29,400  
about the story she confirms that she

1136  
00:53:32,990 --> 00:53:31,140  
was there at Westall high school that

1137  
00:53:36,640 --> 00:53:33,000  
she remembers the flying saucer incident

1138  
00:53:40,790 --> 00:53:36,650

but not not other aspects of the story

1139

00:53:43,400 --> 00:53:40,800

and Rosie as a professional filmmaker of

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00:53:46,850 --> 00:53:43,410

course has agreed to protect this lady's

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00:53:49,070 --> 00:53:46,860

privacy and to honor her her request not

1142

00:53:52,010 --> 00:53:49,080

to be involved any more or to be

1143

00:53:54,650 --> 00:53:52,020

interviewed and so that's where that

1144

00:53:57,320 --> 00:53:54,660

aspect of the story currently sits Wow

1145

00:53:59,720 --> 00:53:57,330

wasn't that amazing so I was not also

1146

00:54:01,250 --> 00:53:59,730

aware that they found her as well

1147

00:54:04,190 --> 00:54:01,260

all right well we're at

1148

00:54:06,260 --> 00:54:04,200

our real break at the 55 so we're gonna

1149

00:54:09,350 --> 00:54:06,270

go into the break so hang in everyone

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00:54:13,850 --> 00:54:09,360

we'll be right back right after these

1151

00:54:16,700 --> 00:54:13,860

messages all right welcome back this is

1152

00:54:19,540 --> 00:54:16,710

Martin Willis and my guest is Shane Ryan

1153

00:54:23,420 --> 00:54:19,550

we're talking about the Westall UFO and

1154

00:54:25,730 --> 00:54:23,430

a very interesting case and we're also

1155

00:54:28,970 --> 00:54:25,740

going to be talking a little bit later

1156

00:54:31,160 --> 00:54:28,980

on about other UFO cases in Australia

1157

00:54:34,610 --> 00:54:31,170

there's a lot going on

1158

00:54:37,160 --> 00:54:34,620

there has been and actually I've talked

1159

00:54:40,670 --> 00:54:37,170

about this before but Australia is my

1160

00:54:42,500 --> 00:54:40,680

third largest listening base and that's

1161

00:54:45,110 --> 00:54:42,510

really saying something of a country

1162

00:54:47,720 --> 00:54:45,120

with 26 million compared to other you

1163

00:54:53,180 --> 00:54:47,730

know major countries so a lot of

1164

00:54:54,530 --> 00:54:53,190

listeners in Australia and and I have to

1165

00:54:56,780 --> 00:54:54,540

figure out a way to get there I've

1166

00:54:58,100 --> 00:54:56,790

always wanted to go to Australia so one

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00:54:59,810 --> 00:54:58,110

of these days I'm gonna have to figure

1168

00:55:06,200 --> 00:54:59,820

out a reason to be there

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00:55:08,270 --> 00:55:06,210

I suggest Qantas Mawson Qantas okay so

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00:55:09,920 --> 00:55:08,280

we were talking about Tonya I don't know

1171

00:55:14,210 --> 00:55:09,930

her last name I don't know if I've seen

1172

00:55:17,960 --> 00:55:14,220

her last name anywhere but did she ever

1173

00:55:20,540 --> 00:55:17,970

give a reason for why she vanished and

1174

00:55:22,280 --> 00:55:20,550

never came back to school and that that

1175

00:55:26,000 --> 00:55:22,290

whole thing did she ever give any part

1176

00:55:28,400 --> 00:55:26,010

of that detail so unfortunately there's

1177

00:55:33,830 --> 00:55:28,410

nothing publicly available in relation

1178

00:55:36,710 --> 00:55:33,840

to to the rest of Tanya story and as I

1179

00:55:41,450 --> 00:55:36,720

mentioned Rosie Jones has agreed to

1180

00:55:43,310 --> 00:55:41,460

honour her desire for privacy and so we

1181

00:55:45,800 --> 00:55:43,320

simply don't know really much more about

1182

00:55:49,730 --> 00:55:45,810

her story it would be nice to know some

1183

00:55:51,380 --> 00:55:49,740

more for me obviously it's an

1184

00:55:53,030 --> 00:55:51,390

interesting element to the story and

1185

00:55:54,140 --> 00:55:53,040

people do latch on to it and that's

1186

00:55:57,220 --> 00:55:54,150

understandable

1187

00:55:59,630 --> 00:55:57,230

but from a researchers perspective

1188

00:56:02,330 --> 00:55:59,640

because it's been very difficult to

1189

00:56:03,920 --> 00:56:02,340

confirm many of those elements that

1190

00:56:06,710 --> 00:56:03,930

other people have talked about in

1191

00:56:09,710 --> 00:56:06,720

relation to her it's hard for me to take

1192

00:56:11,450 --> 00:56:09,720

it any further and I guess for me as

1193

00:56:15,550 --> 00:56:11,460

well as the research because I have so

1194

00:56:17,260 --> 00:56:15,560

many other witness accounts on my books

1195

00:56:20,260 --> 00:56:17,270

there's lots of other things for me to

1196

00:56:22,060 --> 00:56:20,270

delve into and to talk about and there

1197

00:56:25,570 --> 00:56:22,070

are some things I haven't yet mentioned

1198

00:56:27,520 --> 00:56:25,580

of course and so it's an interesting

1199

00:56:30,100 --> 00:56:27,530

element of the story no doubt about it

1200

00:56:32,170 --> 00:56:30,110

but I have to put into the context of

1201  
00:56:34,540 --> 00:56:32,180  
all the other elements and particularly

1202  
00:56:38,290 --> 00:56:34,550  
if it's difficult for me to drive that

1203  
00:56:41,230 --> 00:56:38,300  
that research Avenue any further then

1204  
00:56:43,270 --> 00:56:41,240  
there's not really much I can do it's as

1205  
00:56:44,770 --> 00:56:43,280  
any UFO researcher will know you can

1206  
00:56:48,100 --> 00:56:44,780  
take a horse to water but you can't make

1207  
00:56:50,920 --> 00:56:48,110  
it drink and we have to accept the the

1208  
00:56:53,680 --> 00:56:50,930  
frustrations and the limitations we can

1209  
00:56:55,000 --> 00:56:53,690  
only research what we can research we

1210  
00:56:58,740 --> 00:56:55,010  
can only go on the amount of information

1211  
00:57:01,300 --> 00:56:58,750  
that people are prepared to give us and

1212  
00:57:04,840 --> 00:57:01,310  
do the best we can with what we are

1213  
00:57:07,570 --> 00:57:04,850

given right now the the aftermath of

1214

00:57:11,170 --> 00:57:07,580

this case is almost just as interesting

1215

00:57:14,530 --> 00:57:11,180

as the case itself so why don't we go

1216

00:57:16,600 --> 00:57:14,540

into that aspect of it that's true so

1217

00:57:19,750 --> 00:57:16,610

the aftermath is as interesting as the

1218

00:57:21,220 --> 00:57:19,760

actual incident itself because and I

1219

00:57:22,900 --> 00:57:21,230

always talk about this as a flying

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00:57:25,420 --> 00:57:22,910

saucer incident I talk about that

1221

00:57:27,720 --> 00:57:25,430

because it's nostalgic because that's

1222

00:57:30,640 --> 00:57:27,730

the terminology the vocabulary of the

1223

00:57:32,320 --> 00:57:30,650

1960s and some people of course don't

1224

00:57:34,930 --> 00:57:32,330

like using that terminology because it's

1225

00:57:37,000 --> 00:57:34,940

loaded and carries baggage and all of

1226  
00:57:38,860 --> 00:57:37,010  
that is true but I stick with it because

1227  
00:57:40,960 --> 00:57:38,870  
I love the nostalgia of it

1228  
00:57:42,610 --> 00:57:40,970  
and because that was the terminology

1229  
00:57:44,770 --> 00:57:42,620  
that was used by a lot of the witnesses

1230  
00:57:47,230 --> 00:57:44,780  
at the time when they saw this object

1231  
00:57:49,330 --> 00:57:47,240  
these objects that's how they described

1232  
00:57:52,510 --> 00:57:49,340  
them of course it doesn't tell us very

1233  
00:57:55,150 --> 00:57:52,520  
much about where they were from why they

1234  
00:57:58,600 --> 00:57:55,160  
were there how they were being flown who

1235  
00:58:00,730 --> 00:57:58,610  
was inside what was inside if anybody if

1236  
00:58:03,010 --> 00:58:00,740  
anything and all of that remains

1237  
00:58:04,630 --> 00:58:03,020  
mysterious and of course that's

1238  
00:58:06,850 --> 00:58:04,640

something we all want to know I mean

1239

00:58:08,590 --> 00:58:06,860

that's the the nub of the mystery of

1240

00:58:12,460 --> 00:58:08,600

course and I want to know all of those

1241

00:58:15,040 --> 00:58:12,470

things as much as anybody but another

1242

00:58:16,780 --> 00:58:15,050

aspect to my research and I guess it was

1243

00:58:19,600 --> 00:58:16,790

the aspect I thought I would be able to

1244

00:58:21,190 --> 00:58:19,610

be more successful with because the

1245

00:58:26,290 --> 00:58:21,200

other stuff is a little bit harder to

1246

00:58:29,620 --> 00:58:26,300

the soul is to work out who responded to

1247

00:58:31,270 --> 00:58:29,630

this incident why did they risk

1248

00:58:36,190 --> 00:58:31,280

why did they respond to it in the way

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00:58:40,270 --> 00:58:36,200

that they did why was there a secrecy a

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00:58:43,330 --> 00:58:40,280

vial of secrecy it seems lowered over

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00:58:46,900 --> 00:58:43,340

this whole story and why were so many

1252

00:58:50,170 --> 00:58:46,910

people given the message either overtly

1253

00:58:53,380 --> 00:58:50,180

or covertly that this was a story a

1254

00:58:57,070 --> 00:58:53,390

happening that wasn't to be admitted to

1255

00:58:59,800 --> 00:58:57,080

me that wasn't to be talked about and of

1256

00:59:01,210 --> 00:58:59,810

course it's from talking to so many of

1257

00:59:02,580 --> 00:59:01,220

the witnesses over the years that I've

1258

00:59:06,100 --> 00:59:02,590

been able to put the pieces together

1259

00:59:08,890 --> 00:59:06,110

that there was such a large response but

1260

00:59:10,480 --> 00:59:08,900

police responded the Royal Australian

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00:59:12,700 --> 00:59:10,490

Air Force responded

1262

00:59:16,180 --> 00:59:12,710

it seems that elements of the Australian

1263

00:59:19,630 --> 00:59:16,190

Army were involved a civil defence

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00:59:21,850 --> 00:59:19,640

organisation responded to separate fire

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00:59:25,000 --> 00:59:21,860

brigades from separate fire departments

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00:59:27,300 --> 00:59:25,010

were involved the ambulance service was

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00:59:29,770 --> 00:59:27,310

involved at least for one student and

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00:59:32,710 --> 00:59:29,780

there were possibly other elements of

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00:59:34,930 --> 00:59:32,720

the Australian and Victorian state

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00:59:39,070 --> 00:59:34,940

governments that were involved as well

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00:59:42,160 --> 00:59:39,080

and at a seemingly very high level all

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00:59:44,350 --> 00:59:42,170

for something that was written off at

1273

00:59:46,720 --> 00:59:44,360

the time as being probably a

1274

00:59:49,630 --> 00:59:46,730

meteorological balloon that had been

1275

00:59:52,840 --> 00:59:49,640

blown a little bit off course and had

1276

00:59:55,480 --> 00:59:52,850

been cited by some excitable children at

1277

00:59:57,850 --> 00:59:55,490

a couple of the schools in the fringes

1278

00:59:59,680 --> 00:59:57,860

of Melbourne but it wasn't about that at

1279

01:00:03,550 --> 00:59:59,690

all it was something else

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01:00:07,150 --> 01:00:03,560

and so it was that response and the

1281

01:00:08,800 --> 01:00:07,160

cover-up and me trying to work out what

1282

01:00:11,860 --> 01:00:08,810

those people who responded to this

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01:00:14,470 --> 01:00:11,870

incident found on what they discovered

1284

01:00:17,380 --> 01:00:14,480

what they wrote up into their reports

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01:00:17,920 --> 01:00:17,390

what went into the archives what was all

1286

01:00:20,860 --> 01:00:17,930

that about

1287

01:00:22,510 --> 01:00:20,870

and why couldn't have been divulged at

1288

01:00:25,120 --> 01:00:22,520

the time why couldn't it have been

1289

01:00:26,410 --> 01:00:25,130

shared with the media why couldn't have

1290

01:00:28,120 --> 01:00:26,420

been shared with the people who were

1291

01:00:32,650 --> 01:00:28,130

involved who were there on the ground

1292

01:00:35,110 --> 01:00:32,660

and why after all of these years more

1293

01:00:39,370 --> 01:00:35,120

than 50 years has passed 54 years is

1294

01:00:42,520 --> 01:00:39,380

there still not ask Eric of paperwork in

1295

01:00:46,270 --> 01:00:42,530

any of the publicly accessible

1296

01:00:48,610 --> 01:00:46,280

homes government archives about this

1297

01:00:52,000 --> 01:00:48,620

story and I over the years as you would

1298

01:00:54,670 --> 01:00:52,010

imagine filed quite a few Freedom of

1299

01:00:56,680 --> 01:00:54,680

Information applications request for

1300

01:01:00,070 --> 01:00:56,690

information I've got the some of the

1301  
01:01:03,640 --> 01:01:00,080  
paperwork here to the National Archives

1302  
01:01:07,510 --> 01:01:03,650  
of Australia to the Australian

1303  
01:01:11,130 --> 01:01:07,520  
Department of Defense to the Victoria

1304  
01:01:13,570 --> 01:01:11,140  
Police to the Victorian Department of

1305  
01:01:16,690 --> 01:01:13,580  
Education the department responsible for

1306  
01:01:18,730 --> 01:01:16,700  
running of the schools and all of those

1307  
01:01:20,920 --> 01:01:18,740  
responses from these people and from

1308  
01:01:23,350 --> 01:01:20,930  
others have come back saying either

1309  
01:01:25,330 --> 01:01:23,360  
we've looked we've searched through all

1310  
01:01:29,740 --> 01:01:25,340  
their available records and there's

1311  
01:01:33,360 --> 01:01:29,750  
nothing there or because it's so old we

1312  
01:01:35,620 --> 01:01:33,370  
don't have to or because it's so old any

1313  
01:01:38,740 --> 01:01:35,630

archival material that we may have

1314

01:01:40,750 --> 01:01:38,750

collected has under the requirements of

1315

01:01:42,940 --> 01:01:40,760

federal legislation go on to the

1316

01:01:44,950 --> 01:01:42,950

National Archives of Australia and the

1317

01:01:48,160 --> 01:01:44,960

National Archives of Australia have

1318

01:01:53,200 --> 01:01:48,170

already told me they have nothing well

1319

01:01:55,450 --> 01:01:53,210

so there's this problem we know

1320

01:01:57,870 --> 01:01:55,460

something happened we know there were

1321

01:02:02,500 --> 01:01:57,880

people on the ground there in uniform

1322

01:02:04,480 --> 01:02:02,510

and in civilian clothes and yet not a

1323

01:02:11,230 --> 01:02:04,490

single piece of documentation apparently

1324

01:02:12,640 --> 01:02:11,240

exists to to explain that and so that's

1325

01:02:14,920 --> 01:02:12,650

the other aspect that's what's so

1326

01:02:17,200 --> 01:02:14,930

mysterious about this because even with

1327

01:02:18,460 --> 01:02:17,210

cases better known cases perhaps that

1328

01:02:24,430 --> 01:02:18,470

people have been looking at over the

1329

01:02:27,940 --> 01:02:24,440

years like Roswell or Rendlesham there's

1330

01:02:30,280 --> 01:02:27,950

documentation there's information but

1331

01:02:32,260 --> 01:02:30,290

for Westall I guess a little bit like in

1332

01:02:35,200 --> 01:02:32,270

a way another incident which happened at

1333

01:02:38,200 --> 01:02:35,210

around the same time in Pennsylvania the

1334

01:02:41,620 --> 01:02:38,210

Kecksburg incident you'll remember that

1335

01:02:43,330 --> 01:02:41,630

yeah something obviously happened the

1336

01:02:45,940 --> 01:02:43,340

police were there the fire department

1337

01:02:48,940 --> 01:02:45,950

was there the army turned up there was

1338

01:02:51,580 --> 01:02:48,950

some media there and yet there's nothing

1339

01:02:54,400 --> 01:02:51,590

to be found in the government archives

1340

01:02:55,930 --> 01:02:54,410

about that story either so it's a little

1341

01:02:58,780 --> 01:02:55,940

bit of Kim

1342

01:03:00,430 --> 01:02:58,790

that sort of incident and when you

1343

01:03:03,160 --> 01:03:00,440

actually make contact with some of the

1344

01:03:04,960 --> 01:03:03,170

people who were there in uniform their

1345

01:03:07,030 --> 01:03:04,970

responses are very very interesting and

1346

01:03:09,790 --> 01:03:07,040

there haven't been many that I've made

1347

01:03:13,120 --> 01:03:09,800

contact with there have been a couple of

1348

01:03:15,790 --> 01:03:13,130

firemen who remember it clearly who

1349

01:03:18,550 --> 01:03:15,800

remember responding and there is battle

1350

01:03:20,200 --> 01:03:18,560

by anybody as to what it was and what

1351

01:03:23,020 --> 01:03:20,210

they saw that day but it certainly

1352

01:03:26,760 --> 01:03:23,030

happened they were there but there's one

1353

01:03:31,450 --> 01:03:26,770

surviving police officer who was there

1354

01:03:37,030 --> 01:03:31,460

that day it took him many years to admit

1355

01:03:39,670 --> 01:03:37,040

it he always denied it but about two or

1356

01:03:42,790 --> 01:03:39,680

three years ago a journalist who I had

1357

01:03:44,230 --> 01:03:42,800

arranged to contact him he still lives

1358

01:03:49,240 --> 01:03:44,240

in the house by the way that he lived in

1359

01:03:51,060 --> 01:03:49,250

back in 1966 he still there is a man now

1360

01:03:53,470 --> 01:03:51,070

I believe in his 80s he's not very well

1361

01:03:55,330 --> 01:03:53,480

but he finally admitted in a telephone

1362

01:03:56,770 --> 01:03:55,340

call with this journalist that he'd been

1363

01:03:59,020 --> 01:03:56,780

there that day yes he was part of the

1364

01:04:01,420 --> 01:03:59,030

Victoria police response but he wasn't

1365

01:04:03,820 --> 01:04:01,430

prepared to talk about it and one of the

1366

01:04:07,000 --> 01:04:03,830

high school witnesses is actually a

1367

01:04:09,460 --> 01:04:07,010

family friend of this man this witness

1368

01:04:12,040 --> 01:04:09,470

her parents were a friend with this

1369

01:04:14,860 --> 01:04:12,050

police officer and when this witness's

1370

01:04:19,600 --> 01:04:14,870

father passed away this former police

1371

01:04:21,190 --> 01:04:19,610

officer was at her dad's funeral and she

1372

01:04:23,950 --> 01:04:21,200

had been trying for years to talk to

1373

01:04:26,610 --> 01:04:23,960

this man Jack about what he had seen

1374

01:04:28,690 --> 01:04:26,620

that day and why the police were there

1375

01:04:32,470 --> 01:04:28,700

what were they doing what did they see

1376

01:04:34,600 --> 01:04:32,480

and she went up to Jack at the end of

1377

01:04:37,570 --> 01:04:34,610

the funeral and she said the jack jack

1378

01:04:39,790 --> 01:04:37,580

would you please just tell me what

1379

01:04:42,820 --> 01:04:39,800

happened at West or that day what was it

1380

01:04:45,310 --> 01:04:42,830

that we all saw and he said to her

1381

01:04:46,630 --> 01:04:45,320

her name is so he said sue and if I tell

1382

01:04:49,720 --> 01:04:46,640

you what will you do with the

1383

01:04:52,180 --> 01:04:49,730

information and Sue said Jack it's just

1384

01:04:55,390 --> 01:04:52,190

for me I need to know it's for my own

1385

01:04:57,280 --> 01:04:55,400

sanity I need to know I know you know

1386

01:04:57,790 --> 01:04:57,290

something please tell me I won't tell

1387

01:05:00,460 --> 01:04:57,800

anybody

1388

01:05:04,390 --> 01:05:00,470

and Jack looked at her and said sue I

1389

01:05:07,030 --> 01:05:04,400

don't believe you and he wouldn't spill

1390

01:05:08,420 --> 01:05:07,040

the beans and this was at this poor

1391

01:05:10,640 --> 01:05:08,430

lady's dad's

1392

01:05:13,070 --> 01:05:10,650

you know father's funeral as I said the

1393

01:05:15,560 --> 01:05:13,080

dad's funeral Wow very emotional time

1394

01:05:18,710 --> 01:05:15,570

for her but she felt it was a time to

1395

01:05:22,280 --> 01:05:18,720

bring it up with him and and I tried

1396

01:05:25,460 --> 01:05:22,290

talking to him on the telephone and so

1397

01:05:29,420 --> 01:05:25,470

whatever it was whatever was said to him

1398

01:05:31,550 --> 01:05:29,430

as a young police officer probably who

1399

01:05:34,970 --> 01:05:31,560

was on the periphery of the event in a

1400

01:05:41,500 --> 01:05:34,980

way he still feels the need to keep

1401  
01:05:46,910 --> 01:05:41,510  
silent that's amazing and what about the

1402  
01:05:50,690 --> 01:05:46,920  
silence silencing of the media did that

1403  
01:05:53,240 --> 01:05:50,700  
happen as well it looks as though it did

1404  
01:05:56,210 --> 01:05:53,250  
happen because Melbourne had several

1405  
01:05:58,070 --> 01:05:56,220  
daily newspapers at a time and one was a

1406  
01:06:00,140 --> 01:05:58,080  
broadsheet newspaper the age which I

1407  
01:06:03,200 --> 01:06:00,150  
mentioned earlier and it carried a very

1408  
01:06:04,370 --> 01:06:03,210  
small article the next day documenting

1409  
01:06:07,670 --> 01:06:04,380  
that they'd been a flying saucer

1410  
01:06:09,860 --> 01:06:07,680  
sighting at a school in Westall and that

1411  
01:06:12,320 --> 01:06:09,870  
it may have been explained by a

1412  
01:06:15,020 --> 01:06:12,330  
meteorological balloon flying over and

1413  
01:06:17,030 --> 01:06:15,030

that was the extent of the article seen

1414

01:06:19,820 --> 01:06:17,040

by hundreds of students and teachers but

1415

01:06:25,130 --> 01:06:19,830

it was probably perhaps a meteorological

1416

01:06:27,560 --> 01:06:25,140

balloon there were three not broadsheet

1417

01:06:30,500 --> 01:06:27,570

newspapers but what's the opposite of

1418

01:06:33,680 --> 01:06:30,510

broadsheet you know what I mean less

1419

01:06:37,220 --> 01:06:33,690

serious newspapers not broadsheet

1420

01:06:39,230 --> 01:06:37,230

newspapers newspapers that perhaps had a

1421

01:06:42,440 --> 01:06:39,240

bigger following in terms of readership

1422

01:06:44,870 --> 01:06:42,450

and a couple of those newspapers in

1423

01:06:47,840 --> 01:06:44,880

particular were known for carrying

1424

01:06:49,970 --> 01:06:47,850

stories about UFO incidents about flying

1425

01:06:53,410 --> 01:06:49,980

saucers and of course there were such

1426

01:06:56,750 --> 01:06:53,420

stories in those years in the 1960s

1427

01:06:59,900 --> 01:06:56,760

none of those newspapers carried a

1428

01:07:03,320 --> 01:06:59,910

single sentence about this incident so

1429

01:07:05,540 --> 01:07:03,330

it seems as though somebody perhaps made

1430

01:07:08,570 --> 01:07:05,550

a phone call to what to the editors of

1431

01:07:11,270 --> 01:07:08,580

these newspapers and said for national

1432

01:07:14,660 --> 01:07:11,280

security this is a story not to be

1433

01:07:17,030 --> 01:07:14,670

reported or if it is to be reported in

1434

01:07:19,760 --> 01:07:17,040

the way the age did in a very truncated

1435

01:07:21,410 --> 01:07:19,770

way and with an explanation a possible

1436

01:07:25,370 --> 01:07:21,420

explanation given

1437

01:07:28,130 --> 01:07:25,380

or what it was that everybody saw and a

1438

01:07:30,070 --> 01:07:28,140

few days after the incident one of those

1439

01:07:35,570 --> 01:07:30,080

broad check one of those are newspapers

1440

01:07:40,660 --> 01:07:35,580

too carried a cartoon lampooning UFOs

1441

01:07:43,730 --> 01:07:40,670

and people seeing UFOs but fascinatingly

1442

01:07:46,670 --> 01:07:43,740

on the very day after the Western

1443

01:07:48,470 --> 01:07:46,680

incident and this is perhaps it might be

1444

01:07:50,900 --> 01:07:48,480

just a coincidence or an example of

1445

01:07:52,610 --> 01:07:50,910

Australian humor I don't know but was

1446

01:07:54,380 --> 01:07:52,620

actually sorry in the afternoon

1447

01:07:57,290 --> 01:07:54,390

newspaper that day the 6th of April said

1448

01:07:58,790 --> 01:07:57,300

the same day as the incident happened in

1449

01:08:01,220 --> 01:07:58,800

one of those newspapers called The

1450

01:08:04,970 --> 01:08:01,230

Herald there was this wonderful article

1451  
01:08:07,220 --> 01:08:04,980  
an advertisement really about how the

1452  
01:08:10,060 --> 01:08:07,230  
defense of Australia is in very good

1453  
01:08:12,830 --> 01:08:10,070  
hands the Royal Australian Air Force

1454  
01:08:16,700 --> 01:08:12,840  
Australia's aerial defense is in their

1455  
01:08:18,440 --> 01:08:16,710  
hands and it's an ad about the various

1456  
01:08:22,490 --> 01:08:18,450  
ways in which the royal Australian air

1457  
01:08:25,340 --> 01:08:22,500  
force is keeping Australia's air safe

1458  
01:08:27,380 --> 01:08:25,350  
and defended from threats and this radar

1459  
01:08:29,750 --> 01:08:27,390  
and there's the Jets and there's the

1460  
01:08:33,230 --> 01:08:29,760  
surface-to-air missiles and this happens

1461  
01:08:36,800 --> 01:08:33,240  
on the very same day as rest of incident

1462  
01:08:39,710 --> 01:08:36,810  
so a wonderful coincidence yeah yeah

1463  
01:08:42,320 --> 01:08:39,720

that is that is interesting now wasn't

1464

01:08:44,750 --> 01:08:42,330

theory I remember when we talked before

1465

01:08:47,870 --> 01:08:44,760

wasn't there a teacher that took a bunch

1466

01:08:50,240 --> 01:08:47,880

of photographs of of the flying saucer

1467

01:08:52,460 --> 01:08:50,250

or one of them and what was the deal

1468

01:08:56,030 --> 01:08:52,470

with that so there are several witnesses

1469

01:08:57,890 --> 01:08:56,040

who recall that one teacher took

1470

01:08:59,900 --> 01:08:57,900

photographs and some of the kids

1471

01:09:02,600 --> 01:08:59,910

remember that it was the female science

1472

01:09:04,850 --> 01:09:02,610

teacher Miss Robbins others remember

1473

01:09:07,490 --> 01:09:04,860

that it was the male science teacher mr.

1474

01:09:09,380 --> 01:09:07,500

Greenwood and I've been in contact with

1475

01:09:11,060 --> 01:09:09,390

Andrew Greenwood over the years and have

1476

01:09:13,880 --> 01:09:11,070

had a face-to-face meeting with him and

1477

01:09:16,100 --> 01:09:13,890

he says it definitely wasn't him

1478

01:09:18,800 --> 01:09:16,110

he didn't take photographs so it doesn't

1479

01:09:20,780 --> 01:09:18,810

look as though it was him the other

1480

01:09:23,990 --> 01:09:20,790

teacher she's still alive but she's very

1481

01:09:25,370 --> 01:09:24,000

unwell unfortunately and Rosie Jones was

1482

01:09:27,740 --> 01:09:25,380

able to have a chat with her several

1483

01:09:29,930 --> 01:09:27,750

years ago and because of her illness

1484

01:09:32,990 --> 01:09:29,940

even though she was able to confirm that

1485

01:09:33,820 --> 01:09:33,000

she was at Westall as a teacher and she

1486

01:09:35,890 --> 01:09:33,830

remembered something

1487

01:09:38,110 --> 01:09:35,900

about a kerfuffle involving flying

1488

01:09:41,710 --> 01:09:38,120

saucers she didn't have any more

1489

01:09:43,329 --> 01:09:41,720

memories than that so she and her son

1490

01:09:45,400 --> 01:09:43,339

who were able to be in contact with

1491

01:09:47,620 --> 01:09:45,410

simply weren't able to confirm that

1492

01:09:49,840 --> 01:09:47,630

aspect of the story but the witnesses

1493

01:09:53,020 --> 01:09:49,850

who remember it they remember that a

1494

01:09:54,640 --> 01:09:53,030

teacher took photographs using the

1495

01:09:56,710 --> 01:09:54,650

school's camera there was only one

1496

01:09:58,780 --> 01:09:56,720

camera back in those days the school had

1497

01:10:01,180 --> 01:09:58,790

a single camera it was the school camera

1498

01:10:03,070 --> 01:10:01,190

nobody else had cameras and of course

1499

01:10:05,620 --> 01:10:03,080

kids didn't have access to cameras in

1500

01:10:08,500 --> 01:10:05,630

those days and she took photos or

1501

01:10:10,480 --> 01:10:08,510

someone took photos and when the Royal

1502

01:10:13,900 --> 01:10:10,490

Australian Air Force officers came to

1503

01:10:16,480 --> 01:10:13,910

the school which they did they came to

1504

01:10:19,240 --> 01:10:16,490

the school apparently that day some say

1505

01:10:21,670 --> 01:10:19,250

the following day and some witnesses had

1506

01:10:24,430 --> 01:10:21,680

memories of the camera and the film

1507

01:10:27,190 --> 01:10:24,440

inside the whole thing being handed over

1508

01:10:29,470 --> 01:10:27,200

to these Air Force officers and of

1509

01:10:34,960 --> 01:10:29,480

course the film the camera perhaps never

1510

01:10:39,160 --> 01:10:34,970

seen again and what about the more or

1511

01:10:41,590 --> 01:10:39,170

less the silencing of everyone was there

1512

01:10:44,610 --> 01:10:41,600

I don't want to say threats but there

1513

01:10:48,730 --> 01:10:44,620

were were there sort of like stern

1514

01:10:51,970 --> 01:10:48,740

well maybe threats is the right word not

1515

01:10:53,110 --> 01:10:51,980

to talk about this that's right some

1516

01:10:55,110 --> 01:10:53,120

people talk about that a lot of the

1517

01:10:59,040 --> 01:10:55,120

witnesses talked about there being this

1518

01:11:02,350 --> 01:10:59,050

assembly that afternoon assembly

1519

01:11:05,170 --> 01:11:02,360

organized by the headmaster mr. Sam will

1520

01:11:08,110 --> 01:11:05,180

be and it was held in the quadrangle

1521

01:11:10,290 --> 01:11:08,120

that afternoon and everybody was told

1522

01:11:13,390 --> 01:11:10,300

that they hadn't seen flying saucers

1523

01:11:15,760 --> 01:11:13,400

there are no such things as flying

1524

01:11:18,160 --> 01:11:15,770

saucers and they weren't to talk about

1525

01:11:19,810 --> 01:11:18,170

it and they certainly weren't to talk to

1526

01:11:21,850 --> 01:11:19,820

the media because the media had started

1527

01:11:25,500 --> 01:11:21,860

gathering out the front of the school

1528

01:11:28,900 --> 01:11:25,510

and several students had in fact already

1529

01:11:31,360 --> 01:11:28,910

tried started giving TV interviews and

1530

01:11:34,120 --> 01:11:31,370

those interviews were very quickly

1531

01:11:36,790 --> 01:11:34,130

abruptly interrupted one of the students

1532

01:11:39,250 --> 01:11:36,800

joy very clearly remembers she remembers

1533

01:11:41,620 --> 01:11:39,260

it in a very tactile way talking to the

1534

01:11:44,230 --> 01:11:41,630

channel 9 interviewer the camera

1535

01:11:46,360 --> 01:11:44,240

operator there and this man in a blue

1536

01:11:47,770 --> 01:11:46,370

uniform she'd never seen before she

1537

01:11:49,480 --> 01:11:47,780

remembers him as being a

1538

01:11:51,880 --> 01:11:49,490

police officer or perhaps an air force

1539

01:11:53,920 --> 01:11:51,890

officer because of the blue uniform

1540

01:11:55,750 --> 01:11:53,930

coming up putting his hand on her

1541

01:11:57,940 --> 01:11:55,760

shoulder and saying this interview is

1542

01:11:59,830 --> 01:11:57,950

over you're not to talk about this get

1543

01:12:03,220 --> 01:11:59,840

back into school he then turns around

1544

01:12:04,920 --> 01:12:03,230

talked and to the media people says get

1545

01:12:07,240 --> 01:12:04,930

out of here this interview is over

1546

01:12:10,600 --> 01:12:07,250

and that was it she goes back into

1547

01:12:12,640 --> 01:12:10,610

school she gets given detention as one

1548

01:12:14,980 --> 01:12:12,650

or two of the other students were also

1549

01:12:17,230 --> 01:12:14,990

given detention who had tried to speak

1550

01:12:19,120 --> 01:12:17,240

to the media one of the students gave an

1551  
01:12:21,790 --> 01:12:19,130  
interview with the local newspaper the

1552  
01:12:23,440 --> 01:12:21,800  
Dandenong Journal the Danny long journal

1553  
01:12:26,350 --> 01:12:23,450  
newspaper was the one that broke the

1554  
01:12:30,220 --> 01:12:26,360  
story at the time and so was front-page

1555  
01:12:32,290 --> 01:12:30,230  
news for a couple of weeks running in

1556  
01:12:34,540 --> 01:12:32,300  
this local newspaper and thank goodness

1557  
01:12:37,420 --> 01:12:34,550  
this newspaper still exists today and we

1558  
01:12:39,460 --> 01:12:37,430  
have access to their archives she gave

1559  
01:12:42,580 --> 01:12:39,470  
an interview as did Andrew Greenwood

1560  
01:12:44,980 --> 01:12:42,590  
with the newspaper and she got detention

1561  
01:12:47,860 --> 01:12:44,990  
as a student and Andrew Greenwood was

1562  
01:12:50,770 --> 01:12:47,870  
definitely wrapped over the knuckles by

1563  
01:12:53,470 --> 01:12:50,780

his headmaster and for Andrew Greenwood

1564

01:12:55,300 --> 01:12:53,480

that was a bit upsetting as a as a new

1565

01:12:58,360 --> 01:12:55,310

student a teacher rather a relatively

1566

01:13:00,850 --> 01:12:58,370

young teacher but more upsetting for him

1567

01:13:03,070 --> 01:13:00,860

was when about three days later he had

1568

01:13:04,660 --> 01:13:03,080

the knock on the door at home he

1569

01:13:06,750 --> 01:13:04,670

answered the door this was after he'd

1570

01:13:09,460 --> 01:13:06,760

come home from work and there were two

1571

01:13:13,090 --> 01:13:09,470

people one in an airforce officer's

1572

01:13:16,120 --> 01:13:13,100

uniform one in civilian clothes and they

1573

01:13:17,350 --> 01:13:16,130

wanted to talk to him and he thought

1574

01:13:19,870 --> 01:13:17,360

well that's interesting they're there

1575

01:13:22,350 --> 01:13:19,880

wanting to talk to me about the UFO to

1576

01:13:24,730 --> 01:13:22,360

take down details of what I'd seen and

1577

01:13:26,950 --> 01:13:24,740

his mother was home at the time and she

1578

01:13:30,910 --> 01:13:26,960

sat in a separate room and he sat down

1579

01:13:32,620 --> 01:13:30,920

with the two government people they

1580

01:13:35,710 --> 01:13:32,630

weren't interested in what he'd seen I

1581

01:13:37,690 --> 01:13:35,720

didn't want to know any details and in

1582

01:13:40,150 --> 01:13:37,700

fact they said to him we want you to be

1583

01:13:42,790 --> 01:13:40,160

quiet about this there are no such

1584

01:13:44,770 --> 01:13:42,800

things as flying saucers and we don't

1585

01:13:45,970 --> 01:13:44,780

want you saying that you saw one and he

1586

01:13:46,510 --> 01:13:45,980

remember saying to the air force

1587

01:13:48,040 --> 01:13:46,520

officers

1588

01:13:50,260 --> 01:13:48,050

well hang on a minute if there are no

1589

01:13:52,540 --> 01:13:50,270

such things as flying saucers why does

1590

01:13:56,680 --> 01:13:52,550

it matter if I say that I saw a flying

1591

01:13:59,890 --> 01:13:56,690

saucer very annoying interest you why

1592

01:14:00,540 --> 01:13:59,900

are you at my house and the tone turned

1593

01:14:03,330 --> 01:14:00,550

rather

1594

01:14:06,150 --> 01:14:03,340

negative after that apparently and they

1595

01:14:08,340 --> 01:14:06,160

said to him mr. Greenwood if you talk

1596

01:14:11,160 --> 01:14:08,350

again about this but you have done with

1597

01:14:13,830 --> 01:14:11,170

the local newspaper we'll make sure you

1598

01:14:16,590 --> 01:14:13,840

don't teach in this state again we'll

1599

01:14:19,050 --> 01:14:16,600

tell the newspapers that you're not

1600

01:14:20,490 --> 01:14:19,060

coping as a new teacher but you're

1601  
01:14:22,770 --> 01:14:20,500  
taking alcohol in the morning with your

1602  
01:14:26,100 --> 01:14:22,780  
breakfast cereal oh and you ever teach

1603  
01:14:29,160 --> 01:14:26,110  
again unreal unbelievable

1604  
01:14:32,550 --> 01:14:29,170  
were there more were there more threats

1605  
01:14:36,570 --> 01:14:32,560  
like that or similar to that I mean you

1606  
01:14:38,850 --> 01:14:36,580  
said there was the the assembly and at

1607  
01:14:41,900 --> 01:14:38,860  
that point they were told not to talk

1608  
01:14:44,730 --> 01:14:41,910  
about it but I mean how can you stop

1609  
01:14:46,860 --> 01:14:44,740  
kids from talking about it you know to

1610  
01:14:50,490 --> 01:14:46,870  
their parents and and things like that I

1611  
01:14:53,010 --> 01:14:50,500  
mean that's just going to happen you

1612  
01:14:54,180 --> 01:14:53,020  
know I mean they can't really stop you

1613  
01:14:59,460 --> 01:14:54,190

know they must have known they couldn't

1614

01:15:01,530 --> 01:14:59,470

stop that I think that's true I think if

1615

01:15:05,040 --> 01:15:01,540

you put yourselves into the shoes of the

1616

01:15:06,720 --> 01:15:05,050

school principal the administrators it

1617

01:15:08,130 --> 01:15:06,730

was a reasonable thing in a way what

1618

01:15:10,350 --> 01:15:08,140

they did because they were trying to

1619

01:15:12,750 --> 01:15:10,360

obviously not just protect the

1620

01:15:14,850 --> 01:15:12,760

reputation of the school but they were

1621

01:15:16,800 --> 01:15:14,860

very much I think trying to protect the

1622

01:15:19,320 --> 01:15:16,810

reputation the well-being of the

1623

01:15:21,060 --> 01:15:19,330

students because they could see I think

1624

01:15:24,420 --> 01:15:21,070

that this could very easily get out of

1625

01:15:26,640 --> 01:15:24,430

hand that there'd be more media that the

1626

01:15:31,440 --> 01:15:26,650

school could get overrun with on lookers

1627

01:15:33,960 --> 01:15:31,450

sightseers and this was the second last

1628

01:15:36,780 --> 01:15:33,970

day of the school term the next day very

1629

01:15:39,720 --> 01:15:36,790

conveniently for the school and for the

1630

01:15:41,940 --> 01:15:39,730

story going underground was the last day

1631

01:15:44,730 --> 01:15:41,950

of school term it was the last day

1632

01:15:47,850 --> 01:15:44,740

before the Easter school holidays and so

1633

01:15:49,470 --> 01:15:47,860

there was a two-week break then and so

1634

01:15:52,650 --> 01:15:49,480

the school really only had to survive

1635

01:15:56,730 --> 01:15:52,660

another 24 hours or so before everybody

1636

01:15:59,400 --> 01:15:56,740

went away for at least two weeks and the

1637

01:16:01,890 --> 01:15:59,410

story did die down and people did move

1638

01:16:03,210 --> 01:16:01,900

on with their lives but there were a

1639

01:16:06,000 --> 01:16:03,220

whole lot of people of course who never

1640

01:16:07,470 --> 01:16:06,010

forgot what they had seen but yes there

1641

01:16:09,240 --> 01:16:07,480

were some other people who were called

1642

01:16:11,790 --> 01:16:09,250

into the Headmaster's office and one of

1643

01:16:14,189 --> 01:16:11,800

those students Jacqueline talks about

1644

01:16:16,979 --> 01:16:14,199

the memory of being grilled by

1645

01:16:18,930 --> 01:16:16,989

to people in dark suits with short

1646

01:16:20,100 --> 01:16:18,940

cropped hair well nearly everybody had

1647

01:16:22,439 --> 01:16:20,110

short cropped hair in those days but

1648

01:16:24,510 --> 01:16:22,449

short cropped hair looking very serious

1649

01:16:28,650 --> 01:16:24,520

as if they were from the government and

1650

01:16:30,000 --> 01:16:28,660

they were grilling her about you they

1651

01:16:32,640 --> 01:16:30,010

were saying do you really want us to

1652

01:16:33,750 --> 01:16:32,650

believe that you saw little green men do

1653

01:16:37,140 --> 01:16:33,760

you really want us to believe that you

1654

01:16:39,270 --> 01:16:37,150

saw aliens and and she was saying no no

1655

01:16:42,090 --> 01:16:39,280

that's not what I'm saying I'm saying I

1656

01:16:44,130 --> 01:16:42,100

saw this object I'm not saying I saw

1657

01:16:46,110 --> 01:16:44,140

this was I saw this object I saw it

1658

01:16:49,290 --> 01:16:46,120

close it had this effect on my school

1659

01:16:51,180 --> 01:16:49,300

friends it was oval-shaped it was it

1660

01:16:54,689 --> 01:16:51,190

made no noise it flew like I've never

1661

01:16:55,410 --> 01:16:54,699

seen any of other object fly and she got

1662

01:16:57,630 --> 01:16:55,420

so upset

1663

01:16:59,640 --> 01:16:57,640

not just us were there questions and the

1664

01:17:02,490 --> 01:16:59,650

pressure they were putting on her as a

1665

01:17:05,550 --> 01:17:02,500

14 year old girl but she was upset with

1666

01:17:09,300 --> 01:17:05,560

her headmaster who was in the office

1667

01:17:12,120 --> 01:17:09,310

with her with them and him not coming to

1668

01:17:14,910 --> 01:17:12,130

her aid I see him not defending her and

1669

01:17:17,280 --> 01:17:14,920

so she she ran out of the office crying

1670

01:17:19,620 --> 01:17:17,290

and she ran home her home was the very

1671

01:17:21,720 --> 01:17:19,630

far away she ran home bawling her eyes

1672

01:17:25,770 --> 01:17:21,730

out because of this experience that

1673

01:17:28,620 --> 01:17:25,780

she'd had with these men well that's

1674

01:17:31,140 --> 01:17:28,630

amazing so you've mentioned that you you

1675

01:17:34,290 --> 01:17:31,150

still basically are you still working

1676

01:17:38,700 --> 01:17:34,300

this case I mean you still like even now

1677

01:17:40,770 --> 01:17:38,710

talking to witnesses so I'm still

1678

01:17:42,180 --> 01:17:40,780

working this case Martin somebody's got

1679

01:17:44,490 --> 01:17:42,190

to do the dirty work and that's me at

1680

01:17:46,530 --> 01:17:44,500

the moment has been for the last 14

1681

01:17:48,419 --> 01:17:46,540

years and some other researchers have

1682

01:17:50,430 --> 01:17:48,429

looked at the case of course long before

1683

01:17:52,890 --> 01:17:50,440

I came along and there are other people

1684

01:17:55,229 --> 01:17:52,900

still interested in it obviously but I'm

1685

01:17:58,050 --> 01:17:55,239

very actively working the case we've had

1686

01:18:01,620 --> 01:17:58,060

some very interesting leads relatively

1687

01:18:03,390 --> 01:18:01,630

recently for example and the leads are

1688

01:18:06,780 --> 01:18:03,400

both promising and incredibly

1689

01:18:10,680 --> 01:18:06,790

excruciating ly frustrating as is often

1690

01:18:13,470 --> 01:18:10,690

the case with UFO story leads a

1691

01:18:18,689 --> 01:18:13,480

gentleman has come forward the grandson

1692

01:18:21,750 --> 01:18:18,699

of a man who he says was at Westall that

1693

01:18:23,189 --> 01:18:21,760

day working for a federal government

1694

01:18:27,630 --> 01:18:23,199

department called the department of

1695

01:18:28,150 --> 01:18:27,640

supply and this man also had the job to

1696

01:18:30,930 --> 01:18:28,160

be the

1697

01:18:33,960 --> 01:18:30,940

personal protection officer and driver

1698

01:18:35,980 --> 01:18:33,970

for the then Prime Minister of Australia

1699

01:18:38,110 --> 01:18:35,990

and whenever the Prime Minister of

1700

01:18:40,540 --> 01:18:38,120

Australia was in Melbourne so not here

1701

01:18:43,660 --> 01:18:40,550

in Canberra but in Melbourne he would be

1702

01:18:45,550 --> 01:18:43,670

the driver and security man for this

1703

01:18:50,380 --> 01:18:45,560

Prime Minister his name was Harold Holt

1704

01:18:53,770 --> 01:18:50,390

and this man has come forward saying

1705

01:18:58,510 --> 01:18:53,780

that his grandfather told him out of the

1706

01:19:01,570 --> 01:18:58,520

blue one day about the Westall UFO case

1707

01:19:04,510 --> 01:19:01,580

and how he was there and how it was

1708

01:19:06,400 --> 01:19:04,520

about time the truth came out about it

1709

01:19:08,860 --> 01:19:06,410

for the sake of everybody for all of the

1710

01:19:12,100 --> 01:19:08,870

witnesses that the truth be known about

1711

01:19:14,380 --> 01:19:12,110

what happened at Westar and this man

1712

01:19:17,260 --> 01:19:14,390

talked to his mother and two aunts the

1713

01:19:21,340 --> 01:19:17,270

daughters of this grandfather and they

1714

01:19:23,050 --> 01:19:21,350

refused to talk to him about what

1715

01:19:25,150 --> 01:19:23,060

happened about what they heard from

1716

01:19:27,250 --> 01:19:25,160

their father what he saw that day and

1717

01:19:29,620 --> 01:19:27,260

Westall what his involvement was all

1718

01:19:32,410 --> 01:19:29,630

they had been prepared to say to him is

1719

01:19:36,430 --> 01:19:32,420

that he was never the same again his

1720

01:19:38,200 --> 01:19:36,440

demeanor changed after Westall and so

1721

01:19:41,160 --> 01:19:38,210

unfortunately the the man the

1722

01:19:44,740 --> 01:19:41,170

grandfather has long since passed away

1723

01:19:47,200 --> 01:19:44,750

but the man was given some Diaries by

1724

01:19:49,240 --> 01:19:47,210

his grandfather and in his Diaries he

1725

01:19:52,350 --> 01:19:49,250

remembers reading an account of going

1726

01:19:56,050 --> 01:19:52,360

out to Westall who was there what he saw

1727

01:19:58,360 --> 01:19:56,060

and unfortunately of course in true UFO

1728

01:20:02,800 --> 01:19:58,370

story style those diaries have now gone

1729

01:20:06,040 --> 01:20:02,810

missing and I can't yet haven't yet been

1730

01:20:07,810 --> 01:20:06,050

found but hopefully this man going

1731

01:20:11,200 --> 01:20:07,820

through his grandfather's papers and

1732

01:20:13,060 --> 01:20:11,210

other information and hoping hopefully

1733

01:20:15,100 --> 01:20:13,070

talking again with his mother and his

1734

01:20:17,200 --> 01:20:15,110

arts will be able to give us some more

1735

01:20:22,150 --> 01:20:17,210

information about what his grandfather's

1736

01:20:24,550 --> 01:20:22,160

involvement was another witness in a way

1737

01:20:28,270 --> 01:20:24,560

has come forward recently posting on

1738

01:20:30,550 --> 01:20:28,280

Facebook saying that he knows the pilots

1739

01:20:32,230 --> 01:20:30,560

that were in the aeroplanes that day but

1740

01:20:34,840 --> 01:20:32,240

they came from Moorabbin Airport the

1741

01:20:38,800 --> 01:20:34,850

nearby airport and he knows one of the

1742

01:20:42,040 --> 01:20:38,810

pilots in particular who gave chase to

1743

01:20:44,830 --> 01:20:42,050

the flying saucer and tried to follow it

1744

01:20:47,140 --> 01:20:44,840

but couldn't because it flew so fast it

1745

01:20:49,720 --> 01:20:47,150

just left him behind but he tried to

1746

01:20:53,050 --> 01:20:49,730

follow and that this pilot is still

1747

01:20:55,900 --> 01:20:53,060

alive of course he's elderly he's living

1748

01:20:57,910 --> 01:20:55,910

in a nursing home he's unwell he lives

1749

01:21:02,350 --> 01:20:57,920

in Far North Queensland a long way from

1750

01:21:07,360 --> 01:21:02,360

where I am but this man so far even

1751

01:21:09,130 --> 01:21:07,370

after many efforts I've made isn't

1752

01:21:13,060 --> 01:21:09,140

prepared to divulge the name or the

1753

01:21:16,780 --> 01:21:13,070

location of this pilot well that would

1754

01:21:19,840 --> 01:21:16,790

be really amazing and has as you've as

1755

01:21:22,750 --> 01:21:19,850

you have gone along have you well by the

1756

01:21:24,790 --> 01:21:22,760

way I'm putting the the lines open here

1757

01:21:27,250 --> 01:21:24,800

now if anyone wants to call in because I

1758

01:21:28,960 --> 01:21:27,260

do want to you know change topics coming

1759

01:21:30,940 --> 01:21:28,970

up but I do want to give the listening

1760

01:21:34,180 --> 01:21:30,950

audience an opportunity to talk about

1761

01:21:37,780 --> 01:21:34,190

this case so that number is eight five

1762

01:21:40,540 --> 01:21:37,790

five four seven two five four eight

1763

01:21:43,090 --> 01:21:40,550

three and that's up on the screen in

1764

01:21:45,160 --> 01:21:43,100

YouTube and I forgot where I was going

1765

01:21:48,250 --> 01:21:45,170

and I started out one question and

1766

01:21:49,330 --> 01:21:48,260

shifted gears into the phone call well

1767

01:21:51,880 --> 01:21:49,340

that's a come up if I could just

1768

01:21:54,700 --> 01:21:51,890

mentioned very quickly if anybody wants

1769

01:21:58,240 --> 01:21:54,710

a a lovely Pressey mmm-hmm a summary of

1770

01:21:59,770 --> 01:21:58,250

the West or story several years ago the

1771

01:22:03,580 --> 01:21:59,780

wonderful British researcher Philip

1772

01:22:06,490 --> 01:22:03,590

mantel was the editor of a rather

1773

01:22:09,100 --> 01:22:06,500

short-lived series of UFO magazines

1774

01:22:10,720 --> 01:22:09,110

called UFO matrix and it became a

1775

01:22:13,240 --> 01:22:10,730

terrible headache controller for Philip

1776

01:22:14,560 --> 01:22:13,250

unfortunately but the several issues of

1777

01:22:16,600 --> 01:22:14,570

the magazine that came out were very

1778

01:22:19,020 --> 01:22:16,610

very good had wonderful production

1779

01:22:23,590 --> 01:22:19,030

values and in one of them this one here

1780

01:22:27,160 --> 01:22:23,600

UFO matrix is the first part of a

1781

01:22:29,890 --> 01:22:27,170

article about the UFO or the West or UFO

1782

01:22:31,600 --> 01:22:29,900

incident and it continued in the in the

1783

01:22:33,220 --> 01:22:31,610

next edition and you can see there's

1784

01:22:36,370 --> 01:22:33,230

some wonderful artwork here not

1785

01:22:39,340 --> 01:22:36,380

necessarily to be related to the Westall

1786

01:22:41,080 --> 01:22:39,350

incident specifically but if you can get

1787

01:22:43,630 --> 01:22:41,090

your hot your hands on those magazines

1788

01:22:45,160 --> 01:22:43,640

UFO matrix they came out of the United

1789

01:22:47,380 --> 01:22:45,170

Kingdom but they were very widely

1790

01:22:50,200 --> 01:22:47,390

available several years ago that's a

1791

01:22:52,330 --> 01:22:50,210

good place to go to also the City of

1792

01:22:55,390 --> 01:22:52,340

Kingston which is the local government

1793

01:22:57,820 --> 01:22:55,400

area that incorporates Westall the

1794

01:23:01,689 --> 01:22:57,830

in City Council on its historical

1795

01:23:04,780 --> 01:23:01,699

website pages it also has an article

1796

01:23:07,090 --> 01:23:04,790

penned by me about the West Hall story

1797

01:23:10,380 --> 01:23:07,100

and so that's also a very good summation

1798

01:23:13,840 --> 01:23:10,390

of what happened way back then

1799

01:23:16,510 --> 01:23:13,850

interesting you know this is probably a

1800

01:23:18,100 --> 01:23:16,520

little bit of an odd question but it

1801  
01:23:22,570 --> 01:23:18,110  
seems to me when there's an encounter

1802  
01:23:25,479 --> 01:23:22,580  
like this some of the people that go

1803  
01:23:27,160 --> 01:23:25,489  
through an encounter change I think you

1804  
01:23:30,910 --> 01:23:27,170  
mentioned that about the police officer

1805  
01:23:32,950 --> 01:23:30,920  
but there's like there's maybe at some

1806  
01:23:34,780 --> 01:23:32,960  
type of change that they've noticed has

1807  
01:23:38,110 --> 01:23:34,790  
anyone talked about anything like that

1808  
01:23:40,120 --> 01:23:38,120  
or any type of message they thought they

1809  
01:23:43,000 --> 01:23:40,130  
were getting that's another thing you

1810  
01:23:44,919 --> 01:23:43,010  
often hear about and I know it's a no

1811  
01:23:47,229 --> 01:23:44,929  
one saw any type of being or anything

1812  
01:23:52,140 --> 01:23:47,239  
but I'm just wondering if any any any

1813  
01:23:54,580 --> 01:23:52,150

claims along those lines were ever made

1814

01:23:56,470 --> 01:23:54,590

you had to mention the Bay War didn't

1815

01:23:58,419 --> 01:23:56,480

show you had to talk about being I was

1816

01:24:01,000 --> 01:23:58,429

really trying to try a stay away from

1817

01:24:02,560 --> 01:24:01,010

that Martin I'm happy to stay with human

1818

01:24:05,020 --> 01:24:02,570

beings but that's a bit of a challenge a

1819

01:24:07,270 --> 01:24:05,030

lot of the time well there are I'll be

1820

01:24:09,700 --> 01:24:07,280

honest with you and there's not much in

1821

01:24:13,000 --> 01:24:09,710

a relation to witness accounts talking

1822

01:24:16,720 --> 01:24:13,010

about beings but there are some there

1823

01:24:20,200 --> 01:24:16,730

are and there are a couple of witnesses

1824

01:24:22,510 --> 01:24:20,210

who have talked about seeing beings

1825

01:24:26,709 --> 01:24:22,520

associated with the Flying Saucer of Pat

1826

01:24:29,649 --> 01:24:26,719

Westall only a couple and they talk

1827

01:24:33,040 --> 01:24:29,659

about the beings has been very

1828

01:24:36,100 --> 01:24:33,050

human-like coming out of the craft were

1829

01:24:38,229 --> 01:24:36,110

in close fitting uniforms a little bit

1830

01:24:41,620 --> 01:24:38,239

like astronaut uniforms but not

1831

01:24:45,130 --> 01:24:41,630

astronaut uniforms and then seeing the

1832

01:24:48,010 --> 01:24:45,140

beam the person going back into the

1833

01:24:49,450 --> 01:24:48,020

craft so it's not a prominent part of

1834

01:24:52,120 --> 01:24:49,460

the story but I'll admit to you that

1835

01:24:54,820 --> 01:24:52,130

it's there and of course my job as the

1836

01:24:57,310 --> 01:24:54,830

researcher is to receive the stories

1837

01:25:01,990 --> 01:24:57,320

accept them try to put them into a

1838

01:25:04,360 --> 01:25:02,000

context and to keep an open mind but in

1839

01:25:06,370 --> 01:25:04,370

terms of people being affected you know

1840

01:25:07,990 --> 01:25:06,380

what with all this terrible stuff

1841

01:25:08,920 --> 01:25:08,000

happening at the moment in relation to

1842

01:25:10,990 --> 01:25:08,930

climate change

1843

01:25:12,820 --> 01:25:11,000

and here in Australia we're currently

1844

01:25:15,850 --> 01:25:12,830

experiencing what many people believe is

1845

01:25:19,480 --> 01:25:15,860

the worst drought since the European

1846

01:25:22,210 --> 01:25:19,490

settlement of Australia in 1788 terrible

1847

01:25:25,930 --> 01:25:22,220

drought that a drought well it's the

1848

01:25:28,540 --> 01:25:25,940

worst drought in human memory and human

1849

01:25:33,310 --> 01:25:28,550

records since European settlement at

1850

01:25:34,960 --> 01:25:33,320

least lack of rainfall high temperatures

1851

01:25:36,880 --> 01:25:34,970

the terrible bush fires that are

1852

01:25:38,910 --> 01:25:36,890

happening and it makes me think about

1853

01:25:42,460 --> 01:25:38,920

that other wonderful school-based

1854

01:25:46,900 --> 01:25:42,470

incident which happened in 1994 the over

1855

01:25:50,320 --> 01:25:46,910

in Zimbabwe and in roar and the message

1856

01:25:53,980 --> 01:25:50,330

that those kids got from the beings from

1857

01:25:55,540 --> 01:25:53,990

the people that they saw and and and

1858

01:25:59,740 --> 01:25:55,550

receive some sort of communication of

1859

01:26:02,650 --> 01:25:59,750

home that really hasn't happened in the

1860

01:26:04,480 --> 01:26:02,660

West or story but I think some witnesses

1861

01:26:06,580 --> 01:26:04,490

have talked to me about how what

1862

01:26:10,930 --> 01:26:06,590

happened that we're still opening their

1863

01:26:13,990 --> 01:26:10,940

minds to perhaps a larger reality or a

1864

01:26:16,890 --> 01:26:14,000

different reality a change in

1865

01:26:19,260 --> 01:26:16,900

perspective a greater openness and

1866

01:26:25,060 --> 01:26:19,270

certainly perhaps a little bit of

1867

01:26:28,660 --> 01:26:25,070

suspicion around how governments work

1868

01:26:31,570 --> 01:26:28,670

how bureaucracies work how secrets can

1869

01:26:33,520 --> 01:26:31,580

actually be kept from people and and

1870

01:26:35,890 --> 01:26:33,530

being a little bit more sensitive to

1871

01:26:38,020 --> 01:26:35,900

that how about that that's really

1872

01:26:40,420 --> 01:26:38,030

interesting again I just want to say the

1873

01:26:42,210 --> 01:26:40,430

lines are open eight five five four

1874

01:26:45,130 --> 01:26:42,220

seven two five four eight three

1875

01:26:46,930 --> 01:26:45,140

sometimes we get several calls sometimes

1876

01:26:53,410 --> 01:26:46,940

no one calls in so we never know what's

1877

01:26:55,870 --> 01:26:53,420

gonna happen now about James Fox he was

1878

01:26:58,660 --> 01:26:55,880

there as this there's a segment in

1879

01:27:00,400 --> 01:26:58,670

phenomenon his film coming out we have a

1880

01:27:03,520 --> 01:27:00,410

phone call coming in now I'll take that

1881

01:27:05,770 --> 01:27:03,530

in a minute but you got to meet with

1882

01:27:08,380 --> 01:27:05,780

James he's a great guy isn't he he is

1883

01:27:11,530 --> 01:27:08,390

he's a wonderful fellow full of energy

1884

01:27:13,810 --> 01:27:11,540

full of excitement former patient and I

1885

01:27:16,090 --> 01:27:13,820

met his lovely wife Rebecca and this

1886

01:27:18,670 --> 01:27:16,100

beautiful son Holly as well so he came

1887

01:27:21,109 --> 01:27:18,680

out two years ago and we spent the best

1888

01:27:24,589 --> 01:27:21,119

part of a week together in Melbourne

1889

01:27:26,479 --> 01:27:24,599

and we filmed at Westall both at the

1890

01:27:27,919 --> 01:27:26,489

primary school which we haven't talked a

1891

01:27:30,739 --> 01:27:27,929

lot about there were a lot of witnesses

1892

01:27:33,949 --> 01:27:30,749

at the primary school and James and I

1893

01:27:36,500 --> 01:27:33,959

actually addressed in a gathering of the

1894

01:27:38,509 --> 01:27:36,510

kids at the primary school and met one

1895

01:27:41,139 --> 01:27:38,519

of the primary school witnesses who's

1896

01:27:43,729 --> 01:27:41,149

now on staff at the primary school and

1897

01:27:46,339 --> 01:27:43,739

we filmed at the high school as well

1898

01:27:50,119 --> 01:27:46,349

down at the Grange we had quite a few of

1899

01:27:51,500 --> 01:27:50,129

the West or witnesses there and we

1900

01:27:54,049 --> 01:27:51,510

actually did some filming with some

1901

01:27:57,919 --> 01:27:54,059

other people associated with the West or

1902

01:28:01,489 --> 01:27:57,929

story and people who had not really ever

1903

01:28:04,040 --> 01:28:01,499

been filmed before I had not really

1904

01:28:05,989 --> 01:28:04,050

spoken in public before and I'm

1905

01:28:08,389 --> 01:28:05,999

remaining hopeful I don't know of course

1906

01:28:10,939 --> 01:28:08,399

this is up to James and his team but I'm

1907

01:28:14,029 --> 01:28:10,949

remaining hopeful but at least part of

1908

01:28:17,330 --> 01:28:14,039

that will be indeed featured in his

1909

01:28:19,639 --> 01:28:17,340

upcoming film the phenomenon yeah I

1910

01:28:23,839 --> 01:28:19,649

can't wait for that to come out okay so

1911

01:28:25,330 --> 01:28:23,849

we have a call we have Dale Dale is

1912

01:28:29,989 --> 01:28:25,340

calling from Arizona

1913

01:28:34,089 --> 01:28:29,999

welcome to the show Dale hey it's great

1914

01:28:36,889 --> 01:28:34,099

to be here thank you I love being apart

1915

01:28:41,629 --> 01:28:36,899

all right great you have a question for

1916

01:28:44,330 --> 01:28:41,639

our guest tonight um actually I was just

1917

01:28:47,020 --> 01:28:44,340

calling in and and talking to race just

1918

01:28:51,469 --> 01:28:47,030

kind of rekindle a friendship I I

1919

01:28:53,689 --> 01:28:51,479

apologize it's kind of a probably a

1920

01:28:56,330 --> 01:28:53,699

glitch on the system but what's what's

1921

01:29:02,989 --> 01:28:56,340

the discussion that probably has a great

1922

01:29:07,250 --> 01:29:02,999

insight okay and I'm sorry did you have

1923

01:29:08,929 --> 01:29:07,260

a question for our guest I'm sorry I

1924

01:29:11,149 --> 01:29:08,939

don't because I haven't been paying

1925

01:29:15,339 --> 01:29:11,159

attention okay

1926

01:29:17,959 --> 01:29:15,349

I was I was just calling in for race I

1927

01:29:19,879 --> 01:29:17,969

okay all right well well thanks for the

1928

01:29:22,580 --> 01:29:19,889

call you can call calling them back in

1929

01:29:25,129 --> 01:29:22,590

another time all right all right so we

1930

01:29:27,639 --> 01:29:25,139

have another caller coming coming aboard

1931

01:29:29,359 --> 01:29:27,649

here in a minute they're just the

1932

01:29:33,529 --> 01:29:29,369

hopefully he's going to be screening

1933

01:29:34,940 --> 01:29:33,539

that a little better and sorry about

1934

01:29:37,970 --> 01:29:34,950

that everyone

1935

01:29:40,390 --> 01:29:37,980

and so Mike will be on the line here in

1936

01:29:43,670 --> 01:29:40,400

just a second he's calling from

1937

01:29:46,190 --> 01:29:43,680

Cincinnati I think that's where he's

1938

01:29:46,630 --> 01:29:46,200

gone from Mike welcome to the show yes

1939

01:29:50,210 --> 01:29:46,640

sir

1940

01:29:53,660 --> 01:29:50,220

well I'm Martin hi Tom I wanted to ask

1941

01:29:56,330 --> 01:29:53,670

him if he's talked to I believe he said

1942

01:29:59,750 --> 01:29:56,340

a hundred and seventeen witnesses how

1943

01:30:03,670 --> 01:29:59,760

many folks in all is estimated witnessed

1944

01:30:06,110 --> 01:30:03,680

this that day it's one of my questions

1945

01:30:09,350 --> 01:30:06,120

sure thank you that was a very good

1946

01:30:10,910 --> 01:30:09,360

question so I guess I have been in

1947

01:30:13,460 --> 01:30:10,920

contact with a hundred and seventeen

1948

01:30:17,020 --> 01:30:13,470

people who were witnesses to the Flying

1949

01:30:20,930 --> 01:30:17,030

Saucer of flying saucers 165 who saw the

1950

01:30:23,480 --> 01:30:20,940

circles the ground marks left behind and

1951

01:30:26,900 --> 01:30:23,490

object is a subset of about 70 people

1952

01:30:30,290 --> 01:30:26,910

who saw both the flying saucer and the

1953

01:30:31,940 --> 01:30:30,300

circles in terms of the total number and

1954

01:30:34,610 --> 01:30:31,950

Roy Greenwood the science teacher at

1955

01:30:36,500 --> 01:30:34,620

Westall high school at the time he's on

1956

01:30:38,750 --> 01:30:36,510

the record as saying about

1957

01:30:42,320 --> 01:30:38,760

three-quarters of the school population

1958

01:30:44,780 --> 01:30:42,330

was out on the sports ground witnessing

1959

01:30:48,530 --> 01:30:44,790

the event as it unfolded and there are

1960

01:30:52,970 --> 01:30:48,540

about 585 kids at the school at the time

1961

01:30:56,300 --> 01:30:52,980

and about 25 staff so something like 600

1962

01:30:59,150 --> 01:30:56,310

people in total and three-quarters of

1963

01:31:02,300 --> 01:30:59,160

that around about where witnesses at the

1964

01:31:05,120 --> 01:31:02,310

high school and so I've always said well

1965

01:31:06,800 --> 01:31:05,130

you you can quite safely say was

1966

01:31:09,680 --> 01:31:06,810

something it was certainly in the

1967

01:31:12,950 --> 01:31:09,690

hundreds it was two three four hundred

1968

01:31:14,480 --> 01:31:12,960

people one can't be of course absolute

1969

01:31:16,820 --> 01:31:14,490

about this but it was that sort of

1970

01:31:19,490 --> 01:31:16,830

number and so pretty significant and

1971

01:31:21,470 --> 01:31:19,500

remembering broad daylight in the

1972

01:31:25,970 --> 01:31:21,480

suburbs of Australia's second largest

1973

01:31:29,140 --> 01:31:25,980

city so significant very significant

1974

01:31:32,090 --> 01:31:29,150

another thing when you held up the

1975

01:31:34,130 --> 01:31:32,100

newspaper that did publish the story and

1976

01:31:36,830 --> 01:31:34,140

you turned it around to the backside I

1977

01:31:39,470 --> 01:31:36,840

believe is another story you were trying

1978

01:31:44,240 --> 01:31:39,480

to point out I saw the headline said who

1979

01:31:48,090 --> 01:31:44,250

were the five pilot was that related so

1980

01:31:51,300 --> 01:31:48,100

that's this one here so this is the

1981

01:31:54,180 --> 01:31:51,310

a second article that appeared in this

1982

01:31:56,670 --> 01:31:54,190

newspaper is related yes so who were

1983

01:31:59,460 --> 01:31:56,680

five pilots that's the newspaper asking

1984

01:32:02,130 --> 01:31:59,470

the story who were the five pilots that

1985

01:32:05,040 --> 01:32:02,140

were seen who were piloting the planes

1986

01:32:07,680 --> 01:32:05,050

that were seen sailing on lying saucer

1987

01:32:08,820 --> 01:32:07,690

at the time so five claims five pilots

1988

01:32:10,560 --> 01:32:08,830

who were they

1989

01:32:12,990 --> 01:32:10,570

efforts were made at the time to work

1990

01:32:16,680 --> 01:32:13,000

out where the planes had come from who

1991

01:32:18,720 --> 01:32:16,690

the pilots were that all drew blanks

1992

01:32:19,980 --> 01:32:18,730

no one could work out who they were one

1993

01:32:23,490 --> 01:32:19,990

of the teachers at the high school at

1994

01:32:26,040 --> 01:32:23,500

the time made a phone call within 30

1995

01:32:29,490 --> 01:32:26,050

minutes of the incident happening to the

1996

01:32:31,410 --> 01:32:29,500

airport the local airport and and they

1997

01:32:36,230 --> 01:32:31,420

were given short shrift given no

1998

01:32:40,230 --> 01:32:36,240

information at all one final question

1999

01:32:44,760 --> 01:32:40,240

the the two girls that were affected by

2000

01:32:47,460 --> 01:32:44,770

being close to the UFO was that for an

2001  
01:32:49,800 --> 01:32:47,470  
effect of the thing taken off do you

2002  
01:32:51,810 --> 01:32:49,810  
know what were they knocked back or

2003  
01:32:55,800 --> 01:32:51,820  
fainted because it was leaving at that

2004  
01:33:01,260 --> 01:32:55,810  
point so that's something that's not

2005  
01:33:04,440 --> 01:33:01,270  
known I don't know obviously the timing

2006  
01:33:06,540 --> 01:33:04,450  
is a little bit hard to ascertain when

2007  
01:33:08,810 --> 01:33:06,550  
one of the witnesses arrived on the

2008  
01:33:12,600 --> 01:33:08,820  
scene the object was apparently

2009  
01:33:14,790 --> 01:33:12,610  
stationary just above the ground and one

2010  
01:33:17,430 --> 01:33:14,800  
of the girls were still on the ground

2011  
01:33:20,550 --> 01:33:17,440  
one was recovering and then a few

2012  
01:33:24,000 --> 01:33:20,560  
seconds after that it seems the object

2013  
01:33:27,090 --> 01:33:24,010

began to ascend and then tilted into the

2014

01:33:29,460 --> 01:33:27,100

vertical plane and took off so it sounds

2015

01:33:31,470 --> 01:33:29,470

like it happened before it was lifting

2016

01:33:33,750 --> 01:33:31,480

off but I'll be honest with you it's

2017

01:33:37,620 --> 01:33:33,760

hard of course to be again completely

2018

01:33:40,290 --> 01:33:37,630

absolute about that well thank you very

2019

01:33:43,740 --> 01:33:40,300

much for taking my call pleasure thank

2020

01:33:46,830 --> 01:33:43,750

you oh you're very welcome all right

2021

01:33:51,060 --> 01:33:46,840

Mike so we have another call coming in

2022

01:33:52,200 --> 01:33:51,070

and I think we're all set to take Andy

2023

01:33:56,580 --> 01:33:52,210

from Connecticut

2024

01:33:59,280 --> 01:33:56,590

welcome back Andy hi thanks for taking

2025

01:34:01,709 --> 01:33:59,290

my call guys great show as always I just

2026

01:34:04,620 --> 01:34:01,719

wanted to ask real quick

2027

01:34:06,540 --> 01:34:04,630

if your guest was able to get a sense

2028

01:34:08,670 --> 01:34:06,550

from all of the people he's interviewed

2029

01:34:12,810 --> 01:34:08,680

how many feel as though they were

2030

01:34:16,890 --> 01:34:12,820

definitely intimidated by the military

2031

01:34:19,680 --> 01:34:16,900

or police at the school and if they feel

2032

01:34:22,770 --> 01:34:19,690

that any US military people were

2033

01:34:29,280 --> 01:34:22,780

involved how clear is their memory of

2034

01:34:32,220 --> 01:34:29,290

that event all right Andy thank you very

2035

01:34:33,450 --> 01:34:32,230

much thank you guys Mike let's make it

2036

01:34:35,250 --> 01:34:33,460

more international let's get the

2037

01:34:37,260 --> 01:34:35,260

Americans involved because that's always

2038

01:34:42,750 --> 01:34:37,270

trouble isn't it but um I'm sorry only

2039

01:34:45,270 --> 01:34:42,760

tricky in terms of intimidation the

2040

01:34:49,350 --> 01:34:45,280

majority of the sense of intimidation or

2041

01:34:52,020 --> 01:34:49,360

threat really I guess was mediated

2042

01:34:56,040 --> 01:34:52,030

through the the school Authority so it

2043

01:34:57,890 --> 01:34:56,050

came via the headmaster or the deputy

2044

01:35:00,810 --> 01:34:57,900

headmaster or one or two of the

2045

01:35:04,260 --> 01:35:00,820

executive teachers so it was really

2046

01:35:06,390 --> 01:35:04,270

coming through the school and you can

2047

01:35:07,560 --> 01:35:06,400

understand why that may have been as I

2048

01:35:09,600 --> 01:35:07,570

mentioned before they were trying to

2049

01:35:11,490 --> 01:35:09,610

keep a lid on things trying to protect

2050

01:35:15,780 --> 01:35:11,500

the safety the welfare of the students

2051

01:35:17,520 --> 01:35:15,790

as well as the staff in the school but

2052

01:35:20,670 --> 01:35:17,530

there are witnesses a lot of witnesses

2053

01:35:22,800 --> 01:35:20,680

who talked about at the Assembly it

2054

01:35:25,260 --> 01:35:22,810

being an extra presence it wasn't just

2055

01:35:27,420 --> 01:35:25,270

the headmaster and the staff there were

2056

01:35:29,490 --> 01:35:27,430

people there in uniform there were

2057

01:35:31,110 --> 01:35:29,500

people there in suits people remember

2058

01:35:33,090 --> 01:35:31,120

differently some people remember both

2059

01:35:35,310 --> 01:35:33,100

and these were people who had never been

2060

01:35:37,380 --> 01:35:35,320

at the school before some people talked

2061

01:35:40,550 --> 01:35:37,390

about there being military people

2062

01:35:43,320 --> 01:35:40,560

walking the corridors of the school and

2063

01:35:46,890 --> 01:35:43,330

the message was given at that assembly

2064

01:35:49,620 --> 01:35:46,900

on either directly from these government

2065

01:35:52,229 --> 01:35:49,630

people or through the headmaster that

2066

01:35:54,810 --> 01:35:52,239

they will keep the table to keep quiet

2067

01:35:57,000 --> 01:35:54,820

about this that it was nothing to do

2068

01:35:59,280 --> 01:35:57,010

with flying saucers but it was perhaps

2069

01:36:00,720 --> 01:35:59,290

some secret government program and it

2070

01:36:04,140 --> 01:36:00,730

wasn't to be discussed it was something

2071

01:36:06,660 --> 01:36:04,150

experimental and they were to keep quiet

2072

01:36:09,570 --> 01:36:06,670

so a lot of witnesses talked about that

2073

01:36:11,310 --> 01:36:09,580

again another aspect of the story is

2074

01:36:14,939 --> 01:36:11,320

what happened when the kids went home

2075

01:36:16,859 --> 01:36:14,949

and it was a varied experience for some

2076

01:36:19,319 --> 01:36:16,869

the students when they went home they

2077

01:36:22,350 --> 01:36:19,329

were received the story was received

2078

01:36:24,120 --> 01:36:22,360

with open hands their parents wanted to

2079

01:36:25,890 --> 01:36:24,130

know they wanted to hear all about him

2080

01:36:28,979 --> 01:36:25,900

for other kids that was a different

2081

01:36:32,279 --> 01:36:28,989

experience their parents wanted nothing

2082

01:36:34,949 --> 01:36:32,289

to do with this story or they were

2083

01:36:35,850 --> 01:36:34,959

simply uninterested I didn't want to

2084

01:36:38,609 --> 01:36:35,860

hear about it at all

2085

01:36:39,449 --> 01:36:38,619

and discussion within the family around

2086

01:36:43,319 --> 01:36:39,459

the dinner table

2087

01:36:45,000 --> 01:36:43,329

what I just didn't happen and that seems

2088

01:36:48,810 --> 01:36:45,010

to have any experience for most of the

2089

01:36:52,770 --> 01:36:48,820

witnesses that at the time or afterwards

2090

01:36:55,709 --> 01:36:52,780

their story was met with ridicule or

2091

01:36:57,359 --> 01:36:55,719

disinterest and in a way you can

2092

01:36:59,520 --> 01:36:57,369

understand it because I think we all

2093

01:37:02,040 --> 01:36:59,530

have the experience any of us who have

2094

01:37:03,959 --> 01:37:02,050

children our kids often come home or

2095

01:37:05,370 --> 01:37:03,969

they come into the room and they're

2096

01:37:07,379 --> 01:37:05,380

talking about something they've seen or

2097

01:37:10,020 --> 01:37:07,389

something that's happened and almost our

2098

01:37:12,750 --> 01:37:10,030

initial reaction I think as an adult is

2099

01:37:14,699 --> 01:37:12,760

to be skeptical to be disbelieving

2100

01:37:17,040 --> 01:37:14,709

because they're kids it's sort of a

2101

01:37:19,410 --> 01:37:17,050

natural reaction so in a way it's

2102

01:37:21,060 --> 01:37:19,420

understandable but in relation to an

2103

01:37:26,330 --> 01:37:21,070

incident like this a story like this

2104

01:37:29,759 --> 01:37:26,340

it's very very unfortunate right right I

2105

01:37:32,969 --> 01:37:29,769

want to move on to other Australian

2106

01:37:34,469 --> 01:37:32,979

cases so but I will say that will still

2107

01:37:36,750 --> 01:37:34,479

take calls if someone wants to talk

2108

01:37:39,810 --> 01:37:36,760

about this case and that number again is

2109

01:37:43,830 --> 01:37:39,820

eight five five four seven two five four

2110

01:37:47,759 --> 01:37:43,840

eight three and so what are well would

2111

01:37:50,540 --> 01:37:47,769

you consider this the top UFO incident

2112

01:37:55,140 --> 01:37:50,550

in Australia or does something else

2113

01:37:56,819 --> 01:37:55,150

Trump that it's hard to gripe these

2114

01:37:59,399 --> 01:37:56,829

things of course but mmm in terms of

2115

01:38:02,239 --> 01:37:59,409

being a mass witness sighting it's

2116

01:38:05,540 --> 01:38:02,249

certainly the biggest mass witness

2117

01:38:09,449 --> 01:38:05,550

daylight sighting of at least one

2118

01:38:11,009 --> 01:38:09,459

probably more UFOs and so it's it's

2119

01:38:13,919 --> 01:38:11,019

right up there Martin and I think in

2120

01:38:15,989 --> 01:38:13,929

terms of on the International at the

2121

01:38:18,089 --> 01:38:15,999

international level it's right up there

2122

01:38:20,009 --> 01:38:18,099

in terms of a mass witness daylight

2123

01:38:22,199 --> 01:38:20,019

sighting and also taking into account

2124

01:38:26,819 --> 01:38:22,209

the response to it by the government

2125

01:38:28,530 --> 01:38:26,829

authorities and when this story became

2126  
01:38:31,560 --> 01:38:28,540  
better known through Rosie Joan

2127  
01:38:35,010 --> 01:38:31,570  
documentary Westall 66 and the other

2128  
01:38:37,830 --> 01:38:35,020  
media that's covered the story over the

2129  
01:38:41,160 --> 01:38:37,840  
years every time there's something on TV

2130  
01:38:44,580 --> 01:38:41,170  
or in a newspaper in a magazine I get

2131  
01:38:47,430 --> 01:38:44,590  
contacted by new witnesses to this

2132  
01:38:51,000 --> 01:38:47,440  
incident quite often and sometimes

2133  
01:38:52,710 --> 01:38:51,010  
witnesses to similar incidents and so

2134  
01:38:56,010 --> 01:38:52,720  
over the years I've gathered this small

2135  
01:38:58,740 --> 01:38:56,020  
collection of other school-based

2136  
01:39:02,370 --> 01:38:58,750  
sightings that have happened in

2137  
01:39:05,790 --> 01:39:02,380  
Australia and one of them happened only

2138  
01:39:09,270 --> 01:39:05,800

about 20 kilometres away two years later

2139

01:39:12,030 --> 01:39:09,280

in another Melbourne school another high

2140

01:39:13,350 --> 01:39:12,040

school and there was a small article

2141

01:39:15,690 --> 01:39:13,360

about it

2142

01:39:18,150 --> 01:39:15,700

I knew her list from the aged newspaper

2143

01:39:20,250 --> 01:39:18,160

went to the school to talk to the kids

2144

01:39:22,590 --> 01:39:20,260

about becoming a journalist about

2145

01:39:25,020 --> 01:39:22,600

journalism he got to the school gate and

2146

01:39:27,270 --> 01:39:25,030

all the kids wanted to talk about was

2147

01:39:29,310 --> 01:39:27,280

the UFO that they'd just seen hovering

2148

01:39:31,380 --> 01:39:29,320

about the school flying over the school

2149

01:39:33,570 --> 01:39:31,390

and so that's what he ended up writing

2150

01:39:35,370 --> 01:39:33,580

about the next day in the newspaper and

2151

01:39:37,050 --> 01:39:35,380

then that story was gone

2152

01:39:39,900 --> 01:39:37,060

was lost nobody else ever talked about

2153

01:39:41,460 --> 01:39:39,910

it was never reported again I stumbled

2154

01:39:44,760 --> 01:39:41,470

across it going through the newspaper

2155

01:39:46,650 --> 01:39:44,770

archives made contact with some of those

2156

01:39:49,200 --> 01:39:46,660

people who were there that day through

2157

01:39:51,240 --> 01:39:49,210

Facebook through email was ever able to

2158

01:39:53,490 --> 01:39:51,250

gather information about that story and

2159

01:39:58,800 --> 01:39:53,500

so there are some other similar stories

2160

01:40:01,760 --> 01:39:58,810

like that not many I don't think but I'm

2161

01:40:04,530 --> 01:40:01,770

cautious when I say that now ever since

2162

01:40:07,530 --> 01:40:04,540

Preston Dennett came along with that

2163

01:40:09,990 --> 01:40:07,540

wonderful book that he's just published

2164

01:40:12,930 --> 01:40:10,000

about school based UFO sightings and he

2165

01:40:14,880 --> 01:40:12,940

blew my socks off with how many that he

2166

01:40:18,060 --> 01:40:14,890

had discovered I can't believe it I know

2167

01:40:21,870 --> 01:40:18,070

it was 100 something wonderful wonderful

2168

01:40:24,360 --> 01:40:21,880

and some of them I did know about but

2169

01:40:26,940 --> 01:40:24,370

most of them I did not and I think he's

2170

01:40:28,410 --> 01:40:26,950

done a terrific job unearthing the

2171

01:40:30,270 --> 01:40:28,420

number that he has done and they were

2172

01:40:31,770 --> 01:40:30,280

probably more out there but he hasn't

2173

01:40:34,710 --> 01:40:31,780

found but he's done a wonderful job and

2174

01:40:37,260 --> 01:40:34,720

so it's really this important subset I

2175

01:40:41,910 --> 01:40:37,270

think within the UFO phenomena of

2176

01:40:44,130 --> 01:40:41,920

sightings and like Preston asks

2177

01:40:48,570 --> 01:40:44,140

loud as he did on your program a few

2178

01:40:51,600 --> 01:40:48,580

weeks ago what does it mean why do UFOs

2179

01:40:54,419 --> 01:40:51,610

appear above schools why is there this

2180

01:40:57,900 --> 01:40:54,429

interaction between the kids and the

2181

01:41:01,310 --> 01:40:57,910

UFOs what are we supposed to take from

2182

01:41:06,270 --> 01:41:01,320

that and of course it's an open question

2183

01:41:09,300 --> 01:41:06,280

but it's a fascinating one and for me my

2184

01:41:12,090 --> 01:41:09,310

eyes were really opened when again I

2185

01:41:15,090 --> 01:41:12,100

made a trip to Sydney to talk to the UFO

2186

01:41:17,130 --> 01:41:15,100

research New South Wales organization at

2187

01:41:19,290 --> 01:41:17,140

one of their meetings several years ago

2188

01:41:21,689 --> 01:41:19,300

and one of their members walked up to me

2189

01:41:22,890 --> 01:41:21,699

and said Shane do you know about the UFO

2190

01:41:25,530 --> 01:41:22,900

sighting that happened at the school

2191

01:41:28,650 --> 01:41:25,540

school called Crestview elementary

2192

01:41:32,459 --> 01:41:28,660

school in opa-locka in Florida in the

2193

01:41:34,680 --> 01:41:32,469

suburbs of Miami in 1967 I said no I

2194

01:41:36,630 --> 01:41:34,690

know nothing about that I'd gone to the

2195

01:41:39,090 --> 01:41:36,640

meeting to address the members about the

2196

01:41:41,550 --> 01:41:39,100

Westall story and he showed me this book

2197

01:41:43,410 --> 01:41:41,560

this wonderful book you probably know

2198

01:41:46,890 --> 01:41:43,420

about Martin written by the Lorenz and

2199

01:41:49,860 --> 01:41:46,900

it's back in the 1960s called UFOs over

2200

01:41:53,160 --> 01:41:49,870

the Americas and there's a whole section

2201  
01:41:55,350 --> 01:41:53,170  
in the book which details the Crestview

2202  
01:41:57,540 --> 01:41:55,360  
elementary school incident which

2203  
01:42:02,070 --> 01:41:57,550  
happened exactly

2204  
01:42:06,300 --> 01:42:02,080  
a year to the day a sixth of April 1967

2205  
01:42:08,790 --> 01:42:06,310  
a year to the day and there are so many

2206  
01:42:10,520 --> 01:42:08,800  
elements of the story and it was an

2207  
01:42:13,110 --> 01:42:10,530  
incident which happened over three days

2208  
01:42:15,600 --> 01:42:13,120  
and not many people know that Westall

2209  
01:42:17,850 --> 01:42:15,610  
also was an incident which involves

2210  
01:42:20,220 --> 01:42:17,860  
several days I didn't know other

2211  
01:42:22,919 --> 01:42:20,230  
sightings Wow there were sightings yes

2212  
01:42:24,540 --> 01:42:22,929  
by several witnesses in the day and the

2213  
01:42:30,090 --> 01:42:24,550

following days up to the following

2214

01:42:30,720 --> 01:42:30,100

weekend of the same shaped object over

2215

01:42:34,740 --> 01:42:30,730

Westall

2216

01:42:36,570 --> 01:42:34,750

by the same kids and and the same thing

2217

01:42:39,300 --> 01:42:36,580

happened at Crestview in the suburbs of

2218

01:42:42,300 --> 01:42:39,310

Miami and so many other elements the air

2219

01:42:45,720 --> 01:42:42,310

force going to Crestview the police the

2220

01:42:48,780 --> 01:42:45,730

flying saucers descending and ascending

2221

01:42:50,900 --> 01:42:48,790

behind pine trees on the other side of

2222

01:42:53,910 --> 01:42:50,910

the road from where the school was

2223

01:42:55,410 --> 01:42:53,920

ground marks being found in the field

2224

01:42:58,950 --> 01:42:55,420

near the school so

2225

01:43:01,229 --> 01:42:58,960

cause of discolored grass kids being

2226

01:43:03,419 --> 01:43:01,239

told not to talk about it the science

2227

01:43:05,910 --> 01:43:03,429

teacher at the elementary school being

2228

01:43:08,100 --> 01:43:05,920

one of the protagonists at the Crestview

2229

01:43:12,450 --> 01:43:08,110

sighting just like it Westall it's

2230

01:43:15,110 --> 01:43:12,460

almost as if it's almost as if our minds

2231

01:43:17,580 --> 01:43:15,120

are being played with in some way that

2232

01:43:21,000 --> 01:43:17,590

someone somewhere has this wonderful

2233

01:43:22,620 --> 01:43:21,010

sense of humor and of course as human

2234

01:43:24,390 --> 01:43:22,630

beings we'd like to see patterns in

2235

01:43:26,550 --> 01:43:24,400

things we like to put the pieces

2236

01:43:28,620 --> 01:43:26,560

together and discover patterns where

2237

01:43:31,080 --> 01:43:28,630

perhaps patterns don't really exist but

2238

01:43:34,110 --> 01:43:31,090

when you see coincidences like is

2239

01:43:36,720 --> 01:43:34,120

involving dates and ages of kids and

2240

01:43:40,740 --> 01:43:36,730

people and it's hard not to get a little

2241

01:43:43,140 --> 01:43:40,750

bit curious about it all yeah especially

2242

01:43:45,990 --> 01:43:43,150

if they would follow our calendar who

2243

01:43:47,939 --> 01:43:46,000

knows what their calendar would be to be

2244

01:43:51,209 --> 01:43:47,949

when you we have a run

2245

01:43:55,380 --> 01:43:51,219

Ron is calling from Minnesota hi Ron

2246

01:43:57,180 --> 01:43:55,390

welcome to the show hi Martin glad to be

2247

01:44:01,260 --> 01:43:57,190

here inviting you have a live show

2248

01:44:04,850 --> 01:44:01,270

tonight thank you and hello saying hello

2249

01:44:08,160 --> 01:44:04,860

and I had a question for your cane

2250

01:44:10,380 --> 01:44:08,170

nothing and maybe for Martin to both of

2251

01:44:13,770 --> 01:44:10,390

you can answer it out of all of your

2252

01:44:17,250 --> 01:44:13,780

investigations of this subject or topic

2253

01:44:20,910 --> 01:44:17,260

have you ever seen one in real life

2254

01:44:25,080 --> 01:44:20,920

and what do you think or who do you

2255

01:44:27,709 --> 01:44:25,090

think they are all Mawson you should

2256

01:44:29,790 --> 01:44:27,719

definitely go first with that one okay

2257

01:44:32,280 --> 01:44:29,800

well just to let you know we only have

2258

01:44:35,459 --> 01:44:32,290

about four minutes left so we have we're

2259

01:44:37,350 --> 01:44:35,469

in a tight well yeah I had a sighting I

2260

01:44:41,189 --> 01:44:37,360

actually have talked about a number of

2261

01:44:44,580 --> 01:44:41,199

times I hate to be redundant so I'll but

2262

01:44:47,640 --> 01:44:44,590

it was it was I would I consider kind of

2263

01:44:50,100 --> 01:44:47,650

a boring sighting but it was a flying

2264

01:44:53,360 --> 01:44:50,110

saucer I mean as close as you can say to

2265

01:44:56,939 --> 01:44:53,370

what I saw was a perfect disc in

2266

01:44:58,860 --> 01:44:56,949

California several years ago and it was

2267

01:45:00,209 --> 01:44:58,870

you know I tried to report it and I

2268

01:45:02,340 --> 01:45:00,219

didn't know who to report or - and all

2269

01:45:04,380 --> 01:45:02,350

that stuff wasn't anything fantastical

2270

01:45:07,890 --> 01:45:04,390

but it's still the thing that baffled me

2271

01:45:09,140 --> 01:45:07,900

the most was the no sound part of it I

2272

01:45:10,850 --> 01:45:09,150

couldn't understand that

2273

01:45:12,680 --> 01:45:10,860

when it was moving and all that but

2274

01:45:17,030 --> 01:45:12,690

Shane go ahead did you ever have any

2275

01:45:19,040 --> 01:45:17,040

type of sighting in a sense I did a few

2276

01:45:20,750 --> 01:45:19,050

years ago I traveled to a country town

2277

01:45:23,450 --> 01:45:20,760

about two hours from where I live here

2278

01:45:25,970 --> 01:45:23,460

in Canberra where my grandparents had

2279

01:45:27,770 --> 01:45:25,980

been married and I was going to visit

2280

01:45:29,960 --> 01:45:27,780

the church with our married to have a

2281

01:45:32,690 --> 01:45:29,970

look and as I was driving as I was

2282

01:45:37,640 --> 01:45:32,700

getting closer to the town I saw this

2283

01:45:40,280 --> 01:45:37,650

series of round white light disks that

2284

01:45:44,030 --> 01:45:40,290

was sort of a bit fluffy high up in the

2285

01:45:46,130 --> 01:45:44,040

sky in a formation racing across the sky

2286

01:45:49,700 --> 01:45:46,140

and as I was travelling along the road

2287

01:45:51,320 --> 01:45:49,710

in my car trying to keep looking at them

2288

01:45:54,080 --> 01:45:51,330

as I'm driving and looking out the

2289

01:45:56,390 --> 01:45:54,090

window and out of the windscreen and I

2290

01:45:59,120 --> 01:45:56,400

stopped the car at a town just before

2291

01:46:00,980 --> 01:45:59,130

the town I was going to and stopped the

2292

01:46:03,140 --> 01:46:00,990

car at this rest spot where there were

2293

01:46:05,150 --> 01:46:03,150

people serving coffee and I got out and

2294

01:46:07,340 --> 01:46:05,160

I could still see them in the sky flying

2295

01:46:09,830 --> 01:46:07,350

over and I talked to the people who were

2296

01:46:11,300 --> 01:46:09,840

there and they hadn't noticed them and

2297

01:46:12,770 --> 01:46:11,310

they didn't seem to be paying much

2298

01:46:14,570 --> 01:46:12,780

attention to them even after I had

2299

01:46:16,070 --> 01:46:14,580

pointed it out to them you know have

2300

01:46:20,420 --> 01:46:16,080

these mysterious things sometimes happen

2301

01:46:22,100 --> 01:46:20,430

with UFO encounters so there were UFOs

2302

01:46:23,990 --> 01:46:22,110

because I they were flying and I

2303

01:46:26,120 --> 01:46:24,000

couldn't identify them never seen

2304

01:46:28,550 --> 01:46:26,130

anything like it before but who knows

2305

01:46:32,390 --> 01:46:28,560

what they were yeah I have the same I

2306

01:46:34,550 --> 01:46:32,400

have no idea what they were but thank

2307

01:46:37,460 --> 01:46:34,560

you all Ron Thank You Shane all right

2308

01:46:39,320 --> 01:46:37,470

I'm gonna read right right all right

2309

01:46:45,040 --> 01:46:39,330

yeah that's gonna be it for calls for us

2310

01:46:51,220 --> 01:46:45,050

tonight we only have a few minutes left

2311

01:46:54,080 --> 01:46:51,230

so I think with that few minutes there

2312

01:46:55,880 --> 01:46:54,090

the interesting part I think about this

2313

01:46:59,840 --> 01:46:55,890

is the aftermath and that's still after

2314

01:47:02,570 --> 01:46:59,850

50 years people come forward and talk

2315

01:47:06,080 --> 01:47:02,580

about it and I was just also wondering

2316

01:47:08,660 --> 01:47:06,090

were there any other type of like farmer

2317

01:47:12,520 --> 01:47:08,670

or anything like that that said they

2318

01:47:15,650 --> 01:47:12,530

they saw this thing as well this

2319

01:47:19,700 --> 01:47:15,660

incident besides you know schoolchildren

2320

01:47:21,010 --> 01:47:19,710

and teachers they were so excuse me not

2321

01:47:23,680 --> 01:47:21,020

there were a lot of

2322

01:47:26,950 --> 01:47:23,690

residents in the Westall area who were

2323

01:47:28,420 --> 01:47:26,960

also witnesses and one of them had been

2324

01:47:30,580 --> 01:47:28,430

a student at Westall high school a

2325

01:47:32,680 --> 01:47:30,590

couple of years earlier and was working

2326

01:47:33,490 --> 01:47:32,690

as a farmhand he was only 16 years old

2327

01:47:35,979 --> 01:47:33,500

at the time

2328

01:47:38,470 --> 01:47:35,989

but he was working as a farmhand in the

2329

01:47:41,200 --> 01:47:38,480

Market Garden adjacent to the Grange

2330

01:47:43,350 --> 01:47:41,210

with his boss who was a man in his late

2331

01:47:47,950 --> 01:47:43,360

20s I think at that point and another

2332

01:47:50,440 --> 01:47:47,960

man in his early 20s and they witnessed

2333

01:47:53,530 --> 01:47:50,450

the Flying Saucer coming down towards

2334

01:47:56,590 --> 01:47:53,540

the pine trees at the Grange and Paul

2335

01:47:58,300 --> 01:47:56,600

who was the witness says it wasn't in it

2336

01:48:00,100 --> 01:47:58,310

what it didn't look in the same way as

2337

01:48:02,440 --> 01:48:00,110

the kids have described it over the

2338

01:48:05,050 --> 01:48:02,450

years for him it looked as though it was

2339

01:48:08,770 --> 01:48:05,060

something being projected into the sky

2340

01:48:10,890 --> 01:48:08,780

and it was solid to begin with and then

2341

01:48:13,750 --> 01:48:10,900

as a trouble down towards the Grange

2342

01:48:16,470 --> 01:48:13,760

towards the pine trees it began to

2343

01:48:19,170 --> 01:48:16,480

change and became gradually more

2344

01:48:22,750 --> 01:48:19,180

translucent and then eventually almost

2345

01:48:25,810 --> 01:48:22,760

transparent with these colors blues and

2346

01:48:28,050 --> 01:48:25,820

purples and greens in the mix and it

2347

01:48:31,180 --> 01:48:28,060

flew into the grove of pine trees and

2348

01:48:32,979 --> 01:48:31,190

the pine trees didn't move and the

2349

01:48:36,070 --> 01:48:32,989

Flying Saucer are the object didn't come

2350

01:48:38,320 --> 01:48:36,080

out the other side it just vanished and

2351

01:48:41,770 --> 01:48:38,330

something just like this happened to

2352

01:48:44,650 --> 01:48:41,780

Crestview a year later and all three of

2353

01:48:46,420 --> 01:48:44,660

these boys and men saw this and then

2354

01:48:48,880 --> 01:48:46,430

they saw the kids from Westall high

2355

01:48:50,620 --> 01:48:48,890

school coming rushing down chasing

2356

01:48:53,110 --> 01:48:50,630

whatever it was that they had seen the

2357

01:48:56,590 --> 01:48:53,120

same object presumably and then 20

2358

01:48:59,110 --> 01:48:56,600

minutes later two army trucks and two

2359

01:49:00,940 --> 01:48:59,120

Land Rovers full of about 20 soldiers

2360

01:49:03,270 --> 01:49:00,950

turned up in the neighboring paddock

2361

01:49:07,030 --> 01:49:03,280

with trucks full of equipment and

2362

01:49:10,810 --> 01:49:07,040

started looking for what they had seen

2363

01:49:12,760 --> 01:49:10,820

and started investigating well and so

2364

01:49:14,770 --> 01:49:12,770

there were other witnesses it wasn't

2365

01:49:16,630 --> 01:49:14,780

just the school kids and the teachers at

2366

01:49:17,260 --> 01:49:16,640

the schools well we are totally out of

2367

01:49:19,930 --> 01:49:17,270

time

2368

01:49:21,220 --> 01:49:19,940

thanks so much it was uh it was fun as

2369

01:49:23,320 --> 01:49:21,230

always talking to you I really

2370

01:49:24,940 --> 01:49:23,330

appreciate it and you take care thank

2371

01:49:27,430 --> 01:49:24,950

you mom take care of yourself thank you

2372

01:49:30,250 --> 01:49:27,440

alright alright everyone so that is it

2373

01:49:34,120 --> 01:49:30,260

for the show this evening and as I

2374

01:49:37,840 --> 01:49:34,130

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notification because I don't know

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01:49:47,680 --> 01:49:45,800

exactly what I'm gonna have the next

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01:49:49,090 --> 01:49:47,690

show and who's going to be on remember

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01:49:51,220 --> 01:49:49,100

to check out our t-shirts over at

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01:49:53,140 --> 01:49:51,230

podcast UFO the blog over there as well

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01:49:56,560 --> 01:49:53,150

and I want to thank everyone that helps

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01:50:01,830 --> 01:49:56,570

out and remember to keep your eyes to