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Yowie! With Dr Paulie

Evan Bernstein and SGU heading down under

How NOT to talk with the dead

How NOT to test "psychics"



Alleged yowie footprint found in the Carrumbidgee Valley, and (left) Carrumbidgee MP Jim Stubbart (left) and Gold Coast Skeptics president Dr Pauline Strickland (right), who are calling for more resources to back-up yowie sighting claims.

Our yowie X-File

Hair of suspense as MP backs investigation call

KIRSTIN PRINE
SCPTICS and a local MP say evidence and further investigation are needed to get to the bottom of claims made by a handy handful of what they think is a yowie.
The Bulletin yesterday reported that a family in the Carrumbidgee Valley claimed to have been stalked by a large hairy creature since November.
They say they are so frightened they plan to move.
The claims were first reported to local researcher and

then 12 years, said the yowie had a long history in the region.
She said "mischief" caused at the family's home "was no further investigation".
"The yowie and stories of sightings are certainly very much part of the Gold Coast mythology in the area," Mr Stubbart said.
"Reports of sightings are out there.
"I think the science has to be proven they don't exist, but no one should feel frightened in their own home like that."
She served the electorate, said reports of "sightings" were more common over a decade ago.
She had never spotted one herself.
Gold Coast Skeptics president Dr Pauline Strickland said strong evidence was needed before any claims would be accepted by the wider public.
While Dr Strickland specialises in the medical field, she said a "sceptical" way of thinking could be applied.
"As far as I understand, there is no good scientific evidence to suggest a large

be a common species, based on bones where you can verify what the animal is."
"You would expect such a large animal to have more sightings, or anticipate some sort of fossils would be found."
"Given all of this put together, it is highly unlikely a large bipedal animal as part of the animal population."
"We would assume such a large animal would have been found by now."
Dr Strickland said footprints similar to that traced by bushwalkers at Mt French in the

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