

# **Blue Mountains UFO Research Club** **and Underground Base Investigation** **Network.**

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**Blue Mountains UFO Research Club News.**

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**ALSO, NO LARGE BAGS IN THE CINEMA OR THE HOUSE.**

**PLEASE NOTE.** Please contact us prior to bringing along any new friends interested in UFOlogy and the mysteries generally.

**Don't forget our meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of each month.**

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## **SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**TIME:** 1pm, **PLACE:** the Gilroy residence, 12 Kamillaroi Road, South Katoomba.

We are on the corner of Kamillaroi Road and Ficus Street – come in the Ficus Street side – anyone coming for the first time, use the Ficus Street entrance - there is plenty of parking in Ficus Street. Our side gate will have our Club sign so you can't miss us. [Contact us on 0411349677]

When some sort of normality returns so will Skywatches by Blue Mountains UFO Research Club!

**WE HOPE THIS REMINDER FINDS ALL OUR MEMBERS IN GOOD HEALTH. NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS HOPEFULLY BECOMING A LITTLE MORE SETTLED WE ALSO HOPE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A SKYWATCH SOON.**

New members always warmly welcomed. If anyone has seen a UFO or has other interesting information we would all love to hear about it.

Anyone else wishing to speak up or share their information on UFO matters local or otherwise is welcome to do so.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Anyone wishing to join our team for these events is very welcome to join in, and bring along any interested friends who would like to be part of our Club's activities.

**To assist with the costs involved in producing the newsletters a donation of at least a \$2 gold coin is requested.**

**Meanwhile, 'Watch the Skies'.**

## SOME UFO REPORTS GLEANED FROM THE INTERNET

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### **Australia's SECRET UFO HISTORY: Abductions, disappearances and strange backyard visits**

Nobody likes to talk about it, but thousands of Aussies from every walk of life have had encounters that cannot be explained.

Chris Hook / [Offbeat](#) / Updated 24.05.2021

Despite thousands of sightings across the country over decades, it's the issue nobody likes to talk about - this is Australia's secret UFO history.

Host of Aussie paranormal podcast [Believe](#), Kade Moir has talked to dozens of people who have experienced encounters - and even abductions - over the two-year life of the show.

For many of them, it's the first time they have ever talked about it - sometimes decades later.

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"There are so many weird things happening across Australia that nobody gets to talk about, and I find people are almost relieved to talk about it," he tells 7NEWS.com.au.

"I've spoken to people who have never talked about their experiences from 40 years ago, and it is genuinely a weight off their shoulders," Moir says.

"And UFOs don't discriminate, it's police officers, truck drivers, stay at home mums, doctors ... if you're in the right place at the right time, you could be a witness too."



ARTIST DEPICTION: UFO sightings happen everywhere. Credit: Aaron Foster/Getty Images

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### **Former space security chief says extraterrestrials exist and Trump knows about it**

Sasha - who doesn't want to use her last name - has had many encounters in her 33 years.

After sharing her stories with [Believe](#), she agreed to talk to 7NEWS.com.au and recounts one of her last experiences.

It was in 2011, on a clear day in Adelaide.

“I saw a metallic ball, just above Victoria Rd, coming from North Haven and heading to Port Adelaide. I was with a friend and her younger sisters,” Sasha says.

While she was unable to capture any footage herself, she believes a video posted to YouTube - and included on the series below - that day was of the same UFO.

### **Baffling UFO sightings in Australia**

Locations and times of day vary hugely, but Moir says there tend to be more sightings in country areas.

The area around former NSW gold mining town of Hills End is “insanely active”, but Central Victoria is also busy, so too Far North Queensland and country roads in South Australia.

### **Investigators at work**

For those looking to drill deeper into their encounters, neuroscientist Dr Roger Stankovic is here to help.

The long-time Sydney uni researcher turned TAFE lecturer is also the Australia and New Zealand director of the Mutual UFO Network, a US based international organisation that researches UFO sightings.

Stankovic puts his steely scientific scepticism to work as a UFO investigator.

Over the past 20 years, the MUFON database has logged about 1000 sightings Australia-wide and Stankovic has looked into hundreds of them.

“We analyse the photos and videos, then put more information together,” Stankovic tells 7NEWS.com.au.

“We don’t get too many hoaxes and they are usually very obvious.”

And MUFON doesn’t muck about. The investigation involves interviews, picture and video analysis, close analysis of weather conditions, cross checks with flight path databases and even satellite tracking.

But despite all that work, there are a very large proportion of reported sightings MUFON simply cannot explain.

“About 5-to-10 per cent, we just cannot work out what the hell they are,” Stankovic says.

### **Recent MUFON cases on video**



This UFO was captured in the skies above

Moonie Ponds. Credit: MUFON

**Moonie Ponds, Victoria, February 2019:** Flying disc about 6 to 20 metres long travelling between 1000km to 1100km/h at very low altitude and making no sound. Flight data did not indicate any aircraft in the area at that time.



A UFO in Seaford. Credit: MUFON

**Seaford, South Australia, April 2018:** Footage obtained from a dashcam accidentally moved so it pointed upwards showed a ‘small’ white luminous orb about 5m-10m in diameter appear at an altitude of 2000m and execute impossible manoeuvres. Flight data revealed no aircraft in the area at the time. No manipulation of the footage was revealed after careful MUFON analysis by US experts. Footage from other sources revealed the object punching a hole in the cloud as it passed through it.



A sighting at Patrick Estate, west of Brisbane.

Credit: MUFON

**Patrick Estate, Queensland, 2018:** Slow motion video reveals a flat, disc-like object flying at trajectories unseen in animal life or human-made technology. No video manipulation detected.

## **Classic Oz files**

Westall, Melbourne, April 6, 1966: Hundreds of students and teachers from the local state high school and primary school witness a strange craft descend into a nearby field. There was no civilian or military aircraft activity in the area at the time and the sighting has yet to be explained.



How The Dandenong Journal covered the

Westall sighting. Credit: The Conversation

Somewhere over the Bass Strait, October 21, 1978: Pilot Frederick Valentich is on a training flight in a Cessna light aircraft. The 20-year-old reports being followed by a flying object about 300m above him and tells Melbourne Air Traffic control it is not an aircraft. He has not been heard of since and his disappearance has never been explained.



The Australian newspaper reports on the Frederick

Valentich disappearance. Credit: Herald Sun

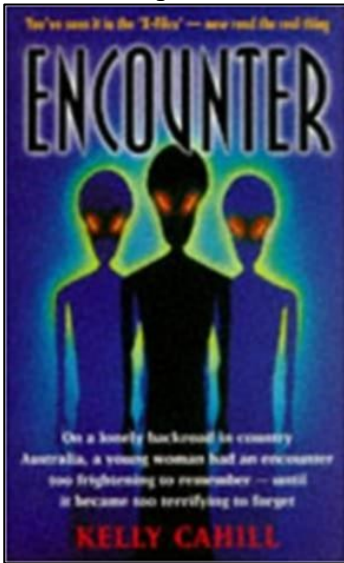
Nullabor Plain, somewhere in South Australia, January 20, 1988: Faye Knowles and her adult sons Patrick, Wayne and Sean are chased down the highway then lifted in the air by a large, glowing ball. When they report the incident to police in Ceduna, their car is badly, inexplicably dented.



How the Nullabor encounter was reported in the

Daily Mirror. Credit: ABC

Dandenong Ranges, near Belgrave, Victoria, August 8, 1993: Kelly Cahill and her husband see a large object hovering over the road. They go to take a look and meet others equally curious. All are abducted by aliens who leave small marks on their bodies. Cahill writes the 1996 book *Encounter* about the experience, which later features in *The X-Files*.



The cover of the book *Encounter*, written by Kelly Cahill. Credit:

Amazon

## Sasha's story

Sasha has had a number of encounters but the earliest one sticks in her mind.

It was December 1993 and Sasha was just six years old.

She, her little sister and mother were on their way from Adelaide to Whyalla to see her grandparents. They set out at night, in order to beat the traffic and the stinging summer sun.



Images of an alien encountered by a guest on the podcast Believe. Credit: Believe podcast

## Australian astronomers receive 'unexplained' signal from vicinity of nearby 'Earth-like' planet

Sasha and her sister looked out the back window and saw a very bright star that kept getting bigger. “It was like a 50c coin that became a golf ball, then soccer ball,” Sasha tells 7NEWS.com.au

Over the next few minutes the ball shot forward in front of the car, hovered above the road and kept pace with Sasha and her family. Three smaller lights came out of it, danced around the biggest ball and then lined up behind it.

“At that point I just tucked my head behind the seat, crying,” she says.

It was too much for the now 33-year-old South Australian - she was so anxious she passed out and doesn't remember much else. Occasionally she and her mum and sister talk about it, but not so much to other people.

But she is not alone - and neither are we.

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## **UFO sightings: Pentagon releases top secret videos showing 'aerial phenomena'**

The three strange videos were captured by the US Navy. Now the Pentagon has spoken.

Mosheh Gains / World News / Updated 28.04.2020

The Pentagon on Monday released a series of previously classified videos of flying craft that it's simply labeled as "aerial phenomena" — that remain "unidentified."

The Navy footage consists of one video taken in November 2004 and two more captured in January 2015, according to a Pentagon statement.

This footage has "been circulating in the public domain after unauthorized releases in 2007 and 2017" and after "thorough review, the department has determined that the authorized release of these unclassified videos does not reveal any sensitive capabilities or systems," according to the Department of Defense statement.

"DOD is releasing the videos in order to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos.



Image taken from one of the 'UFO'

videos Credit: US Department of Defense

The aerial phenomena observed in the videos remain characterized as 'unidentified.'"

Retired U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, whose home state of Nevada houses the famed military testing ground Area 51, spiritual home of the world's UFO followers, welcomed the Pentagon's disclosure.

"I'm glad the Pentagon is finally releasing this footage, but it only scratches the surface of research and materials available," Reid said in a tweeted statement.

"The U.S. needs to take a serious, scientific look at this and any potential national security implications. The American people deserve to be informed."

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## **NASA reveals 300 million reasons why there could be extra-terrestrial life somewhere in our galaxy**

The search for alien life just got a lot more interesting after NASA's latest discovery.

Digital Staff / Space / Updated 06.11.2020

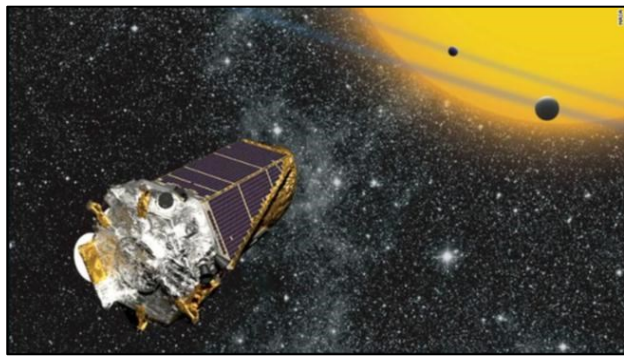


The search for alien life just got a little bit more real with revelations our galaxy is filled with potentially habitable planets - at least 300 million of them, according to NASA.

The US space agency's Kepler Space Telescope spent nine years on a planet-hunting mission, successfully identifying thousands of exoplanets in our galaxy before running out of fuel in 2018.

But the original mission's core question remained: how many of these planets are habitable?

Scientists around the world pored over Kepler's data for years - and they think they've found the answer. According to research released in The Astronomical Journal, there are roughly 300 million potentially habitable worlds in our galaxy, meaning rocky planets capable of supporting liquid water on their surface.



An artist's impression of the Kepler Space

Telescope. Credit: CNN

That figure is a rough estimate on the conservative side, and “there could be many more,” said NASA in a news release. Some of these planets could be close enough to be considered “interstellar neighbors” - the closest is around 20 light-years away.

“Kepler already told us there were billions of planets, but now we know a good chunk of those planets might be rocky and habitable,” said NASA researcher and lead author Steve Bryson in the release.

“Though this result is far from a final value, and water on a planet's surface is only one of many factors to support life, it's extremely exciting that we calculated these worlds are this common with such high confidence and precision.”

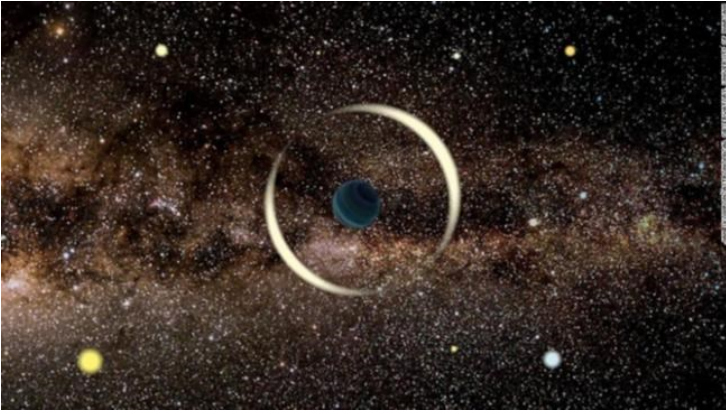
## **Global collaboration**

The study was a global collaboration between NASA scientists who worked on the Kepler mission, and researchers from international agencies ranging from Brazil to Denmark.

There are about 100 to 400 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy, according to NASA estimates.

Every star in the sky probably hosts at least one planet - meaning there are likely trillions of planets out there, of which we have only discovered and confirmed a few thousand.

A lot of factors that influence whether a planet can support life, including its atmosphere and chemical composition. But to narrow down the trillions, the researchers in this study focused on a few basic requirements.



An artist's impression of a planet out in our

galaxy somewhere. Credit: CNN

They looked for stars similar to our own Sun in age and temperature, so it wouldn't be too hot or active. They also looked for exoplanets with a similar radius to Earth, and singled out those that were likely to be rocky.

They also took into consideration each planet's distance from its star - too close and the heat could vaporize any water, too far and any water could freeze.

A habitable planet needs to be in the "just right" zone, or the so-called Goldilocks zone, to support liquid water on its surface.

## Different angles

Previous estimates of the number of habitable planets did not reflect how a star's temperature and energy could be absorbed by its planets, said the NASA release. But this time, scientists were able to factor temperature into their analysis, thanks to additional data gathered by the European Space Agency's Gaia mission, which is charting a three-dimensional map of our galaxy.

"We always knew defining habitability simply in terms of a planet's physical distance from a star, so that it's not too hot or cold, left us making a lot of assumptions," NASA scientist and study author Ravi Kopparapu said.

"Gaia's data on stars allowed us to look at these planets and their stars in an entirely new way."

After calculating these factors, researchers used a conservative estimate that 7 per cent of Sun-like stars could host habitable worlds. But the rate could be as high as 75 per cent, scientists said.

NASA said it and other space agencies will continue to refine the estimate in future research, which will help shape plans for the next stages of exoplanet discoveries and telescopes. Currently, NASA's TESS mission is the latest planet-hunter seeking out exoplanets.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022**  
**- SAME TIME, SAME PLACE. [SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS -WATCH THIS SPACE].**  
**AS this is Rex's birthday month we will having a celebration to**  
**wish him Happy Birthday at the meeting.**

*There should be some good Skywatches ahead of us up here at Katoomba  
weather permitting.*

*Meanwhile, there is a lot happening 'up there' at present so –  
Until our next meeting – Keep safe and Watch the Skies!*

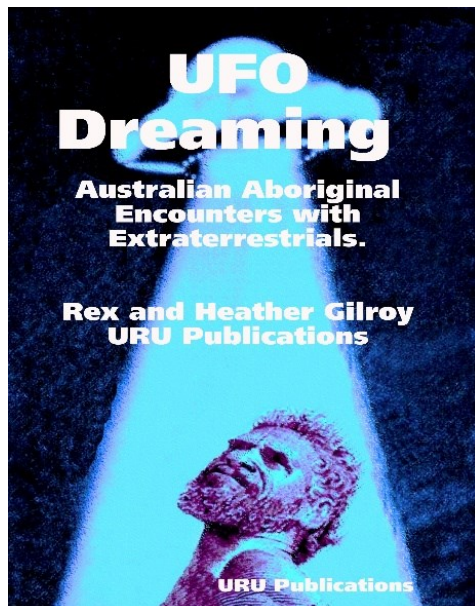
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