

Face in rock 'a miracle'

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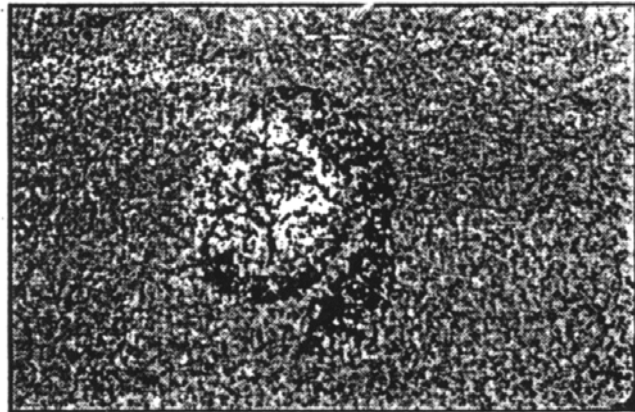
THE picturesque farmland and rolling hills around Beverley, 180km east of Perth, could well inspire the description "God's own country".

Now it seems He has chosen a pile of rocks on a hobby farm near this sleepy wheatbelt town to deliver a sign.

Businessman Julian Webb, 42, and his son Adrian, 20, say they heard the voice of God while out walking: on two consecutive evenings last month.

On the third evening, at the same spot, they saw a white

Farmer hears voice of God



The face which appeared on the slab of granite

patch of light on a rock and when it vanished, an image of a man's face remained.

Last week, the Webbs went public with their find and have published a pamphlet inviting gifts to help them to develop the site of the wheatbelt miracle."

The pamphlet claims that people who have visited the stone have had "experiences that range from a great sense of peace to hearing the voice of God, to apparent healing claims

made by some." Adrian Webb said a 26-year-old friend who suffered arthritis in his right knee had been unable to bend his leg until seeing the rock.

"He bent down to look at it and his knee bent for the first time in years," Mr Webb said.

"Other people who stare at it say they get a feeling of peace and wellbeing."

Perth cult-buster Adrian Van Leen also visited the site on Friday and got a feeling of

unease, saying later the claims of a miracle were "a bit of a worry".

"I suspect that rather than a super-natural event, it is a human event," Mr Van Leen said.

Mr Van Leen said he would like to see chemical analysis of the image.

But Mr Webb said testing of the rock would not be allowed because this would be sacrilegious.