

*Physalacria australiensis*



*Physalacria australiensis* © Glenda Walter

**Cap:** irregularly globose, like a wrinkled balloon; up to 5 mm diameter; glabrous or minutely pubescent; white, turning slightly yellowish with age.

**Stipe:** cylindrical; 3 – 6 × 0.5 – 1.5 mm; minutely pubescent; white.

**Gills:** absent.

**Flesh:** very thin, white.

**Spore print:** white.

**Spores:** lacrymoid or pip shaped; 3 - 4 × 2 – 3 µm; smooth, with an oil drop.

**Basidia:** two spored.

**Cheilocystidia:** subventricose; thin walled.

**Pleurocystidia:**

**Pileipellis:**

**Habitat:**

**Notes:** This small white balloon shaped fungus on a stalk grows in troops and is easily recognizable but there are very few records. Corner described it and placed it in his Clavariod fungi. More recent work has suggested that it is an agaric and related to *Oudemansiella*.

**Collections examined:** GW? Bunya Mountains National Park; GW2, Sylvester's Lookout Track, Goomburra National Park, Glenda Walter, Jun 2014.