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# 'Classic signs' of UFO landing, says group

A check yesterday at Stirling, where a mystery object was reported on Thursday night, revealed many classic signs of a UFO landing, according to a UFO research group.

On Thursday night, a large tree had several big branches damaged by what was claimed to be a yellow UFO.

But Stirling police who were called to the area at the time and who checked again yesterday described the case as unexplained broken tree branches.

The police were called just before 10 p.m. on Thursday by Mr. Daryl Browne, 21, a stud hand at the Glenalta horse stud just north of the South-Eastern Freeway near Stirling.

"I was upstairs watching TV when the dogs started howling like dingoes and then I heard the trees smashing," Mr. Browne said yesterday.

"I locked the kids inside the house and went outside with a torch.

"I shone the torch up in the tree and saw this sort of speedboat-shaped yellow thing. It was about 25 to 30 feet long."

Mr. Browne said he neither believed nor disbelieved in flying saucers, but he did believe in life on other planets.

He called the police, but said the object had gone before they arrived.

It had not given off any light or sound.

Horses in stables also had been scared.

The tree, a large cypress, had several large branches snapped off or almost twisted off when inspected yesterday.

The damage to the tall tree was about half-way up.

Mr C. O. Norris, of the Australian International UFO Research Group, said he was convinced there had been a genuine UFO landing in the tree.

An infrared detector had shown a high amount of infrared heat in the tree, compared with the rest of the area.

Ham radio operators had reported a sudden "blackout" of transmissions on Thursday night in Adelaide.

**FOOTNOTE:** UFO researchers said the tree damage was similar to damaged branches high up a pine tree in a churchyard at McHarg Creek, near Meadows, in June, 1966.

The 25 damaged branches there still remain a mystery, with freak wind and vandalism discounted at the time.