

STREWTH! A FLYING EGG CUP

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TWO groups of people who reported close encounters with a UFO both experienced voice changes as a result, police said yesterday.

The incidents happened Down Under. Mother-of-three Fay Knowles claimed her car was chased by an egg cup-shaped object along a remote highway in Western Australia in the middle of the night.

"It apparently picked the car up off the road, shook it quite violently and forced the car back with such pressure that one of the tyres was blown," Sergeant Jim Furnell of Ceduna police in South Australia, said yesterday.

"While this was happening the family said their voices were distorted and it was as if they were talking in slow motion."

Volcanic

A trucker and another motorist also reported seeing the UFO, which covered the car in volcanic ash.

Within minutes the crew of a tuna boat 50 miles away in the Great Australian Bight said they were buzzed by an unidentified flying object, and that their voices also became blurred.

UFO Research, an international organisation which records UFO sightings, said the car encounter if confirmed, would be unique in Australia.