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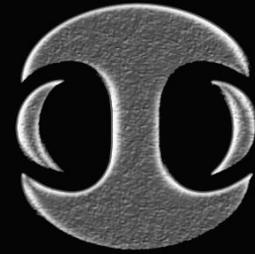
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Welcome to the new bumper addition of the Phenomenon Times. It was time to bring our journal to the next level and present you with a more professional appearance. We hope you enjoy the new format.

There has been much media attention about the latest disclosure statement made by Apollo 14 astronaut, Edgar Mitchell. We all know that this is nothing new. Over the past few decades many credible witnesses have come forward with similar claims about government involvement. But now it seems that the media is taking the disclosure seriously. Naturally NASA is contradicting the accuracy of the claim.

The Daily Telegraph went a step further and used reported cases as examples from the UFO Society website. Furthermore, they placed a direct link to our *NSW Close Encounter Database*.

It was amusing to read a brief interview with Barry Williams (Australian Skeptics Society) in one of the tabloids addressing the Edgar Mitchell statement. His 'educated' opinion was, and quote: 'It's all in the mind'. What amused me was that the reporter asked the opinion of a non-credible and unqualified person to counter a highly credible, well respected astronaut and scientist! These people have invested 'zero' time into their own independent enquiries and research. Instead of going to the trouble, the reporter could have obtained the same input from anyone off the streets.

August is the time of our annual AGM. Kellie Pataky has been nominated as our new treasurer. All other posts remained unchanged. I would like to forward my congratulations Kellie!

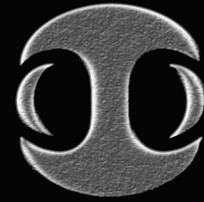
RACE and PR2D are again planning another mini conference towards the end on the year. After much discussions, it was decided that the venue will be in Gosford. Considering the amount of activity reported in the Central Coast, Gosford became the obvious choice. Keep watching our website for updates.

P.S.: Our next meeting will be on 10th September.

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RACE
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Vice President's Report

Lorraine Cilia

Greetings to all my Earthling and Alien friends! Well it's another year passed for the society which is now entering its 9th year since forming in August 2000. The Committee has conducted an AGM and remains the same with Attila Kaldy voted in as President, Lorraine as Vice President, and Dominic as Secretary. The only change is Kellie will now be our Treasurer, taking over from Andrea. I would like to thank Andrea for the wonderful job she has done over the past years and extend a big welcome to Kellie, this is not new to Kellie who has been our great Secretary in the past.

In the last month, the group has conducted a night watch, an investigation at the Kenmore facility and been involved in two media releases.

The Kenmore facility report is published in this edition of the phenomenon times. It was an interesting affair to say the least. As for the Night watch, it was a very quiet sky and not much to report, but we did get a visit from a couple of Possums who obviously thought we needed a distraction! The reason we investigated this area was due to the sightings reports from the area. Further north, even the Lakes mail was reporting incidents seen by locals. The group is making efforts to contact these people personally.

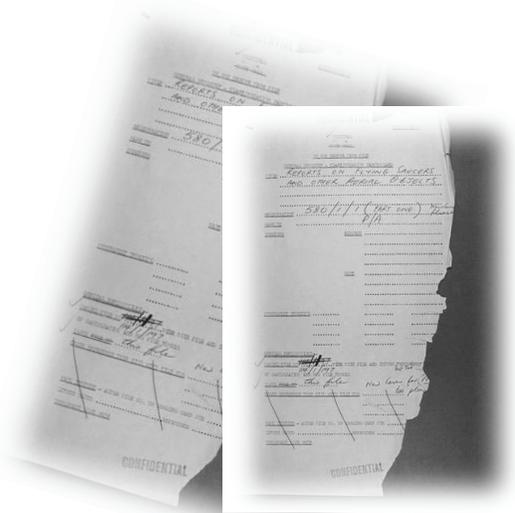
The Daily Telegraph reported on the UFO phenomenon from a different perspective after a famous astronaut announced his personal knowledge into this topic on radio broadcasts. As a result, the Telegraph conducted a web search and republished event sightings appearing on our web page. Thereafter, we were swamped with invitations to respond of which a few were taken up including Attila's C91.3 interview for an hour!

If you didn't know by now, the astronaut in question was Dr, Edgar Mitchell. It's nothing new for us to hear such things from Dr. Mitchell, but it was a little new to hear the *kind* of statements made referring to 'inside' knowledge of the UFO topic.

There are many who now brave a new future because of people like Dr. Mitchell and *REMEMBER, THE FUTURE IS IN ALL OUR HANDS.*

INVESTIGATOR PROFILE

Dominic McNamara



Originally from Adelaide, South Australia, Dominic is a former Chairperson of AURA (*Australian UFO Research Association*).

Whilst in South Australia, the group began something called *Disclosure Australia*. This was the steady and patient discovery and public availability of government documents held on the UFO topics which were not part of the public domain. This project took almost four years and nearly \$4000 of private funds to exhaust to the point where the group could officially close down the project for all but the following tasks:

- Yearly updates
- Constant checks for newly listed registrations
- Updates to the web site (Dominic McNamara is still the web administrator)
- Presentations of results and information on how to access information

As of the present day, some 1500 case reports have been discovered.

Dominic relocated to Sydney, New South Wales in 2006.

He now holds the Secretary position and the technical inquisitor of events and excursions covered by the UFO-PRSA group. The most recent experiments include the building of low light CCD modules into Infrared specific lenses. When the experimental platform comes to fruition, it should be able to amplify the analogue or digital conversion to a greater contrast level and be able to rival other ambient light vision devices for a much reduced cost.

As a person intrigued by enigmatic things, I have always wanted to solve riddles. When those riddles are purported to have been stranger than fiction, there is always a good opportunity to look for answers, however mundane they turn out to be. Occasionally, they are not so mundane after all – but I deliver up only that which is quantifiable, inexplicable data. Nothing subjective gets into my reports. I have seen and heard enough to want to know more; and enough to know there is no one simple answer to anything under the paranormal ‘umbrella’.

Kenmore Hospital

Investigation



This was one of those locations that would easily wet an investigator's appetite and have him/her coming back for more. It seems that we are attracted to eerie old, dilapidated hospitals. Our previous experiences had proven the fact that facilities as such attract a different level of activity. Hitherto we have not discovered anything that would surpass the magnitude of events we experienced in February 2007. I guess we have been searching for a new benchmark ever since.

The complex we investigated is situated approximately 200 kilometres southwest of Sydney. Built in the 19th century, the large scale of buildings sits on 200 acres. Some of its empty wards give a stark resemblance to an unpleasant atmosphere that still lingers among the corridors. The old psychiatric asylum is now a ghost town that displays elaborate Victorian architecture of a bygone era. The grandeur of some of these buildings draws amazement from those who stand and admire them. But as the sun sets, the shadows and dark windows present a very different atmosphere.

On 5th July 2008 we arrived early afternoon to set up a base station at one of the wards where many strange and unexplained

occurrences had been reported – phantom footsteps, doors and windows open and shut by themselves, strange noises echoing through empty rooms ... the list goes on. It was said to be the most 'active' building in the complex, so naturally we decided to invest the entire investigation in this particular ward.

In the heart of this ward was a large congregation room which proved to be perfect for our base station.

Attila Kaldy

Frank, Michelle and I met the group at the facility just after lunch, and quickly began assessing this enormous place.

Frank started out taking lots of random shots with his camera, while Michelle (our history researcher) and I walked around different parts of the property having a good look inside all the buildings and getting a general feel about the place.

Later in the evening, we headed up to the Administration building where I immediately felt "activity".

I was able to get contact with a gentleman by the name of Robert Earls. He told me he had passed over in 1936 and had been a patient at the hospital. Robert was quite an interesting fellow, and showed distinctive

signs of paranoia and schizophrenia. I had visions of him running up and down the hallways and sticking his head into different rooms trying to scare people. He would talk calmly to me, and then completely change his attitude and start screaming whilst looking behind him, as though he knew he was going to be taken away.

Robert also told me he had been at the hospital twice, and had also been “over there”. I am presuming he was referring to the Goulburn Jail. I also had a vague picture of him, showing a tall gentleman with graying hair and beard and a problem with his left eye. I don’t know what happened to his eye, but I got a vision of some sort of accident – like an explosion.

Kellie Pataky

One section of the hospital was set aside for dangerous and psychotic inmates, thousands died there. Today a mass burial area remains, a cemetery of unmarked and forgotten graves. Even during daytime hours surveying the hospital, the buildings stand looking down giving one an ominous and spooky feeling. We only had one night to investigate and given the size of the grounds we decided to concentrate on two main buildings. We made Ward 15 our base. It came with a history of haunting stories told by the staff who had worked in the hospital. Also the Administration Block, which was home to the murder of a nurse by a mentally disturbed patient and a Doctor who suicidally hung himself within its walls.

Lorraine Cilia

We decided to try something new so when we arrived at the venue and found our central location, Attila and I went to work and set up our equipment to try and capture EVP using a method we have not tried before. Usually EVP is captured using white noise such as recording with a radio or TV tuned off station giving a static noise.

Kenmore Hospital

Investigation

Using this medium of white noise can make any EVP picked up questionable as it could be argued that the EVP was coming from one of the regular stations.

Attila created different types of white noise or background static utilising an audio program to eliminate any chance of station ghosting (No Pun intended). We asked questions to spirit leaving a pause hoping to pick up a reply and repeated the process for each frequency.

Darren Broadie

I took the liberty to investigate the entire ward from room to room. There was one open area upstairs that sent cold shivers down my spine. You didn’t have to be psychic to pick up on the unpleasant sensations around you. It was obviously on a residual level but still it was strong enough to make you sick. Both mediums, Andrea and Kellie



picked up on some of the patients. They saw how some were restraint to their beds, screaming and yelling. This was something that could have occurred a long time ago. As a researcher this set the perfect environment to conduct a few experiments.

Before we left, I took the opportunity to generate and record various interference noises to see if we could capture EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomenon). The whole idea was to generate white, brown and pink noise using an audio program rather than using standard static produced by a radio transmitter. If the experiment was successful, it would eliminate the possibilities of an interfering transmission.



The three types of noises were recorded in 10 minute intervals on a CD: *Brown Noise* – random noise which replicates *Brownian motion* (a thermal molecular motion in a liquid environment caused by the bombardment of liquid molecules onto suspended particles), *White Noise* – containing an equal amount of energy on all frequencies, *Pink Noise* – which contains equal amount of energy in each octave band.

The experiment was to see which frequency would be most susceptible to carry EVP.

Darren and I set up a CD player with two 60 Watt speakers near the entry. We positioned an IC recorder approximately 2/3 of the way towards the other end of the ward to cover a reasonable size area. The final experiment was conducted by using only ambient noise.

After we completed the experiment, we returned to our base station and uploaded the audio files onto a computer. When each file was assessed, no anomalies were discovered.

This exercise has given us an opportunity to experiment with certain frequencies. Future experiments will include other frequencies in different parts of the spectrum.

Attila Kaldy

We investigated other buildings at the venue prior to nightfall and in one building Kellie picked up on a spirit who appeared to running from room to room screaming.

This was in a building that had prior reports of footsteps coming from the upstairs section.

Kellie was given a name of this spirit and we decided to see if there was a record of this person

in Births, Deaths and Marriages (since I had my trusty PDA with me) and wouldn't you know it the name and locality of this Spirit matched.

Darren Broadie

Night fall. Sitting in Ward 15 we filled the area with fog and called on Spirits to communicate with us. It was very, very cold, in some areas only 2-degrees, but the air felt electrically charged with energy. Laszlo's camera kept turning off by itself. This happened a number of times, to the point where Attila inquired if it was faulty.

Next we split up into 3 groups of 3. Dom, Laszlo and I stayed in the back amenities section of ward 15. Once again Laszlo's camera switched itself off. Laszlo was adamant that the camera was not faulty, so this time we changed to a different camera. Lo and behold this camera also switched itself off. It was obvious that spirit didn't want to be recorded.

Lorraine Cilia

This facility was used as trial-run of an experimental Black and white CCD camera using a lens specifically produced for Infrared spectrum viewing on 1/3" CCD modules. The camera gives out streaming video at 600 TV lines over a two wire Analogue 1Volt p-p channel. No audio was set up alongside.

A simple Infrared array of LED's was mounted offset from the camera and 'shone' down the hallways ahead. Both devices were powered by a common sealed lead acid 1.3 Ampere-hour portable battery set on the floor next to the tripod. This battery, although reasonably full, had been set on charge for the entire previous day in order to ensure that there was no possibility that the chemically stored charge could be low before starting this investigation. During filming, the doorway to the hallway was closed and no-one entered during each session.

First Session

During the first session, a full half hour of continuous recording into a standard VHS tape recorder was cut short at that time due to a

camera malfunction. It turned out that the battery was completely 'dead' – registering a loaded voltage of just under 7 volts. Yet when the session began, the tested voltage under load was 12.95 Volts.

When the tape was reviewed, there was a moment of video interruption which did not make sense. When video or power is interrupted for a brief moment, the signal simply ceases and no raster is displayed. This fault however occurred in such a fashion as to be mystifying. The result was a diagonal striation of band lines across the screen for about 1 second. Then the image returned. This happened approximately 20 minutes into the session. From that moment on, the image degraded terribly, indicating that something had 'sapped' the charge from the battery, even though there was no evidence of a fault. No person or anomalous images were seen before or after this event.



Second session

The second session used a second battery, also fully charged and also reading close to 13 volts when first loaded. This battery lasted for the entire duration until the investigation ended – some two and a half hours of recording later. There was no sign of the images degrading at all – which is how it should have been in the first session.

When the second session tape was reviewed, for the most part, there was nothing unusual. Then, with only a few minutes remaining, I saw something which I thought I recognised.

If I didn't know any better, I would have thought that someone was in a room that led off the hallway right in front of the camera. But nobody had ever been in that room. I saw a flash of light come from under this closed door, as if someone had taken a photograph from inside. It then occurred to me that someone could have been outside the main building in the quadrangle area – but it was now 2:30 am in the morning and the complex was deserted as it pretty much always is. Two minutes and 10 - seconds later, four of our party actually opened the door to the hallway and filed past the camera.

When asked, each of the party knew exactly what they were doing just prior to this event. No-one was taking photographs in the sun deck area or the quadrangle.

Although the result still looks like a photographic flash, I have no idea what it was that was responsible as all parties were accounted for and all were nowhere near that area.

During the sessions, I did not personally witness anything strange; I was however, party to a strange aftermath. Upstairs was an old dormitory. At one end, two of the party were observing that area. The other end led down the stairwell to where my partner and I and one other were changing tapes and monitoring the hallway camera. Suddenly, there was a loud bang of a door being slammed shut from upstairs. We all went up to see what had happened. I couldn't open the door. Having tried to find out on CB radio, we were alarmed to find out that both parties thought it was the doing of the other. The door was shut tight enough to have to use my shoulder to help burst it open. Neither party knew how it had shut in the first place.

Dominic McNamara

Later on into the night we split up into 3 groups and investigated different parts of Ward 12. Frank, Michelle and I (Kellie) had an interesting experience in the top attic. We saw lots of shadows (the size of a tall man) and also had the

top floor door slam shut while one of the other groups were coming upstairs. The door was slammed with such a force, Dom had to go around the other side and force it open. I think they were enforcing that we had stayed too long!

In the very early hours of Sunday morning, we loaded the cars up and headed home. Another very successful investigation! I wait with baited breath, the information Michelle can research on Robert.

Kellie Pataky

Dom, myself (Lorraine) and Laszlo were downstairs and Kellie, Frank and Michelle were upstairs. Attila, Andrea and Darren had just descended the stairs from the opposite end of the upstairs section. Suddenly we heard a door slam. Upon trying to open the door, it was well and truly jammed shut and wouldn't budge, yet there was no wind and no one near the door. Later Frank was to tell of seeing shadows passing the doorway.

Lorraine Cilia



The rest of the night had some of the usual phenomena of cameras turning off and in one case a Battery that should normally last for hours was drained within an hour of use. How do you explain this? That is the million dollar question!

It is obvious that some strange force was at play. Other members experienced strange light and noise phenomena as well.

Darren Broadie



Breakthrough Propulsion Physics ... once upon a time.

Almost a century ago, a man decided to go looking for a source of energy he thought should exist outside the realm of the earth's atmosphere. He declared that he had received sufficient results from his experiments to at least suggest that such a radiation band existed.

Yet it would take the coming of the space age to prove that this phenomenon existed. Then, the same man decided that a transmission of power through the airwaves made more sense than to put it in the ground and along wires, albeit a little hard to comprehend even now. Instead, the system he devised would have to wait until the present day to even be considered as we move toward a digital and optical fibre world bent on transmitting by satellite.

As if this wasn't enough, the same man devised

a levitating machine, by which, an asymmetrical capacitive discharge of plates would encompass a craft of saucer like appearance, one upturned atop the other, and somehow be capable of becoming almost 'lighter than air'.

Although this one man held so many patents that we rely on today for everyday life, he died with little or no monies to speak of. His name was Nikola Tesla; one of the most enduring names in the history of science. Believe it or not, he was responsible for the idea of transmitting electrical power by the Alternating Current (AC) method as opposed to Edison's Direct Current (DC) Electric light Company.

Although Leonardo Da Vinci created a wealth of flying machines and equipment drawings for engines and the like, not a one of his models ever flew. Yet they resemble our modern flying machines more closely than our early ideas of what space rockets would eventually look like! Tesla on the other hand, claims to have had such successes as would have you wondering what on earth happened to it all; and his model didn't reflect Saturn or Vostock rocketry either. Instead, he, like Leonardo, appears to have seen the coming of something else!

In a list of early diary entries, Tesla describes a small craft model he constructed out of copper sheaths which, for each of their shapes, were a quadrant of a roughly elliptical sphere. When they were wired and put together, the eight pieces would resemble the shape of a three dimensional ellipse. The charges placed on the pieces of conductor would be insulated by ceramics and thus hold individual charges in opposition to each other. In this way, did Nikola Tesla describe something so completely exacting in similarity to T.T. Brown's discs of the late nineteen fifty's, that it was hard to believe that it had actually been thought of at the turn of the century!

In the present day revolution of electronic devices, many an instrument is designed utilising something known as a Tesla coil. In short, a coil is the design and use of a coiled conductor in such a way as to exhibit certain electrical properties bound up in the

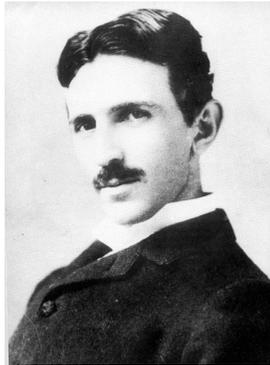
Field generated when a current is passed through the conductor. Some of these devices are even referred to as bifilar, i.e. they have a twisted helix of conductor wound onto a bobbin or compacted iron stencil so as to increase these effects. Coils are also referred to as inductors; they are part of a family of devices known as reactive components. Such components are a thorn in the side of consumer electronics as they give an effective power variation from true power; your electricity meter cannot measure the difference and the grid doesn't like that!

So what's so special about Tesla coils? Tesla coils involve a discharge circuit. The spectacular and highly visible effect produced by Tesla coils has been the subject of controversy for years. The high frequency, high voltage energy produced possesses qualities unlike conventional electricity. It defies most insulation material, transmits energy without wires, produces heat, light and noise, yet harmlessly passes through human tissue with virtually no feeling or shocking effects.

Devices capable of producing 200 foot lightning bolts and lightning 25 miles away were constructed. Nikola Tesla was the originator of this research. He has now been credited with many advances and original techniques in the electrical sciences. His main theory, however, is still very much in question and many dedicated groups are hopeful in obtaining some break that will resurrect it. The Tesla coil is the basis for this debated research.

Tesla coils are still hotly debated as devices yet to be fully understood – and it's no wonder. Many people who claim to have born witness to the back engineering of 'downed craft' have intimated on nearly every occasion, that devices similar to those I have just described were put into practice in a technology, the likes of which, they had never seen before.

TO BE CONTINUED ...





The central coast has again been the spotlight for unusual aerial phenomena. Local papers displayed low resolution images of silver spheres caught on a security camera. RACE investigated the region and surveyed for possible UFO activities. Nothing unusual was documented by the team.

Sydney

Witness was located at the Hills District at the time of the sighting.

Witness Describes the encounter:

I woke at 3:39am of the 1st August, sat on my bed looked out window for no particular reason. I saw an object. At first I thought it was a plane. I kept watching it as it did not appear to be flying in any direction. Then I noticed to the far right of it another one. Whilst watching and moving from one object to another my eye caught lights just appear out of nowhere and they were in between the other 2 objects. It had a darting movement not like a plane at all. They looked like they were hovering - it was bizarre. I woke my husband (he is as skeptical as ever) and he said, 'that's no plane ... I have no idea what they are!' He went back to bed. Then I saw at three different times what looked like shooting stars. Two were peripheral and the third I caught as it happened. One other thing I noticed looked like red independent light (just dots to me) come from the larger object I first witnessed. I stayed looking for 45 minutes or so as I really thought I was seeing things! I was wide awake, I assure you.

Hinchinbrook

Spring of 2001 at approximately 5:50pm

Witness Describes the encounter:

While living in the relatively new and heavily residential area of Hinchinbrook (Western Sydney) myself and a friend were walking toward the house from the driveway when we both saw what we agree as a UFO.

It moved into view over the roof of the house at an astonishingly slow speed, approximately half the speed (or less) of the local aircraft. I immediately recognised the shape and light configuration of the craft as the well documented (internet) triangle UFO seen at the US base in the UK and subsequently seen in Belgium. We stopped for several seconds to watch the craft slowly cross overhead and though still in the early evening light, was unable to discern any markings other than the black triangle shape with 3 non-flashing white lights in each corner and 1 large white pulsating light (at 1.5-2 second intervals) in the middle of the craft. At this realization I ran inside to inform another relative to witness the craft.

We watched the craft slowly travel out of sight for approximately 5 minutes till it was only discernable by the pulsating light before fading away entirely into the horizon (notably toward the old Hoxton Park airfield).

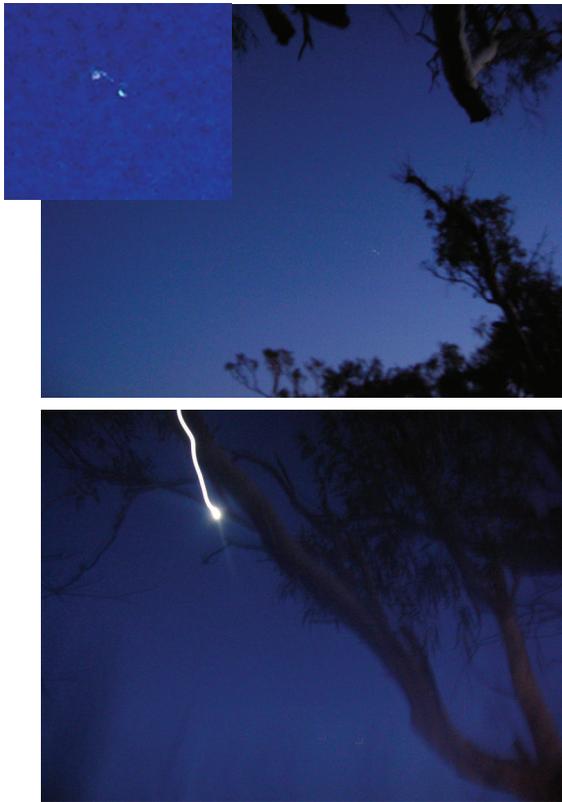
This is an accurate account of what my friend and I experienced, however my relative is very closed minded and struggles to believe what he has seen with his own eyes.

Alice Springs

16th June 2006 at 4:50am.

Witness Describes the encounter:

We were camping at a caravan park south of Alice Springs, and were up early to go and have a stall at the Sunday market. The Sun had not risen, but the sky was light, when suddenly I noticed two very bright white lights, fairly close together, travelling from the south. They came over the ridge, where on cloudy nights there was some reflected light from Pine Gap which was on the other side so we knew the location. I shouted to my friend, to look, and had enough time to plunge into my tent, scabble in the dark for my camera, and race out, take a long shot, and then put the camera on zoom and take another, which only managed to get one light. When I came home and put the picture on the big screen, I could just make out in the photo the two round metallic looking spheres.



Bega

30th June 2008

Witness Describes the encounter:

I was cleaning my lounge room window and I noticed in the sky a large silver round object it had

the sun shining on it and for something so large and low it was making no sound. It had appeared to be moving really slow or just sitting there. I went outside for a better look and could not find it. Then i had come back to the lounge room window and had another look and could not see anything in the sky. The time was approximately before 12am but after 11am.

Kalgoorlie WA

1981.

Witness Describes the encounter:

It was about 27 yrs ago, sorry. We were on a family holiday. We just left Kalgoorlie, WA, heading for Leonora. We stopped for a toilet break. Dad saw a satellite in the sky and pointed it out to us. Then a star-sized light caught up to it and followed it. For a couple of minutes. All of a sudden, the light took off in the opposite direction. Fast. It was gone in about 2 seconds.

Wollongong

1st June 2008.

AUFORN referral.

Reported by Dominic McNamara

G was still wide awake at 12:54 am on the morning of the 1st June when he turned on his mobile. Just a few seconds before, he had witnessed an object, brilliantly lit and hovering silently behind the large tree that dominates the skyline outside. The tree is describes as “about 20 m high and about 10m wide. There were bright lights coming into the room”, he said. For about 7 to 8 seconds, G wondered what they were as these lights appeared not to be constant, but dispersed somehow and a strange reddish pinkish colour. In fact, it seemed almost ‘sneaky’ to G that such an object appeared where it could not be directly observed. As the object receded, G was impressed to see what e called a “massive ship” which then zigzagged. He described the object as “like a grey lump in the middle of the light with a ball on the top. My Mrs was right next to me when it was leaving. The whole thing lasted 7 to 8 seconds. Eventually, the sighting was lost to the horizon.”