

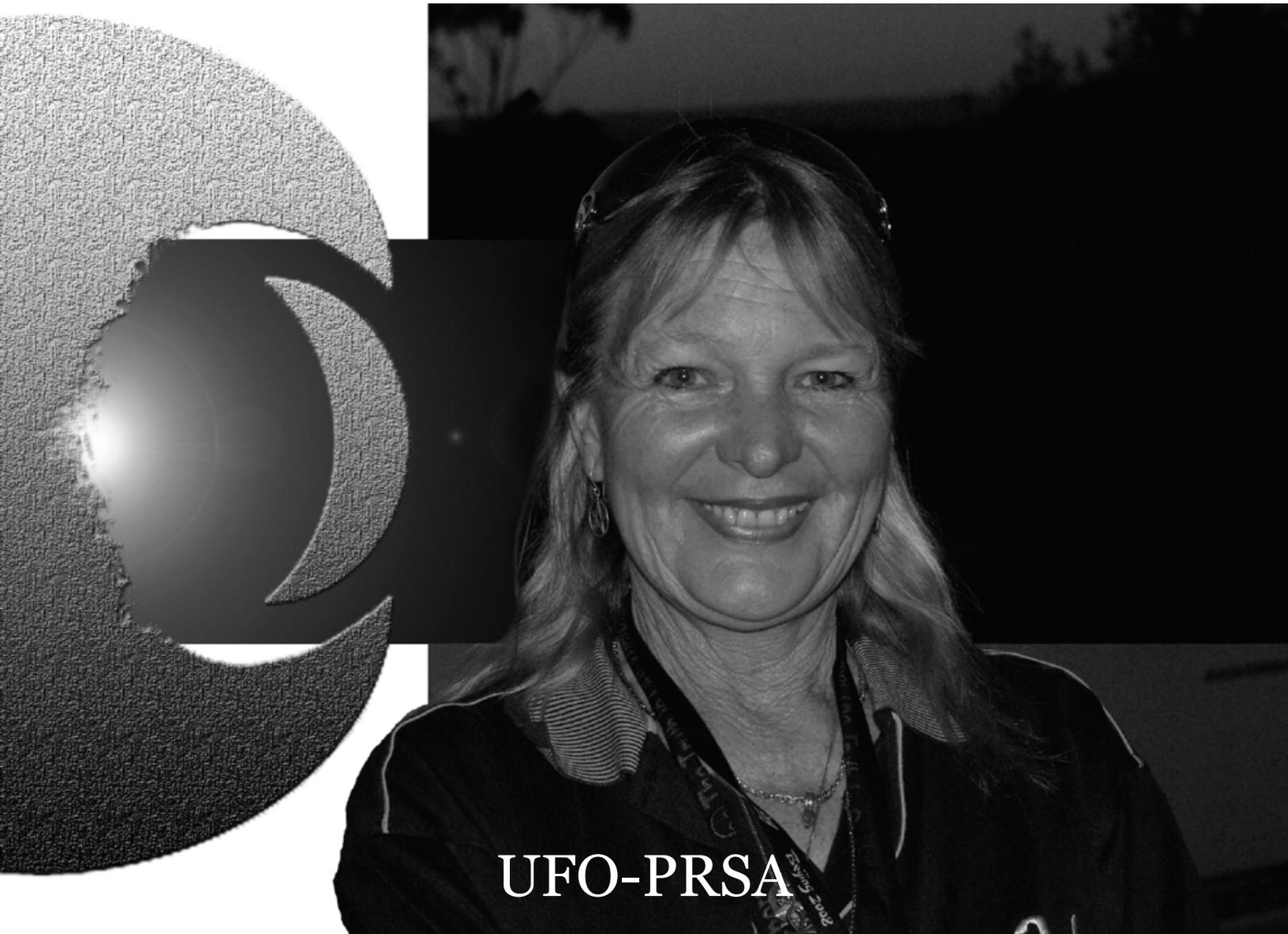
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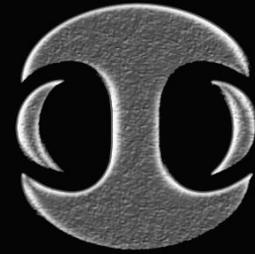
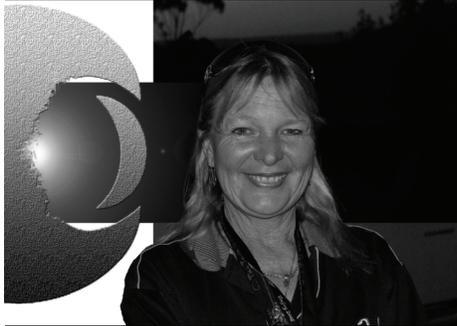
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Welcome to the final issue of the Phenomenon Times for 2008.

Looking back at the past 12-months UFO-PRSA has gained more exposure than ever before. This is largely due to the development and airing of our production *Paranormal Investigators—The Challenge*, the launch of our new paranormal website as well as the overhaul and expansion of our existing one, two conferences, impressive media coverage in general and the hard work of our team members.

So we face 2009 with new challenges and great plans, which we hope will come to fruition.

Season 2 (S2) of *Paranormal Investigators—The Challenge* has been developing as planned with five new episodes already filmed. The last three shots are scheduled for January 2009. Our new trainee has impressed us all with her devotion and willingness to try out new challenges, no matter how daunting they are.

The new series, once complete, will be aired on TVS (Television Sydney), C31 in Melbourne and C31 in Adelaide. We are impressed that the series has been so well received.

If you have recently visited our paranormal investigators website, you will find a slight alteration with way the paranormal research division is displayed. *Division 2* will replace the initials PR2D (*Paranormal Research Second Division*). This new naming system is a result of the research entity's growth as well as portraying more of a professional image.

UFO-PRSA is the central hub of the group where researchers and the public meet to discuss the many aspects of the unexplained. RACE (*Research of Australian Close Encounters*) is literally division one or the first research division of UFO-PRSA that specifically deals with and specializes in the UFO phenomenon. *Division 2* is the second research division of UFO-PRSA that specifically deals with and specializes in paranormal phenomena i.e. hauntings and related inexplicable activities.

On behalf of the team, I would like to wish you a happy Xmas and a prosperous NY.

P.S.: Our next meeting will be on 11th February 2009.

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RACE
Research of Australian Close Encounters

Greetings to all my Earthling and Alien friends! Welcome to our last meeting for 2008. Tonight will be a very informal Christmas gathering with our usual trivia questions. The last four weeks have been a very busy time.

The filming of *Paranormal Investigators, The Challenge Series 2* is well under way. We have chosen our new candidate and she has turned out to be an excellent choice. We have already completed filming five episodes out of eight which are due to air on TVS 1 Sydney, C31 Melbourne and C31 Adelaide in 2009.

Our *Next Dimension* conference held in Gosford on Saturday November 29th was a great success. We had a small but intimate crowd who enjoyed the day so much that the question time at the end of the day went nearly an hour overtime. I would like to extend a big thank you to our speakers who did a great job covering a range of diverse paranormal subjects; the audience loved it.

Also, we received great coverage from the local newspaper 'The Sun weekly' before and after the conference. They actually polled their readers on who believed that alien craft were visiting the area and came up with 73% affirmative. It has also caused an influx of reports old and new from the central coast area. Media is a great way of getting the subject out into the public arena and fuelling interest for future conferences and REMEMBER THE FUTURE IS IN ALL OUR HANDS!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

INVESTIGATOR PROFILE

Larraine Cilia



Larraine is vice president of the UFO-PRSA and is senior researcher for RACE (Research of Australian Close Encounters,) having been a member of the society since it's founding in the year 2000.

Larraine is also the New South Wales Director with AUFORN (Australian UFO Research Network) which requires her to follow up on all NSW UFO sightings reported on the national 1800 hotline number (1800 77 22 88).

Originally from the UK, Larraine has had many experiences during her life which can be placed under the banner of paranormal, many of which were UFO related. This prompted her to join the group to study and investigate the phenomenon. During her research in UFOlogy, Larraine developed and interest in counselling, taking reports from people who were perplexed by their sightings and close encounters with other worldly craft and beings.

Her main observation was that counsellors are not conversed in this subject matter and were in desperate need of someone like herself who understands the depth of the

material to counsel and help people to come to terms with their experiences. She is greatly in admiration of the work that has been achieved overseas by doctor David Jacobs, the late Professor John Mack and Bud Hopkins. This has inspired Larraine to complete her training in counselling and create an experienter support group.

Larraine is co-ordinator and spokesperson for Project Bluewater gathering reports from NSW coastal areas for a data base and has presented evidence at numerous conferences. Larraine is a member of the Paranormal Investigators team currently filming Paranormal investigators, the challenge series two, due to be aired on TVS1 Sydney, C31 Melbourne and C31 Adelaide in 2009



Kenmore Hospital

The Second Investigation

Because of the diversity and large area of this hospital complex, it was an obvious call to return and investigate different sections. The lack of activity during our previous visit had given us a mind set – and that was not to expect anything out of left field. In other words we were expecting two long tiresome nights with zero or at least minimal disturbance. Such a mental preset is healthy by any means because you, as a researcher, will approach situations, should they arise, more critically than usual. We, as researchers, can all fall into the psychological net of expectancy, especially when our conscious minds are prematurely induced with second hand theories about a certain place being ‘haunted’. This is when even the slightest noise, be it structural movement of a building or wind rustling loose fixtures, can set off alarm bells. The best way to approach any investigation is to look for prosaic explanations rather than assume that anything that goes ‘bump in the night’ maybe paranormal. Only when our check list of natural possibilities is totally exhausted we can start to engage levels of suspicion. This was one of those investigations.

We began the first night by setting off towards the more remote end of the facility where two particular wards once held some

of the more dangerous patients. Our first investigation was to be at a building with electricity and usable power outlets. A two storey Victorian style building enabled us to set up a base station downstairs, while two fixed cameras using external IR light panels monitored the upper level. The microphone sensitivity was set on high and thirty metres of AV cable running from the cameras all the way down into our base station VCRs displayed an illuminated prospective of the otherwise dark second floor quarters. While some of our crew were despatched in a different area of the complex to cover more ground, a few remained watching two monitors that offered unchanging sceneries. Staring for hours at a couple of small screens that showed nothing more than an empty hallway and a bare room requires a lot of mental discipline ... and several flasks of strong coffee. The dull backwash of light from the displays lent a completely different atmosphere to the large open room we were in – it was almost eerie. Hanging around in an old derelict structure with minimal or no light at all was something we were use to anyway. It didn’t faze anyone, including our new tech guy, Justin, who was fresh to the whole concept.

Just then an orb crossed the screen. The sudden appearance obviously caught our eyes but there was nothing exciting about sailing

dust particles or a tiny insect flying past. Because the camera was set on infinity (focused on the far wall), anything small that falls within close proximity to the lens (within the focal length) will reflect the infrared light from the LEDs. The result is usually an out of focus sphere with unusual patterns, almost like an inkblot. Here pareidolia provides us with a psychological explanation to the faces and other figures one can see in an orb that causes misleading perceptions. Furthermore, these 'orbs' are not iridescent in nature but rather reflecting light that is otherwise invisible to the human eye.

Then a hard thump echoed through the hallway upstairs. The wind had picked up a few hours ago so the obvious assumption was that something loose was being agitated – a likely change in wind direction. We did however shut all windows before the investigation began but we couldn't rule out that fact that a draft had somehow made it through the seams or other unnoticeable structural gaps. This would have explained the reason why we were seeing more orbs. The dust was being disturbed by something. All of a sudden things began to shift. There was someone walking around upstairs. We could hear heels of a shoe stepping and pressing against creaking floor boards. This was no wind. There was nobody from the crew upstairs. Whoever it was, they managed to fall outside the visual spectrum. Dom and I rushed upstairs to investigate, but we came back empty handed. The upper level was completely empty. Finally all the crew had gathered together at the base station, listening carefully to the next event.

Another thud. This time it was louder than the previous. The wind had not intensified but still a natural cause could not be ruled out.

"Can you hear that?" One of the investigators asked while listening

intently to a possible audible phenomenon. The sound resembled piano music ... we all heard it. It was amazing to say the least, but again, natural intervention could not be ruled out. Musical hallucinosis can be a psychological misperception of certain auditory experiences. We cannot discount the fact that such hallucinations experienced by one party could not be a suggestive interpretation by another. This would again lead to misperception.

Another plausible explanation is infrasonic sound causing resonating frequencies. Wind can produce levels of infrasound, especially when air pressure finds its way through tight passages and vents out narrow cavities or an aperture of some kind. Prolonged exposure to certain frequencies in this range (under 20Hz) can have certain unpleasant side effects (hallucinations, headaches, double vision, light-headedness etc). Yet no one complained having any of these symptoms. The other explanation is an event that falls beyond our understanding. The sound did come in mild cycles and after a certain period it simply seized to continue. The wind, however, did not.

Hearing voices could also fall into the same possible categories of cause. Naturally occurring random sound can sometimes be misidentified as voices. Because we are sensitive to vocal communication, it is common to misinterpret these sounds to something we can easily identify. Some EVP have been known to be misdiagnosed as voices from the ether. This is just another form of pareidolia. However, this does not explain the recordings that can be

clearly translated as a form intelligent communication (responses to certain questions that can rule out stray radio transmissions etc).

It was now 3.00am. The activity upstairs seemed to quieten down, but the





wind still persisted. The lack of disturbances may have been caused by a change in wind direction. A few of the crew decided to go outside for a smoke break. But something didn't feel right. There was an unpleasant chill in the air and not because the front door was opened for a few seconds. Suddenly our medium Kellie sensed a vulgar taste in her mouth, like some form of strong medication. Almost choking, she stormed out the back, retching. Immediately we followed to offer some assistance, but her strong will asked us to stand back while she attempted to deal with the process.

Kellie is not one for theatrics. In fact she is quite the opposite when it comes to her mediumship. She'll tell you that it wasn't something she ever pursued, quite on the contrary - it was something that pursued her. And if you ask her for a reading ... good luck. That is not why she chooses to work with her heightened awareness (which has given us confirming reports many times before). She embraces it for research only-noble philosophy by any means. One would now wonder about the coffee she had. Our supplies are usually shared so there would have been others reacting in a similar way. This was not the case.

Just as things began to calm down, I felt an icy whisk over my forehead, followed by a stinging sensation. Laszlo, one of our cameramen insisted on looking at the surface of my skin with a torch to see what was causing my unrest. "My god!" He remarked. There was a thin paper like cut across my forehead. I can assure you that the incident occurred indoors in a clear, obstacle free environment (base station). My hands were clear of any sharp instruments at the time and I did not have any previous injuries

that would have been aggravated in any way. What happened to me seemed to defy all conventional explanations.

As my mind searched for some form of plausible reason behind this, we were all suddenly alerted to an aggressive thumping coming from inside the old boiler room. It sounded as if someone or something was trapped inside and attempted to kick their way out. Instantly I ran out to the old access door, to see if a third party was tampering with our nerves, but it was totally sealed off. The only other way in or out was from the inside, and that door was locked as well. It was confirmed: the boiler room had no access or exit ... and to add to the perplexity the wind had lost its previous velocity and was now merely a breeze.

By 4.30am the storm after the calm had diminished. The investigation officially came to an end at 4.45am.

Night two of our investigation continued in the neighbouring building. The scenery of a dilapidated ward was daunting enough during the day, let alone at night. The occurrences experienced at this ward were nothing less than nerve straining. There is no doubt that the residual of the previous night played some role in this psychological hotbed of activities, but there is also no doubt that simple psychology could not explain certain phenomena experienced that night. However, we will cover the events that unfolded in ward 11 on a later date. For now, we are left analysing the data gathered from the initial investigation. Due to the amount of work we are currently undertaking, any results obtained should be available sometime in 2009.





The Central Coast insistently attracts anomalous aerial phenomena as reports continue. Is there some form of new technology being tested at Williamstown or are we dealing with something completely different?
Also we've included an old Richmond report.

Richmond (near RAAF base)

1995 - 1.30 - 2.00am.

Witness Describes the encounter:

After a night out at the pub with a friend who suffered from epilepsy who could not drink and I was also sober returned home in Agnes Banks. We were both talking and I was facing looking towards the mountains, I noticed 5 bright lights moving slowly over the mountain, at first I thought it was a plane in the distance. The lights were in a row, making me think the lights were a plane before I knew it. The lights dropped between us and the mountain which is no more than 1.5kms away. (we could hear nothing no motor, no flashing lights) The lights then changed formation from a straight line to diagonally from top left to bottom right. Continuing to slowly descend down. The object then changed formation for the last time to 3 lights in a row at the bottom with 2 on top, making a perfect formation. Then the object dipped below the tree line. We did try and locate the object but due to the nature of the area we were unable to gain access to the area to get a closer look.

Chittaway Point - Central Coast

Tuesday 29th July, 2008 - 8.00pm

Witness Describes the encounter:

It was three bright lights racing across the sky. The lights at the front and left angle of the triangle was dimmer than the one on the right angle of the triangle. Then it disappeared with out a trace.

Lake Munmorah

5th November, 2008

Witness Describes the encounter:

I was actually looking out to the west to what looked like a very bright star which slowly moved sideways and faded over 15-minutes, disappearing up into the sky with a faint orange glow. I noticed just after midnight that this light/star had returned so I got out my binoculars. I have spotted this light in the same place at the same time for the past 2-weeks when the sky is clear. I see lots of planes flying around which look suspicious until they turn their headlights away and then I can see clearly flashing red and green lights which is always a relief. This was not like one of those planes.