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INVESTIGATIONS 1984

Unidentified .....	5
Insuff. Info./Investigating .....	2
Astronomical .....	23
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TASMANIAN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS INVESTIGATION CENTRE

## Sightings for 1984

In keeping with the World Wide trends 1984 was a very lean year for the Centre. The years highlight was not a UFO report but the big burn up over the State in September. It brought us a lot of publicity but little else. Weeks went by without even an unidentified report to check out. Action would be at an all time low since the inception of the Centre in 1965, can the New Year, 1985, be any quieter?

On the plus side has been the fact that some reports have come to hand from the Department of Aviation, and Membership has remained stable throughout the year despite the intense lull in UFO reports. Due to the huge increase in printing costs the Centre no longer has its Annual Report on sale to the public via newsagents. This has to some extent taken us out of the public eye and was in the past a constant source of new members, plus a few sightings.

However, back to the unidentified cases for 1984. Due to the few reports no patterns can be commented on other than the fact that most of the cases were from the north with one report from the Midlands at Melton Mowbray. A number of old cases came to the Centre's attention during the year and some of these did fit into pre-existing patterns.

### MONTUMANA REPORT

The first case that presented a mystery for the year was a report by three witnesses at Montumana of an erratic nocturnal light. A mechanical problem in their car had forced the witnesses to stop about 10.30pm on February 25th near Montumana on Tasmania's far North West Coast.

They were standing at the rear of the car when a bright white light was seen high in the eastern sky. It was falling rapidly towards the earth and assumed to be a falling star. After some 5 seconds though the light did not fade but changed course and headed in a southerly direction for a further 5 to 6 seconds, now as if to keep the witnesses puzzled the light momentarily halted. It finally disappeared but again at speed back towards the east, in the direction it had originally been seen. The light was visible for about a minute and appeared as star sized and steady.

### MELTON MOWBRAY.

All was quiet until mid April when a rather complicated series of events was reported to the Centre via the Police. The single witness event occurred on a Midland property on the evening of April 18th at 7.30pm.

A was passing the back door of the farm when a bright glow in the sky to the east caught A's attention. Puzzled A went outside onto the car port to see what was the source of this glow. A round gold shape was observed low to the east, that low it was in front of the hills situated some 4/5kmts from the farm. It was the object which was the source of the glow, the area about being lit up by a creamy glow. On the object itself there seemed to be a number of black vertical lines. A had the impression the object was rapidly approaching and receding.

As if this was not enough about a minute later A noticed to the south that there was a very bright yellow domed object with a bump on the top. It was stationary at about the same elevation and had about the same width as the first object seen. The action just kept on happening as now a bowl shaped object again yellow in colour move in from the south and took up position below the dome shape.

A felt a bit concerned at this stage and moved inside the farm. A was still in time to see the bowl and dome shape join up, then after a minute or so they all moved off to the north at a rapid speed being lost from view within 10 seconds behind nearby hills. The objects were estimated to be about 1kmt distant and about 15-30mts in width.

Sightings 1984 contd:

GREENS BEACH CIGAR

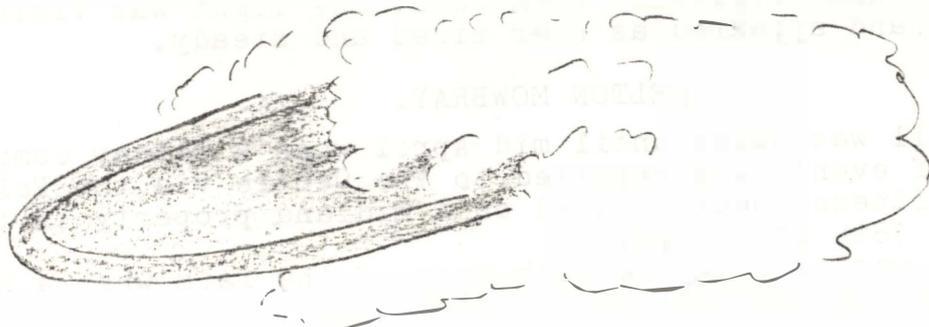
Cylinders and cigar sightings were all the rage in the 1950 to 1960s but they seem to have become few and far between in recent years. Often associated with this type of sighting was an accompanying cloud or vapour. The object seen at Greens Beach on July 15th was cigar like and had its own cloud effect.

The sighting came to the Centre's attention via the Department of Aviation. Checks revealed there were no aircraft in the area or military manouveres at the nearby Stony Head Training Reserve.

Mr H was staying at Greens Beach for some fishing and about 11.45am he went out to see if the water and wind conditions were suitable to start the days fishing. It was then that he noticed something unexpected out over the sea to the north of Low Head. He could see an unusual cloud shape hurtling in from Bass Strait. His first impression was that it may be military aircraft, but when the mass halted over the hills across the Tamar River he called out his wife and mother in law to see what they could make out. All three watched for nearly 7/8 minutes as the cloud faded to reveal a dark elliptical shape which had become stationary. Then it would move south gradually in a series of back and forth movements. As it did so the dark shape would appear from the cloud, then disappear again into another swirl of cloud as if trying to disguise itself.

The object was now low over the hills near Georgetown and travelling only slowly but it finally was lost from view behind one of the hills. The witnesses had the impression the object was of considerable size and compared to known objects in the sighting area was much larger than the Low Head buildings.

Despite media coverage the Centre received no other reports of this daylight sighting. The Georgetown area in the 1980s seems to have provided the Centre with more than its fair share of UFO sightings.



.....Cigar and cloud effect Greens Beach.....  
Other Lights.

Two low key reports make up the balance of events for 1984. The first on October 30th at 1.45am was of a star like light which may have been stationary when first noticed from Turners Beach. It was out over Bass Strait and flickering as it moved across the sky towards the east. Mr B went outside for a clearer view and could see a slight orange glow in front of the light. The light was obscured by nearby trees after some 4 minutes of level flight.

The second case was a few days earlier on October 21st from the Mathinna district. Mrs V from 8.45pm watched a number of lights low over Ben Lomond to the west. The first a large blue light may have been Venus. However, three red lights in a triangle formation that at one stage moved about erratically and changed to blue are harder to explain. Also a red light that changed to blue was seen moving from south to north along the top of the range, it twinkled and then disappeared as it reached the northern end of Ben Lomond. Soon after the triangle of lights in a second or two just faded out and were not seen again.

# NORTH - EAST 1974

The most concentrated run of UFO sightings in Tasmania occurred in the mid seventies with the North East area of the state experiencing a flap that peaked in the winter of 1974.(1)

The North East has been taken roughly as an area encompassed by the valleys of the Tamar and South Esk Rivers.(see map) Launceston with about 75000 people is the major northern city, but most of the area is farming country or mountain bush. Only Georgetown and Scottsdale are able to boast populations of any note. The inland districts rise to the ski country about Ben Lomond at an elevation of 1573m. There is still the trickle of Tasmanian Tiger (2) reports from some of the back areas which are pretty rough and lonely.

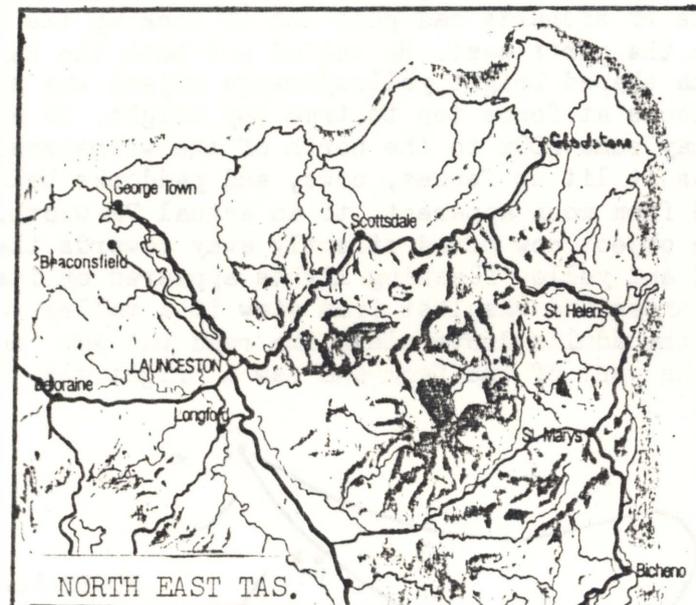
Investigations during the flap uncovered a few older cases going back to 1970 when a pastoralist had to dive his light aircraft to avoid collision with a helicopter type object. The following year a powerful blue light near ground level was seen lighting up the sand dunes. Then in 1972 a Derby resident came across a bright light above the Gladstone Road and followed it for some kilometers before it "zipped off". Interestingly he told of seeing an exhaust or vapour effect below the light.(3)

In 1973 a few more cases came in, a red and white flashing light was reported to the RAAF from Targa in April. In June 2 round white lights were seen by separate witnesses to the west of the road to Lilydale, the lights moved slowly northwards. A few days later and a similar sighting occurred near Perth just south of Launceston. August brought a sighting by fishermen near Waterhouse Island, a white light that dropped to near sea level, halted, then sped off north at a fantastic speed.

## First Caller.

You have to be lucky to win a Lottery or maybe a sporting event, perhaps the same could be said about UFO sightings. A chance remark to a member at the State Library led to the series of cases in the Gladstone district of North East Tasmania.

Martin Riley was riding his motor bike along Quakers Road about 11pm one December evening in 1973. He noticed a metre wide yellow light 2/3m above the ground about 300m ahead and just off the road. The light moved on ahead as he rode along at 70kph. The light went over a sandbank but was waiting on the other side as he came around the bank, he had to negotiate a gate and when he looked again the light had disappeared.



NORTH EAST Contd: "Sighting Scares Couple"

Interest was elsewhere for a while with February reports of a car pace in the Derwent Valley in the south, then soon after sightings from motorists at Latrobe in the North West. However, attention was back in the North East on April 14th when a sighting of two large yellow lights was received from Bridport. At their closest approach one of the lights took on the appearance of a disc which shone a beam onto the beach. A muffled diesel noise was heard as the lights moved off over the sea to the North East.

A similar event to the Bridport sighting occurred on May 5th when a brother and sister were scared by two yellow lights which looked to be just above the front of their car, about 20m up. The lights seemed to vibrate and become blurred, then a smaller red light could be seen together with a vibrating noise. At this stage the witnesses took off. The lights were estimated as being 1m each wide. The sighting was at Rocherlea just on the northern edge of Launceston.

Whilst all this was going on the Centre scored its first auto-stop case. About 5.45 one morning in May a lone motorist was on an early paper delivery run on the far North West Coast. Near Port Latta he encountered a very bright light, that bright it was nearly like looking at the sun. The light was travelling beneath an overcast sky and was only in sight 10 or more seconds before being obscured by trees. The witnesses Automatic Holden Van slowed down, then stalled as the light went over, the headlights also went off for a few seconds. The van had never cut out at speed before the incident and ran OK afterwards.

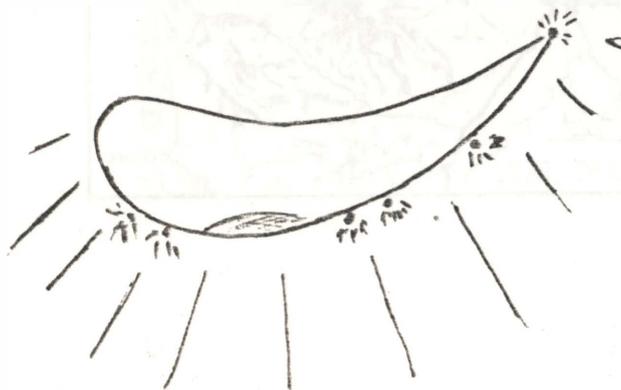
#### Boobyalla Sightings.

The main concentration of sightings at Gladstone got under way on May 25th at the Boobyalla Estate a few kilometres north west of the town. Three witnesses were travelling home to the Estate when they thought they noticed the moon low over the paddocks to the west. However, on this dark cloudy night the moon did not rise until much later.

They stopped to have a better look at the phenomena. About 200m from the road and some 6/7m above the ground was a large bright orange banana shape stationary over the paddocks. After a minute it commenced a slow movement towards the car, passing in front of a large log heap on the way. They estimated its width at 30m and thought it was time to leave the scene. They dashed home to Boobyalla to tell others of the event but when they returned to the sighting location soon after there was nothing to be seen.

However, those who missed out were not going to be disappointed as the same or remarkably similiar object was back two night later about 10pm on May 27th. This time Mr Richards had gone out to lock up the fowls when he noticed a bright object in the north east. He called out both the families on the farm. Once again a bananas shaped bright yellow/orange object was seen, also travelling slow over the paddocks at fence top to tree top height. It approached the farm but then passed away some 400m to the north of the witnesses. Its glare was hard on the eyes as it lit up fences, cows, and paddocks below. The estimates of its size varied from moon apparent, to an actual 7m width.

The object now moved silently away towards the west, as it did so a series of red and yellow flashing lights appeared on its underside. The UFO passed behind trees and was lost from view in a valley towards South Mt Cameron. Some of the adults drove along the road but saw nothing whilst the children went to the west of the farm and saw a bright glow fading away in the trees.



BOOBYALLA UFO.

NORTH EAST 74.

Four in a Row.

Mid June brought four sightings in the one week from Gladstone, three on consecutive nights. The first was on June 10th about 10pm near the Rushy Lagoon property north of Gladstone. A group of shooters including a Police Officer noticed three star coloured headlight type lights low over the bush track ahead. An estimate of 12m was given for the width of the light configuration. The party followed the lights along the track for some 15 minutes but could not close on them. They lost interest and returned to their hunting.

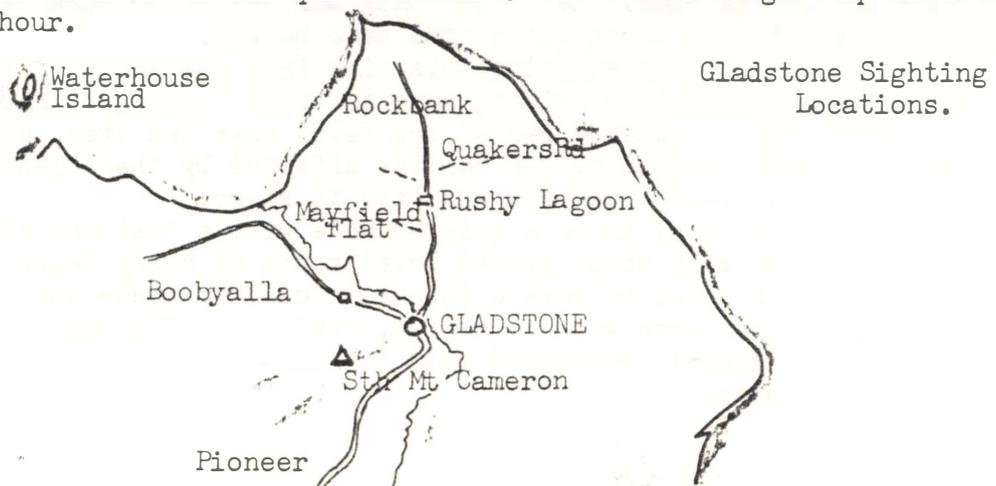
The very next night (12th) about 9pm another party of 5 shooters encountered another set of lights on the track to Mayfield Flat just south of the previous nights encounter. Whilst swinging their spotlight around the beam seemed to light up a row of yellow/green lights near ground level to their north west. The shooters carried on towards the Flat unable to decide just what the lights were. There were suprised when further on a similar set of lights appeared a couple of hundred metres up in the sky above. There was no sound from the bowed set of lights which now had a shorter second row below. The width of the lights was estimated at 4mts.

The party set off for the Cape Portland Road eventually leaving the lights behind. However, they were disturbed to find the lights nearby again just before they reached the road. Yet again they stopped but could hear no sound from the lights which seemed to flash the longer the witnesses looked at them. They moved down to the road but there was no longer any sign of the mystery set of lights.

Two nights later another report came from Gladstone this time the witness was paced in his car during a sighting that lasted a considerable time and was witnessed at differing locations. Mr R.Groves had noticed a round pulsing silver object low to the south of the town. He decided to drive out on the South Mt Cameron road for a better look. About 2kmts down the road the object could be seen at low elevation between the road and Sugarloaf Mtn some 800m distant, this gave the UFO and elevation around 100+m. The object was now moving with the witness as he travelled south and it seemed to be getting larger and closer, that close that Groves thought it was time to return to town. He did a quick U turn and at increased speed headed back to Gladstone. When still 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ kms from the town the object shot over the top of his car and was lost from view.

Groves now called at his Uncle's house and they noticed a large bright light high in the eastern sky. It was nowwell after mid-night as they watched it for 10 minutes pulsing, and changing colours to red,green,orange, and back to silver. The car headlights were flashed at the light which seemed to pulse in return. Groves then continued on to Rushy Lagoon ,12kms to the north with the light maintaining position to his east. Once home he called others to see the strange light but they soon lost interest as it faded away into the north eastern sky.

The final report was the next evening on the 15th when the glow of the familiar UFO lit up the bedroom at the Boobyalla Estate. Mr Richards and his wife watched the banana shaped object low to the north east towards Rushy Lagoon. The very bright yellow/orange UFO was 25m above the ground but a fair distance away as it travelled slowly to the east. It was bright and glary on the eyes and cast a shadow in their room for quite a while. The witnesses gave up their watch after half an hour.



NORTH EAST Contd:

July.

Gladstone seems to have had a few weeks rest from the nocturnal visitor but stranger events unfolded elsewhere in the area just north of StHelens on the Ansons Bay Road and The Gardens.

A report that came to the Centre second hand told of a CE3 Encounter, unfortunately the witness had died so that a full investigation for this event which was not learnt of until some years later could not be completed.

It was reported that a traveller on the Ansons Bay Road stopped for a smoke, then noticed there was something in the roadside paddock. On the ground was an object with a number of lights about it and a ramp leading up inside. A number of figures like men could be seen going up and down the ramp into the object, the traveller could not make out just what they were doing, and understandably soon made a hurried departure from the scene. It was claimed that a check revealed a burnt area where the object had been seen. Two years after this 1974 event the Centre heard that burn marks had been found in a roadside paddock to Ansons Bay. No marks or location for this trace could be found during a visit to the area. The two reports could be connected with the CE3 event. This sighting took place on the same road as other strange events later in 1974.

Another sighting from the same district was reported from The Gardens when a number of people were out kangaroo hunting one fine clear night. Appearing from the hills to the south came a circular bright mass of light. There was one white light in the centre and some half dozen white lights around the outside edge. At first the light mass was heading towards the witnesses' vehicle, but then it changed direction and headed out over the sea. When at its closest the car radio played up, crackling noises being heard. The object disappeared after about 10 minutes out at sea.

The pot was back on the boil again in the Gladstone district on July 9th when a motorist encountered a yellow/white light about 4.30am near Pioneer. The UFO was to the north west initially at an estimated altitude of 150mts beneath an overcast sky. The light seemed to pace the witness despite increased speed, maintaining a position alongside the car. Suddenly the object passed over the top of the witnesses' car and vanished away to the east.

Two Police Officers experienced the next sighting just a short distance closer to Gladstone than the July 9th sighting. On July 20th they noticed a flashing stationary blue light low to the east but lost sight of it when they drove on. Nearer to Gladstone the light re-appeared and shot along the hill line at fantastic speed before disappearing.

On July 23rd at 11.30pm 3 Gladstone residents returning home sighted a round white ball to the north of the town. They watched from the roadside for 10 minutes as the UFO went orange and moved slowly east over Rushy Lagoon. It was over 50mts up but was obscured from view by nearby trees as it silently went off to the North East.

The last July case came from near Cressy, late in the month when two Launceston witnesses were returning home at 7pm travelling from Blackwood Creek. As they approached Cressy a red light was seen to the west stationary at tree top level for quite a few minutes, then it disappeared. The next thing the travellers were surprised by a mass of light that rose up from behind a hedge as they approached a T junction in the road. The bright mass was yellow coloured and moved away at terrific speed to the north but at the same height.

Another July sighting this time from the south of the state was also a case involving motorists driving home at night. A bright triangular UFO with red and white lights paced a car at low level near Tea Tree, at one stage the witness felt that control of the car was affected by the object. The car seemed to be pulled across the road and was hard to steer.

August came in on a quieter note with a just one report of a large glary white light seen about ground level south of Rushy Lagoon. The Police Officer witness stopped to have a look but could not make out what was the cause for the light in an area with no houses, roads etc: The light mass seemed to be as big as a house. August continued calm but it was to be the calm before some very strange events.

NORTH EAST Contd:

Strange Events.

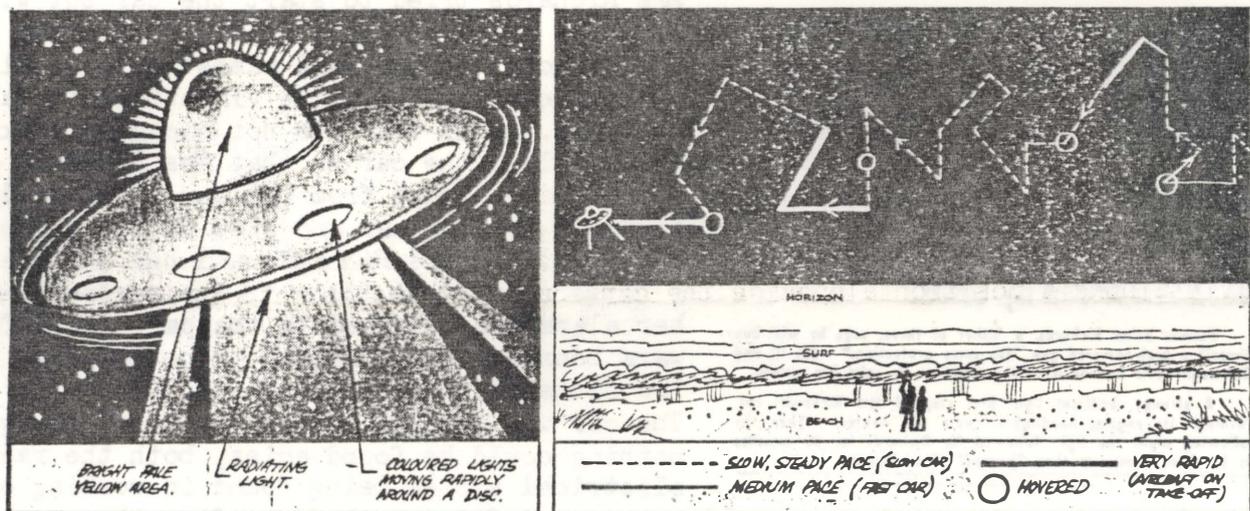
The last part of August heralded a change in the type of sightings, events took on a stranger aspect with witnesses being frightened in a couple of reports. The sighting of a round orange/yellow light from Epping Forest early in the evening of August 30th was low key compared to the report later that night from Scamander.

Two witnesses, Brooks and Bensemenn were out on Scamander beach at 10.20pm walking a dog when they noticed he had become excitable. They then saw a bright aircraft type light about 800mts to the east over the sea. They contacted the Airport and Centre, then set up sticks in the sand to observe the light. The UFO darted around the sky, hovered, altered course and flashed colours.

So far the UFO had gradually moved northwards, but at 10.45pm it started to travel steadily southwards. The witnesses dashed to their car and drove 14kmts south of Scamander to keep the UFO in sight. However, by 11.30pm it was fainter and looked like a moving star and by 12.15am had disappeared into increasing cloud.

The UFO was mainly composed of lights, the brightest a pale yellow was shaped like a sharp dome. Below the dome pink, green, and an occasional white and pale blue light moved from left to right around a disc area. The size of the object was estimated at 7mts across. Compared to the nearby headland the UFO was placed at an elevation of 500m. The diagram below from the Hobart Mercury shows its path.

The Saturday Evening Mercury, September 21, 1974



Back to Gladstone.

After a spell at Gladstone another UFO report occurred on September 13th, this time north of Rushy Lagoon in an area called Rockbank. Three witnesses were out shooting about 10pm. They were using a Landrover to look for kangaroo, one was driving the other two were operating the spotlight. The boys on the front of the Landrover waved at the driver, he thought they wanted him to go faster but he stopped when they turned off the spotlight. Jumping into the cab they said that a UFO was approaching.

An orange vibrating ball was approaching slowly from the north east, the boys were feeling frightened so they turned and headed back for the road. They stopped to open the gate and could see the glow from the object before it came over the rise in the paddock. It was lower now about 10m off the ground.

Once onto the open road they increased speed to 70kph. Meanwhile the orange ball crossed over the road behind them and paced the Landrover from the paddocks to their east. It was a couple of hundred metres from the road and about 150m behind the frightened witnesses.

After about 1½kmts they noticed that the bright light had veered away more to the south east and was gradually getting further away from the road. It passed in front of a low hill then after a few more kilometers was lost to view in the trees well away to the south east. After arriving back at Rushy Lagoon a check was made for the UFO but nothing could be seen.

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# UFOs

## FAMILY

## BUZZED

**A FAMILY living in a remote area near St Marys claims they have been terrorised by UFOs.**

Farmer Brian Richards, a father of three, says he will buy himself a high-powered gun "for some protection." His ill and distraught wife Andrea is taking sedatives to calm her nerves.

A strange, brilliant light first stopped Mrs Richards' car, "killing" its engine, headlights, radio and heater. Then the following night the light followed Mr Richards for 30 minutes as he drove home. It then "buzzed" their house.

Mrs Richards suffered from swollen arms and fingers the day after the event. She had a numb right side to her face and a red mark above her right eyebrow. The children suffered no apparent after effects.

### UFO Returns ?

Two nights later (Sept 18th) Mr Richards was returning home when he noticed a light apparently following his car at some distance. It was half way up the sky and to the south east. There was an area of yellow light with no definite edge.

He stopped the car and the light seemed to stop and even fall away when he turned off the car lights. By the time he arrived home some 30 minutes had passed since the light was first noticed. The family went outside and an object was seen over some trees about 150mts distant. It was shaped like an inverted banana and was a vibrant yellow in colour. They watched from inside the house and were under the impression the house lights attracted the object. After the lights were turned off the crescent shape seemed to move further away, and after some 5 minutes just faded out and was not seen again.

September continued to bring unexplained events from elsewhere in the state. A Bruny Island report told of a mass of white light at low level that passed close to a farm whilst the dogs caused a fuss at the same time. Flattened vegetation was found soon after in the area of the sighting. Meanwhile at Bradys Lake two fishermen told of a bright round object that came in low over the lake and seemed to effect the water level on the shore were they had their fishing lines. The lake level rose and fell in a very short period of time.

### Climax to Flap.

A Legana sighting by 3 witnesses on the evening of September 15th was a contrast to the events to follow in the next week. The Legana report was of an erratic yellow light seen for some several minutes. The next case the following evening about 9pm near Friory north of St Helens was a frightening event for the Richards family.

Mrs Richards and her two children were returning home from a trip to Launceston. The night was dark with light drizzle as the car approached a bridge with a slight incline beyond. The car radio which had been working OK suddenly played up with static. As the car crossed the bridge the sky ahead was lit up by a bright light the source of which was not apparent to the witnesses. The car then lost power as it travelled up the incline, everything went dead, car lights, radio, heater, interior lights. All the witness could see was a bright area of light ahead.

Mrs Richards tried to start the car but without success. A deafening vibrating noise then seemed to envelope the car, and almost at once all three felt electric shocks like vibrations for about a minute. As if this was not enough a choking smell filled the car so that Mrs Richards and her children leapt from the car and fled down the road leaving car and glow in the sky behind.

About 9.45pm Mrs Richards and her children reached a house some 3kmts distant. The resident noticed her alarm and returned to the car. Apart from a warm bonnet nothing seemed to be wrong so that Mrs Richards continued her journey home.

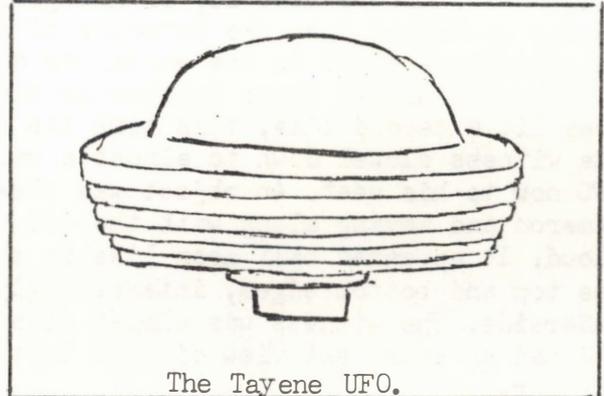
The car was checked out at the local garage but nothing could be found amiss, both the radio and electrical system being found in working order.

NORTH EAST 74 contd: A Scary Moment.

About a week after the sightings near Priory another UFO case was reported this time to the RAAF. They in turn passed on information to the Centre on this September 22nd case.

Mrs W was parked waiting for a relative late in the afternoon of a misty wet day. She was some 200m from the junction of the Tayene and Diddleum Plains roads. There was a steep bank on the left side of the road so she was parked on the wrong side to ensure log trucks using the road would be able to see her car.

Mrs W had just heard that it was 5.20pm on the car radio when all of a sudden the whole area lit up, the bright light penetrating the interior of her car. At the same time the radio emitted a high pitched whistle noise. She leant over intending to turn off the radio and from this position noticed something moving down the hill above the bank on the left of the road. An object was moving into view between two trees and slowly approaching the road. She described it as the size of a large car and some 15/20mts above the ground. The object was glowing orange on top and silver below. Mrs W was disturbed at the approach of the UFO which was now moving from the bank out over the road. Mrs W started her car and backed up the road away from the UFO. However, she ran off the edge and the car was stuck so that she could do nothing but sit and watch the UFO.



The Tayene UFO.

Meanwhile the UFO had moved over the road and was now at fence top height 30mts from the witness and in the middle of the road. Mrs W was by now very frightened and the next minute the object remained hovering in front of the car. Then it was gone in a matter of seconds. The UFO moved to the right over the valley then went straight up very fast. Mrs W jumped from her car and ran home through the rain. She looked back in case she was being followed but saw nothing. Her husband and son returned at once to the car but could find nothing.

Mrs W was shaken up by the incident and was sick for a number of days after the sighting. Mrs W like so many witnesses did not believe in UFOs prior to the sighting.

The car radio which had always been in working order before the encounter suffered from distortion afterwards. The following day when the car was towed home it was noticed how exceptionally clean the front of the car was, although the rest was still dirty. Previously there had been cat footprints all over the bonnet, but the front was as clean as though given a cut and polish. Neither the witness or her husband felt it was possible for the bonnet to be cleaned by the rain of the previous day whilst the rest of the car remained so dirty.

Mrs W described the UFO as domed on top but found it hard to discern this part due to the intense orange to yellow glow. Beneath the dome the object was silvery grey. Firstly below the dome was a wide brim on which the witness thought there could have been portholes. Below this part there were 6 to 8 steps each narrower than the one above. The object was estimated at some 4mts wide with the stepped area something less than 2mts in depth. In the centre at the base of the object was a small revolving disc and again below this a protruding box or tube of short length. The tube object appeared to split into four sections as the UFO sped off.

The RAAF investigation came up with no explanations, whilst the Centre's then Northern Representative John Dean checked the area out and interviewed the witness who was still shaken by the event. The similarity in this report and the Priory case are interesting, also with a later event from the nearby Sideling some month or so later. Effects to car radios, also possible effects to the exterior of the car are noted in these cases.

NORTH EAST 74. Contd: Flap starts to ease.

The action in the North of the state finally started to show signs of easing off as October progressed, there were still a few reports to surface before the close of the year but the excitement of winter and September reports had passed.

On October 15th five Mowbray witnesses saw a yellow oval object to the south, it had 3 yellow lights with a red light on top. After moving backwards and forwards it hovered briefly, brightened, then disappeared rapidly to the south. Two Police Officers at Ross on the 18th saw a distant saucer shape with a red light one side and a blue on the other. The UFO moved in an erratic pattern rather like the sighting from Scamander of August 30th, then it shot off.

The same night there was a rumoured report from Gladstone of a half moon object being seen again but the report could not be checked out. The Centre had more luck on October 20th when a motorist near the town about 10.30pm spotted a half moon shaped UFO. On the last leg of his journey home the witness thought a car was coming up behind when the interior of his car lit up, then he thought it could be the moon as a cloud to the south was all lit up.

Another 2kmts further on the same thing happened again as the car and area lit a second time, this time the source of the light was evident to the witness. The witness slowed down to almost a walk for several minutes as he observed the UFO now to his west. An object was clearly visible below the skyline of Stn Mt Cameron and moving along with the witness before it disappeared behind a big black cloud. It appeared half moon like in shape but longer with a number of bumps along the top and bottom edges, interestingly it had white vapour visible about the underside. The witness was almost at a stop at this point just north of Gladstone and had an excellent view of this last visit it seems to Gladstone of the mystery visitor.

November, a light and Auto Stop.

Another sighting occurred from the North East on November 10th, this time on the road from Conara to St Marys about 11.30pm. Three travellers were surprised when their car was lit up by a blue/green light, at the same time a very bright round object was seen at ground level just off the roadside, it seemed to be the source of the light. After passing the light the witnesses then noticed they were being followed by a large red light that was around a metre above the road. This light which did not seem to be a vehicle of any sort paced their car for 8kmts then just faded out like a TV set being turned off. Despite corners etc: the light managed to stay in sight all the time even though it was estimated as being upto 400m away.

It took a number of years to obtain information on the next strange event out of the North East, yet another auto stop event which occurred sometime in November. The main run of reports had passed when this incident occurred on the Sideling, a lonely stretch of the Tasman Highway between Launceston and Scottsdale. It was about 11pm when the witness saw a huge flame coloured glow lighting up the bush to the north, it looked larger than a house in size.

The lights, radio, and motor of the witnesses 1971 Mitsubishi Colt all cut out and he was left watching the glow for a few minutes. He noticed that the luminous dial on his watch had become brighter. (The watch broke down not long after) The car clock was also 2 minutes slow after the sighting, about the length of time he watched the glow. The mass of light moved back and forth then rose up and away from the witness and disappeared.

The witness was able to start the car and in a disturbed condition continued on home. Afterwards the front left mudguard changed colour from red to more of an orange colour and was later resprayed. This may have some connection with the sighting remembering the possible effects also on the car bonnet in the Tayene sighting of September.

A series of close encounters were now occurring elsewhere in the state, a train crew at Stonor watched an object pass slowly overhead, then not far away a motorist was paced on the Midland Highway. On the West Coast another object followed a car at South Greenstown.

NORTH EAST 74 Contd:

The last sightings.

The New Year of 1975 brought a close to the North East Flap, there were many interesting sightings to come elsewhere in the state but very little has occurred in the North East since the flap terminated.

On January 3rd at 8.30pm two witnesses saw from Winneleah a bright round full moon sized object high overhead. It moved slowly towards the east taking 20 minutes to diminish in size until it was lost from sight.

The same night a second sighting occurred at 11.30pm near Fingal well to the south of the previous sighting. Seven schoolboys were camped near the bridge over the South Esk River about 2kmts north of Fingal. The children had camped at the same spot in the previous holidays. Five of the boys went down to the river to get some water. It was then that they said two big lights had come down fairly fast out of the northern sky. The objects had become stationary 200m away across the river over the hillside to the north.

There was a sort of humming noise and lights kept flashing green and orange. The boys watched for about 45 minutes before fleeing home to Fingal. The parents confirmed that they boys had come home rather scared. Some of the boys went back an hour later to collect their puppy which had been left behind, the lights they claimed were still ther flashing. All agreed on the lights being moon sized, elliptical in shape, and yellow with red/orange and green flashing lights.

John Dean the Centre's Northern Representative at the time visited the hillside beyond the bridge and located three areas on the slope where the trees had been damaged, the tops of some were broken off, whilst others had been twisted over. Samples were taken but nothing of significance was found.

Notes.  
(1) Many of the North East reports are covered in TUFOIC's Annual Reports of 1974 and 1975, mention is also made in the Centre's Newsletters of May and August 1974.

(2) The Tasmanian Tiger or Thylacine is the largest carnivorous marsupial.

Many think that it is extinct the last known Tiger dying in captivity in Hobart in the 1930s. Rather like UFO reports a flow of "Tiger Sightings" continues but proof of the Thylacine's existence seems to elude the investigators.

(3) A similar report occurred on the same stretch of road in October 1974.

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AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS 1984

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	(SOURCE).
Jan 10	WA	0600	DD	Serpentine	Cigar	Seen with binocs, portholes.	1.
19	WA	0300	CE1	Hammersley	Cresc	White, follows car.	1.
20	WA	0030	CE3	Midland	Beings	Boy says attacked in garden.	2.
20	WA	0300	CE2	Midland	Conical	Poss effects radio/trees.	2.
22	Qld	0300	NL	Byron Bay	Lit	Glowing white.	3.
Feb 1	WA	2020	NL	Morley	Cigar	3 objects, one with lits.	2.
15	NT	1900	NL	Darwin	Disc	Object with lits seen.	3.
15	Qld	2000	NL	Raincoorn (Brisb)	Lits	3 erratic lits seen for 1hr.	3.
23	Qld	2050	NL	Grange (Brisb)	Ellip	Silver with lits, crosses sky	3.
25	Tas	2230	NL	Montumana	Lit	Erratic lit seen by 3 wtns.	4.
25	WA	2357	CE2?	Turkey Creek	Oval	Obj: with mist effects freezer.	1.
25	NT	0000	NL	Darwin	Lit	Sev wtns see yellow lit.	5.
28	Qld	2000	NL	Toowoomba	Lit	3 see pink lit in sky.	6.
Mar 6	SA	0055	CE1	Salisbury Downs	Square	Obj hovers at 80m, 10m wide.	7.
7	Qld	2100	NL	Toowoomba	Lit	Dozens see pink light.	6.
11	ACT	2330	NL	Ainslie	Cloud	Shape at ground level, lits.	1.
14	Qld	2145	NL	Urangan	Oval	Orange, moving thru clouds.	3.
16	Vic	2125	NL	Sebastapol	Lit	Red pulsing lit seen.	1.
20	Qld	2045	NL	Spring Hill	Cigar	Obj with white/blue lits.	3.
27	Qld	0051	CE1?	Ascot	Long	Whooshing noise, obj+windows.	3.
27	Qld	1645	DD	Durack	Sphere:	Seen x binocs, shimmering.	3.
Apr 2	Qld	0310	NL	Kallangor	Lit	Enourmous white lit.	3.
18	Tas	1930	NL	Melton/Mowbray	Round/Dome	3 objects move off together.	4.
28	WA	0300	NL	Manning	Round	Orange, moving along and bright.	1.
May 8	WA	0150	NL	Sth Perth	Flashing red/green,	low over river.	1.
17	Vic	0505	CE2	Sebastapol	Ball	Above van, green, radio plays up.	1.
18	Vic	1600	DD	Sebastapol	Dot	Black object moving away.	1.
20	Vic	0015	CE1?	Somerville	Square	Noise, 2 objects, hovering, low.	8.
20	Qld	2200	NL	Mt Isa	Saucer	Sev witnesses see flashg lits.	8.
24	Vic	1915	NL	Wendouree	H shape	with lits seen by sev wtnss.	8.
Jun 3	SA	2300	CE2	Hahndorf	Lit	Effects car and freeway lits?	7.
4	WA	0130	NL	Laverton	Lit	White, descending lit.	2.
8	SA	0315	NL	Murray Bridge	Lits	Flashg lits, zig zagging.	8.
10	WA	2055	NL	Joondalup	Lits	Yellow lits at low level.	2.
12	Vic	1540	DD	Rosebud	Pencil	Dozens see obj float over.	9.
15	Qld	2026	NL	Toogoolawah	Lit	White lit descending.	3.
18	WA	1855	RV/NL	Maddington	Lit	Lits seen, radar contact?	1.
Jul 3	SA	1900	NL	Woodside	Semi circle	lit, other reports.	7.
7	Tas	1145	DD	Greens Beach	Cigar	Obj with vapour. Low.	4.
	SA		CE2?	Adelaide Hills		Claims of landing and cattle mutilation.	7.
	Vic		CE2?	Alma		Claims of lits on farm, effect TV/radio.	1.
24	WA	nite	NL	Pilbarra area.		Repts of lits, car pacing, cigar obj:	1.
Aug 7	WA	nite	CE2	Tom Price		Object passes over car/radio blackout.	1.
20	WA	nite	CE1	Tom Price		Object, red/green lits lands.	1.
30	WA	early AM	CE2	Mt Newman		Purple lit, witness cant move/time loss.	2.
Sep 4	SA	1950	CE1	Gumeracha		Silver obj + white/blue lits.	7.
Oct 3	WA	0300	NL	Two Rocks		1/2 moon shape changes to a disc.	2.
4	WA	0400	NL	Darlington	Lits	Over sea, merge and climb.	2.
early	Qld	day	DD	Cunnamulla	Delta	Zig zags, seen sev witnesses.	10.
13	WA	1130	DD	HighWycombe	Cylinder	Photo taken of fast climb.	2.
21	Tas	2045	NL	Mathina	Lits	Erratic lights to west.	4.
30	Tas	0145	NL	Turners Beach	Lit	Lit with orange glow.	4.

Source..1. WAUFOIC 2. PUFORG 3. UFORQ 4. TUFOIC 5. Northern Territory News.  
6. Chronicle Toowoomba 7. Aust Int UFOFSR 8. VUFORS 9. Sth Peninsular Gazette 10. Herald News

Australian Sightings Contd:

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	(SOURCE)
Oct 14	WA	1900	CE2?	Warwick	Dome	Rotating, heat felt.	1.
Nov 8	WA	2130	CE1	Ashfield	Ball	Fizzing, yellow/red, low.	1.
	13 WA	2245	NL	Maylands	Lit	At 80m, red/green flashg.	1.
Dec 1	WA	Nite	CE1	Point Peron	Lits	Car followed by lits.	1.
	2 WA	0115	NL	Armadale	Oval	100mts up, going slowly.	1.
	12 WA	2235	NL	Rottnest Isld	Shadowy obj	floating along, red/green.	1.
	14 WA	1339	DD	Perth	Shining obj,	brown below seen 5mins.	1.
	22 WA	2205	NL	Mandrah	Doughnut,	orange with lits.	1.
Jan 4	WA	2130	NL?	Beechboro	Car paced,	white/green obj, buzz noise	1.
	4 WA	nite	NL?	Perry Lakes	3 witnesses	see similar object, noise	1.
	17 SA	nite	CE2?	Coldea	Lits	Pos effects on train by lits	10.

Information on Australian sightings has been compiled from Group Newsletters, Magazines, and newspaper items. We have every confidence with our fellow UFO Groups but must add the disclaimer that we cannot confirm the details of the sightings listed. Nevertheless the sightings have many features that have been reported previously in Australia and overseas.

Once again Western Australia has the "lions share" of the sightings, then South Australia and Queensland. Strange events for the year seem to be the January cases from Midland (WA). Queensland seems to have most of the sightings in the February/March time span but most were of Nocturnal Lights. Close Encounters from South Australia occurred in March (Salisbury) and June (Hahndorf) with rumours of strange events in the Adelaide Hills in July. Meanwhile the Ballarat district in Victoria came to the fore in May but little else seems to have occurred in the state in 1984.

Western Australia was back in the news with talk of sightings from the Pilbarra area in July/August, objects at low levels, cars paced, maybe a time loss. Hopefully the full story will be printed in the future. Further sightings were mentioned in the state at years close.

UFOs rated a mention in the Australian Senate (light hearted) following strange reports of a zig zagging delta object and helicopters in Central Queensland near Cunnamulla (October). South Australia caught the press' attention in January (85) with talk of a train being affected by lights at Coldea.

In keeping with recent years little occurred in Tasmania whilst mention was made of some recent events in New South Wales no details are to hand. 1984 appears to have been of more interest than 1983, indications of possible flaps in the Pilbarra, Ballarat, and maybe Queensland. Press coverage was also made of several of the more puzzling cases. I guess UFO Investigators in the Eastern States are hoping that a few more cases occur in the year ahead.

Late items

19/6/84	NSW	0230	NL	CASINO	LIT	Orange pulsating with 2 beams	11.
24/6/84	NSW	2045	NL	CASINO	LIT	3 wits see white lit with tail	11.
13/10/84	NSW	2015	NL	HAWKESBURY RIV.		Large object with small ones entering	11.
18/10/84	NSW	NITE	NL	GRAYS POINT		Couple see object with lights/sound heard	12.
17/11/84	NSW	2300	CE1	DEE WHY POINT		Object with many lights/sound 30M from wits	12.

Source.. 11. UFO Research South Coast (NSW).

12. UFO Research New South Wales

# UFO Orgettable experience

ADELAIDE — Did a UFO stop a freight train on the Nullarbor Plain yesterday?

Some people thought so — the story made it on to national radio news.

The freight train headed to Kalgoorlie left Adelaide on Wednesday and was nearing Colosa when the engine started playing up.

The driver noticed strange lights in the sky and reported

them to train control. A railways official said there had been trouble with the locomotive and the crew had to uncouple several wagons to get up a long gradient into Colosa.

During this time the power was so low that radio communication was lost.

By the time the train had returned to get the uncoupled cargo the delay had been reported down the line.

Had the lights been a UFO? And had the UFO drained the power from the engine?

The questions were being raised mostly by jokers in WA, but someone told the ABC and a message from the driver was relayed to quell the speculation.

The only reason he had reported the lights was in case a plane had been in trouble. No aircraft had been identified.

Could it have been a UFO?

THE MERCURY, SATURDAY, 19-1-1985

## UFO did not stop the train, says annoyed rail man

ADELAIDE — A UFO sighting over the Nullarbor Plain was unconnected to the breakdown of a freight train at Colosa, in South Australia, the Australian National Railways said yesterday.

Enginemen on the Perth-bound train on Wednesday night reported seeing bright lights, thinking they could be a light plane in distress.

However, the lights had nothing to do with the train's breakdown, which was caused by a mechanical failure and delayed the train for about two hours.

Australian National Railways spokesman John Beattie said. They reported seeing lights, but it was a mechanical failure and the two were unconnected. Anything else is purely speculation.

"Now we are getting calls from all parts of the world asking about the UFOs and it's getting out of hand."

He was responding to a report in the Sydney Daily Mirror newspaper of an unidentified flying object causing a freight train to halt.

The RAAF said yesterday it had not received reports of unidentified aircraft in that area.

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## Siberia 'meteor' a gas fireball

MOSCOW, Sat. — An object from space that hit Siberia with enormous force in 1908 may not have been a meteorite, as commonly believed, but plasma from the sun, according to Soviet scientists.

Two experts from the Siberian Academy of Sciences said in a report published by Tass news agency today that they also believed the plasma was directed to the site of impact by magnetic waves emitted from the area.

Plasma is ionised gas produced at very high temperatures, as in the stars.

The so-called Tunguska meteorite devastated an area in a remote part of northern Siberia near the Tunguska River.

Scientists have puzzled ever since about the object and most assumed it was a huge meteorite.

However, Mr Viktor Zhuravlev and Mr Alexei Dmitriyev, of the Siberian Academy of Sciences, say computer analysis of 700 eyewitness accounts shows it was not one object but three.

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