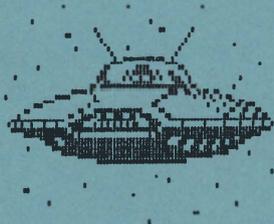
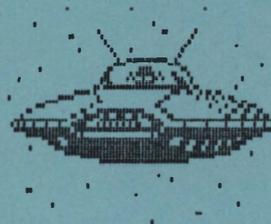


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# SIGHTINGS '86

To say the least the past twelve months have been disappointing for UFO reports. The close of 1985 saw some half dozen cases in the last three months but the action failed to continue into the New Year. In fact 1986 has produced 7 UFO Reports of which four occurred during April, and one each in February and May. This means the rest of the year has been very barren with a lone nocturnal light in August. Once again though the level of activity has refelected the world wide scene.

TA 86005 3/2/86 04.00 Lenah Valley.

Our first witness of the year was up in the early hours of the morning. She often is up early due to health problems and has a good look at the night sky. This time she was suprised by two areas of light seemingly joined together in the sky to the north east. She watched off and on for some 30minutes although she did not keep the objects in constant view. When she returned to bed it was 4.15am. The two areas of light were still in the same position when she last looked out, they did not seem to move.

The areas of light were both disc like in shape and half plus moon sized. They were both white in colour. The two shapes one above the other were seemingly joined by two strut like lines. Surrounding the outside edge of the two discs were little flashing lights.

The weather was fine and clear and the only aircraft in the area had landed by 3.49am, some half an hour before the lights were last observed by the witness. No other calls were received by the Centre. The witness was able to place the objects in relation to the moon and the Centre was then in a position to produce a Computer print out of the night sky thus ruling out astronomical explanations.

TA 86021 4/4/86 20.20 Lauderdale.

The first of our April sightings occurred early in the month. The witness had let her dog out the house then decided to have a look around for Halley's Comet. Almost at once a moving star light to the north east caught the witnesses' attention. The light was only in view for some five seconds (maybe a bit more) but during this time it moved in an amazing manner. The light moved from the north east to the south of west, disappearing near the skyline of Mt Wellington.

The witness could not recall the exact manner of the flight path except that it was very erratic, like when a ballon is released at a party and it zooms all over the place. The light zig-zagged, somersaulted, rolled, and went up and down. It was at an elevation of about 30 degrees and just went away into the distance.

A check with the Astronomical Society proved negative, whilst aircraft were ruled out due to the erratic movement of the light.

BALL LIGHTNING SHATTERS WINDSCREEN

Credit ACUFOS PO. Box 728, Lane Cove

Mark Stenhoff of the UK edits the Ball Lightning Newsletter. In issue 2, October 1985, he recounts a British case where a possible ball lightning shattered a vehicle windscreen. It happened on April 4 or 5, 1985, whilst a farmer was driving his van near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales. He saw a red, spherical ball of fire in midair ahead and above the road. The van was lit up, there was a big bang and the windscreen shattered completely. [Could a similar type of event have been involved in the Val Taylor, US Deputy Sheriff, UFO case involving damage to windscreen and aerals?] Other cases in the newsletter describe apparent physiological and electrical effects, as well as the charmingly-titled "Glass of Gin and Tonic Shattered as Ball Lightning Decays".

## Sightings '86 Cont....

TA 86025 13/4/86. 02.30 Mangana.

In May 1985 the Centre investigated a case from Fingal, then a report that could not be followed up due to lack of witness details occurred near Mangana. Two further cases came again from Mangana in April.

The witness not being a very good sleeper was on the night of the sighting looking out over the hills to the north west of his residence. For some half a minute he watched a line of orange/blue/green lights hovering over the hills, the lights which were pulsating seemed to give the impression that there was something above. The line of lights which he estimated as being over one kilometer distant suddenly "took off" towards the east, but they disappeared behind trees so he never saw the lights final destination.

TA 86078 27/4/86 06.00 Mangana.

The same witness as in the April 13th case saw another UFO some weeks later. Daybreak was in the eastern sky as he viewed through his window something again to the north west. However, this time the lights were much lower and closer, maybe less than one kilometer away. The object was that low that it was being viewed through a clearing in the trees.

The top of a circular shape seemed to be rotating with a line of oscillating lights across its centre, the lights were the same colour as in the previous event. The witness estimated the object as being about car sized (4m across). After some 20 seconds the object rose slowly at first, then accelerated out of sight at great speed. It moved away towards the east and was lost from view at high elevation. When it rose into the sunlight the circular object remained a dull colour and did not seem to reflect the sun.

The sighting of April 13th was reported in the media but the Centre received no other reports. The exact spot of the sighting could not be ascertained, and plus poor weather no ground search was possible.

TA 86037 25/4/86 20.35 Launceston.

A Launceston resident whose interests include observing satellites was out on the evening of April 25th observing Halley's Comet. He tells the story in his own words.

"At 8.35pm I was outside at the rear of my residence in Outer West Launceston observing Halley's Comet which was high in the sky, I was using a pair of binoculars, 30x50. Upon lowering my arms I was startled to see four objects coming from the south east part of the sky at approx: 30-40 degrees above the horizon, from near the "Sting" area of the constellation Scorpio. Coming towards me when almost above my view point they slowly turned towards the south west. The objects were moving in a staggered formation with the first one further apart and to the east, the other three kept at equal distance."

"When they straightened out to a south west direction and moving away to the horizon the first moved off independantly at right angles to the north west. A few seconds after that they faded from sight."

"I tried to focus on them with my binoculars but they were moving too fast also my binoculars needed steady support. The colour of the objects were a bluish-white shimmering. The time of the observation was about 8 seconds. The speed I estimated about three to four times that of airline jets that pass over."

Astronomical and aircraft explanations were ruled, although reflected light on night flying birds was a suggested explanation.

TA 86051 29/5/86 06.15 Swansea.

After years with no reports a few cases have come recently from the East Coast. An interesting car pace event having occurred near Swansea in November 85.

The witness was outside early in connection with his job when he noticed two very bright lights at a 20 degree elevation in the western sky. After a couple of minutes the southern light (left) started to move south and gain elevation, slowly it moved up by an extra 15 degrees. The witness had time to obtain his binoculars but could see anything extra with them. The light had now become stationary and was now covered by some thin cloud but was still visible. Over the next few minutes the light seemed to recede away to the west until it was just too small to be seen anymore. Nothing more than a bright white star like light was seen by the witness.

No aircraft were in the area at the time of the event. A check of astronomical locations showed that the northern (right) light seen by the witness was Saturn, it of course did not move away during the period of the sighting. It also proved that the witnesses directions were very accurate.

TA 86059 3/8/86 19.30 Huon.

The only unexplained case in the last seven months of the year came from the Huon Valley south west of Hobart. The event had a number of witnesses and was somewhat complex.

Initially the witness and a friend were outside his father's home preparing to leave in a car. At this stage a large light was seen WNW low over the hills. The witnesses' father was also shown the light which it was agreed moved slowly to the west and below a large star which they say was Venus. The light continued on in front of a nearby hill (850m) and into a gully. The light had been obscured by trees but a glow was still visible for some time from the gully about 1kmt plus away.

Other members of the family are now called to see the light but all they can find in the sky is planet Venus. The glow is no longer visible.

The witness now takes his friend home, en route they see a large white light low over the hills that seems to pace the car. They drove quite a distance before losing sight of the light in the western sky. The friend says one his relative's has also seen the light in the sky as they were chasing it.

The original light was orange coloured, round, and had more little lights beneath it. The second light was starlike and white. The light followed whilst the friend was being taken home would appear to have been Venus which by that time was low in the western sky. However, no explanation was forthcoming for the original light seen moving into the gully.

## Have THEY landed in Dandenong?

A 25-year-old Noble Park man has reported a sighting of UFOs over Dandenong.

Mr Tim Lowen told The Journal that at 9pm on Wednesday 6 August he was walking along McFees Rd, North Dandenong, when he saw a long row of lights in the southern sky.

He said the amber-colored lights appeared to be travelling along in a line.

Mr Lowen said he waved down a motorist to show the lights to him to prove he wasn't "seeing things".

Mr Lowen, who later caught a taxi and said he got

the taxi driver to look at the lights, said: "I've got plenty of witnesses."

He said the lights were there for a long time and he phoned television channels, and the police.

Mr Lowen said: "When the police came, a policeman said he thought the light was part of the Southern Cross but I pointed out to him it couldn't be because the Southern Cross was elsewhere."

The Journal phoned the RAAF to see if there had been any plane activity in the area that night and was referred to president of the Victorian UFO Society, Mrs Judith McGee, who said there was a report from a woman in the Geelong area on Monday about a sighting over Geelong.

# GEORGE TOWN CASE BOOK

At periodic intervals sighting flaps have occurred at various Tasmanian locations. The first of these was at Cressy in October of 1960 (Annual Report 1970). Further localised bursts of sightings have occurred at Gladstone 1974 (NorthEast in our 1985 Report), Lake Sorell (Annual Report 76), and Maydena (Annual Report 77). The last series of cases occurred at Georgetown in 1982, a series of lights and possible related sound being observed by witnesses. Over the years a number of events have occurred in the area and the details are given in this article.

Georgetown with a population of just over 5000 is situated at the mouth of the Tamar River in northern Tasmania. The surrounding country by Tasmanian standards is undulating with beaches and Bass Strait to the north of the town. The main reason for the town's existence is the nearby Comalco Aluminium Works at nearby Bell Bay south of the town.

## First Report.

The first sighting on the Centre's files from the area dates back to January 1958 when a Close Encounter took place. The sighting was at West Arm an inlet 5/6kmts west of the town across the Tamar River. A woman and her husband were holidaying in a houseboat moored alongside the beach. They saw an orange roundball about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  moon sized stationary above the inlet for some 20 minutes. The wife decided to go along the beach for a better look but the next thing she was surrounded by red light and felt a pressure. She ran back to the boat at once, and then she and her husband saw the orange ball swoop off at low level behind trees as it headed inland and away to the south.

## USAF Report.

Just after the Cressy sightings a United States Air Force JB57 encountered a UFO whilst operating out of Sale Air Base in Victoria. The date was November 15th 1960.

The incident occurred over the Tamar Valley some 15kmts south of Georgetown. The navigator spotted an aircraft approaching from the left and at a slightly lower elevation. The pilot said, "our altitude was 40000ft with a speed of 350knts." I spotted the object and commented to the navigator it was not an aircraft but more like a ballon. We judged its altitude at 35000ft, heading on 140 degrees at high speed".

"From previous experience I would say its closing speed would have been in excess of 800knts. We observed this object for 5 to 7 seconds before it disappeared under the left wing. Since it was unusual in appearance I banked to the left for another look but neither of us could locate it."

"The colour was somewhat translucent, somewhat like that of a poached egg. There were no sharp edges but rather fuzzy and undefined. The size was about 70ft(20/25m) in diameter and it did not appear to have any depth."

This case languished in the RAAF UFO files until uncovered by ACUFOS Investigator Bill Chalker some years ago.

## Hillwood.

The next case at Hillwood in 1966 (February 22nd) was covered in our last Annual Report. The sighting was in much the same area as the US Air Force case.

Briefly two witnesses saw an oval shape in the early hours of the morning. The oval shape had a brilliant light below that lit up the paddocks with a beam of light. It seemed to float across the countryside slowly for some half an hour. Then as it moved further away four red lights came on on the side of the oval. The witnesses became tired and eventually went to bed so that the objects disappearance was not observed.

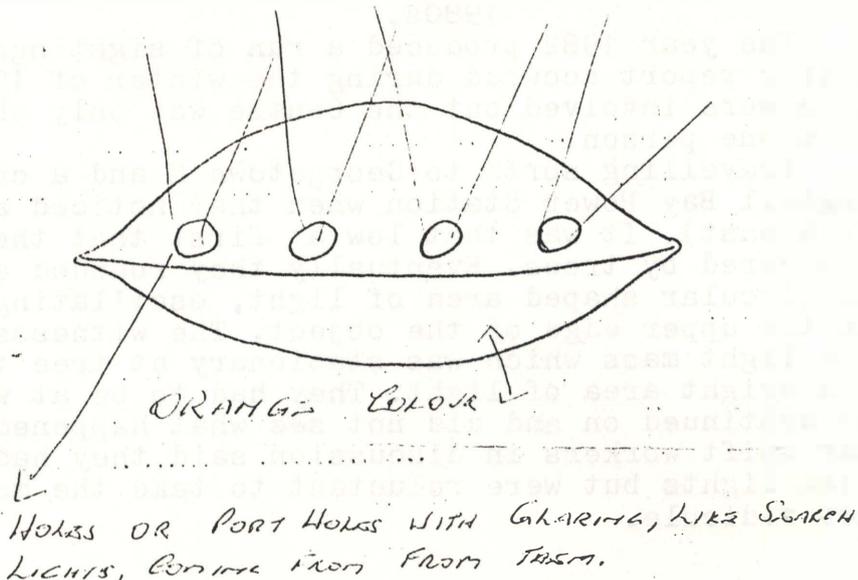
## George Town

An item in the Examiner of April 25th 1972 alerted the Centre to a sighting from the town.

"An unidentified flying object was sighted over Georgetown last night. Nine residents said they saw a bright orange object pass over the town and disappear out to sea. The object appeared again about 9.30pm and was visible for half an hour."

"Constable T.W Banfield said it travelled north west over the town and disappeared over Hebe Reef. The object was spinning and tumbling and was a bright orange colour."

"One of the witnesses watched it rise higher in the sky then go away to the north, he followed the oval spinning orange object to Low Head and saw it disappear over the horizon."



Witnesses sketch from April 25th 1972.

1978.

The intense activity of 1974/75 in Northern Tasmania seems to have bypassed Georgetown and it is not until the summer of 1978 that any further reports originated from the town.

A resident was looking out his lounge window when a star like light was noticed heading to the west. At this stage the light could have been a satellite but it did a number of direction changes when in the north west. The light stopped then rose vertically before stopping again. After being stationary it then moved north quickly for a short distance, stopped once more, moved down and travelled away fast to the north west.

The second report for the year occurred on November 29th about 9.35pm. The witness who was standing outside his home spotted high overhead two bright silver lights travelling at first towards the north east. As they went away towards Mt George still maintaining the same position relative to each other the lights changed course. They moved from going north east to veer left and disappeared to the north.

Radar Visual.

The evening of August 29th 1979 (10pm) brought a possible radar visual sighting from the First Mate of a trading vessel en route from Whitemark (Flinders Isld) to Launceston. The event took place some 16km ENE of Low Head when a number of the crew saw some bright hovering lights towards West Bluff. The lights were kept in view for some twenty minutes as the vessel approached the mouth of the Tamar River.

## GEORGE TOWN ...RADAR VISUAL

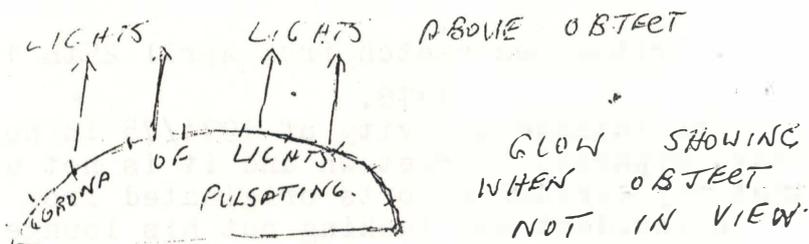
There was a new radar on the vessel which just happened to be working when the lights were noticed. The witness could see that a radar echo was being picked up from the direction of the UFO. The radar's maximum elevation was 25 degrees and the return showed that the lights were below this elevation. Two other crewmen on the bridge also saw the lights.

The object was a steady white light onto the sea below and as the vessel got closer the reflection from the light lit up the vessel and wheelhouse. The object finally started to move to the NNE, the beam of light below went out and the lights moved off at great speed. From the radar return the First Mate calculated that the object departed at a speed of 250 nautical miles per hour.

1980s.

The year 1982 produced a run of sightings from Georgetown but an earlier report occurred during the winter of 1981, a number of witnesses were involved but the Centre was only able to obtain details from one person.

Travelling north to Georgetown M and a companion were approaching Bell Bay Power Station when they noticed a glow towards Lefroy (north east). It was that low at first that the source of the glow was obscured by trees. Eventually they rounded a curve and saw a semi circular shaped area of light, oscillating lights could be seen on the upper edge of the object. The witnesses stopped briefly to view the light mass which was stationary at tree top level, and radiating a bright area of light. They had to be at work (11.30pm) shortly so continued on and did not see what happened to the light mass. Other shift workers in discussion said they had also seen the puzzling lights but were reluctant to take the matter any further for fear of ridicule.



AT ABOUT TREETOP LEVEL AND STATIONARY

### Winter 1981 Light Mass.

#### Noise Recorded?

The most interesting series of events in Georgetown occurred in 1982 when sightings occurred over a number of months. A red nocturnal light was observed together with a possible related sound which was recorded on three separate occasions.

The first event occurred sometime in February. Mrs R recalled that the interior of her house was lit up as if by car lights. However, the light was coming windows too high for car lights to shine through. It was also shining into rooms from the interior passageways.

Then there was a very loud noise that seemed to come from the Park area to the rear of the house. Mrs R and her son struggled into clothes and raced outside but nothing could be seen. Some other residents talked of seeing a glow and hearing the noise, but no one else took any more interest in the event and Mrs R let the matter drop. However, a similar but quieter sound was to be a feature of later events.

## GEORGE TOWN ... NOISE

The TV set could hardly be heard over a strange sound. A pulsating, high-speed whishing noise was coming from somewhere outside the house. Eventually the R family just had to look out to find out what was going on to account for the sound. Much to their surprise all they could see was a large bright red light to the north-east of the town. The noise, so it seemed, had its source from the light.

No one could make out just what the light was but Mrs R recalled hearing of a UFO group and decided to try and record the sound. A cassette recorder was duly hung out the window and the sound recorded. After a while the sighting finished when the light went right up the river and disappeared. The recording was later played on Launceston radio station 7EX and a number of callers contacted the radio station about the sighting. The sighting that had caused so much interest occurred on May 8th at about midnight. It was the start of a string of reports which featured lights and the possible associated sound. Further recordings of the noise were to be made on two further occasions.

### May Sightings.

Starting on May 8th, and again on the 11th, 13th, 17th, and 20th similar lights and noise were noticed by witnesses. Other incidents appear to have occurred in May/June but the Centre could not gather sufficient information on these cases.

The string of events during May tended to blur together in the witnesses' memory, it being difficult with the passage of time to recall what features occurred on which night.

Mrs R was called out by her neighbours one night and in turn called out friends across the street on another evening. Mr H who heard the tape of the claimed sound from the light was amazed when Mrs R showed the light one night. He could hear the same sound apparently emanating from a large red light in the sky. From a number of enquiries it was apparent that others had seen the light or heard the sound.

The light always looked the same, a large red ball. It moved about the sky quite a lot and one occasion shot in a second across to the western side of the Tamar River. It moved in a straight line and the noise could be heard approaching well before the light would come into view. It also circled the town one evening making a racket. It looked high enough for anyone in the town to notice it. Sometimes it vanished in mid air as if the light had been turned off. Mrs R took a second recording from the light during the run of cases.

A third tape recording of a sound possibly associated with a red light visible in the night sky was made in September. L (16) of Georgetown heard a noise about 10.45pm and together with his family viewed a pulsating circular red light low to the west. L went in and got his cassette recorder to make a recording of the sound that seemed to be coming from the direction of the light. L only took a recording about 30 seconds long, mainly due to the fact that it was a rather cold night. Everyone went back inside although the sound could be heard for sometime more before all went quiet.

L's sister also recalled having heard the same sort of sound some weeks earlier. She was at the Bowls Club when she saw a white light low to the west, the noise seemed to be coming from the light. The sound on L's cassette is similar (even the same) as the earlier recordings taken in May.

Members from the Centre visited the town to contact the witnesses and to also make checks with local Police, Fire Brigade etc: Follow up was made with local industry, shops, military, and fire alarm agents, but no satisfactory explanation could be found for the noise and light.

# GEORGE TOWN

During the run of reports from the Georgetown area a puzzling sighting came to light when a Sydney witness wrote with details of what he had seen. The letter was originally to the Launceston Examiner who in turn passed it onto the Centre.

The witness was a passenger on an incoming flight on June 27th to Tasmania over the Tamar Valley just south of Bell Bay at about 4.30pm.

He was observing the landscape below when he noticed something beneath the aircraft as it appeared to be following the plane. When the sun broke through the clouds he could clearly see a metallic spherical object about 5m in diameter. It seemed to be going with the plane then proceed upwards and away towards the north. Before being lost to view it reached about the same elevation as the passenger aircraft.

The witness, a Contracts Engineer, estimated the object was 1500m to 2000m from the aircraft and travelling about 400kph. There were no lights or wings on the object so he ruled out the possibility of it being another aircraft or helicopter.

Checks by the Centre with the Department of Aviation, Ansett, and the RAAF could throw no further light on the incident. One was left wondering if the sighting had any connection with the recent Georgetown cases of May/June that same year.

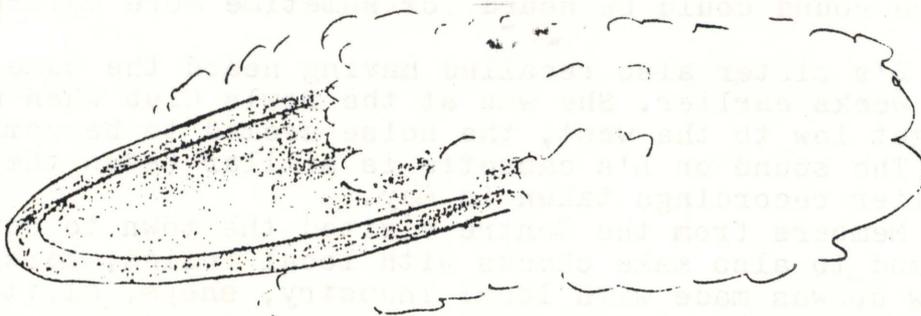
## Greens Beach Cigar.

The last of the cases from the area occurred on July 24th 1984. Cylinder and cigar sightings were fairly common in the earlier years of UFO sightings (1940-50s). Often they were associated with an accompanying vapour or cloud. The object seen that morning (11.45am) from Greens Beach was cigar like with a cloud of its own.

He was staying at the beach for some fishing and about 11.45am he looked out to see if the water and wind conditions were suitable for fishing. He noticed instead an unusual shaped cloud hurtling in from Pass Strait. He thought at first it was a couple of military aircraft, but he dismissed the idea when the dark mass halted above the hills across the Tamar. At this stage he called others to see the strange cloud.

Three witness watched an elliptical shape for the next 8 minutes. The cloud faded away to reveal an object that was dark in appearance but just as it looked to be coming out of the cloud the vapour would reform to cover it. The object was now low over the Georgetown hills and moving gradually southwards in a series of back and forth movements. The object moved only slowly before seemingly disappearing behind the hills. The witness had the impression the object was of considerable size compared to known buildings out at Low Head.

Despite media coverage the Centre received no other reports of the daytime cigar and its cloud, maybe the disguise was after all rather effective? Georgetown was the last Tasmanian area to experience any activity above average, and the only area during the 1980s have any activity of note.



.....Cigar and cloud effect Greens Beach.....

# Australian Reports 1986

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	SOURCE
Jan 2	WA	2015	NL	Perth	Lits	Witnesses see lits mov'g back and forth in clouds.	1
8	WA	2050	NL	Gossenells	Lit	Blue/red lit zig-zagging.	1
16	SA		DD	GillesPlain	Round	Obj with smoke, white/org, mov'g around for ½ hour.	2
17	SA	0040	NL	WestLakes	Oval	Erratic brit lit, 20mins	2
22	NSW		DD	DoubleBay	Cyld	White, org below. Going NE, sev wits, also stops.	3
29	SA	0245	NL	HackhamWest	Lits	Movg fast, stops, flashing	2
29	NSW	2330	CE	Orange	Oval	CE case pos: air ambulance	3/4
30	WA	0003	NL	Wanneroo	Lits	Triangle of lits, green/blue.	1
Feb 3	Tas	0415	NL	LenahValley	Ellip	2 ellip shapes jcoind by strut	5
4	WA	0345	CE?	Barraghud	Oval	W lit low over paddock	1
17	WA	2055	CE?	Cannington	Lit	Red lit appears to land	1
Mar 7	WA		CE1		Rect	Boy followed by yellow rect: shape for 300m. Terrified.	1
12	WA		NL	Middington	Round	Pink/Red lit floating down.	1
13	WA		NL		Lit	Lit hovers, vanish highspeed.	1
20	WA		NL		Lit	Lit zig zagging about.	1
22	WA		NL		Cigar	Obj emitting orange lits.	1
Apr 4	Tas	2030	NL	Lauderdale	Lit	W lit, erratic, fast.	5
5	WA	2100	NL	Warburton	Lits	Move up/down, then away	1
7	WA	1820	NL	Derby	Lit	Brit, below clouds, goes west.	1
13	Tas	0230	NL	Mangana	Lits	R/G/W lits at low level.	5
15	WA	1915	NL	VicPark	Lit	Yellow, erratic, speeds off.	1
25	Tas	2035	NL	Launceston	Lits	4cross obj, blue, seperate paths	5
26	WA	0215	NL	Morley	Round	W org/red, moving behd trees	1
27	Tas	0600	DD	Mangana	Oval	Low with lits, takes off.	5
27	WA	1915	NL	Bassendean	Ball	Obj descends into pinetrees	1
May 5	WA	nite	NL	L.Dissapointment		4 lits seen 3 evenings	1
16	Vic	0610	NL	Lancefield	Lit	Brit, changes to arrow shape.	6
21	WA	2245	NL	Kalgoorlie	Lit	Pulsing red lit, going SE	1
21	WA	1945	NL	Today	Lit	Bl/W lit at tree top level.	1
29	Tas	0615	NL	Swansea	Lit	Large W lit moves away SW.	5
Jun 5	WA	2300	CE1	Becenham		Brit obj passes over at 70m, slow.	1
10	WA	2315	NL	BurnsBeach	Large	glow obj goes into bush.	1
11	NSW	1455	DD	Cessnock	Cloud	4shapes, 1descends, 3 go east.	4
14	WA	2325	CE1	BakersHill	Car	Red car disappears when green lit appears.	1
21	WA	0105	CE?	Melville	Obj	Hovers 60m up, several wits	1
30	WA	1935	NL	Kingsley	Lit	Seen moving near Venus.	1
Jul 3	WA	2135	NL	Jandakoot	Lit	Pink, movg fast to NE.	1
21	WA	2255	NL	Collbelup	Photo	of brit obj just below moon.	1
26	WA	2230	NL	MossmanPark	Lits	Col'd lits in triangle shape	1
30	WA	0130	NL	Bibraakes	Lit	Brit, hovers over lake.	1
Aug 1	WA	1230	CE3	Thornlie	Egg	Pupils see egg obj; then 1m tall blackfig: Hissing as egg obj takes off.	1
3	Tas	1930	NL	Huon	Round	Orange lit/lits below, lowlevel	5
4	SA	0030	NL	Truro	Lits	4 lits fade & reappearing.	2
4	WA	2050	NL	Kallamunda	Obj	W/transparent, rises in east.	1
6	SA	2030	NL	Penora	Round	Slow movg, yellow, red tail.	2
6	Vic	2100	NL	Dandenong	Lits	Row of lits low to south.	6
	WA	Nite	NL	L.Dissapointment	Lits/shapes	seen movg to object.	1
31	WA	2340	NL	Wanneroo	NL	Flick'g lit, slowly to west.	1

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DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	SOURCE
Sep 1	WA	0415	CE?	Arthur River	Lits	Blue flashg lits nr ground.	1
2	SA	2110	CE?	Hallet	Oval	Dogs barking as 5 wits see oval blue/W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yellow lits.	2
17	WA	2200	CE1	Arthur River	Lits	Lit2/3m wide, low behd trees.	1
18	SA	2320	NL	KangarooIsld	Moon	Blue/red tail, behd hills.	2
22	Qld	2120	CE1	Edmonton	Lit	Green lit 200m away, appears to land in paddock.	7/4
Oct 1	WA	2030	NL	BakersHill	Lits	Y/B/R, zig-zagging in sky.	1
11	WA	1940	NL	Hamilton Hill	Round	Photo of pulsating obj:	1
17	WA	1945	NL	Trigg	Lits	Lits going fast out to sea.	1
20	Qld	2120	CE2	Green Hill	Lit	Blue/green lit + noise, car looses power.	7/4
21	Qld	1900	NL	WestBrisbane	Circles	of lit in clouds, suggested could be searchlits.	6

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QB86-001 DO 18 Nov 85 nr Ingham QLD 1315 hrs

A sugar-cane farmer reported seeing, from his moving vehicle, a silver, cigar-shaped object without wings or tail. The object, which was comparable in size to a Jumbo jet, travelled in a straight line from E to SSE until it disappeared as a dot in the distance. Press reports (see Herbert River Express, 21 Nov 85) indicate three other witnesses independently observed the same or similar object.

QB86-002 CE2 20 Oct 86 Green Hill QLD 2120 hrs

Single witness was driving home when her 1967 Toyota ute's steering suddenly became hard to control and the vehicle began to pull to the right side of the road. 400 m down the road, the dash and headlights almost faded out, a sound "like hundreds of mosquitoes buzzing" was heard and the engine lost power. Through the windscreen, the percipient saw a bright, oval, blue-green light moving slowly N at 15° elevation. Over the next 4 km, the engine seemed only to idle and the vehicle moved slowly despite having the "foot flat to the floor". After crossing a one-lane bridge, the ute "suddenly took off", the lights came on, the buzzing sound stopped and steering was regained. The still visible UFO was lost sight of whilst negotiating the next bridge crossing. After the 5-10 minute sighting, the percipient was excited and frightened and her hands were red from tightly holding the steering wheel. The vehicle had external rust but was mechanically sound with a 12-month-old battery. It had functioned without problems prior to and since the UFO incident.

QB86-003 NL 22 Sep 86 nr Edmonton QLD 2120 hrs

The same vehicle as in QB86-002 was being used by a father and son when they observed a round, "bright green light" over the road 200 m ahead. The light moved in a downward trajectory toward a cane field on the right side of the road and appeared to land in the paddock. The witnesses drove on though the father returned the next day without finding any trace or crop damage. Three weeks earlier, four circular marks had been found in the crop near this site. However, from the description of the traces (now obliterated by harvesting), the investigator concluded they had been caused by wind damage.

# TOURISTS' 'MONSTER NIGHTMARE'

‘Something strange and silvery and looking like an ape’

By YASMIN BOLAND

Does Lake Dulverton, at Oatlands, boast its own version of the Loch Ness monster?

According to a Victorian couple who are just completing the most bizarre touring holiday of their lives, the answer is probably yes.

Tasmania's monster, they say, is almost 2½ metres tall and hairy. It moves with lumbering steps and is enough to frighten even the hardest, adventure-seeking tourist.

It lives somewhere in the Midlands and stalks the area in the dead of night.

They don't have any photographs, but they have the jitters to prove that they've seen "it."

For the couple, Bill Johnstone and Stella Donohue, from the Melbourne inner suburb of Kew, the monster encounter started on Friday night during a quiet, moonlit stay on the shores of Lake Dulverton.

Hours earlier, their hire car punctured a tyre and they were forced to camp overnight near Oatlands.

A local suggested that the lake would be a perfect camping spot, and so they headed off and pitched their tent in a secluded corner on the shores.

After their meal they sat chatting, staring at the quiet and seemingly peaceful lake before retiring to their sleeping bags about 10 pm.

About 2 am, Stella awoke to hear strange bird-like noises around the tent.

Not at all worried, she decided that since she was awake she would make a trip to the nearby toilets and unzipped the tent flap — only to see the eeriest vision.

"It was some strange thing standing in the water — it hadn't been there when Bill and I were sitting by the lake earlier," Stella said.

"It was about 2½ metres tall and stood directly in front of our tent, about 18 metres out from the shores.

"We were told later that the water is about 1 metre deep there."

Stella at first thought that the "thing" was a tree. Then it started to move and she thought it was a man — but it was far too tall.

"It was lit up by the moon and looked silvery," Stella said.

"When I called out to Bill, it turned slowly sideways and it looked something like an ape."

Bill quickly passed the vision off as a tree — until he shone his torch at it and saw what looked like a hairy body and large shoulders.

"Then it started heading straight towards us," Bill said.

"I saw its eyes glist and that was enough for me."

By this time Stella had run for her life back to the car, her feet barely touching the ground.



Bill grabbed a couple of blankets from the tent and fled, leaving all their camping gear behind.

"At first the car wouldn't start. Stella was stamping her feet, yelling and screaming," Bill said.

The couple eventually jerked the car to life and sped out of the lake area, spending the night in a small Oatlands side street, ominously near the local cemetery.

They went back to the lake the next morning — Stella left the car's motor running — to collect their tent, which, to their amazement, was untouched.

"We asked the locals about it. They told us a man had died there," Stella said.

"They also said there were two sisters who claimed they'd seen something but were too embarrassed to talk about it."

The couple fly back to Victoria today but their Tasmanian memories and questions will linger on.

"I wonder if it was supernatural, a half-man, half-ape or what," Stella said.

"That peaceful lake now seems like a dangerous sacred site."

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## Close encounter of the eerie kind

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A Japan Air Lines pilot who said that his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge UFO over Alaska in November has reported another close encounter of the eerie kind.

Capt. Kenju Terauchi and his co-pilot reported the sighting of lights yesterday morning while on a flight from London to a refueling stop in Anchorage.

His statement to the controller was "irregular lights, looks like a spaceship."

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said that yesterday's sighting could be light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Terauchi, a veteran pilot, told the FAA that he saw the lights twice yesterday once for about 20 minutes and again for about 10 minutes as his plane flew at 1100 m.

The plane's co-pilot reported seeing the lights, but the flight engineer, who sits farther back in the cockpit, indicated that he

was uncertain whether he saw any lights at all.

Both the November sighting and yesterday's sighting were near Fort Yukon, but there were few other similarities, said the FAA spokesman.

On November 17, Terauchi reported that two bright lights and an object as wide as two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end followed his JAL Boeing 747 cargo plane for more than 480 kms as it flew to Anchorage from Iceland. The lights stayed with the plane even

when the changed altitude and took other evasive action, Terauchi had said.

In the sighting this weekend, the pilot said that in both cases, the lights approached from the front of the Boeing 747, went beneath the aircraft and reappeared to the rear.

In November, the object showed up on the plane's weather radar but there was nothing shown on radar yesterday the FAA spokesman added.

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