

# TUFOIC Newsletter

## Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre

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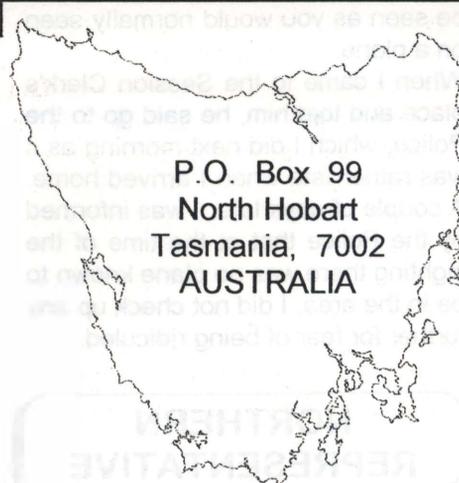
## UFOs BACK ON THE AGENDA

July usually associated with mid winter, the start of the new financial year, or the fluctuating fortunes of your favorite winter sport's team came in with renewed interest in the UFO phenomena that carried on into August and September.

Little had occurred to ruffle the calm of Tasmania's UFO waters during the period May 1993 to mid 1994. The Centre had one nocturnal light report from the Midlands on February 13th, and a possible sighting from King Island in April. However, the evening of July 7th saw the arrival of the 'red lights', witnesses from both western and eastern shore suburbs reported the lights so that their location could be placed as somewhere over the Derwent River and north of the Tasman Bridge. The lights were reported by lone witnesses on three further occasions during July, one of these reports being from Lower Sandy Bay.

A further Lower Sandy Bay sighting came on August 5th, then the lights were noticed again on the 17th and 19th before the major event on August 20th. Prior to this the Centre had collected information to indicate the lights had a local origin and ran a press release with the intention of collecting further data or 'encouraging' and other sighting event.

On August 20th soon after 9pm sightings came into the Centre of 6 orange/red lights over the Cornelian Bay area, the lights moved slowly down river and gradually



changed their formation, two lights were seen to fall into the river near the Botanical Gardens. The other lights faded out or seemed to keep moving away over Rosny Hill and being lost from view.

Once all the information had been collected it became apparent witnesses north of Cornelian Bay had been looking southwards, other witness on either side of the Derwent River located the lights over the river whilst the more southerly witnesses talked of the lights falling, going out, or fading into the distance. The source of the lights it would appear was around New Town Bay, with persons unknown releasing balloons or hot air devices with lights attached. Information from fellow researchers in other capital cities indicate that this type of incident has been prevalent in the last year or two.

A subsequent result of the publicity was reports of other sightings, via the UFO Connection shop a copy of a video was obtained. The video was very brief but showed a point source rapidly crossing the sky. The video was taken just after mid-day by a Dover resident. Erratic lights both orange and white were seen over Launceston, Kingston, and Cairns Bay, these cases were not of Venus which being large and

bright in the western sky has resulted in queries to the Centre. Other reports of lights have come from a property in the Northern Midlands, the lights it seems have been re-occurring for some years with an increase in activity in recent months. Terry Gibbons a member from Launceston is following up this case.

TUFOIC got onto the National scene in September after ABC Radio reported sightings at Wycliffe Well, south of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. Paul Jackson advised UFO Research Australia of the events and acting on their behalf contacted, and interviewed the witnesses at Wycliffe Weils. Nocturnal lights had reported over a number of weeks including a car pace sighting and auto-stop incident. It was claimed telephone and fax communications had also been effected. It is suspected that the bright planets Venus and Jupiter may have been responsible for some events. Explanations for the sightings such as "they drink too much down there", or the sightings are due earthquake lights in a stressed region are all too broad and sweeping, let's hope that a responsible UFO group can uncover the sequence of events and make some sense out of it all

### MEMBERS MEETING

Our final meeting for 1994 will be held on:

**December 2nd 1994**

Starting at: **7.30PM**  
at the

**Glenorchy Library**  
Terry Street, Glenorchy.

**MIDLANDS - 1965**

Source VUFORS Australian UFO Bulletin

**Tasmanian Sighting Report.**

Report by Reverend Mr. Bill Drooger of a sighting in Tasmania August-September 1965.

This occurred when I was Minister of the Presbyterian Church at Oatlands in the midlands of Tasmania. One evening I had to go to see the Session Clerk on church business. He lived three to four miles west of Oatlands on the road to Interlaken.

It was about 7pm and I was two miles west of Oatlands when I saw something coming. It would have been approximately between 4000 and 5000 feet high and appeared to me to be a plane on fire.

I had seen quite a few of those in Holland during the war, from 1940-45. I stopped the car on the side of the road because if the plane fell down, as I thought it would do, I might be able to render some help.

When out of the car, standing on the roadside, I didn't hear any noise. That seemed rather strange because normally you would hear the plane either revving up the engines or the noise of the plane on fire falling through the air.

The plane, or whatever it was, kept at a constant height and constant speed. The flight path was from the south east to the north west. When the plane was slightly left of me to the north west, I could not distinctly see any wings, but I saw the form of what looked like the body of a plane. Then six smaller objects that looked like lighted arrow-heads shot out from the main object. Coming out at the same interval of about ten seconds, three of the objects came out from each side. The ones from the left hand side of the object continued on an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the WNW while those from the right hand side of the object shot out at the same 45 degree angle to the NNE.

I did not see any alteration to the height or speed of all those six lighted arrow-heads or the lighted up body of the plane, which I realized at that time was not on fire but just lit up. It was an even glow of light, fairly bright. No lighted up windows could be seen as you would normally see on a plane.

When I came to the Session Clerk's place and told him, he said go to the Police, which I did next morning as it was rather late when I arrived home. A couple of days later I was informed by the Police that at the time of the sighting there was no plane known to be in the area. I did not check up any further for fear of being ridiculed.

**NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVE**

TUFOIC is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry Gibbons, as our Northern Tasmanian representative.

Terry will be taking over from the long serving Don McSween.

Our thanks go to Don for his work as chief Northern representative over a period of many years. Don will continue to assist with investigations in the north of the state.

The new number for Northern Tasmanian sightings: 003 - 28 1357

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTED**

TUFOIC recently received a letter from Mr. John Robson, a private UFO researcher in England, requesting an exchange of correspondence and information on the UFO subject, with any members of TUFOIC.

His address is:

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**INCOMING NEWS**

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre receives a variety of publications and information on UFO sightings and general items from both Australia and overseas, due to space restrictions it not always possible to pass on this information to readers of our publications.

One of the more recent flaps has received no media coverage in Australia, and now some years after the events we read of it in UFO publications. Initially in late 1992 it was alleged that Russian divers in the Gulf of Finland came upon an enormous submarine craft that astounded them by shooting up out of the sea. In December 1992 there were reports from Iceland of three UFOs descending and entering the sea near Langness on the eastern coast of Iceland. The following day Icelandic trawlermen fishing of the north-east coasts saw several rapidly moving underwater craft with flashing lights. The underwater object inflicted damage on the trawler's nets. The scared fishermen called for protection by the Icelandic Coast-guard. There have continued to be other reports of UFOs entering the sea.

In February 1993 an Icelandic airliner coming from London was joined when over Scotland, by two tremendous glowing spheres, and these stayed with it - one on each side - until it reached its destination, Keflavik Airport. Later in the year a witness from Lockerbie in Scotland videotaped some strange lights.

In May two Icelandic fishing boats were missing and beams of light were seen overhead by the searching vessels who also suffered radio failures during the presence of the beams.

During the same time period alien entities were reported to have been seen by Icelanders living near Langness Fjord.

So many reports that seem to briefly grab the headlines, then just disappear never to be heard of again, it makes one wonder!

## UFO CONNECTION AND ABDUCTIONS

by Anne Fellows

As we near our 2nd anniversary of the "UFO Connection" I am as always totally amazed and excited by it all. I had no idea what reaction would ensue 2 years ago when I felt compelled to have a place to share interest and knowledge.

Consequently as a result I have met some wonderful people and heard amazing reports.

The shop has brought a lot of like minded people together in a safe environment where there are none of the limits imposed by social, cultural or religious boundaries.

Frequently people relate very bizarre encounters to me and I am privileged to be trusted with this information. It would seem that just about everybody has had meta physical experiences of various kinds and varying intensity.

One such person who had experienced "missing-time" brought into the shop a large piece of what looked like fused rocks and black glass. He had broken this from a larger clump the day after he had witnessed a light land in a field along side the Highway on which he was traveling.

He arrived home some 45 minutes late that were unaccounted for. When he returned to the sight the following day, he found three depressions in the ground, equally spaced and a large fused mass in the centre. A sample of which he brought to show me.

I was the first person he had told about this except for his wife. This happened in 1952.

Another man, "Ron," telephoned me and asked me to meet him. Which I did as he rarely leaves his home. Over the next two days an amazing report emerged. He showed me his notes and told me of his many sightings and face to face contacts and his actual trips with E.T.s on their vast ships. He described their appearance, their

lives, ships, and reasons for being here.

Ron experienced his first sighting at 11 years of age. He is now in his 50s. He has always gone with them in full consciousness and of his own free will except for one occasion whilst serving as a merchant seaman aboard the "Montivideo". He had been asleep in his bunk, but awoke to find himself on board a mother ship. He was with them for 5 days.

The Navy sent a telegram to Ron's parents to say he was missing (presumed fallen overboard). After he returned another telegram was sent, much to the relief of his parents, saying that a mistake had been made and Ron was O.K!

The phenomenon has followed him all over the world, from his birthplace in Kent U.K, through his Navy career and on to N.S.W. where he worked in advertising for many years.

Finally drawn to Tassie he now lives a very simple life away from the rat race, where his encounters continue to take place. Ron is very cautious about what he says and to whom. Ron's health is not good.

These are but a couple of the many many people out there who, because they can't make "down to earth" sense of what's happened or what they've seen; they shut it all away. The alternative as many others have suffered is that society shuts them away either physically or psychologically. It is not possible to study this subject without it changing ones perception of what we call reality.

Many people fear change, many others want to perpetuate this reality for greed or power reasons. To all those open minded aware people - Thank-you. To all the others who are not so sure - Think-you.

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## LIGHTS PUZZLE IN RED CENTRE

Darwin.

Wycliffe Wells in the Northern Territory boasts only a caravan park, roadhouse, and a population of 3 - but faces the glare of publicity because mysterious lights in the sky.

Lou Farkas, who runs the Wycliffe Wells roadhouse 374km north of Alice Springs says he is used to the phenomena. But employee Malcolm White is not so blasé after one of them gave him a scare this week.

"He was driving along on Monday night when it came down and rushed towards him", Mr. Farkas said.

"It shot away to the side but not before his car engine cut out, stopping him for driving for 15 minutes".

Mr. White was not available to elaborate because he is in hospital for a leg operation.

Mr. Farkas, 47, said, he had seen the lights to the west of the roadhouse now and then since he arrived from Adelaide seven years ago. But they had caused trouble only recently.

"They sit up there, orange with some red and green, and then come down to the ground just before 9.30pm at night", he said. "That's when the EFTPOS machine, phone and fax play up, and Telecom can't do anything for me".

The 300 or so Aboriginals of the Alicurung people, who live in the district had known of the lights for some time.

Tennant Creek newspaper owner Jasmin Afianos, 31, drove 130km to Wycliffe Wells on Tuesday to see the phenomena, and it lived up to all expectations. "One is bigger than the other and they are positioned about 45 degrees from one and other", she said. "They are not on show every night but when they are they come down about 9.20pm and cause trouble with the electricity".

She was still waiting to get her prints back after taking photographs of the lights and intended to return soon with a video camera.

Reports of the phenomena came from Ross Douwe of the National reporting and sighting

**The West Australian**  
**Monday 5/9/94**

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# PARANET

PARANET is an Electronic Mail/Bulletin board service which is devoted to UFO and related subjects. It is operated in Australia by UFO Research Australia, Cairns, Queensland.

Paranet is not open to the public. It is a restricted service which is available to UFO researchers only, and as such, TUFOIC has been granted full access.

Paranet would provide us with access to fellow UFO researchers throughout Australia, the USA, and around the world).

To access this service we require an IBM compatible Computer, a standard Telephone line and a Modem (The Phone to Computer interface).

TUFOIC currently has

access to all of these through Paul Jackson, who is our authorized Paranet representative. But we only have access to a borrowed 2,400 Baud modem, which takes over 30 minutes to download the Paranet files from Cairns each week. The phone charges are just too high for a small organization like ours to sustain. TUFOIC has only had limited access to this service over the past year, due basically to our inability to pay the phone call charges between Hobart and Cairns, and our share of the cost of the phone charges from Cairns to the USA.

UFORA has just upgraded to a new fast 14,400 baud Modem which should cut the local and overseas phone costs by about 4/5ths.

TUFOIC believes that this service is a necessity if we are to keep up with current events, trends

and thinking world wide on the UFO subject. To this end we propose to begin fund raising to buy a fast modem to be able to fully access this service.

At the next meeting (See page 1) we will be requesting members to assist in raising funds.

Paul Jackson has been able to arrange a very special once only price for a new 14400 baud modem, for under \$200, which is well below the retail price.

If you would like to assist with the fund raising, which may be in the form of a Chocolate drive, or would like further details on the above, please come along to the December meeting, or contact Paul on: 002 -73 0079.

**Donations to the fund will also be most gratefully received**

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## CSIRO to search for life in space

CANBERRA — Australia's premier scientific research agency, the CSIRO, has been commissioned to join a major search for intelligent life in outer space.

The CSIRO yesterday announced it had signed a \$2 million contract with the United States-based Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute.

Two radio telescopes will be used as part of Project Phoenix, the largest search yet for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

CSIRO radio telescopes director Ron Ekers said the agency's equipment near Parkes and Coonabarabran in western NSW would participate in the search from mid-January to mid-May next year.

"Many of the target stars can only be observed from the Southern Hemisphere and we have the best telescopes for that part of the search," Dr Ekers said in a statement.

Project Phoenix will look for certain

types of radio signals from almost 200 stars similar to the sun.

CSIRO said photographs from the Hubble space telescope showed discs of dust swirling around dozens of stars.

The dust is thought to be what planets are formed from.

"The photographs suggest that stars are more likely to have planets than was previously believed, which could increase the chance that there is life elsewhere in the universe," the CSIRO said.

Melbourne Age 23/6/94

## Gold lights and green men: Utterly Far Out

By DAVID PORTER

There are strange lights in the sky. The Martians must be coming.

Maybe they have already landed. Maybe they are not Martians at all, but creatures from another galaxy.

Perhaps an alien life form sent out an uninhabited space probe millions of years ago, which stumbled upon our solar system when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Maybe the bulldozers of the probe have finally arrived, and they're cruising round looking for dinosaurs?

Maybe indeed. It's almost all conjecture in the realm of unidentified flying objects — with one exception. The number of UFO sightings over Australia has risen astronomically.



According to Mr Ross Dowe, the founder of the "UFO reported sighting hotline", there were 119 sightings during the week beginning 6 June,

and another 80 the following week.

With the average usually no more than 20-30 a week, Mr Dowe's assessment of the situation seems reasonable. "Something is going on."

Mr Dowe does not belong to any UFO society. He is a computer buff who set up the hotline out of interest in UFO's and as a service to others who share that interest.

"We do get a few oddballs. I'd say about 20-30 per cent are a bit odd. Out of the whole lot you get about 10 per cent that are very, very interesting. They are from people whose sanity or position in society you just couldn't question," he said.

Some of the recent sightings include a "huge gold light" hurtling towards earth over the NSW central

coast; another is of a "bizarre looking object with red and green lights" which lit up the sky north of Perth.

Last Saturday afternoon, a woman reported seeing a bright light like a "big plastic bag on fire" which hovered over her paddock and resembled "Ned Kelly's helmet with a slit in the top". The woman said her husband didn't see anything.

One pertinent fact may be that tomorrow is the 47th anniversary of the first reported UFO sighting by a reliable source. On 24 June, 1947, a pilot, Mr Kenneth Arnold, reported seeing nine disc-shaped flying saucers over Mount Ranier, Washington.

Maybe the UFOs are holding a reunion?