

TUFOIC NEWSLETTER

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TASMANIAN SIGHTINGS

THE FLAP WE HAD TO HAVE?

Its many years since the Centre has had so many unidentified cases in a twelve month span, since August 1995 the unexplained numbers look like being in the 30s maybe even more when all the information has been collected for each of the individual cases. As always a large proportion of the sightings have occurred outside the Southern area of the state, on the other hand this is not surprising when one realises that there is a wider area in the North of the state with just as many people to report sightings.

Callers outside the 002 area (Southern Tasmania) do not have the Centre's telephone contact number readily available, a call to 013 (Information) can in fact put them onto a Melbourne operator, who in turn is likely to provide them with an out of state number. One witness advised us she called a Hotline number, a call which cost her \$32, and failed to assist in the investigation of her sighting. We may well have many other possible witnesses in the North of Tasmania but costs prevent us from providing an entry in all the local directories.

Witnesses have contacted the local media and the Centre direct, whilst some sightings we have learnt of second hand. Initial reports in 1995 were mostly from the South with a concentration of 3 cases over Warrane followed by a 4th early in 1996. A large number of sightings have come from country districts, the Derwent Valley, Lake Sorell, and more lately in 1996 from the Tamar Valley area.

Every effort has been made to visit the witnesses if they are in the Hobart or Launceston areas. Telephone contact is made with witnesses who are in country locations which due to work and family commitments of the investigators preclude a visit at this point in time.

The bulk of sightings have sighting forms or written correspondence with information on the incidents.

Most cases occurring towards the end of 1995 have been covered in our 1996 Annual Report, the burst of activity from January to June with some 30 odd cases to complete has taken some considerable time hence the delay in our Newsletter.

The Launceston Examiner was most helpful in running items on sightings as they occurred and there is no doubt that this encouraged other witnesses to report their own sightings. An item covering the Mc Auley family cases also was a focus for more callers direct to the family. sightings though were not without some controversy, one contact alleged that they were all due to paper templates carried aloft by hot air devices, we certainly had some of these devices reported from Launceston in March, they were easily identifiable as orange lights, moving with the winds, gaining elevation, fading into the distance or just blinking out. The bulk of the Tamar Valley cases involved bright white lights with a string of reports at the close which appeared in the daytime as a cylinder shape apparently surrounded by a cloud of its own making, this phenomena had a puzzling habit of just disappearing in almost the blink of an eye. Yet another contact claimed to be from the Defence Department visiting the state on other business. As he was visiting New Norfolk a friend suggested he check the local newspaper for UFO cases, on doing this he noted the Centre's telephone number and accordingly gave us a call?

A second call came allegedly from Richmond Air Force base requesting telephone contact numbers in order to pass on UFO sightings from the public.

Elsewhere in Australia there have been reports of increased activity, press items and ABC radio news stories, however, the Centre has been unable to obtain any specific details. INUFOR of New South Wales has mentioned a spate of sightings early in the year from the Gosford area, numerous orange lights had been reported over Melbourne suburbs but Victorian groups seem to be at odds whether these are more hoax balloons or genuine UFO cases.

We have posted a list of our sightings on Paranet for fellow Australian Researchers but to date we have not had any response.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

TUFOIC president, Ron Jolly, has had to step down from the executive committee due to ill health. Ron served TUFOIC for 17 years. His services and friendly manner will be sadly missed by the committee and members. We extend our sincere thanks to Ron for his efforts and wish him a speedy recovery.

TUFOIC is pleased to welcome 3 new members to the executive committee, they are:
Matt and Michael Whayman, and Ray Thomas.

TUFOIC is Administered by an Executive committee consisting of:

President: Chair meetings, Spokesman.

Secretary: Attend to general correspondence.

Investigations Co-Coordinator: Supervise the Investigation team and record sighting details supplied by Investigators and witnesses.

Liaison officer: Attend to the exchange of Publications and correspondence with other UFO organisations and Researchers.

Librarian: maintain the TUFOIC library and record all borrowings.

General committee: Members appointed to the executive to assist in the general administration of the organisation.

TUFOIC members are encouraged to take an active role in the organisation, and this is your chance to have a say in the Administration and future directions of TUFOIC. If you would like to become an active participant in TUFOIC, please advise us in writing prior to the Bi-annual executive committee meeting to review TUFOIC administration, which will be held in the very near future, to allocate tasks to new committee members and appoint a new President.

UFO MOVIES ON THE WAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Blockbuster of the decade, if one is to believe the hype that proceeds this film about invading aliens. Strange phenomena surfaces around the globe, the skies ignite and terror rages in the worlds major cities. The word is that the plot is thin but the Visual effects are a knockout. See the White House blown to bits. No friendly aliens in this one. Can we save the world or will July 4th bring total annihilation.

Stars: Bill Pullman (played The father in the movie **Casper**).

Brent Spinner (Mr. Data - **Star Trek TNG**).
ID4 is set for Australian release late August

See the Internet for more details: www.id4.com

THE ARRIVAL

Reviews call it a B-grade flick. More invading Aliens, but uses the Strangers among us theme - Funny how most movie & TV aliens are built like out of work American actors!.

Charlie Sheen plays a Radio Astronomer who receives signals from what he believes to be aliens. Instead of a raise, he gets the sack. His investigations then lead him to an alien HQ in Mexico. It should be showing in Hobart about now.

SKYWATCH

Winter is here and the night sky is awash with stars, pity it is too cold for some of us to venture outside to view the awesome sight of the Mikyway splash across the sky.

The Planets to watch at the moment are:

Jupiter is high in the evening sky, Almost overhead about 9 - 10PM During August. It's large size and bright white colour make it stand out against the stars of Scorpio.

Venus is in the morning sky, about 20 degrees above the N.E. horizon at 7 AM. It will dominate the morning sky before sunrise for the rest of the year.

You will have to stay up late to see **Saturn**, as it rises about 10.30 PM, and climbs to about 45 degrees due north at 4 AM. It is not very bright during August, but it is in a part of the sky almost devoid of bright stars. It will brighten and be

better placed for observation later in the year.

Comet **Hale-Bopp**, although not bright enough to see with the naked eye as yet, is becoming visible in binoculars. It is not far from Jupiter during August. It is becoming brighter with each week and should become easier to find later in the year.

More details in the next Edition of the TUFOIC Newsletter.

THE OZ FILES

The Australian UFO Story

By Bill Chalker

The OZ Files is Australia's version of the X files but without the science fiction.

If you want the real story of Australian UFO sightings, then **The OZ Files** is the book for you. A must read for all serious researchers and anyone wanting factual Australian UFO information.

Keith Roberts and Paul Jackson - TUFOIC

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Summary of reported sightings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Location & Brief details</i>
12/11/95	19.30	NL	Exton. Silver light drops in sky, then curves across to south of witnesses and moves away to the west.
/12/95	Nite	CE1	Bothwell. Bright round object appears near farm, possible effect on TV, Follow up to be completed.
17/01/96	23.00	NL	Fentonbury. 2 lights crossing SW sky, one behind the other, red flashes of light in between as if firing at each other.
17/01/96	22.30	NL	Kingston. 2 lights seen to merge before third light moves away to east.
19/01/96	23.00	NL	Fentonbury. 2 lights crossing sky, stop & start, change positions.
19/01/96	23.15	NL	Claremont. 2 lights cross over in sky, depart in different directions.
19/01/96	21.30	NL	Lake Sorell. 2 large lights to west release 3rd small red light.
21/01/96	00.25	CE1	Warrane. Fourth case from same area, motorist sees rectangle shape with rotating white light over highway, disappears north.
21/01/96	22.00	NL	Windermere (Tamar). Flashing white light moving erratically in northern sky. Investigating.
07/02/96	20.30	CE1	Swan Point. Noise from 3 large white lights 20m above Tamar River. Witness contacted, details to be obtained.
13/02/96	23.15	NL	Gagebrook. Large erratic light, radiates glow, drops to west.
25/02/96	23.00	NL	Lake Sorell. Triangle white shape over hill to east, moves off to south.
27/02/96	Nite	NL	East Tamar Hwy. Bright pole shaped object goes down to ground. To be followed up for details.
29/02/96	22.20	NL	Robigana. Flashing white light approaches from NW, stops, then departs upward at great speed.
10/03/96	17.00	DD	Kettering. 2 flashing white lights moving rapidly south, separate then rejoin, fade into distance.
11/03/96	11.20	DD	Roseberry. Silvery shape rotating in sky to south of town, moves away to south. No air traffic known in area at time of sighting.
21/03/96	00.15	CE1	Carlton Beach. Swish noise, orange glow from outside, lights seen moving away to west. No known aircraft in area at the time.
23/03/96	03.30	NL	Kayena. Gold cigar object reported to NE, departs to north at high speed. Follow up to be completed.
/03/96	20.00	NL	Forest Vale. Witnesses out shooting when observe large orange light moving around above Western Tiers. Sighting details to come.
25/03/96	00.45	NL	Evandale. Set of 4 orange lights low to south seen moving away into distance.
04/96	19.15	CE1	Red Hills. Motorist paced by bright blue ball for about a kilometre.
04/04/96	21.20	CE1	Cornwall. Motorist sees two white lights fill up rear window, then car is lit up by light from above. Under investigation.
08/05/96	19.40	NL	Swan Point. Cone shaped object to NE radiates red and green lights or beams, shoots off. Awaiting detail from witness.
15/05/96	19.25	CE1	Swan Point. Huge light low over river lights up foreshore. Investigating.
22/05/96	15.30	DD	Bradys Look Out. Vapour trail forms into upright bronze cigar shape which just disappears.
22/05/96	18.30	NL	Robigana. Blue light flashed ahead of motorist, stays in sky ahead as drives to Beauty Point. Investigating.
22/05/96	22.30	NL	Swan Point. Bright light low down moving fast to north. Investigating.
24/05/96	06.55	NL	West Launceston. Pink saucer shape in sky, moves off to east gone in seconds. Follow up for details.
24/05/96	22.00	CE1	Blumont. Rectangle shape with lights, passes low over house. Silent, moves away to south behind trees. Investigating.
25/05/96	11.50	DD	Hadspen-Prospect. Silver cigar shape stationary in sky to south of road, just disappears in a second.
25/05/96	19.15	CE1	Flinders Hwy: Motorist reports large round light alongside car, visible for 40kM, just disappears at main highway junction.
25/05/96	20.30	NL	Beauty Point. Cone shaped object seen low to SE, has red and blue lights moving up from it. Investigating.
29/05/96	01.00	DD	Launceston. Vertical vapour trail forms into upright cylinder, just disappears in two seconds.
04/06/96	06.50	NL	Paper Beach. Motorist reports 2 large white lights travelling SE to NW, red light at rear. Investigating.
10/06/96	14.00	DD	Symmons Plains to Perth. White cylinder shape comes down near Hwy, moves up and away to east. Photo taken. Investigating.

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GOSFORD Australia's Gulf Breeze

By Moira Mc Ghee

Gosford is situated on the N.S.W. Central Coast, which is about one hours drive north of Sydney and stretches along the coast between Sydney and Newcastle.

Over the last four or five years there have been several notable "Flaps" especially over or near the local lake system. Nothing, however, prepared us for the events which took place over a two month period in late 1995-early 1996.

Just after Christmas 1995, several residents reported hearing a loud sonic hum late at night as if something was over the nearby water- or passing over their houses. Sometimes the furniture would vibrate, and often the surrounding area would be lit as bright as day.

Saturday night, 30th December, 1995, was one the local police would never forget. At about 9pm-10pm, several motorists rang from their mobile phones to report a strange craft hovering over the local freeway. One frightened mother claimed it paced her car along several kilometres of the road.

whilst the situation in Gosford quietened down for about two hours, other witnesses in Penrith, west of Sydney, reported a similar strange object hovering over the Great Western Freeway just after midnight in the early hours of Sunday the 31st December.

Startled Gosford residents saw a large saucer type craft, 20 to 30 metres in diameter, hovering over Brisbane Waters. When police arrived, or indeed any car headlights approached the craft, it would disappear up into the night. within a few minutes of retuning to the police station. the local constabulary would receive another call from different part of the lake. The frightened residents would give a very similar description, the majority reporting a loud humming sound, and bright lights shining on the water which was splashing and frothing under the craft. Time and time again the police would go to investigate, and the craft would dart away, only to reappear over a different part of the lake a short while later.



As soon as we appealed for witnesses, the phone was inundated with callers reporting a multitude of sightings and strange phenomena. We realised we were investigating far more than just one night of incredible events, witnesses reported continuing sightings, including one witness who had taken five minutes of video footage.

We booked a room in the local RSL Club for the 24th February, and arranged a hasty meeting with witnesses and interested residents. Over 300 people contacted us, and we were flooded with accounts of current and previous sightings. data reported included contacts, abductions, and even reports of a stranded alien. Most witnesses were reliable and well educated, and many sightings were well corroborated. several retirees related accounts of sightings in earlier years.

Two accounts of saucer type objects seen in 1945 were of enormous interest. As they predated the Kenneth Arnold sightings, at Mt. Ranier, by nearly two years.

A retired farmer related how a saucer lifted his car right off the road, and it brought the Mundrabilla case immediately to mind.

INUFOR are currently trying to trace a witness, who is reported to have driven under the farmer's car as the UFO carried it above the road at tree-

top level. Further information has come to hand about sacred sights in the area, sights which have incredible harmonic values and correspond with contactee reports and other strange phenomena

The situation is quite mind-boggling, and the whole story must be told. INUFOR researches are currently hard at Work investigating each report.

the volume of information is such that a normal Digest would not be sufficient to do it justice. We are planning a book "THE GOSFORD FILES" to detail all the reports and information. One researcher has been kind enough to loan us the printing cost if we cannot find a commercial publisher.

When published INUFOR Digest reader's will be offered Copies of the book at a minimal price.

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