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# TUFOIC Newsletter

## The Year to Date

In recent months media attention has been focused on alleged UFO sightings in Launceston and Hobart. Unfortunately these reports have had mundane explanations.

The media guideline is that a lot of callers must equal a UFO sighting whilst a lone witness who really sees something strange is to be avoided.

A run of red lights reported over Launceston during May was due to the release of balloons with lights attached. This was repeated on the night of the full eclipse of the moon (July 16th), no doubt as a captive audience was on hand to see the prankster's display. An object described as a large orange light with flames licking up the sides was reported late one night from the Tasman Peninsula. Like the Launceston reports this appears to be a 'balloon hoax', but one wonders who would be letting off such a device with virtually no one about to witness the incident. Maybe these events are for the gratification of the balloon operators. Initially of a more puzzling nature were lights on the clouds seen on the evening of July 10th in the Granton area. However, the Police only clouded the issue by telling callers it was the laser from the Antarctic Centre in Kingston. They had seen an article on the laser in the paper that day and decided that was

the cause of the lights. A number of telephone calls uncovered the real culprit as St Virgils School. It was the opening night of their new performance centre and they had hired a skytracker searchlight which on a clear night can be seen from 100 km away!

## New Executive

Due to personal commitments and the pressure of work we regret to say that longtime serving member Paul Jackson has had to resign from the TUFOIC Executive. Paul who has been a tower of strength over the years will still be there in the background to assist with data on astronomical and satellite information.

A good spread of members have stepped up to take on positions on the Executive.

**President..** Bill Kelly.

**Network Liason..** Robert Andrews.

**Membership..** Gunther Bissells.

**Publication Distribution..**

Alis Jacob.

**Librarian..** Ray Thomas.

**Liaison Officer..** Donna Hartley.

**Secretary/Treasurer/Investigations Coordinator..** Keith Roberts.

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<http://www.netspace.net.au/~tufoic>

## RECENT REPORTS

Following investigations by the Centre the cases listed below have proved to be of some interest. Due to the delay before some cases were received full investigation is impossible in some cases. The Basin (Jan 1st) maybe a balloon hoax? Lauderdale (Jan 10th) can not completely rule out squid vessel lights? Claremont (July 1st) could be high flying aircraft?

### 2000 January 1st. 2am.

#### The Basin (Launceston).

Several witnesses noticed what they took to be a white flare in the sky. However, it came down only 50m from the witness. It was now an orange, blue, and possibly white lights in triangle formation covering about 1m. It was on a slope above the witnesses who were on a path. The lights looked to float through the trees. They thought it may have been car lights and in the confusion did not see how the lights disappeared. One of the witnesses returned to the area but found nothing he could connect with the event.

### 2000. January 10th, about 10/11pm. Lauderdale.

Family notice a very bright white light out over Frederick Henry Bay. The mother takes a video which shows the light apparently low over the bay out beyond Lauderdale. After some minutes the light fades and the video is terminated. Almost at once the five lights are reported to have appeared in the same location before they also fade out. Copy of video to be shown at March meeting by Chris Gralak.

## TASMANIAN UFO INVESTIGATION CENTRE

### 2000. January 13th, 11.15am. Nierinna

Witness was travelling up Nierinna Rd near Margate on a bright sunny morning. She slowed for an intersection and noticed an object the size of a small plane over the hills ahead.. Mist covered the rear of two grey-white elliptic shapes moving horizontally together. Looking closely as they car had all but stopped the witness noticed a thin black line at the front that seemed to connect the two shapes. A few trees briefly obscured the view and when the witness searched the sky there was nothing to be seen.



### 2000. January 15th, 11.45pm. West Kentish.

The witness looked out over the view of Mt Roland from her house and noticed a line of 5 green light panels high on the mountainside. She called her husband to make confirm what she could see. There were 5 panels rectangular in shape, with a further smaller 5 lights to the left all at the same level. The witness estimated the length of the panels and lights at about 30 m.

At first they took the lights to be on a new building and after watching for some time took no further notice. An inspection the following day revealed nothing to explain the row of lights.

### 2000. February 18th, 12.30am. Park Beach.

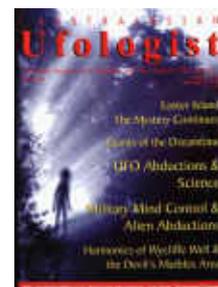
The witness had not long been home when he took his dog outside for a run. Almost at once a flash high above caught his eye.

He looked up and saw a large (Moon sized) orange light moving rapidly across the sky towards Lauderdale. It travelled in a straight line from about a 60 degree elevation to about 30 degrees. He was then surprised to see the light reverse direction instantly and come back across the southern sky. Almost at once it again reversed its flight path and went off to the south-west towards Cremorne before doing a final direction reversely disappearing into the south-east.

### 2000 May 15th. 9pm.

#### Forth.

Motorist travelling east on the Old Bass Highway noticed what looked like a falling star come down behind a hill to the south. A glow appeared behind the hill, then the passenger saw the light return across the sky to the north. This series of events was repeated two more times with the light moving either south or towards the north. On the final sighting the passenger said the light came more from behind the car, paused for a few seconds then disappear northwards.



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**2000 May 25th. 1.45pm. Lutana.**

The witness was hanging out the washing when she glanced skywards and noticed two bright lights against the blue sky. The lights were in the south and about half way up the sky. One light was higher than the other. At first they did not seem to move, then the higher light zig-zagged down to join the lower light. Once more the lights were still, then slowly they moved together towards the south-east. They looked to increase speed and gain elevation as they just vanished from sight (see second similar case on July 1st).

**2000 June 21st. 6.40pm. Blackmans Bay.**

A glowing gold round object was seen travelling north by two occupants of a motor vehicle. The object was about one cent sized at arms length. It had irregular shaded panels like a moonscape. It appeared to be low and slow moving as it was in view for some time as the motorist drove along Burwood Drive. It was obscured from sight by hills and trees to the north.

**2000 June 24th. 2.05am. Granton.**

The witness was returning home to New Norfolk on the Northern Outlet. Just short of Granton two bright white lights were seen side by side just west of the highway. The motorist slowed almost a stop as the lights came lower and a rectangular shape could be seen with square windows or panels on the side of the object.

The object seemed to hover briefly then went straight up into the clouds, illuminating them as it disappeared. Checks for possible aircraft movements such as cargo planes or air ambulances proved negative.

**2000 July 1st. 11am. Claremont.**

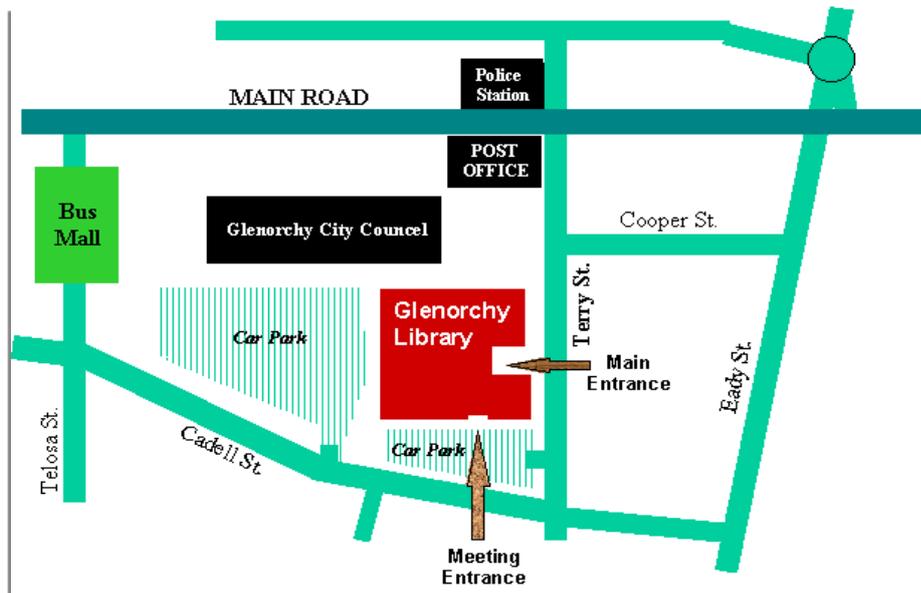
Another witness who was hanging out the washing saw a bright light or line against the blue sky.

The line was moving SW to NE. It went over at high elevation and disappeared more to the east. Two more lines appeared, the second passing the first as they went off to the north-east. Finally a fourth line or light was seen following the course of the first line but at a faster speed. the lines/lights were in the sky for 5 minutes or more.

**TUFOIC MEETINGS**

Are now held at the  
**Glenorchy Library**  
 Terry Street, Glenorchy  
 Meetings start at 7:30PM

Entrance off Car Park



**NEW PUBLICATION**

At the last TUFOIC meeting details were provided of the Mysterious Melodale affair.

A series of paranormal events that occurred mostly between 1982 and 1997.

A number of cases involving lights were reported during that time, strange dark shapes, poltergeist events, noises, animal reactions.

As a postscript even a photograph taken of the house involved seems to have the outline of a face in the window, or is just a chance reflection?

In the months ahead it is hoped to add the completed investigation to our list of publications. The result of many years of investigation this could be a classic series of events.

# TUFOIC PUBLICATIONS

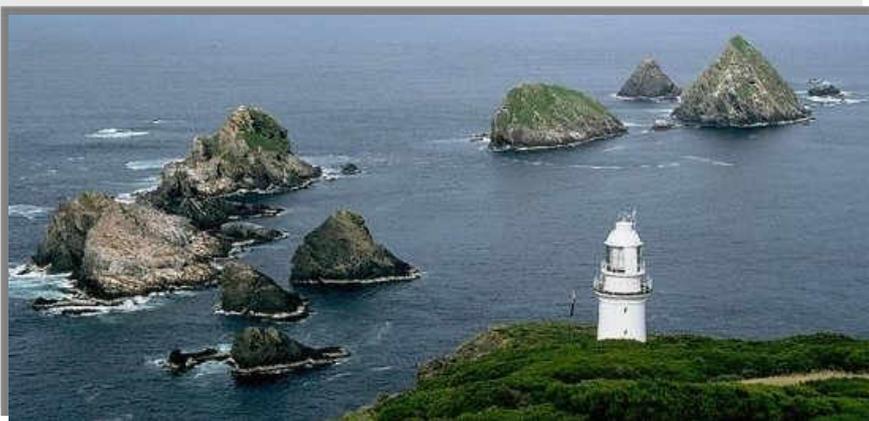
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