

orange light then appeared in the clearing before it just blinked out. Family members visiting the property witnessed the familiar “pilot light” on September 13th.

However, a more puzzling event occurred about 3am. The granddaughter was attending to a young child in an upstairs bedroom. She noticed that the room was illuminated by a light from outside. An intense white light area could be seen moving across the window and curtains until it faded after several minutes.

The Centre felt that this was an opportunity for Team Paranormal to employ their equipment. A visit was made by three members (3) over the night of October 27-28th. They reported that about 11pm single bright flashes of white light were noticed. Also at this time strange pale red streaks of light were noticeable on tree trunks. The light seemed to wash over the tree and disappear. Sometime later an extremely bright orange light was seen moving back and forth in and around the bushes. Finally, out of nowhere, a large multicoloured ball appeared in the area previously occupied by the orange light. This 30cm ball continuously shifted position every time it was noticed.

Approaching through the marshy ground was difficult but the light evaded the Team’s advance, and then disappeared. Explanations for the incidents have been sought, but so far have eluded both TUFOIC and Team Paranormal.

(1) Location and witness details on TUFOIC files.

(2) TUFOIC Janis Burns. Keith Roberts.

(3) Team Paranormal. Evan Sorrell, Adam Hare, Steve Wynter.

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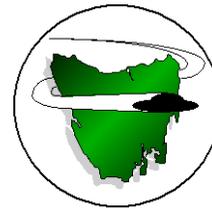
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YEAR IN REVIEW 2012

Last year we lamented the fall in incoming reports to the Centre, only for 2012 to be even lower. The figure of 40 investigations is bad enough of which only two cases remain unexplained. A bonus however, is the complex events at Highland Lake.

The Centre’s Facebook page has created interest but it is difficult to obtain full sighting details. Too often, other comments overshadow the original report, resulting in the discussion changing direction.

Some new players appeared on the scene during the year. Chinese lanterns and LED-lit kites. Lights seen from Legana early in the year were probably released from a function at Grindelwald. The same Launceston suburb

featured some weeks later with residents watching

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flashing lights in the sky. A video of the lights was screened on TV news, with the explanation it may have been bright stars. However, TUFOIC’s investigation uncovered it was a resident flying a LED-lit kite bought from China. Later in the winter the Launceston Examiner carried reports of UFOs over the city. Again the Centre found it was more kites being flown over Royal Park near the city.

The Burnie Advocate also repeated the Examiner’s performance. They ran a Facebook story on lights seen at Stowport, complete with a picture showing a light trail. The story spread around the world on UFO sites as “Mass sighting at Stowport”. More follow-up by the Centre found only

three witnesses had seen the flashing light low to the east. The light was in all probability a scintillating star. The light trail in the picture was due to the photograph being taken with a hand-held camera. Neither the Examiner nor Advocate appears to have made a common sense investigation into the reports. To the detriment of UFO investigation, it seems the old fashioned telephone contact is becoming a thing of the past. Facebook and UFO sites can provide instant UFOs, sensible investigation coming off second best.

A loss to the TUFOIC team has been the departure of Phil Polden (Northern Rep:) to Queensland. Like many Tasmanians, job security has been an issue. Phil will still operate our Facebook site. However, the loss has been balanced by the Centre gaining the assistance of Team Paranormal. The Hobart based operation use

their expertise and equipment to monitor paranormal events. Following a meeting in September the Team was able to assist TUFOIC in a visit to the Highland Lake. They “struck gold” on their overnight stay. Observations were taken of strange lights that were seen during the visit.

A new document was finalized and printed during 2012. “Tasmania A UFO History”, covers UFO events from 1898 to the present. The 78 page publication looks at all of the state’s major UFO sightings. Copies of the publication are already lodged at the Federal (Canberra) and State Libraries.

TUFOIC STATISTICS 2012	
Unidentified	2
Astronomical	14
Aircraft	4
Satellites	3
Balloon /Kites	8
Others	9

TOTAL	40
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SIGHTINGS 2012

May 1st, 2012. 4.20pm. A Tassielink bus driver was heading north some 8k south of Campbell Town, travelling along the straight stretch of road leading to the town. Weather was fine although overcast at the time. Initially the witness saw a distant shape directly above the road ahead that reminded him of a hovering bird. The passenger behind the driver commented it looked like a very big bird. The witness (doing about 100kph) continued approaching the object for some 30/40 seconds before passing beneath its location over the road. He estimated the shape as being about 200m elevation and about the size of a car. The object was brown in colour. It had an arrow shape at

the front, with a tapering wing appearance leading towards the rear end. The driver does not recall a tail as his attention was more on the front of the shape. In the brief view from below the witness was convinced he was viewing a constructed object. It had a texture of a “spacecraft” seen in movies. He was too amazed to pull over to have a closer look; anyway he had a busload of passengers who may have been puzzled by his actions.

HIGHLAND LAKES (1),

Since June, the residents have noted a variety of white and coloured lights on their lonely highland property. Initial data was collected by the Centre (2) and enquiries made to search for a plausible explanation. Following further observations of the lights, Janis Burns visited the property to inspect the sighting terrain in late August. At the Centre’s September meeting, members from Team Paranormal mentioned they may be able to assist in future investigations with their camera and video equipment. The Centre was able to arrange for the Team to visit the highland property in late October. A series of small lights at low level were initially seen in June (2012); a softball sized light that can be visible for only seconds or stays on for longer periods. One of the early sightings was of a large bright yellow light half way up a tree. This light soon turned off but a whooshing sound was then heard followed by a disturbance amongst the ducks on the nearby canal. Another strange incident amongst the usual little light events happened on September 1st about 5am. The witnesses heard a rumbling sound followed by a

crashing noise in the bush that set their
dog barking. A basketball -sized