

Sightings continued.

No explanation was found for another odd case of just lights that occurred on December 4th about 10.25pm. Two witnesses at Midway Point noticed a grouping of five lights low to the south west. A vertical line of steady green, red and white lights with two smaller white lights to their right was observed. The lights did not move over the 20 minutes of observation. Extensive follow up was made to explain the lights. Hobart and Cambridge airports had no explanation, nor did any of the nearby business complexes. The lights have not been seen since.

The Highland Lakes reports of 2012 have surprised and puzzled the Centre by continuing on into 2013. The witnesses say that viewing of the lights declined over the summer but increased again with the longer winter nights. The witnesses tried to close in on the lights. However, they would blink off, only to come on again when the witnesses they had returned to their house. In June they noted a bigger blue light moving across the ground to join the original light. On other occasions, lights were seen moving away from the initial light. In October, a high pitched beeping sound could be heard in the early hours. Then a small circle of white light appeared on their bedroom wall before the noise ceased and the light just went off. Team Paranormal with improved camera equipment visited the property on November 29-30th. Initially flashes of light were seen in the sky and an image of one of the flashes captured. Later a number of small lights were observed from differing points as they moved through the trees. The Team will be providing the Centre with a full report and pictures early in 2014.

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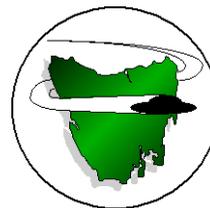
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YEAR IN REVIEW 2013

It was a year of stops and starts. First there was an early report from George Town. This was followed up with publicity on our Highland Lakes event plus items in both the Burnie 'Advocate' and Hobart 'Mercury'. Then it all died away with no reports in April and a spate of Venus sightings later in the year. Venus was at its brightest in many years and being at higher elevation was just too hard to miss. Action seemed to return in the last few months. However, there is no doubt the highlight was Team Paranormal's encounter at Highland Lakes in late November. The year did not commence in convincing fashion when the Hobart 'Mercury' featured an alleged UFO pictured at

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Dodges Ferry. It would appear the UFO had been downloaded and pasted onto a picture of the Dodges Ferry area. Pictures featured again in March over a period of weeks when a Derwent Valley witness captured light trails in the sky. The explanation would appear to be due to commercial aircraft lights caught in the camera's field of view. More calls came in June of beams high in the night sky in the Hobart locality. This time it was the MOFO winter laser beam display. We even had follow up reports of flashing lights moving about over the Domain. The explanation was a first, it being a remote controlled model flying through the laser beam. To finish on a lighter note, a Scottsdale couple reported multi-coloured light panels just east of the town. When

the lights appeared on a third evening our intrepid witnesses drove out to check out the UFO. They discovered a local resident on his roof top setting up Christmas lights. The decline in direct telephone reports to the Centre has to a great deal been replaced by increasing use of our Facebook site. On the downside is the difficulty in establishing direct contact with the sighting witnesses. Investigating the report can be time consuming but tracking down the witness can take even more effort. Later in the year we were contacted by Pioneer Productions (UK). They were visiting Australia to produce a UFO documentary for the National Geographic Channel. They did not visit Tasmania, which means they missed the chance to observe the Highland Lakes lights. This time last year our Northern Representative Phil Polden had moved to Queensland. Phil and his

family are back in Tasmania and running our Facebook site. Finally, on a sad note, one of the Centre's oldest members Eric Bantick (98) passed away during the year. Eric was a founding member being at the Centre's first meeting in 1965. Eric was also President of the Centre from 1967 to 1973. Eric remained a full member until his passing in June last.

TUFOIC STATISTICS 2013	
Unidentified	5
Astronomical	15
Aircraft	6
Satellites	7
Balloons /Kites	5
Others	13
TOTAL	51

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SIGHTINGS 2013

George Town was the location for the year's first unidentified (13th Jan :). About 10.35pm two witnesses noticed blue and white light flashes near Mt George. The witnesses headed up to the Mt George look-out to check out the source of the flashes. On their arrival a large curved something could be seen just east of the hill, looking to be over a gully. It was lit up as if from inside. The witnesses left the lookout in a hurry. Back home they could still see the flashes until after midnight. They gave up when a yellowish shape rose up through

the flashes and the lights disappeared. The next case (May) was not a UFO report but an unexplained beam of light caught on an Acron game trail camera. The owner had been trying to keep track of feral cats on his Derwent Valley property. Originally he sent the camera back as faulty, only to be told that the beam was not a fault but an actual light source. The picture shows a white beam shining onto the ground near the camera and shining down at a slight angle from the left. Two witnesses travelling home to Campania had a brief encounter with a pair of fast moving lights late on October 15th. Two separate star-sized white lights were moving fast south and flashing in unison. No immediate explanation was found for the lights. After a lengthy follow up the Centre located a Facebook contact who reported watching a large light from her Triabunna home (4th Nov :). The light first seen in the north suddenly made a ninety degree turn to head up the sky. Soon after it turned to the right and headed away towards the eastern sky. It finally faded away after some 10 minutes of viewing.