

Answer is "balloons"

"Argus" phones ran hot last night as people reported "strange lights in the sky" over North Melbourne.

They claimed the lights to be meteorites, fireballs, or falling stars.

One man said, "They might even be illuminated flying saucers."

But the Weather Bureau said: "They are just hydrogen wind balloons. We attach Chinese lanterns to them so we can observe them in the dark.

"The wind tonight blew them toward North Melbourne."