

Policemen chase 'flying saucer' over Grafton

SYDNEY, Monday. — Two police constables in a car "chased" a flying saucer which dozens of people sighted over Grafton last night.

The saucer—the second reported in the district in the past week — was in sight for about two hours.

Last week an unidentified flying object was reported from Harwood Island, about 30 miles north-east of Grafton.

Two constables—E. Mercer and P. Woodman—chased last night's saucer for about two hours before it disappeared to the south of Grafton.

The saucer moved slowly at about 1,500ft above the ground and it changed colour every few minutes. The colour alternated between white and red.

Watched with binoculars

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The constables were at Grafton Police Station when a caller told them that an unidentified object was over the city.

When the two sceptical constables went out to look they saw a bright circular disc high in the sky.

Constable Mercer trained binoculars on the object, which "did not seem to have a centre".

When they returned to the station for a car to fol-

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Constables Mercer and Woodman set off by car and followed the object which moved off slowly towards the south of the city.

After about two hours it picked up speed and disappeared.

Constable K. Crossingham, who spoke to the two constables, said: "When we first got this report we were very sceptical. Flying saucers usually are attributed to having had 'one too many', but after last night's experience, it appears there might be something in the report."

The two police officers will make a report to senior officers in the area.

Police at Lismore also reported seeing the object last night.

Constable Doug Coughlan said today the object had been seen "five or six times" in the past fortnight.

He saw the object himself last night, with Sgt P. Hobson.

Sgt Hobson had seen it "three or four times" before.