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# RAAF HUNTS 'FIERY FLYING OBJECTS'

What is the "fiery reddish ball" that has hovered over the NSW coastal town of Tarce, about 200 miles north of Sydney, every morning in the past month?

Is it the same object people in the Traralgon area of Victoria, say they saw this week?

Or the same object which yesterday sparked a police search at Yamba, another NSW coastal town, 400 miles north of Sydney?

Mr Ernie Dwyer, duty foreman at Tarce's PMG lines depot, said today: "We are convinced it is a craft from outer space. There is nothing else it can be."

But the RAAF in Canberra has been alerted, and radar checks have not registered contact with the object. A light plane, sent up with a specially equipped cameraman on board, also reported failure.

A visitor to Tarce, who turned powerful binoculars on the unidentified flying object said today it appeared to be bubbled-shaped and red on the bottom and white or silver on top.

Sky watchers said it appeared over Tarce as expected at 7.10 a.m. today, sweeping across the sky from east-north-east.

Watching for it has become a daily routine for men at the PMG lines depot.

They were the first to spot it and have maintained an early-morning vigil since.

They say they can almost set their watches by the UFO's daily appearance.

"The object does not

stay long over the town," said Mr Dwyer.

"It comes up about 45 degrees above the horizon — a kind of fiery, reddish ball. Then it seems to hover for about 15 minutes and flash off back the way it came."

The Traralgon sightings, reported on Monday, are also being investigated by the RAAF.

Four men, including two policemen, reported a bluish light "brighter than day" hover in the sky for more than an hour before dawn on Monday.

John Dixon, 23, a rigger for Esso-BHP, was riding his bicycle from Traralgon to Sale on the Prince's Highway about 4.30 a.m.

He told police that he was six miles east of Traralgon when a huge object appeared above

him lighting up the area brighter than day.

Sen. Sgt. R. W. Tanian said Dixon then pedalled back towards the township and came across the caretaker at the stock salesyards, who saw the same object.

"They both went to the police station, and pointed the object out to Constable N. Davey, who was on night shift," he said.

"Another constable came along and the four of them watched the object for about an hour before the sun came up.

"They said it was a bluish color; made no noise at all and hovered at about 200 ft. while moving slowly in the sky.

"Just as the sun was coming up, the object shot straight into the sky and disappeared."