

# THE UFO THAT WOULDN'T

## GO AWAY

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# "Mushroom shape" ... and glowing

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A harrowing experience south of Alice Springs for an Alawa schoolteacher has prompted the formation of a Darwin Unidentified Flying Object investigation society.

The society will meet for the first time next week and all "cranks, religious fanatics and publicity seekers" have been specifically excluded.

The schoolteacher, Mrs Helen Bengier, of the Alawa Primary School, advertised this week for members and told of her experience—which caused a stir of interest in Adelaide and will soon be published in a national magazine.

Mrs Bengier then woke her cousin up and they watched the light together.

They then signalled the object with the headlights of the car.

It then came over the car and stopped about half a mile away to the right, hovering over some low hills.

"We were staring at it all the time, looking at it in wonder," Mrs Bengier said.

The UFO travelled down this road, though high in the sky, and disappeared.

"We felt like following it, but you never get off the road in the desert," Mrs Bengier said.

"We were wishing it would come back and it re-appeared about 10 minutes later and followed us again.

"It was a strange feeling, we didn't want it to leave us, it felt like something was with us," she said.

Soon after the left rear wheel of the car began to deflate.

The party stopped the car, and discovered the tyre had a wooden stake in it.

some kind of contact with it through their thoughts.

"We felt a bit silly doing it, but it was all so interesting and we didn't know what would happen."

On the next night, August 28, the object reappeared about 40 miles north of Pimba and only a few miles from the Woomera rocket range.

"It was down very low in the scrub, and we couldn't believe that it had come back.

Mrs Bengier then got out a torch and signalled the object.

It signalled back.

### SCARED

"Then I got scared," she said.

"Its light faded out slowly and then came back on again, nothing I know of does that," she said.

"We were really terrified.

"Marissa was scared too, but mainly because she could feel that I was

35 feet wide and the object covered it all except for about one foot each side.

"It was as high as a house and made from two substances; dull silver and dull black.

"It was basically the same as we saw in the sky, but not lit up."

### LEGS

Mrs Bengier said the object appeared to be standing on a number of legs.

"I started to cry, and I was shaking," she said. "I wanted to go back, but I was terrified.

Then she saw it again in the sky.

"I didn't want to look at it. I made up my mind not to look at it again. I put my head down on the seat," she said.

Mrs Bengier said this week back in Darwin she had undergone eight nights of constant interrogation over the sighting.