

# What was it? Staff photographer's startling pictures of mystery light in Melbourne sky

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Top aviation, RAAF and meteorology experts were baffled yesterday by these rare photographs of an unidentified flying object. They could not explain the phenomenon.

The pictures, by staff photographer Ray Jamieson, were taken in the vicinity of Broadmeadows North late on Tuesday night.

The fast-moving, brilliantly lit object was visible for 15 to 20 minutes.

The RAAF officer in charge of UFO sightings in Melbourne, Squadron Leader R. R. Roddy, of Support Command Headquarters, said after studying the photographs he could not offer any explanation.

"They seem unlike other photographs of reported UFO sightings," he said.

The RAAF would study the incident.

The Regional Director of the Bureau of Meteorology (Mr. A. K. Hannay) said: "We can't put forward any logical explanation for this."

Senior Department of Civil Aviation officials could offer no explanation either.

It was fast-moving, light-colored with a purplish fringe and threw a brilliant light.

That is how staff photographer Ray Jamieson described the unidentified flying object he sighted — and photographed — for 15 to 20 minutes late on Tuesday night.

It appeared to be 500 to 1000 ft. up. There was no sound and no vibration.

Jamieson was driving along Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows North, when "suddenly the sky went white".

To the left, towards Sunbury, he saw a fast-moving object, throwing a brilliant light in all directions.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was somebody playing a prank with a kite, because it was so close to the Tuillamarine air lanes," Jamieson said.

"It was moving veey, very fast, much faster than any aircraft I've ever seen.

"At one stage it did five to seven loops in less than three seconds — just like a rolling coin."