

What is behind UFOs

According to the annual report of T.U.F.O.I.C. (Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre), "the phenomenon exists; this is no longer the question; the question now is what is behind it.

"Despite some claims made by some self-confessed UFO experts that they are manned craft from another planet, from another dimension or time travellers etc., and despite claims from debunkers that they are nothing more than hallucination, psychological or natural phenomenon, the one plain fact remains and that is that we just do not know."

The report continues — "the responsible UFO organisations, under the auspices of the Australian Co-ordination Section-Centre for UFO studies are working together to find the answers. It is not in man's nature to let the unknown get the better of him; if it were there would be little progress. We are making progress," TUFOIC liaison officer Paul Jackson continues, "but it will take time. With a responsible attitude answers will be found."

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TUFOIC aims to conduct investigations into Tasmanian sightings. The Centre received 144 reported sightings in 1977 of which, after investigation, 31 remained unidentified. During the first half of the year Venus was the cause for

many sightings according to the report; also meteorite and space debris re-entries provided spectacular displays.

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Some of the more un-
usual events include a
possible electrical dis-
charge at Rokeby after a
thunderstorm, and flocks

of autumn starlings, also
created problems.

The bulk of the year's
unexplained cases occurred
between February and
July.

Analysis of 1977 investi-
gations included astronomi-
cal 42, aircraft 22, satellites
8, ground lights, cars or
ships 11, birds 5. Thirteen
reports are still under in-
vestigation due to insuffi-
cient information.