

The town UFO's love to buzz

BRISBANE: The north Queensland town of Tully, in Australia's wettest area, seems to have become a convention centre for unidentified flying objects.

According to one local resident, there have been

more than 100 sightings of UFO's in the past 15 years.

"They've been seen in the canefields and in the town," said Mrs Claire Noble.

"We've found strange markings on the ground seen lots of weird lights and had reports of mother craft, surrounded by little ones."

The uninvited flying objects which buzz Tully apparently have a particular fondness for Horseshoe Lagoon, the scene of the famous "Tully Nest" incident 15 years ago.

On a clear summer morning in 1966, Mr George Pedley, a local banana farmer, saw a blue-grey saucer rise from the lagoon, making a strange hissing sound.

Whipped

The lagoon, which had been covered with water weeds, was left with a circle of dead weeds whipped into a clockwise circle.

The Tully nest, and other strange events in the area, are featured in a new book on UFO's called Close Encounters of the Australian Kind, written by Keith Basterfield, a coordinator for the Australian Centre for UFO Studies.

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