

# WOMEN SEE UFO

Two local women have seen a huge object, which they have not been able to identify, off Whitsunday Island.

Bronwyn Murphy of Hamilton Island and Jean Neal of Cannonvale, were reluctant to report their sighting until urged to do so by authorities, so that others who saw it may report it.

Ms Murphy, who owns a home on Hamilton Island with a verandah facing east, and Ms Jean Neal of Cannonvale, who was on the same verandah, saw the rectangular object, described by both women as being about twice the size of a Jumbo Jet slowly move behind the higher area of Whitsunday Island.

"When we first saw the object it was hovering, but then slowly moved to the north and the last we saw of it was when it disappeared behind Whitsunday Island," Ms Murphy said.

"We immediately contacted Hamilton Island Airport who advised a helicopter had just landed, but this was definitely not a helicopter and not in the right position."

"Contact with Townsville Airport was made and the only air traffic in the area at the time was a Jet in the Townsville area."

"If by chance it was a jet, it would have been half that size."

"The incident took place in clear, sunny conditions last Thursday, between 4.07 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. We were able to watch the object for eight minutes. What we saw appeared to be metallic because we could see the sun shining on it."

"From my verandah on Hamilton Island the object appeared to be about seven miles to the east when we first saw it - hovering above the smaller islands just to the south east of Whitsunday Island."

Ms Murphy and Ms Neal said they then contacted Flight-Officer Harris of R.A.F. Intelligence in Brisbane. He questioned them at length giving the impression he was interested if the object was aggressive or appeared to be of danger to people.

They then spoke to UFO Investigator, Dr Martin Gottschall of Brisbane who took particulars and said he would send forms to be completed.

"Dr Gottschall asked that other people who may have seen the object, contact him on (07) 5761780 or the Secretary of the Association he represents on (07)3492924 rather than ourselves or the "Guardian", Ms Murphy said.

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