

# Mystery object buzzes the skies of Wyndham Vale

## Sightings of 'UFOs' reported

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A WERRIBEE resident has reported several sightings of unidentified flying objects to the Victorian UFO Research Society during the past week.

Wyndham Vale resident Mark Hillard, 29, encountered what he believes could have been a spaceship in Laverton North last Sunday week.

"I was driving along Sayers Road and turned onto Palmers Road at about 4.45 pm when I saw this bright light low in the sky coming across the paddocks from the city," Mr Hillard said.

"I stopped on the side of the road and got out of the car. Whatever it was, it stopped about five metres away from me and was about 10 metres off the ground.

"It was about the size of a sedan car, and was shaped like an E Type Jaguar. It had square red lights flashing from the top and bright fluorescent lights spanning out from the bottom.

"It hovered close for one or two minutes, and then flew off at a 45-degree angle over towards Geelong Road."

Convinced that he saw what was not an aircraft, satellite, comet, or weather balloon, Mr Hillard reported it to

Werrisbee police, who told him to contact the UFO society.

A spokesperson for the Melbourne Planetarium at the Museum of Victoria said unusually bright lights in the sky over the past few weeks were probably caused by a meteor shower from the constellation Perseids.

"The average meteor looks like an object flashing through the sky. The brighter ones move more slowly, and can have a bit of colour," the spokesperson said.

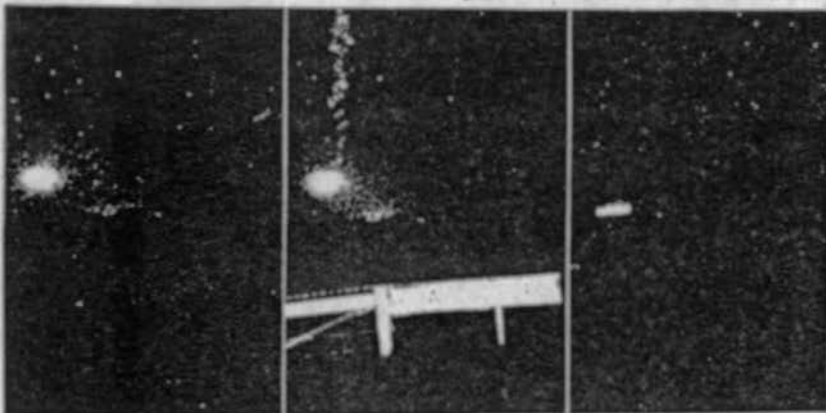
A Bureau of Meteorology spokesperson said the lights were the wrong size to have been on weather balloons released from Laverton about 3 pm each night.

Wing Commander Graeme Johnston of the Royal Australian Air Force Williams Base in Laverton said no aircraft were flying in the area during the reported sightings.

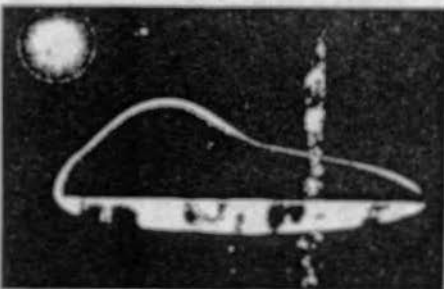
President of the Victorian UFO society, Ms Judy Magee said the society would investigate the sightings.

Mr Hillard saw the strange object again last Thursday night about 10 pm, but this time local photographer Chuck Reynolds was with him to capture it on film.

The pair drove to the end of Hobbs Road, Wyndham



A meteor or meteor shower, which could have been a spaceship, photographed in Wyndham Vale last Thursday night.



An artist's impression of Werrisbee resident Mark Hillard's sighting.

Vale where a bright, elongated light flew towards them.

"I was scared and wanted to run away, but Chuck wanted it to come closer so he could get a good photo of it," Mr Hillard said.

"It circled around us and then when another car pulled up behind us with its high beams on, it flew

away."  
"There is probably a logical explanation for it, and I don't believe it was moon men coming down to earth," Mr Reynolds said.

"But if we can put men on the moon and send space shuttles into space, then it is feasible to think that perhaps a more advanced being could send its craft to us."

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