

THREE IDENTICAL SIGHTINGS NEAR QUEENSLAND BORDER

UFO activity escalates

UFO investigators are baffled by a mysterious flying object which swooped over a group of women and children on NSW's far north coast.

Members of the group, from Bangalow near Lismore, claimed a hang-glider-shaped object seemed to watch them for about 10 minutes before it flew slowly over them at a height of about 60m.

They said it then suddenly disappeared into the distance at an incredible speed. The UFO was fitted with synchronised coloured lights similar to those on a carnival ride.

The women and children said the UFO came so close they could clearly see the texture of the underside of the craft.

In separate sightings at least two other people in the area reported seeing the object in the skies on the same night.

UFO researchers said one of the eerie things about the sightings was that none of

watching the mystery object.

"It sort of hovered just across the road from us, then flew slowly over the top of us. Then suddenly, it zoomed off really quickly into the distance," Mrs Pilling said.

"When it came over us, it was only about 60 metres above our heads and we could see the bottom of it quite clearly."

Mrs Pilling and Mrs Ward said the object had a bright golden light at the front and a series of green and blue and red coloured lights at the back which flashed in a synchronised pattern "like the lights on a carnival ride".

The women said the craft was a bit bigger than a station wagon, but smaller than a house.

"It was sort of diamond shaped with a circular tail," Mrs Ward said.

"It was a bit like a hang-glider shape at the front with a rounded section at the back where the coloured lights were.

"We could see the bottom of it quite clearly as it went overhead," Mrs Ward said.

"It had a very strange surface, not at all smooth, but with lots of geometrical facets, like you'd see on a lot of diamonds or on cut crystal.

"And there was very little noise. Sort of a whispering wind sound," she said.

UFO researcher Moira McGhee, who is investigating the sighting said on the same night a man in Byron Bay and a woman at Lennox Head, about 30km away, reported seeing a similar object.

Ms McGhee, the coordinator for the Independent Network of UFO Researchers, said the descriptions given by each of the three sets of witnesses were remarkably similar.

All told of a craft with a bright golden light at the front and flashing coloured lights at the back.

She said she had checked with all military, aviation and meteorological agencies and none could offer an explanation.

Ms McGhee said her organisation had noticed a dramatic increase in the number of UFO sightings on the NSW north coast up to the Queensland border during the past two or three years.

She said on March 16 last year a woman named Wendy Longley and her husband had reported seeing a similar object in the sky as they drove near Casino.

Ms McGhee said: "When they arrived at their destination, they realised they had lost two hours which they couldn't explain.

"They underwent a series of hypnotherapy sessions and under hypnosis, they described in vivid detail how they had been kidnapped by aliens and subjected to a series of weird and horrible experiments."

Ms McGhee could offer no explanation for any of the sightings.

"They are unidentified objects," she said.

"That's all I know."

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three groups knew each other, or anything of what each other had reported.

The research team said the number of reported UFO sightings on the NSW north coast had increased dramatically in the past few years.

The latest sighting comes almost exactly 12 months after a similar sighting left a Casino couple unable to explain a "missing" two hours.

Hypnotherapy has since indicated they may have been kidnapped by aliens and subjected to experiments.

The most recent sighting was three weeks ago. The witnesses have refused to talk about the incident until now for fear of being ridiculed.

Two of the women involved, Jude Pilling, 37, and her friend, Elise Ward, 33, both of Bangalow, said they were driving home from Byron Bay at about 9.30pm when they noticed what they first thought was a very bright Venus in the clear skies.

"It started moving very quickly, first to the left, then to the right and back to the left again," she said.

"We could see it was away in the distance. But we could also see it was very low in the sky.

"It was much too low to be a star or a planet or even an aeroplane."

Mrs Pilling said she and her son, Michael, 10, and her daughter, Carlie, 14, and Mrs Ward and her children, Joshua, 9, and Tahlia, 5, got out of the car when they arrived at the Ward's home and continued



MYSTERY: Above, from left, Michael Ashworth, Elise Ward, James Ashworth, Jude Pilling and Carlie Pilling show a drawing of the UFO (right).
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