

UFO group to investigate Tulka fire sightings

THREE reports of strange lights in the skies over Port Lincoln have prompted a South Australian UFO research group to send a member to investigate.

A UFO Research South Australia (UFORSA) member is in Port Lincoln this week to meet with local residents who reported UFO sightings during February's Tulka fire.

UFORSA sent a letter to the editor to the Port Lincoln Times in March following the first report of the sighting and mem-

ber Alan Jones received two subsequent reports from local residents, prompting the visit.

The similarity of the reports has the group wanting to know more.

"Both reported essentially a grouping of lights — they both mention a glow."

The unexplained reports from the residents are all described as a glow with a series of lights moving within the glow.

"You've got a glow and you've got objects or lights which appear

to be within that glow," Mr Jones said.

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Two of the sightings are said to have been between 9pm and 10pm while the third was between 10pm and 11pm and all three lasted for just seconds.

Mr Jones said while many people might think the simple explanation was the raging fire he said the detail of the reports does not support the theory.

One of the residents who reported the unidentified objects was watching the progress of the

fire when he saw the glow and the lights.

"He'd been using binoculars to look at the fire," Mr Jones said.

"He was surprised to see a series of white lights within this large glow."

In March Country Fire Service regional commander Neil Ellis said no aircraft were used in the firefighting effort at night.

"We certainly didn't operate any aerial operations at night time," Mr Ellis said.

Mr Jones said the purpose of

his visit to Port Lincoln was to attempt to explain the sightings.

"What we have is four people, two couples, who have seen something they can't recognise, from their descriptions I can't recognise it.

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“I want to come and have a look from their viewpoint, just to put myself in their shoes and have a look at the surrounding area.

“In a lot of cases we’ve been able to solve them.

“Very often they’re common items that are misperceived.”