



MYSTERY OBJECT: A supplied photo shows a bright orange ball that hovered in Geelong's western sky on Saturday. The object is being investigated by UFO researchers.

Mysterious object seen in Geelong's night sky

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A BRIGHT orange ball which appeared in Geelong's western sky is under investigation by UFO researchers.

It was captured on film by a Hamlyn Heights family who said the speed and size of the object was frightening.

Logan Street resident Yvonne McLachlan said her daughters had been lying on a trampoline looking at the stars about 10.30pm Saturday when they noted a small orange ball in the sky.

She said it appeared to rush towards them growing larger in the sky, and the children became so scared the ran inside screaming.

Two photographs were taken seconds apart, one showing a pinprick of light, the next a large glowing ball. Mrs McLachlan said the clarity of the images had been affected by their porch light.

Mrs McLachlan said the orange light hovered in the sky, turned on its axis to become a white light, then began to rise with the light getting dimmer.

She said it reappeared at 11 pm slightly to the southwest of its original position, then disappeared.

Mrs McLachlan said at first she thought it was an asteroid, until it accelerated towards them, stopped, hovered, then rose back into the sky.

"It was absolutely spectacular and it's a pity the photographs did not show more detail," she said.

The Victorian UFO Research Society said the incident was similar to ones experienced for some time in The Grampians and in Western Australia.