

HUGE DOMED SHAPED OBJECT OBSERVED AT FAULCONBRIDGE, N.S.W. IN 1974.

ABSTRACT: A woman observed a large domed object hovering above power wires a short distance from her house. The object emitted a bright pinkish light and was completely silent and motionless.

After a few minutes 3 distinct beams of white light emanated from below the craft, remaining in a fixed state as if searching for something. The witness continued to watch and before she decided to call someone else to watch, the beams of light ceased and the object rose vertically and shot off towards Katoomba at terrific speed.

For many years afterward the witness has been affected by a mysterious sickness which, until only recently, has cleared up.

It was only after the departure of the strange object that the witness noticed it had been poised above a power transformer, which now has been removed by the local council.

Two nights after the sighting the woman was awakened by an ear-splitting whine that persisted for about 5 mins, however nothing was seen at the time.

THE SIGHTING: On a clear, crisp, moonlit night in June 1974\*, an elderly woman, Mrs. Dorothy Shirley of 5/19 Gt. Eastern Highway, Laura (present address) was sitting in the kitchen of her rented home at 451 Gt. Eastern Highway, Falconbridge. The winter weather in that area made her feel rather cold so she decided to make a cup of tea to relieve the chill a bit, while she listened to the 8 o'clock news that was just starting.

Upon looking through the kitchen window, and in a westerly direction, she noticed a pink glow above the treeline and apparently in nearby Grose Rd. Thinking that something was happening there she decided to go outside to investigate, a decision that was to have a profound effect on her for many years afterward.

The witness walked the short distance to the corner of Grose Rd. and the Highway and stood dumbfounded as a large, domed object hovered above the power lines some 40 feet away from her.

The strange craft was enveloped in a diffuse but localised pinkish glow which completely encircled it as it remained motionless and absolutely silent above the wires. "It appeared," said the witness, "to be like it was made of sequins, dazzling pink in colour like the colour of a water-melon!"

The anomalous object was suspended over the entire width of Grose Rd, (later measured at 50') and fifteen feet directly above the power lines that stretched from one side of the road to the other.

There was no movement or noise associated with the craft, the entire area directly below it was lit up in the same pinkish glow that was surrounding the object, altogether a strange and unbelievable sight according to the witness.

Her immediate reaction was to try and signal someone passing along the Highway but try as she did, no-one seemed to understand her erratic hand gestures, at that time of night she probably gave the wrong impression and, upon reflection, the witness adds that any person travelling to or from

\* Exact date unknown.

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Katoomba would not have seen the object due to it's height above the road and the fact that they would have had to look at right angles to their direction of travel. Feeling that this was fruitless, the witness then thought of calling the residents in the nearby houses but this meant that she would have to go nearer to, or under the mysterious craft, a thought that was quickly dispensed with due to her mounting fear and apprehension. Meanwhile, the object continued hovering, no apparent change had taken place since she first set eyes on it and still no noise could be heard. It didn't hurt the witness's eyes to look at the craft even though the amount of light being emitted was very large, she continued watching for a further 5 minutes during which many other thoughts were running through her mind, not the least of which was to vacate the area but a strange compulsion to stay overcame her and directly vetoed any decision to leave. Later it was revealed that a desire to know what the object could be was the overriding factor in staying and not seeking out others, this plus an understandable fear of the object made her maintain her position on the roadside. She mentions also that perhaps if she had gone into one of the houses and the resident had come out to look, the object would have probably moved off leaving her in a very unenviable position, and possibly leaving her open to adverse criticism from her neighbours in the area afterward.

While she was tossing up what course of action to take the craft suddenly, and without warning, shot out three white rays of light from it's under-side.

They were well defined and appeared to be coming from small openings below the bodyline of the craft. This completely amazed the witness who, by this time, was becoming more concerned at her safety - the mysterious rays of light were trained on the roadway as if they were searching for something, they were straight beams and according to the witness they were certainly operated in a controlled manner.

After about 2 seconds the rays each, and in turn, were retracted into the craft, being released again after a further 2 seconds to continue their unusual operation.

This went on rhythmically for some time, on and off as if a light switch were being operated continuously, still no sound was heard, the object remained completely silent and still above the power lines.

The witness could see through the rays as if looking through a white veil or mist, no rational explanation could be extracted from the witness for the reason this was happening, the whole experience was completely perplexing to her and indeed, she could not understand why anyone else hadn't come out by now - the glow and enormous size of the object would surely be seen by others she thought. It was discovered during the course of the investigation that the people in the house which was in front of the object were in the far end of the house and, due to the cold winter night their front drapes would have been drawn... a normal thing for them to do at this time of the year.

No interview could be conducted with the residents of those houses on either side, they both have moved away from the area since the incident and cannot be located.

The witness wanted desperately for someone else to see the craft but as mentioned, her fear of the thing stopped her, she knew that her next door neighbours were away and she didn't know the residents of Grose road very well at all, -all in all, she felt very much alone.

After watching the rays of light for about 8-10 minutes the witness finally got up enough courage to move from where she stood. She decided to run home and ring the Police but as soon as this decision was made the mysterious craft began to rise, as it did so the strange light beams ceased operation.

The craft remained suspended higher up for a split second and then "shot off" horizontally towards Katoomba with spontaneous maximum acceleration, becoming lost from view in seconds.

This witness was left stunned, the object made no noise as it moved off and it's speed was tremendous. She waited for a few minutes in the hope that it would be seen again however no further sighting was made, the woman was now alone in the dark deserted street, frightened and absolutely shattered at what she had seen.

One thing was immediately apparent as the craft departed: she could see that directly below where the object was hovering was a large Transformer attached to the power pole. It could not be seen during the encounter as the glow from the object obliterated most of the pole, bathing it and it's environs in a pink halo.

Some interaction is thought to have taken place as a few weeks after the incident the transformer was removed by the local council with a new one being fitted to the light pole immediately outside the witness's home. It is not known if this new transformer is the same one as that which was removed from Grose road but it is known for certain that the one on the pole in Grose rd. was dismantled and taken away soon after the incident had taken place.

As she stood in a dazed state, the witness realised that she had been wearing only her light dress, similar to a night-dress but a little thicker for warmth. The cold night air would normally have affected her in a few minutes but nothing like this had happened, whether the excitement of the event had caused her to forget all about the cold or whether the object itself bathed her with warmth is not known. One thing is certain, normally she couldn't have stayed outside for more than two or three minutes before being forced inside by the cold but she had been standing there on the roadside for approximately 15 minutes with no noted effects.

She then went home and sat down to calm her nerves, she again thought of calling the authorities but felt that if she began to relate the series of events that transpired she would have surely been "carted off as a heretic or something" so she decided to sleep on it and form a decision in the morning.

In the morning following the event the witness had regained her composure enough to give the matter some rational thought. She sat down and typed out a brief summary of the incident for later reference should someone else come forward to collaborate her sighting.

Two nights after the strange craft was seen the witness was awakened about 4am by an ear-splitting whine coming from the North-East, directly opposite from where her sighting was made. She quickly got out of bed and went to the window but could see nothing although it was obvious the noise came from where she was looking.

She wondered if the noise was associated with the craft she saw or if one had landed in the vicinity, the noise was tremendous, excruciating pain was experienced in her ears for the 5 minutes the noise was in progress but as she said, "Nothing would have gotten me outside for further investigation ... I had the wind up by this time!"

After five mins. the noise disappeared as mysteriously as it came and no other unusual sounds were heard thereafter.

She described the noise as similar to a jet aircraft prior to take-off but much more intense. She spoke to her next door neighbour that following day and mentioned hearing the noise but was met with a curt and solemn glance that told her any further attempts at communication on this level would be unwise, a few unwanted remarks were passed at the time by her neighbour, also an elderly woman, which impressed upon the witness that she should approach the subject in future with caution, the subject was not mentioned any further that day and the witness attended to her normal house duties before retiring to bed.

The day after this was her shopping day so she went to the local centre and spoke to the woman, a friend, who owns the general store there. She casually mentioned the object and the noise and was surprised to learn that on the night the craft was seen this woman also noticed a pinkish glow coming from the West. She motioned for her husband to come to the window but he said she must "be seeing things" and refused to become involved. The reported times matched exactly and the colour and direction noted were in complete agreement with what Mrs. Shirley had observed. This person is no longer in the area having sold the shop since and moved on so unfortunately corroborating testimony cannot be obtained.

For many years after the sighting of the anomalous object Mrs. Shirley has been plagued by a mysterious malady. She began to get fainting spells and was put on a course of medication by her local doctor who was at a loss to explain her sudden (and uncommon for her) sickness.

Mrs. Shirley resigned from her position as secretary of the Fellowship of Australian Writers because of this illness and has since moved to a new dwelling at Leura. She fainted in the street twice between 1974 and 1978 and had been unable to carry out many of her normal duties during that time. She has been a healthy woman all her life and the sickness she suffered was completely out of character for her, it has cleared up by itself now and her doctor claimed she was probably suffering "withdrawal

symptoms"; a term he coined in an attempt to explain the problem but one the witness dismisses due to the fact she never took the medication he prescribed, a course of vitamin pills self-arranged apparently cured the problem over a 4 year period.



THE OBJECT: Described as a watermelon pink object enveloped in a bright pinkish glow. It was estimated to be 30' thick at the centre or highest point and was completely smooth from bottom to top. It was approximately 50' across - an estimation that is considered very accurate due to subsequent measurements at the site - and hovered silently and motionless above the power wires. It emitted 3 distinct rays of light which were directed at the ground as if searching for something, these rays were transparent and appeared to be coming from three openings at the lower section of the craft. They were pulsating at regular intervals and stopped as soon as the craft began to rise. The main object had what appeared to be a 'leading and trailing' edge, it was slightly thicker at one end than the other and as it departed the thicker portion assumed a leading position and it is assumed that this was the 'control section' of the craft. The sloping effect observed may have been due to the witness's position in relation to the object. This is considered only as a possibility however as her close proximity enabled her to view the craft with ease, the reported details seem to imply that the craft was indeed the shape described in the first instance. It was free of any protrusions, portholes etc., it was apparently flat on the bottom and gave no indication of any propulsion arrangement at all. The speed of the object certainly defies comparison with conventional-known airforms and its shape compares favourably to reported craft employing the same motive technique.( UFOs)

THE INVESTIGATION: The witness contacted FOOL (U.S.A.) by letter after David Beneke had an article printed in the NEWS column of the Sydney Morning Herald requesting information on UFO activity around Sydney. A report form was duly sent to the witness and after it was returned a personal interview was arranged for Saturday, 27/5/76. A taped interview was conducted along with an on-site investigation of the spot where the craft was seen. Photographs were taken of the pole and transformer and directional checks were made to ascertain correct orientation compared with the witnesses statements. The former residence was checked out and the information given by the witness appears correct from what was observed. It was noted that the glow could be seen from the rear of the house if it was at a position as stated and all directions given were found to be correct. It was evident during inspection of the light pole that a structure of a kind stated as a transformer had once been there. The marks were still on the pole where it had been and a check with the residents in the area opposite the pole revealed that during 1974 (and approximately 1975) the local council (Blue Mountains) had removed the transformer. No knowledge of the event was mentioned by these people but they did see it.

and just after they moved in (about 1969) there had been two vehicles collide with the pole after being involved in accidents with other cars. There is a public school directly opposite this pole and the house so no data could have been obtained from that side.

A further check with the residents both sides of the pole afforded no quantitative data, they had moved in during 1976, 2 years after the reported sighting, and had no knowledge of anything unusual ever happening around them.

A trip to Katoomba was made by David Beneke to obtain details on the transformer (see separate report) and any other relevant information possible from council records.

Mrs. Shirley appears in good health and is of above average intelligence. She appeared genuine and was willing to assist as far as possible to identify the phenomena she observed.

She mentioned another sighting some years before the incident she reported and the details are hereby briefly recorded:

She was visiting friends in Katoomba and one night while she was there they all stepped out onto the verandah with a pair of binoculars for an evening of sky-watching. The area was well known to her friends as one in which a great deal of nocturnal light activity was prevalent, indeed, the area has been the focal point of numerous UFO reports dating back many years.

At twilight that evening they noticed a small light source coming into the Jamison Valley below the house, it appeared to be manoeuvring so they trained the binoculars on it whereby it assumed the shape of a dull orange ball.

It appeared through the binoculars as about moon size and stopped moving when it was adjacent to the valley wall. Suddenly, 2 or more smaller objects emerged and landed either on or below the valley floor. They came from the rear of the larger craft and were clearly defined against the stark background of the valley walls.

Due to the estimated distance (many miles) it was deduced that the larger object was, in reality, immense. The smaller ones seemed to be controlled by this craft and they remained detached until the witnesses retreated indoors due to the cold. Nothing more was seen of them and to this day

Mrs. Shirley has had no other anomalous observations, she remains indoors most of the time and takes a detached interest in the UFO phenomena.

The name and address of her friends were obtained and investigations are in progress on their sightings.

Mrs. Shirley attended a UFO meeting in 1975 and was surprised to hear that other sightings have been made that rivalled hers, she was also interested to find that radiation sickness has been reported from time to time and she feels that something like this may have been the reason for her sudden and unexpected illness. A report form was filled out by her on 12/7/75 (copy attached) but was never sent in to the office for evaluation.

CONCLUSION/INVESTIGATORS COMMENTS: A non-conventional aerial object displaying characteristics of flight beyond present technology are apparent after considering the witness's testimony. It's shape and size do not conform to any known aircraft and the lack of noise associated with it do not enable even a comparison with an aircraft of known type to be made. It is not a balloon nor is it a product of the weather conditions, the distance of the witness from the object enabled an accurate description of the craft to be made and this coupled with the shopkeepers description of a "pink glow" the same night make this sighting one of high strangeness. No conclusion is offered for the strange noise heard by the witness 2 nights later due to no object being observed at the time. The incident is classified as Unknown.

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Details of the witness:

Name: Mrs Dorothy Shirley.  
Address: 5/19 Great Western Highway, Laura.  
Age: 67.  
Occupation: Ret. (part time writer)  
Phone: C47 - 841024.

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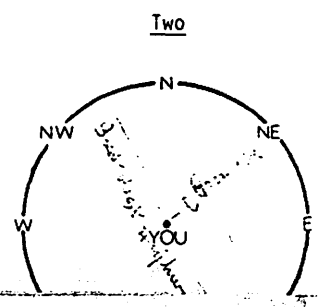
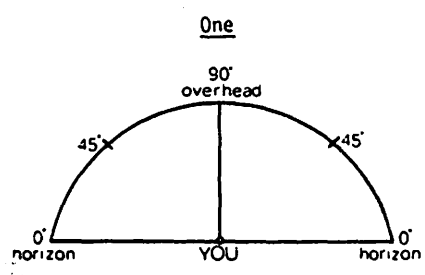
# U.F.O. REPORT FORM

File #: .....  
Conclusion: .....

This form has been designed to assist us in the interpretation of the phenomena observed by yourself. Your assistance in completing and returning it would be appreciated.

Name: DOROTHY SHIRLEY (MRS) Address: 181 GREAT WEST HIGHWAY FAULCON BRIDGE Age: 67

1. What was your exact position and location? .....
2. When did you first see the object(s)? Date: JUNE 1974 Time: 8:15 am/pm
3. For how long could you see the object(s)? 15 minutes
4. How did you establish the time and duration? I just heard the time by radio
5. What attracted your attention? Saw a pink light from kitchen window
6. In what direction was the object(s) first seen? NORTH-WEST  
At what angle to the horizon? level
7. In what direction was it last seen? heading west towards Kalambo  
At what angle to the horizon? level
8. How did the object(s) disappear from view? was straight up about 50 ft then on
9. Describe the object's motion, from the moment it appeared to the moment it was lost to view. Please refer to any changes in direction when I saw it it was perfectly still and powerless and poised about 15 ft above the electric light lines. It stayed like that until it disappeared.
10. Describe the object(s) in your own words, refer to colour, shape, number of objects and features. Compare size to full moon, star etc. Use reverse side for sketch. I want to be able to get a better view of this object. It appeared right across from Rd which is 5 ft above and above the electricity lines. It looked like a hummer when
11. Was any smoke, noise, trail, odour or other sensation noted? None of them but the air was a beautiful "watermelon" pink and it smelled all over as though covered with flowers.
12. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind, a cloud, tree, or other body? If so, describe .....
13. Describe the local weather conditions at the time, referring to cloud type and cover, wind, haze, visibility, whether dark etc. Describe position and appearance of sun, moon, stars etc. It was a cold clear, moonless night. Did not see any stars or planets after looking at the magnification of objects.
14. Have you any photographs or material concerning the object(s)? .....  
Did anyone else see this? .....
15. On the diagrams below, please mark with an "A" the first position of the object(s) and with a "B" the last position. On diag. 2, draw its apparent path as seen by you.





RESULTS OF ENQUIRIES WITH KATOOMBA COUNCIL RE. TRANSFORMER REMOVAL.

A personal enquiry was made with the Technical section of the Katoomba Council on 20/6/78 to ascertain the reason why the transformer was removed and what specifically was wrong with it.

After going through the various channels no real results were obtained. I was directed to a certain individual who could possibly have checked the records but each time I tried to locate him he was either out or not contactable.

A follow up phone call was made from Sydney on Thursday, 22/6/78 but again the man was not available as he was reportedly out on the road and no-one knew when he would return.

It was attempted once more on Friday 23/6/78 but no results were obtained.

No fruitful data is expected from the Council concerning this case so until such time as assistance is given it remains a point of particular interest and certainly a matter of great relevance, it is the only thing that still requires qualification.

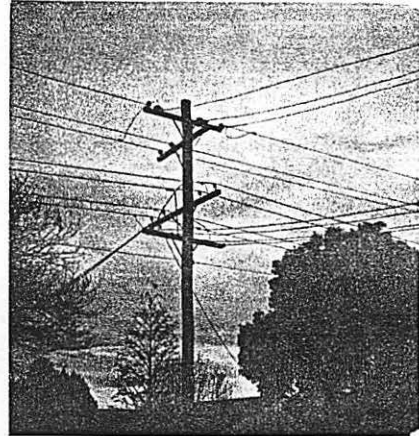
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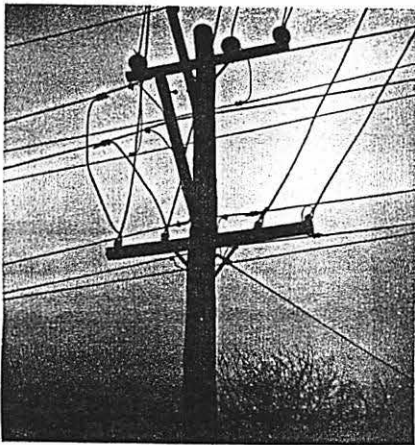
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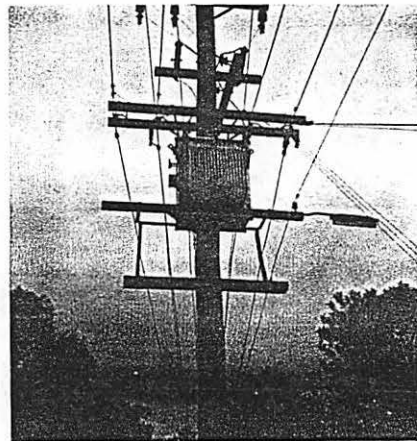
View facing North. This is a similar view the witness had from the roadway. UFO was positioned between poles.



View facing East. This is the pole with the transformer that was removed.



View facing N.E.  
Closer view of pole.



Similar transformer positioned on a pole along Highway.