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TIM LUKIN SHELLHOLE
NEWSLETTER



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*“Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:
Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and
Batteries not Included.” — Unknown*

DECEMBER 2025

From the General's Desk

Raise Your Glasses.

To a year that was... well, let's just say 2025 kept us on our toes! And occasionally had us checking if our tin hats were fastened properly. Yes, that's you Adj...

It was a wild ride, full of more ups and downs than a game of musical chairs at the Old Moth's Home. But through it all, Tim Lukin Shellhole Moths proved we're made of the kind of strong stuff that legends are made of, or at least some very entertaining bar stories.

We weathered the storm together, which is what happens when you put a bunch of Moths in the same Shellhole—we either sink together or throw one heck of a flotation party.



Spoiler alert: We chose the party.

Here's to the camaraderie that makes us put up with each other's terrible jokes, the laughter that drowns out the sound of creaking knees, and that irreplaceable feeling of belonging.

Special mention: To our members currently enjoying some well-deserved R&R (and by R&R, we mean "Recovery & Recuperation," not "Rum, Coke & Relaxation"—though we won't judge), we wish you a speedy return to form.

May the new year bring you more victories than defeats, more laughter than grumbles, and more reasons to dust off that dress uniform.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with peace, good cheer, and the promise of a fantastic 2026.



CHRISTMAS PARTY: A ROARING SUCCESS.

Our December 7th Christmas bash was such a hit, even Santa's checking his notes for next year. Ho, Ho, Ho...

The Top Table raises a glass (or several) to everyone who showed up, ate too much, laughed even more, and generally made the afternoon the kind of legendary event that'll be talked about until at least..., hmm who knows when.

Special kudos to our fundraising heroes who worked tirelessly to boost our mutual aid coffers—your efforts prove that Moths are as generous with their wallets as they are with their war stories.

A standing ovation for our fundraising champions who rolled up their sleeves (and emptied their pockets)

for mutual aid. Turns out Moths aren't just attracted to flame, they're drawn to good causes too – thank you.



JOIN THE MOTHS – WE NEED YOU!

Ever wondered what happens behind those Shellhole doors? It's not all parades and poppies, there's plenty of laughter, friendship, shared stories, and good-hearted banter too!

Whether you're a veteran or simply someone who values camaraderie, service, and remembrance, you'll find a warm welcome in the MOTHS. We're always looking for good people who believe in *True Comradeship, Mutual Help, and Sound Memory*. These are the values that hold our Order together.

Curious? Come see for yourself.

If you'd like to learn more or attend a meeting, reach out to your local Shellhole for details.

**For information on how to join TIM LUKIN MOTH Shellhole
Contact: Deputy Old Bill Jose: 082-561-2990**

The Grand Total?

We're saving that drum roll for the February meeting.

Consider it our gift of suspense. (Will it break records? Will there be gasps? Stay tuned!)



The generosity of the Tim Lukin community never ceases to amaze. Honestly, we couldn't have pulled this off without you—though we'd like to think we provided excellent moral support from the sidelines. Here's to kindness, camaraderie, and keeping the bar tab separate from the donations!

Cheers to that!

ROUND UP FOR THE YEAR

January

We collectively decided that one meeting in December was quite enough socialising for the year, so January's meeting was postponed to February 1st. Smart thinking on the Old Bill side...

February

February was a proud day for Tim Lukin where we inducted one new member to our Shellhole and present 4 C Badges and 7 G Badges to members.

New Inductee: Clive Watson

Certificate of Comradeship (C Badges):

This Certificate of Comradeship is awarded by a Unit to a MOTH member for exceptional service. Recipients may wear a round badge with a dark blue background and a central "C".

Ronnie Botha; Athol Estment; Veronica Snyman and Vincent Marino

Certificate of Good Comradeship (G Badges):

This Certificate of Good Comradeship recognises outstanding service to a MOTH unit. Recipients, nominated by the unit they support, earn this recognition for their exceptional contributions to the Shellhole.

Those awarded the certificate may wear a round badge featuring a sky blue background and a central "G".

Hayley Fourie; Jean Swart; Jeannie Estment; Lynette Brockway; Maria Anna Botha; Sarah (Tokkie) Weinmann and Zhan Weinmann

March

A solemn month as we bid farewell to stalwart Moth Johnny Nicholson. Rest easy, old friend.

On a brighter note, Craig Herwill stepped up as Sergeant Major—someone has to keep order.

April

New Moth Clive Watson treated us with tales from his UN Peacekeeping days and BAOR adventures. Turned out to be far more eventful than we'd anticipated.

May

The dream team stayed put: (hee, hee) Old Bill Colin Byrne, Deputy Old Bill Jose Coimbra, Paybill Veronica Snyman, and Adjutant Vincent Marino.

And as Moth Sven said, "If it ain't broke..."

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June

Induction/Installations

Sharon Mae Visser joined as a Shellhole Supporter, and Athol Estment received his well-earned 25-year MOTH tie (which he'll probably wear to everything now).

Our Johnny B Goode Rock n' Roll evening was such a hit, Elvis walked off the floor and left the building...

July

Young Keanu Malyon snagged a special "Young Supporter" award for never missing a meeting with his dad. Future Moth in the making...

August

The Oktoberfest dream fizzled out (disappointing, yes), but we're plotting revenge for 2026.

The following members were inducted into Tim Lukin Shellhole:

- ✓ MOTHS:- Henry Holland; Ray Muir; Clive Prince
- ✓ MOTH Supporters:- Debra Purivs; Kira Sparrow; Frida Holland; Bradley Gee

September

A total of fourteen new members joined the ranks for the year.

We're either doing something very right or the bar prices are unbeatable.

Our AGM happened—complete with the usual ups, downs, and lengthy discussions about the minutes.

October

Our annual bowls day rolled out 20 teams and rolled in much-needed funds.

Strikes, spares, and solidarity all around.

The District Executives for the 2025/2026 period were installed.

 District Old Bill:	Moth Wessel Wessels
 District Deputy Old Bill:	Moth Douglas Hayes
 District Adjutant:	Moth Vincent Marino
 District Pay Bill:	Moth Robert Randall
 District S/Major:	Moth Jorge De Jesus



Platinum also installed their Executives for the 2025-2026 period installed.

 Old Bill & Recruiting Officer:	Moth Jimmy Frieslaar,
 Deputy Old Bill Moth:	Thinus Prinsloo.
 Adjutant:	Moth Richard Wilson
 Paybill & Club 200/100 convenor:	Moth Graeme Thorold



The Wickens / Olivier Recruitment Trophy was presented to Tim Lukin Shellhole in recognition for a Shellhole for recruiting the most members during the year.

November

The penultimate meeting of 2025 had a distinctly relaxed vibe—holiday mode was already in full swing.

Parade season kicked off (*because Moths do love a good march*), and Ken Schwartz from 32 Buffalo Battalion delivered a gripping presentation on Operation Super from the Border War days.

December

At our final meeting, we honoured our Fallen Brothers in a ceremony that reminded us all why we gather.

Old Bill Colin read the names, Sergeant Major Craig Herwill tolled the bell, and we remembered those who served.

 Owen Mace	06/09/2016
 Shorty Schultz	09/05/2017
 Tony Mathews	05/08/2019
 Bic Stewart	13/11/2019
 Bruce Cromarthy	17/01/2020
 Peter Pavlov	02/03/2020
 Andre Swart	19/06/2021



*We will
remember them*

⊗ Adrian Botha	03/09/2021
⊗ Fred Ford	18/09/2021
⊗ Malcolm Henry	19/01/2022
⊗ Henry Swiegers	21/01/2022
⊗ Phillip Labuschagne	14/06/2022
⊗ Pierre Vermeulen	10/08/2023
⊗ Johnny Nicholson	02/02/2025



***May we never forget their sacrifice.
May their courage guide us forward.
Lest we forget.***

Christmas End of Year Party

We ended the year with a delicious Christmas Spit Braai, supplied by ***Gaz Catering, (highly recommended)*** live entertainment by ***Deon Grey (hugely entertaining)*** and it was a case of Come hungry – Leave *magie vol, ogies toe*.

It was a Christmas cheer that refuses to fade, and the kind of laughter only good friends, family, and Shellhole camaraderie can produce.

GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED FOR 2026

Got a story to tell?

Know something fascinating?

Can you hold a room's attention for 20–30 minutes?

Tim Lukin Shellhole is on the hunt for guest speakers to keep our 2026 meetings lively and enlightening.

Whether it's military history, unusual adventures, or expertise we didn't know we needed—we want to hear it.

Interested? Contact Moth Martin on 084-371-8120.

We'd love to hear from you!



BIRTHDAYS — DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Happy Birthday to Moths:

⊗ Lynette Brockway	12 th December
⊗ Tokkie Weinmann	17 th December
⊗ Rocky Beyleveld	23 rd December
⊗ Neville Boner	23 rd December
⊗ David Harris	23 rd December
⊗ Frida Holland	25 th December
⊗ Ronnie Botha	27 th December
⊗ Debbie Purvis	27 th December
⊗ Bruce O'Hare	08 th January
⊗ Colin Watson	12 th January
⊗ Cliffed Byrne	16 th January
⊗ Hilton Humby	16 th January



***Wishing you all the best on your special day.
May it be filled with joy, laughter, and wonderful memories!***

In Closing...

There you have it, 2025 in a nutshell and a few Milk Stouts, and here's to the Moths who make this Shellhole feel like home...

From badges and bowls to remembrance and rock n' roll, we've packed plenty of beer and braaing into twelve months, you all deserve a rest. Rest up, recharge those batteries, and remember: calories consumed during the festive season don't count if you're wearing a party hat.

To everyone who showed up, pitched in, raised funds, tolled bells, told stories, and kept the spirit alive, you're the reason this Shellhole thrives.

See you all in February, rested, recharged, and ready for whatever 2026 throws our way. Keep your powder dry and your spirits high.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, you magnificent Moths!

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