



# The Generals' VOICE

TIM LUKIN SHELLHOLE NEWSLETTER



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*"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,  
Love like you'll never be hurt,  
Sing like there's nobody listening,  
And live like it's heaven on earth."  
William W. Purkey*

## MAY 2025

Our May meeting was well attended, with 41 members on parade, including the Top Table and 16 visitors. While we received several apologies and noted one MOTH on sick parade, the spirit of the gathering remained strong and supportive.

Sergeant Major Craig Herwill led the assembly in a moment of remembrance, calling on MOTH Martin Thompson to honour our fallen comrades:

☠ Staff Sergeant A.E. Soar (107520) – SAEG – 07 September 1944

☠ Captain A. Stewart (87521) – TSC-TDK – 03 April 1941

*We Will Remember Them.*

## LOOKING AHEAD 2025/2026

Looking ahead, to the 2025/2026 period, Tim Lukin's leadership team remains unchanged, with no contested positions.

The following MOTHS will continue in their respective roles:

**Old Bill:** Colin Byrne  
**Deputy Old Bill:** Jose Coimbra  
**Paybill:** Veronica Snyman  
**Adjutant:** Vincent Marino

The Installation of the Top Table will take place on 6 July 2025 — a date to mark in your diaries as we reaffirm leadership and camaraderie for the year ahead.

## ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY!

It's party time. Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> May we'll be parting at our annual music festival at the Edenvale Bowling Club. If you haven't booked your spot we still have a few openings. 🧑🏻🧑🏻🎸



**Please note NO WALK-IN!**

For more information about booking your table contact either:

**MOTH Veronica on 071-339-0162**

**OR**

**MOTH Jean on 083-442-3771**

All proceeds go towards the Tim Lukin Shellhole mutual fund.

We're gonna be twisting and shouting our way back to the golden ages of rock – the fabulous 50s, the swinging 60s, and the groovy 70s! 🙌

**Tim Lukin Shellhole MOTH Fun Raiser**

**C'mon Everybody!**

**It's the Johnny B Goode ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY!!**

Venue: Edenvale Bowling Club  
Address: 172 6th Avenue, Edenvale  
Date: 31-May 2025  
Time: 6pm for 6:30  
Dress: Rock n' Roll  
Cost: R180/person  
(Includes drink & food)  
(Payment secures your place. No tickets sold at the door)

**For Booking:**  
Contact Jean on 083-442-3771  
Contact Veronica on 071-339-0162  
*All proceeds go to the MOTHS  
(In Memory of Johnny Nicholson)*

## BIRTHDAYS — JUNE:

Happy Birthday!

☠ Dennis Barry	06 <sup>th</sup> June
☠ Clive Cloulson	28 <sup>th</sup> June
☠ Dave Christian Harris	01 <sup>st</sup> June
☠ Glynnis Herbst	21 <sup>st</sup> June

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

## MEET SERGEANT MAJOR CRAIG HERWILL – A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, SOUND, AND HONOUR.

Craig Herwill officially joined the MOTH on 1 November 2021.

Following the passing of long-time Tim Lukin Sergeant Major Johnny Nicholson, Craig stepped into the role officially taking up the position at our May 2025 meeting.

But Craig's journey to this point is as rich in history as the deep tones of his well-played bagpipe.



Figure 1: Sergeant Major Craig Herwill of Tim Lukin Shellhole

Here's a brief snapshot of his impressive musical and military path:

⌘ 1969–1976: Began piping with the South African Irish Regimental Association (SAIRA) Pipe Band.

⌘ 1977–1978: Served with the SAMS Military Band, mastering the Alto Sax, Bass Trombone, and Bagpipes — and earned the Best Improved Musician Trophy in 1978.

⌘ 1979: Appointed Pipe Major of SAIRA Pipe Band.

⌘ 1979–1995: A regular feature at the Durban Tattoos, serving as Senior Pipe Major by 1987.

⌘ 1982 & 1987–1988: Led the SAIRA Band into competition — earning Grade 2 Champion of Champions twice.

⌘ 1989: Became Pipe Major of the SA Irish Regiment Pipes & Drums, building a reputation for excellence at military events, including the National Service of Remembrance and Freedom of the City parades.

⌘ 1992–2013: Represented South Africa at tattoos and ceremonies across the world — from Boputhatswana, London, Edinburgh, Basel, and even as a lone piper in Delville Wood, France, and El Alamein, Egypt.

⌘ 2005: Directed the band's participation in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and released a CD titled "Echoes of a Faraway World".

⌘ 2022: Guest performer with the African Skye Pipe Band at the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland.

Today, Craig continues to serve as the Senior Bagpipe Tutor at King Edward VII School (since 2001), is a long-standing judge on the PBASA panel (since 1984), and acts as Moderator for Gauteng military pipe band auditions.

With his decades of service Craig is currently the longest-serving Pipe Major in the SANDF — a title that we can say echoes with the same pride and honour as his music.

**Welcome Sergeant Major!**

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Thanks to the ever-resourceful MOTH Martin, we're pleased to announce another exciting guest speaker for our upcoming June meeting and this one promises to be both fascinating and full of intrigue.

We'll be welcoming Henry Holland from the Brakpan Freemasons, who will share his insights into the history of the Knights Templar — those



legendary warriors, bankers, and perhaps the original inventors of the secret handshake. Expect tales of ancient orders, Middle Eastern adventures, and maybe even a theory or two that would make Dan Brown raise an eyebrow. More details to follow — so keep your fez on and your curiosity sharp!

### A LIGHT-HEARTED LOOK AT SOUTH AFRICA



To keep things fresh and light-hearted this month — because let's face it, the world's serious enough and Eskom isn't helping, we've assembled a humorous pictorial that'll tickle your South African funny bone harder than a cold shower at an old military base. Hopefully, we've cooked up something



lekker for you. So for a few minutes forget the doom and gloom, potholes, petrol prices and property valuations.

Whether you served in the bush, dodged a hadeda, argued with a traffic cop, or whispered "eish" in 17 emotional tones this one's for you: a reminder that no matter how tough things get, MOTHS — never lose their sense of humour.



Now I know we're really in the army! I thought him being so charming to us on the trip down here was too good to be true.

From the infamous "Ja, Nee" conversations to the unbreakable law of braai hierarchy, it's all here — the kind of humour that even a grumpy sergeant-major couldn't help but chuckle at.

So grab a cup of moer coffee and enjoy a pictorial tribute to the funniest, most unshakable bunch in the country — The MOTH.

**Sien jy daardie boom?  
Gaan haal 'n blaar"**  
Te groot. Te klein. Te groen. Te bruin. The army was a no-win enterprise.





Neat & tidy with square edges. We had a comb despite having no hair. Not even on our chests yet.

Ja Korporal!



We didn't eat the dog biscuits – we used them to chock the wheels of Buffels! 😊 But we sure missed them!

Guys, this newsletter will be out just now! 😊



The army taught me two things: discipline... and to never trust a fart after baked beans!" 😊



The hierarchy of the South African Braai

Laughter is, after all, the best camouflage for grey hair and creaky knees!

### CALLING ALL MOTHS – WE WANT YOUR STORIES!

Right, chaps — now's your chance to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and share a piece of your story, humour, wisdom, or experience.

We're calling on all MOTHS to submit *short articles (200–300 words)* for inclusion in our upcoming newsletters. Whether it's a *memorable moment from your service*, a *funny camp tale*, a *lesson learned the hard way*, or even something about your *hobbies, travels, or views on the world today* — if you think it'll make a fellow MOTH smile, reflect, or laugh out loud, we want to read it!

No pressure, no Shakespeare — just good, honest contributions from one comrade to another.

This is your platform. Let's hear what's rattling around in those seasoned helmets of yours.

Send your stories to

[timlukinshellhole@yahoo.com](mailto:timlukinshellhole@yahoo.com)

Let's keep the spirit alive — one story at a time!

### DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

**Platinum Meeting – every last Sunday of the Month**

**District Meeting – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month**

Founder's Day	07 – May
Jan Smuts Remembrance Day	24 – May
Delville Wood Remembrance Day	16 – July
El Alamein Remembrance Day	23 – Oct
Cosy Corner Remembrance Day	10 – Nov
Rhodesian All Forces Parade, (Dickie Fritz)	10 – Nov
JHB Mayor's Parade JHB, Military Museum, Saxonwold	10 – Nov
SA Legion Shadow Parade, Casino Rd, Foundershill, Modderfontein	11 – Nov
MOTH Remembrance Day	11 – Nov
MOTH Shadow Parade (War Memorial)	11–Nov

## **Shellhole Charter Dates:**

MMA East Rand:	17 <sup>th</sup> January	2017
General van der Spuy:	02 <sup>nd</sup> June	1991
Shellburst Shellhole:	13 <sup>th</sup> July	1958
East Rand District Dugout:	21 July	2016
Cosy Corner Shellhole:	01 <sup>st</sup> September	1927
Savannah Shellhole:	04 <sup>th</sup> September	2002
Windy Corner Shellhole:	27 <sup>th</sup> September	1938
Dickie Fritz Shellhole:	11 <sup>th</sup> September	1955
Sphinx Shellhole:	17 <sup>th</sup> October	1938
<b>Tim Lukin Shellhole:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>1938</b>

## **JOIN THE MOTHS – WE NEED YOU!**



### **Looking to Get Involved?**

If you're interested in learning more or attending a meeting, reach out to your local Shellhole for details.

***For information on how to join TIM LUKIN MOTH Shellhole Contact:***

***Deputy Bill Jose: 082-561-2990***

### ***Useful Links***

**[Visit M.O.T.H. Home Page](#)**

**[Tim Lukin Shellhole Facebook Page](#)**

**[Tim Lukin Shellhole Official Page](#)**

**[East Rand District Dugout](#)**

**[MMA's Facebook Page](#)**

**[MOTHWA Home Page](#)**

**[MOTH Beginnings](#)**

## **Tim Lukin's Business Directory**

*(To place your advert contact Vincent on 082-257-3213)*

**Support Your Shellhole Community.**

Are you a member, supporter, or friend of Tim Lukin Shellhole? Help strengthen our community by supporting one another's businesses. We're creating this comprehensive business directory to help members find the services they need right within our own network. Whether you're looking for a butcher, baker, candlestick maker, or anything in between, our directory will have you covered.

### **How to Submit Your Listing:**

**Keep it Simple:** A clear and concise message will do.

**Submit Your Business Logo:** Send us a high-quality JPG of your business card/logo for a consistent look.

*All your contributions / donations will directly benefit Tim Lukin Shellhole and our Mutual Aid Fund.*

***Help strengthen our community and let's work together to build a thriving MOTH network!***



***Dust Off Those Records – We're Buying!***

***Got a stack of old vinyl lying around?***

***We're on the lookout for classic Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, and Metal records.***

***No fuss, no pressure — just honest deals and a Fair offer.***

***Friendly service. Sell your records today!***

***Call Vincent on 082-257-3213***