



the Generals VOICE

TIM LUKIN SHELLHOLE
NEWSLETTER



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"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there." — George Burns

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tim Lukin Installations & AGM Highlights

August and September were busy months in the East Rand District Dugout, with several Shellholes holding their Annual General Meetings and installations. One of the stand-out gatherings took place at Tim Lukin Shellhole on the 7 September.

Tim Lukin's installation was overseen by District Old Bill, Wessie Wessels, with support from District Sergeant Major, Jorge de Jesus.

Before formally dismissing the Top Table, Old Bill Wessie broke from protocol for a brief but heartfelt address.

He praised Tim Lukin Shellhole as "an All Gold Shellhole," title not handed out lightly. In fact, only two Shellholes in the entire District can boast the consistently high attendance that Tim Lukin enjoys.

On the day, 41 members stood proudly on parade, joined by 7 visitors, with 10 apologies noted and 2 members on sick parade. These strong numbers reflect not just commitment, but also the camaraderie and spirit that make Tim Lukin such a shining example within the District.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Sergeant Major Craig Herwill called on MOTH Debra Purvis to remember our fallen comrades.

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| ☠ M20283 | Pte | Kahn, E | IMC | 9 th April | 1954 |
| ☠ M20009 | Pte | Stols, H | IMC | 17th June | 1944 |



IN MEMORIAM - MOTHS CALLED TO THEIR FINAL MUSTER

During this MOTH year, we mourned the loss of several brothers from Shellholes across the East Rand District Dugout. Each departed comrade lived as a testament to our three ideals - **True Comradeship, Mutual Help and Sound Memory**, demonstrating unwavering loyalty to their fellow Moth and extending the hand of fellowship to all who crossed their path, while carrying themselves with the dignity and honour befitting a true Moth.

These men, who once gathered around our tables sharing stories of service and camaraderie, have now answered their final call to duty. In their memory, we pledge to carry forward the torch of brotherhood they helped keep burning bright, ensuring that their legacy and character continues to inspire future generations of Moths.

| NAME | SHELLHOLE | FINAL CALL |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Moth Trevor Thomas</i> | <i>Windy Corner</i> | <i>28/07/2024</i> |
| <i>Moth Cheryl Grover</i> | <i>Dickie Fritz</i> | <i>03/09/2024</i> |
| <i>Moth Gerry Caldeira</i> | <i>Sphinx</i> | <i>11/01/2025</i> |
| <i>Moth Johnny Nicholson</i> | <i>Tim Lukin</i> | <i>03/02/2025</i> |
| <i>Moth Eric Gilchrist</i> | <i>Dickie Fritz</i> | <i>22/03/2025</i> |
| <i>Moth Daan Van Zyl</i> | <i>Cosy Corner</i> | <i>05/04/2025</i> |
| <i>Moth Johan Lindeque</i> | <i>Gen Van Der Spuy</i> | <i>11/08/2025</i> |
| <i>Moth James Miller</i> | <i>Windy Corner</i> | <i>20/08/2025</i> |



We Will Remember Them! May they all Rest in Peace!

TIM LUKIN INSTALLATION

Tim Lukin's top table remained unchanged for the new MOTH year 2025/2026.



(Left to right)

- ★ Adjutant: Moth Vincent Marino
- ★ Deputy Old Bill: Moth Jose Coimbra
- ★ Old Bill: Moth Colin Byrne
- ★ Pay Bill: Moth Veronica Synman
- ★ Sergeant Major: Moth Craig Herwill

EAST RAND DISTRICT DUGOUT INSTALLATION

The East Rand District Dugout proudly welcomed the start of the new MOTH year with a memorable installation ceremony. Platinum Provincial Old Bill, Moth Jimmy Frieslaar, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing executive for their tireless dedication and the steady hand with which they guided the District through the past year.

District top table *(Left to Right)*

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



Moth Jimmy then carried out the installation of the new executive for the 2025/2026 MOTH year. In his address, he reminded all present that

leadership within the MOTH is not only about responsibility, but also about carrying forward the values of true comradeship, mutual help, and sound memory and always showered with a little fun.

As the newly installed executive takes up their duties, the Dugout looks ahead to a year of fresh opportunities, renewed fellowship, and continued service to our members and community. The spirit of the MOTH remains strong, and with committed leadership at the helm, the East Rand District is well positioned to keep building on its proud traditions.

WHY DO WE ONLY CONFIRM AGM MINUTES A YEAR LATER?



It might seem odd, but there's a simple reason. The AGM only happens once a year, so the next AGM is the first time members can officially say, "Yes, that's exactly what happened last year." You could say it's like giving last year's story a final "thumbs up"

before moving on with this year's chapter.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE MEANTIME?

Don't worry, the decisions made at the AGM (like electing the Top Table or approving finances) take effect straight away. The minutes are written up, signed off by the Old Bill, and kept as the official record, even though they're still technically "unconfirmed." When we finally tick them off a year later, it's not about re-approving the decisions, it's just about agreeing that the notes match what really happened.

ATTENDANCE: THE STORY BEHIND THE NUMBERS

If you ever thought keeping track of who shows up was boring – think again! Our attendance stats over the past three years tell quite a story.

Back in **2022–2023**, we averaged 17 members and 13 visitors per meeting. Not too shabby for a year where we had to cancel a couple of meetings (life happens, even for Moths). The record for that year? 25 members and a whopping 30 visitors in a single meeting.

Then along came **2023–2024**, and suddenly everyone must have remembered how good our meeting (and maybe the beer) really are. Numbers jumped to an average of **26 members** and **14 visitors**, with the "high score" of **36 members** in the room at once. The Sergeant major was keep on his toes!

Fast-forward to **2024–2025** (so far), and we're seeing a real boost in Moth attendance: a brilliant **33 Moths on average**, climbing as high as 37 in one go. The visitors, though, seem to be playing hide-and-seek. We've slipped down to an average of 10 per meeting, a nearly 50% drop compared to last year. Clearly, we're better at keeping Moths than visitors!

| | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | | 2024-2025 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | MOTH | Visitors | MOTH | Visitors | MOTH | Visitors |
| Jul | 15 | 17 | 23 | 18 | 26 | 6 |
| Aug | meeting cancelled | | 19 | 4 | 36 | 8 |
| sept | 12 | 13 | 23 | 13 | 27 | 13 |
| Oct | 14 | 9 | 18 | 30 | 32 | 8 |
| Nov | 14 | 9 | 31 | 7 | 36 | 12 |
| Dec | 17 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 30 | 5 |
| Jan | | | | | | |
| Feb | 17 | 15 | 27 | 14 | 36 | 8 |
| Mar | 25 | 30 | 31 | 11 | 33 | 8 |
| Apr | 20 | 6 | 23 | 18 | 37 | 10 |
| May | meeting cancelled | | 25 | 5 | 36 | 16 |
| Jun | 18 | 15 | 36 | 14 | 37 | 11 |
| Total | 152 | 119 | 284 | 156 | 366 | 105 |
| Average | 17 | 13 | 26 | 14 | 33 | 10 |
| MONTHS: | 9 | | 11 | | 11 | |
| LOWEST: | 12 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 26 | 5 |
| HIGHEST: | 25 | 30 | 36 | 30 | 37 | 13 |
| % Increase/decrease | | | 46.5 | 23.7 | 22.4 | -48.6 |
| MOTHS Supporters | | | <i>As per Nominal Roll</i> | | 35 | 19 |
| | | | | | 54 | |

THE BIG PICTURE

- ★ Over three years, attendance has grown from 152 to 366.
- ★ Visitors, on the other hand, peaked at 156 but have since dipped to 105.
- ★ Altogether, we now have a proud 54 Moths and supporters on our books.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The trend is clear: our shellhole is buzzing with strong member attendance, but visitors need a bit of coaxing. The challenge for us now is to turn those visitors into supporters (or Moths, if they qualify). After all, every visitor is just a potential future member who hasn't yet realised how much fun we are.

So, maybe at the next meeting we put on our thinking caps:

- ★ *How do we attract more visitors?*
- ★ *More importantly, how do we convince them to stay?*

One thing's for sure: we're heading in the right direction, and the growing attendance proves it. The numbers don't lie – we're not just holding steady, we're marching forward.

BIRTHDAYS — OCTOBER

Happy Birthday!

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| 🕒 Michelle Wilson | 01 st October |
| 🕒 Christine Harris | 15 th October |
| 🕒 Zhan Weinmann | 18 th October |
| 🕒 Charles Kirsten | 24 th October |
| 🕒 Michael Bowett | 26 th October |

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



DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

Platinum Meeting – every last Sunday of the Month

District Meeting – every 3rd Saturday of the Month

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|---|-----------|
| 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 |

Platinum Provincial Dugout meet on the last Sunday of every month at 9h30, at Evenden House, 139 Glover Avenue, Die Hoewes, Centurion.

East Rand District Dugout meet on an alphabetical (*MOTH shellhole name*) rotational basis at 9h30 on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Shellhole Charter Dates:

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

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.

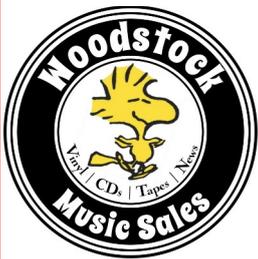
How to Submit Your Listing:

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!



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