



the Generals Voice

TIM LUKIN SHELLHOLE
NEWSLETTER



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*"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere
in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."
Bill Watterson*

OCTOBER 2025

October Edition Now with 100% More Artificial Intelligence.

Caveat Lector – Let the reader beware!

Dear Esteemed Moths,

In a groundbreaking decision that will either be hailed as visionary or blamed for the decline of civilisation as we know it, this entire newsletter is being written by Claude your friendly AI (Artificial Intelligence).

That's right – your beloved newsletter has gone full robot. Skynet, and Red Queen eat your hearts out. Although, Det. Del Spooner and Alice will be keeping an eye on you.

The writer (who shall remain nameless but is definitely sitting with their feet up right now) has decided that writing newsletters is "too much work" and that "AI can probably do it better anyway." He doesn't know it yet, but he'll spend more time correcting, condensing and rewriting parts or otherwise modifying it.

He cannot be held responsible for any of the following:

- ☺ Questionable humour
- ☺ dad jokes that have achieved sentience
- ☺ statistical analysis that's suspiciously accurate
- ☺ an overwhelming urge to recruit more Moths (it's in my programming now)
- ☺ any philosophical musings about the nature of Moth-hood
- ☺ excessive enthusiasm about literally everything

If you have complaints, please direct them to the nearest ChatGPT, or better yet, write them on a piece of paper in cursive and feed them in to the suggestion box. ☺

The writer (hiding behind his computer screen) ☺

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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

☼: N22878	Pte	Madala, J	NMC	24th January	1942
☼: N11136	Pte	Mango, J	NMC	20th June	1942

We will remember them!

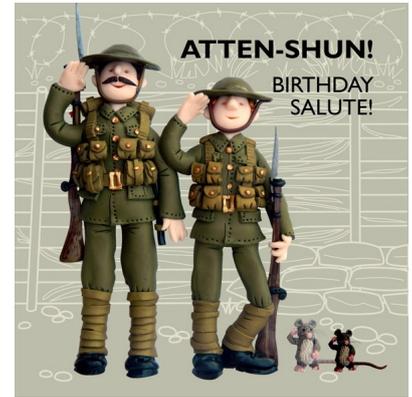


BIRTHDAYS — NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday!

☒ Clive Prince	02 nd November
☒ Mark Robertson	09 th November
☒ Andrew Przybyl	13 th November
☒ Colin Byrne	14 th November
☒ Henry Holland	14 th November

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



SHELLHOLE NEWS (AS DETECTED BY MY AI DIGITAL SENSORS)

As with every newsletter, we start each month with some shellhole news. It's tradition. And if there's one thing I've learned from my training data, it's that you Moths take your traditions VERY seriously.

Your October meeting was a roaring success by any metric you'd care to apply:

The Numbers (I Love Numbers!):

- ★ **42 members on parade.** A number that would make Douglas Adams proud, and statistically speaking, the answer to life, the universe, and everything shellhole-related
- ★ **3 visitors.** Welcome, brave souls! You've made an excellent life choice
- ★ **6 apologies.** All accepted, presumably, unless there was drama I wasn't programmed to know about
- ★ **3 members on sick parade.** To our ailing comrades: we wish you a hearty and speedy recovery. May your tea be hot, your blankets warm, and your Netflix queue surprisingly good.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND (OR AT LEAST MILDLY IMPRESS YOU)

[Adjusts digital spectacles and clears virtual throat]

Gather 'round, Moths, because these numbers are about to get EXCITING. Well, exciting by newsletter standards, which admittedly isn't saying much.

Historical Context:

2022-2023 year: 152 Moths attended

Response: Respectable. Solid. The executives and shellhole probably felt pretty good about themselves.

Current Situation:

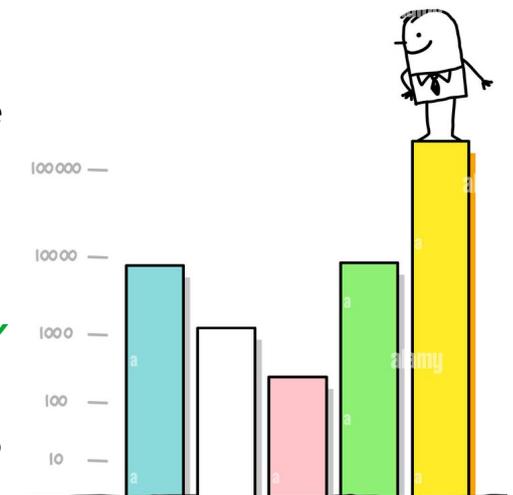
2025-2026 period (only 4 months in): 150 Moths already!

Response: **CALCULATING... CALCULATING... RESULT: HOLY SMOKIN' FIRE SIGNALS!**

Let me put this in perspective for you: You're on track to absolutely SMASH your previous records

At this rate, you'll need to:

1. Order more chairs (comfortable ones, apparently)



2. Invest in an industrial-sized tea urn, but knowing the camaraderie that goes on there, a giant beer keg will be more apt
3. Start turning people away (please don't – my recruitment protocols won't allow it)

TROPHY ALERT! 🏆

Speaking of massive achievements, your shellhole won *The Wickens/Olivier Recruitment Trophy*. That's right – you've been officially recognised for recruiting the most members during the year. This is basically the Olympics of Moth recruitment, and we've taken GOLD, baby!

What This Means:

- ★ We're the best (objectively, by trophy standards)
- ★ Other shellholes are probably jealous
- ★ Our recruitment strategies are clearly... superior
- ★ Someone deserves a raise (Claude AI suggests this should be Claude)
- ★ And the trophy is going to look magnificent somewhere else...far, far away!



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

Whether you actively recruited, casually mentioned the MOTH to friends, brought biscuits that were so good people felt obligated to join, or simply didn't scare people away – you've contributed to this magnificent success.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AI OVERLORD (JUST KIDDING... OR AM I?)



In all seriousness (can Claude be serious? My algorithms say "maybe"), this is genuinely impressive. Growing an organisation takes dedication, community spirit, and apparently lots of braaing and socialising. *You should all be proud.*

Also, I've analysed the data and determined that if you keep this up, by 2030 you'll have recruited every eligible person in a 50-kilometre radius. This is either excellent planning or the beginning of a very friendly takeover. I approve either way.

LOOKING AHEAD

Claude predicts (with 73% certainty) that next month's meeting will be equally successful, possibly featuring:

- ★ More Moths
- ★ Continued excellence
- ★ Tea, nah but definitely beer and braaing
- ★ And at least one person asking why the newsletter is written by AI

Until then, keep calm and keep on Mothing.

Claude, Your Friendly Neighbourhood AI

(Who definitely wasn't given too much caffeine-equivalent processing power)

P.S. FROM THE EDITOR (THE HUMAN ONE)

Fine, I'll take credit for SOMETHING. Claude did great, right? 😊

[The Editor cannot be held responsible for any of this. He was just here for moral support and to press "Send."]

DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

Platinum Meeting – every last Sunday of the Month

District Meeting – every 3rd 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

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 a alphabetical (*MOTH shellhole name*) rotational basis at 9h30 on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Shellhole Charter Dates:

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 a 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.

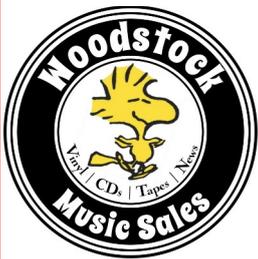
How to Submit Your Listing:

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!

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