

Moth Kevin Gradidge

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Moth Kevin Gradidge was born on the 14th September 1956 Kariba, S. Rhodesia now known as Zimbabwe.

Moth Kevin Gradidge started his Military Service in at the Rhodesian Light Infantry, Internal Affairs. He did his tertiary education at the University of Natal (BSC) and Wits (Mining Engineering). Currently he is the Operations Manager for Speedspace Factory Built Accommodation.

Moth Kevin Gradidge has had a great many Moth accomplishments since he was initiated into the MOTHS in April 2004 and clearly holds a love for the MOTH order.

Moth Kevin's accomplishments at Shellhole and District Level

MOTH Kevin has successfully occupied various positions at various Shellholes in the last 14 years.

- He has served in the following Shellholes distinction: Combined Shellhole, Red Barn Shell hole & Warrior Shellhole. Mahonaland District & West Rand District.
- He fulfilled various positions at these Shellholes and always did so with distinction. The posts that he filled include Playbill, Supply Bill, Deputy Old Bill, Old Bill at Shellhole level and District Old Bill for The West Rand District, Platinum Province.
- Moth Kevin served as Committee member and Chairman with the following Cottages: MOTH Kariba Cottages; MOTH Remembrance Cottages (Harare); WOCMAC Committee,
- Moth Kevin is also a very active within the Moth Motorcycle Association.

Other Achievements within the MOTH.

- MOTH Motorcycle Association (Platinum) – established 2011.
- Warrior Arms Club – Revival and re-established as a viable working club 2013, assisting Warrior/Oasis Cottages
- MOTH Motorcycle Association – Erecting of memorial for deceased MMA members 2015, and establishment of annual commemorative parade
- Warrior Shellhole – Establishment of annual D-Day parade 2015
- Dardanelles Shellhole – Revival and lifting of administration 2016
- Implementation of annual inter-districts sports day held in May/June each year
- West Rand District – Dave Reeves award 2017 (For outstanding work within the District and for the manner in which problems were overcome beyond the normal course of duties)

Past affiliations

- Old Hararians (Harare); South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy; Rotary International; Seven Seas Naval Officer's Club (Simon's Town)
Apart from living his life as a MOTH, Moth Kevin Gradidge has also carried Mutual Help outside of the MOTH.

Between 2003 and 2007, Moth Kevin established and presented a life skill coaching program for teenagers and adults which included: Bush tracking and survival skills and personal development and orientation.

From 2004 until 2007 Moth Kevin established a computer recovery program for recycling hardware and providing entry level computers to schools in the Mashonaland province of Zimbabwe where he personally trained and taught young school kids in computer literacy. In 2005 Moth Kevin established an annual Christmas Cheer event for various old age homes including MOTH, Salvation Army, Harare Children's home, and this continues to this day. In 2012 Moth Kevin successfully campaigned for a blanket collection program for various old age homes and underprivileged families in the Harrismith area.

In 2013 he established and maintained a supply program for rape kits to children between three months and six years old. This plan also provided rape victim counselling and continues to this date.

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Between 2014 and 2015 he and his wife Margaret established various feeding schemes at the white squatter camps in the West Rand.

From 2016 MOTH Kevin and his wife became more involved in feeding schemes including lobbying large retailers such as Pick n Pay for help and ultimately providing food to:

- Approximately 250 Underprivileged families from the West Rand every day: The Mashakane Primary School on a daily basis in Zandspruit, for children under 12 years; Diepsloot Nursery School for foreign children, as well as other nursery schools across West Rand
- From 2017 to date, they expanded the feeding schemes to include Ruimsig, and the above food collection program is now managed by Food Forward South Africa, and all operational expenses are covered and maintained by Moth Kevin.

Moth Kevin Gradidge is not just an inspirational Moth but an amazing human being who strives to serve his fellow man. Based on his exemplary history as a Moth and his contribution to young and old across borders, it is my sincere belief that there is not a more worthy Moth to be considered for The Award of the Certificate of Merit.

Old Bill Riaan Janse van Rensburg
KBB Shellhole (Platinum)

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