



# THE BUGLE



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## *NEWS FROM LOST MEMORY ESTATE..... MESCA FAR WESTRAND COTTAGES*

I speak not of Oom Janie's buddy Winston referring to the "Fly Boys" but as one of the 5500 persons being blessed with affordable accommodation provided by a mere 4000 Moths.

Although having been a Moth for over 20 years and well aware of MESCA, Mothwa Havens and other MOTH Cottage Schemes, I never realised what a sterling job the folk that run these units do with the absolute minimal financial input.

All too often, I have sat through meetings and heard occupants of cottages bleating about lack of support and requesting upgrades and improvements. The adage "Ask not what MOTH can do for you but what you can do for MOTH" holds true for us cottage occupants as well. We all need to realise that these digs are not a right but a blessing. There are those that join MOTH for the sole reason of wanting a cottage, much like entering a 1000m race and stepping onto the track 1m before crossing the line and expecting to claim the gold medal.

A mighty Moth in the Cape once said we should have a question in every cottage application, "What have you done for MOTH?" Don't get me wrong, there are many brothers and sisters that trek round to the large retailers to collect donated foodstuffs, others that sort and divide the goods for their brethren. There are others that spend hours cleaning Shell-holes, stocking their Hole in the Wall, hairdressing, baking or visiting and assisting a neighbor that has fallen ill. Although these people are sadly in the minority, they make a massive difference and are shining examples of how we should be conducting our time and efforts.

A lot of these assets we speak of are now at a stage where much maintenance is now needed to keep them ship shape and do upgrades which will enrich the tenant's lives. So here the quandary: How do we do that? Simple, we get off our butts and stop looking for handouts but rather look to ways of assisting ourselves as cottage dwellers.

My rant done, pray let me introduce you to Sound Memory Cottages Far West Rand. Here the emphasis falls on Far, far from the regular haunts of our MOTH family and often referred to as the orphans of the Far West.

Some four months ago the missus and I were accepted into this little community and had no idea of what to expect. What we have experienced is overwhelming and we are so proud to be part of this little isolated group. Here there is no sponsored garden service but our grounds are neat and tidy. Those physically unable to potter in their gardens fork out 5% of their SASSA grant to have two local lads keep their areas perfect.

Mutual Help comes not in hard cash here, it comes in the form of changing a light bulb or the wheel of a car, tiling a step, painting a window frame or just sharing a special treat when baking. Whether sharing some home grown produce or just a beer, this is a family. We are very proud to have some folk that were definitely not Army chefs and are able to turn out the most delicious goodies that we can sell to generate a bit of an extra cash. Then there are those that will never make it to the Great British Bake Off but are not deterred, they donate what they can to procure ingredients for the bakers. Our Marketing Manageress does a magic job of promoting said treats to the locals but as in all cases, be it local or Moth, you can only sell as much as there is a demand for.



The best time of the day is late afternoon, when bodies start gravitating to a couple of old kitchen chairs and a table located under the carport. Having to bundle up in several jackets at this time of year, deters them not. There are heated debates, encouragements, leg pulling and fund raising is discussed ad nauseum. Weekends are no different at lunch time when often a fire is lit and someone provides a bit of wors or some chops and pap for those around. Sometimes we get a bit engrossed in a discussion or an OB's and end up muttering the whole 20 yards to our homes in the dark and threaten that we going to fit more lights, only to end up in the same situation in a night or two's time. Yip, some of us have very short memories, hence we now refer to our little community as "Lost Memory Estate".



I would appeal to readers who are able to assist our endeavors to improve and maintain our estate in any way to communicate such to Moth Bennett. Be it a weed eater that is superfluous to requirements because you now use a garden service, some bags of lawn dressing or just a half drum of paint that's cluttering your garage. Then there be a need for some gum poles, bricks, IBR sheeting, and timber etc – the brighter of our friends would understand exactly where we going with this.... Yip, our dream is a little Lapa where we can gather and share a Milo or Two in comfort and have a practical place to have a braai. With Eskom in the state it is, any solar lights or equipment would also be a blessing.

To those that have already taken the time to visit our Out Post, we thank you and we extend an open invitation to one and all and come share some time with the Estate Crew (no, passports are not required). In Nothing, this whippersnapper Moth greets you with love, affection and sends salutations from Lost Memory Estate.

MOTH KEN MEYER



# *Introducing Flame Lilly Park- KwaZulu Natal*

## Background

The original property belonged to St Phillomona Orphanage and was purchased by the MOTH in 1975. The main driver of this acquisition was MOTH Verman Corbishley. The first block of 8 flats was opened in October 1997 and the first tenant at Flame Lilly Park, none other than Len Brown, a prominent cricketer and footballer for South Africa at the time.

## Current Situation

From the humble beginnings Flame Lilly currently consists of 260 Units comprising luxury Townhouses to bachelor units. The Complex also houses a frail care facility which has 34 patients.

## In general

The MOTH office has also relocated from Durban CBD to one of the Townhouses. security is a high priority at the complex, with guards stationed at the gate and patrolling the premises. During heavy rains of 2022, The complex suffered extensive damage, but in true MOTH fashion, the repair was started as soon as possible and is almost complete. The property is constantly checked and repairs done and upgraded to limit future damage due to rain. Catering is done by an outside company and meals can be enjoyed in the hall. Alternatively taken to the units.



Opposite the front gate is the Vernon Corbishly Hall with an Adjacent chapel, a must see if ever in the area. Enclosed in the garden of remembrance is a grave of the first Mother superior of the orphanage in its original state.



Hidden in the corner among all the units is a tiny wood working workshop where various toys and trinkets are manufactured which are sold for fund raising. It was amazing to see the variety made in such a small workshop.



In conclusion Flame Lilly Park is the largest of all the MOTH cottage schemes. A complex that we as MOTHs can be proud of, it serves as testament of how much can be done with very little money, hard work, commitment and dedication. Vernon Corbishly once in his own words referred to Flame Lilly Park as a derelict site. Today it is a complex the MOTH can be very proud of.

Flame Lilly park is situated on 565 Stella road, Malvern, Queensburgh, Durban. The current chairman is MOTH Chris Craig-Mackie. The office number is (031) 464 - 6421.



The chapel



OUR HOME



# *CHRISTMAS AT MESCA KRUGERSDORP*

## MESCA KRUGERSDORP COTTAGE

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 the annual residents Christmas function was held at Warrior Shellhole in Krugersdorp.

Residents and MESCA executive committee members came together and enjoyed a delightful day where everyone was treated to a braai.

Our MESCA West Rand Cottage Chairman, Moth Kallie Calitz ensured that the meat was braaied and prepared to perfection and the MOTHWA ladies residing in the cottages, made the most delicious salads and lets not forget the pudding! Tannie Corrie van Zyl and her team of ladies ensured that everyone left with a full tummy and cleaned after the function.

The function was originally planned to be held at the cottage complex under the carports, but due to the unpredictable weather and rain, Warrior Shellhole Old Bill Moth Brian Bennett opened his Shellhole for us and we therefore could enjoy the day without the worry of rain. Fortunately for us, the day was filled with sunshine!

It was indeed a beautiful day where everyone in attendance enjoyed their day and it is always nice to see the residents and committee members come together and enjoying each other's company.



# PUZZLE TIME .....



## WINTER Word Search



T E O G S V S N O W M A N B J  
 H F S S S S W E A T E R P L F  
 O R O L D N C O L D U R L A W  
 T E A S O Q O A G E M X E N Q  
 C E C Z B L A W B G I F A K E  
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 I S I C U G I U I R X C F R C  
 A W L A C O G K W T S V P T Z



### WORD LIST

BLANKET  
BLIZZARD  
COLD

EARMUFFS  
EGGNOG  
FREEZING

GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE

MITTENS  
SCARF  
SKATES

SNOW  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER

# *SHELLHOLE NEWS.....*



## ***FAMOUS WARRIOR POTJIE COMPETITION 2023***

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***CASH BAR***

***EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON***

***BREAKFAST BUNS***

***RAFFLES AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!***

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***THEME: PICNIC IN THE PARK***

***WHERE: MESCA KRUGERSDORP- WEST  
STREET***

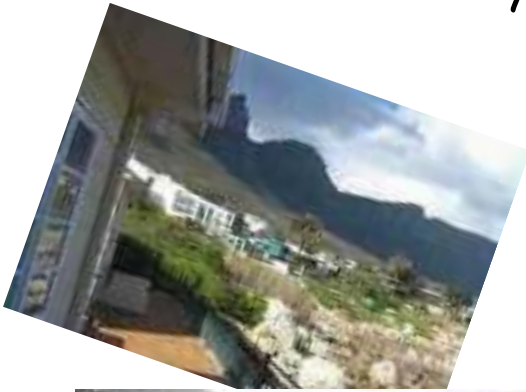
***DATE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2023***

***TIME: 9:00***

***ENTRY FEE: R100 PER TEAM***



## THE CLASSIFIEDS.....



*WANT TO GO ON HOLIDAY*

*BAKOVEN COTTAGES*

*WESTERN CAPE*

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**VISIT THE MOTH WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**[www.moth.org.za](http://www.moth.org.za)**

**THE COTTAGE IS FOR USE BY MOTH MEMBERS ONLY**

## *HOW ABOUT SOME TRAINING.....*

### *What is a MOTH?*

The Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTH, the Order) is an independent brotherhood of ex-service and service men and women who have served their country in the armed services in an active theatre of operation. It is based on concord and harmony and operates independently of race, religion or politics in order to maintain the living spirit of the front-line comradeship and to protect and advance the interests of war veterans and their families.

### *TRUE COMRADESHIP (TC)*

By practicing front-line friendship in civilian life.

**Ask not what your Shellhole can do for you, but what you can do for your Shellhole.**

**Ask what can I contribute to this Shellhole and my Comrades**

### *MUTUAL HELP (MH)*

By acknowledging the personal and collective obligation to help each other as in front-line service.

**Ask, how can I help my comrade in need**

### *SOUND MEMORY (SM)*

By remembering the Fallen as a living companionship to serve their memory in practical actions which rise above divisions of social status, race and politics.

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning I will remember them**

