

Monthly Newsletter

Editor's Note

"Every road eventually reaches a fork. It doesn't mean the journey is over. It simply means it's time to discover where the next one leads."



This edition is a particularly emotional one for me because *I have decided* that this marks the end of my chapter at 7 Days Service Center.

While I won't be part of the day-to-day journey anymore, my own journey certainly doesn't end here. Like every traveller who's taken an unexpected turn, I'm choosing to embrace the road ahead with hope and excitement. Looking back, I don't just see vehicles repaired or newsletters created. I see friendships, laughter, challenges we overcame together, exciting milestones, and a team that became family and I'm so grateful for that.

To every customer, thank you. It has been a privilege to be part of your journeys and to meet so many wonderful people along the way.

❤ To the Crew...

Behind every successful workshop is a team of extraordinary people. To the incredible crew at 7 Days Service Center, thank you for helping me steer the ship!

Thank you for your hard work, your loyalty, your humour on the difficult days, your willingness to tackle every challenge, and for always supporting one another.

As every traveller knows...

The best journeys aren't remembered for the roads we travelled, but for the people who travelled them with us.

Thank you for being such an important part of my journey.

With love and gratitude,
Charmaine Kriel



The Roads That Changed Me



The Floating Caddy Near Clarens

Like many travellers, I trusted my GPS without a second thought.

On our way to Clarens, it directed us to a flooded low-water bridge.

Thinking we could make it across, the Volkswagen Caddy drove straight off the bridge and into the water.

Within moments the cabin was filling with water. Our clothes were soaked, phones were ruined, and suddenly the destination didn't matter anymore. Getting out safely did.

A GPS can guide your route, but it can't judge the conditions. If water is flowing over a bridge, turn around. No destination is worth risking your life.



The Unexpected Campsite After Lesotho & Sani Pass

After an unforgettable trip through Lesotho and Sani Pass, we started the journey home in the Toyota Prado, confident we'd find accommodation somewhere along the way.

We didn't. Everywhere was fully booked. So the Prado became the hotel for the night.

Thankfully we had a blanket... although a blanket without a pillow still makes for a very long night. By sunrise, we were tired, a little stiff, but smiling.

Book your accommodation before you travel. A little planning can make all the difference... but sometimes the unexpected stops become the best memories.

♥ Looking Back...

I've learnt that life is a lot like travelling. Sometimes the GPS gets it wrong. Sometimes the road disappears beneath your wheels. Sometimes we ignore the warning signs. The unexpected night beneath the stars that taught me to embrace the unplanned... And the search for Odin reminded me about what truly matters in my life.

As I now find myself standing at a fork in the road, I carry every one of these lessons with me. Because no matter where the next road leads...



The Sand Trap Near Hondeklip Bay

Apparently I haven't learnt my lesson...

Once again, I trusted the GPS.

It led us with the Toyota Starlet onto what looked like an ordinary gravel road, until the sand became too deep and we found ourselves completely stuck.

With no recovery vehicle nearby, we spent a freezing winter night sleeping in the car, with no blankets and only one blazer to keep warm.

Luckily the next day we were helped.

Not every shortcut is worth taking. Always check the road ahead and make sure your vehicle is suited for the journey.



The Road I'd Drive Again Searching for Odin

It was the day my best friend forever disappeared.

For hours we drove every road we could think of, hoping the next turn would lead us back to Odin. Every passing minute felt like an eternity and every call for him like an endless echo.

So focused on the search, we misjudged the edge and drove straight into a ditch.

The Prado could be repaired.

The ditch didn't matter.

The only thing that mattered was finding Odin.

Thankfully, we did find him the next day.

If the journey ends with someone you love safely back where they belong... every kilometre is worth it.

Every journey leaves us a little wiser, a little stronger, and a little more grateful for the people, and the paws, that travel beside us. ♥



News & Winners

🐾 One Last Woof... From Odin & Freya

Well... we thought we'd have the final woof this month! 🐾

Over the past year, we've loved being honorary members of the 7 Days Service Center family. Whether we were supervising the workshop, welcoming customers, sneaking into video's, or simply making everyone smile, it's been quite the adventure. **Just like Mom**, our journey is now taking us in a different direction too.

But before we go...

We've got some very exciting news!

We're incredibly proud to announce that we've become the parents of five beautiful, healthy Great Dane puppies! ❤️🐶

Mom (Freya) has been absolutely amazing. She's a gentle, loving, and fiercely protective mother who hardly lets her puppies out of her sight.

Dad (Odin)... well, he's very proud of himself! He keeps a careful watch over his growing family and enjoys checking in on all five little ones whenever he gets the chance

Life has become wonderfully busy, filled with tiny paws, dreamy sleepy cuddles, and plenty of puppy adventures.

Although this is our farewell from the workshop, it certainly isn't goodbye forever. We'll always treasure the memories, the people we've met, and the love we've received from so many customers over the years.

Thank you for every pat on the head, every kind smile, every photo, and every moment you shared with us.

We hope our puppies bring as much joy to the world as we've been lucky enough to experience ourselves.

With wagging tails and grateful hearts...
Love,

🐾 Odin, Freya & the Little Paws



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR JUNE SERVICE COMPETITION WINNER

WARREN PETERSEN

"EVERY ENDING LEAVES ROOM FOR A NEW BEGINNING. THANK YOU FOR TRAVELLING THIS ROAD WITH US."



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