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The Girls
In School”
Project**

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MOTORING: Isuzu KB Double Cab





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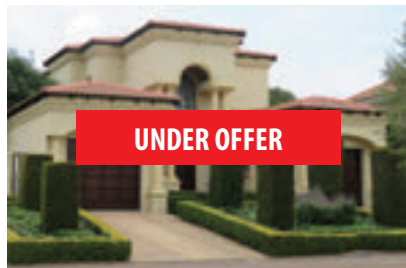


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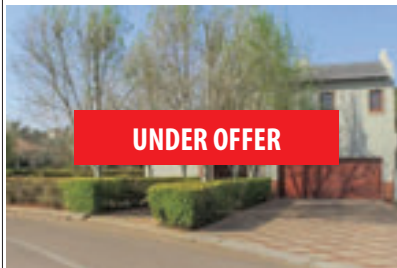


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4 Bedrooms,
2 Bathrooms, 3 Living Areas,
Domestic Quarters, Pool,
Covered Patio, 2 Garages

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4 Bathrooms, Kitchen,
Scully, 3 Living Areas,
Pool, Double Garage

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3 Bathrooms, Kitchen, Scullery,
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Dear Residents

Irene Farm Villages was blessed with the first summer rains, that came pouring down over the weekend of the 13th October 2018. We measured 45mm. There are prospects of good rains to follow.

With the good rain, also came the lightning strikes that struck the two gate houses, causing a wide spread of damage to the electronic equipment. Several bio-metric fingerprint readers, CCTV cameras and office equipment, including the office telephones, were malfunctioning. The Home Owners' Association's maintenance service suppliers, namely Xon Technologies, Bidvest Protea Coin and P C Care were immediately on-site over the weekend. The Estate Management would like to thank all the residents of the Estate for being patient during the repair period.



We have mentioned before, that several precautionary steps were taken in 2018, to prevent damage by lightning strikes of this nature, mainly the "induced" kind of surges, that are experienced. We will once again go back to the drawing-board to assess the situation and take further steps in reducing the possibility of lightning strike damage.



At van Niekerk

The Estate Management, in conjunction with the HOA's Aesthetics Committee, is continuously going around the Estate, inspecting the exterior condition of the properties and gardens. If a property is found to be in a poor or unsightly condition and requires maintenance and or painting, the owner will receive a written notice from the Estate Management, wherein the owner will be requested to attend to the maintenance within a prescribed time. We would like to thank our homeowners for co-operating once a notice has been issued to them. The properties are generally in a well-maintained condition, which we pride ourselves in.



In the previous *Villager* (Issue 10/2018) the scarcity of water in the future was discussed. The Van Rooyen family from Royal Oak Drive, who have been using greywater for the past two years, shared the following article with us:

"GREYWATER KEEPS OUR GRASS GREEN"

Anke van Rooyen & Renier van Rooyen (part of household of erf 1822)

I would like to share our findings on an experiment we did about the use of greywater in the garden. We have had our system installed for about two years, but we never really thought about how much water we used daily to bath / shower with that same water re-used as irrigation.

So, when my son Renier (see photo insert), who is in Grade 6, decided to take part in the Science Expo at Laerskool Monument Park, we thought it would be an excellent opportunity to get the answers we wanted. And it would make a great poster as well!

We installed the greywater system during the time Gauteng was hit by severe water restrictions and everybody was trying their level best to save water. It is a well-known fact that South Africa is suffering from a severe water crisis in general, and it is the responsibility of all the citizens to use water sparingly. Our system does not include the washing machine. The stand is too small, and the washing machine uses too much water to add to our irrigation as well. It is only connected to the two bathrooms used most often.

Greywater systems are one of many options to reduce water usage and to re-use household water. In the long run you can save money because of this and that would make up for the costs of an automated greywater system.

To give you a bit of background, greywater is described as water from your bath, shower and/or washing machine, that is being re-used as irrigation water in the garden, hence

the name 'grey water'. It resembles the colour grey because of the soapy residue. It should not be confused with black water that is categorised as sewerage water and should only run down the designated pipe!

An average household water usage can be divided, as 30% is greywater (15% bath, 15% washing), 30% irrigation, and only 30% to flush toilets. The rest used as drinking, cooking, and dish washing.



The self-constructed greywater system

PROS	CONS
Good way to re-use water, water is an expensive and scarce commodity	There are costs involved to get initial system in place
Lower fresh water usage	The electric pump uses electricity
Microbes in greywater is good for plants	Greywater cannot be stored for long periods of time as you do with rain water
It assists in recuperating ground water levels	Bacteria in the water cause a bad smell when left too long in the tank (more than 24 hours)
It is cost-effective	Tank must be cleaned regularly
You will not receive a fine when water restrictions are in place	
You can connect it to your existing irrigation system	

Important regulations, designed by Rand Water and UNISA, pertaining to the use of greywater must be adhered to.

- It may be used when the cleaning agents are environmentally friendly, and the irrigation gets supplemented by rain water and / or fresh water.
- It can only be used on your own property; you cannot water the neighbour's grass.
- The water must not form pools on the surface of the ground and no mist sprayers may be used, as it holds the potential for inhalation.
- The system must have an overflow to the sewerage system of the house and the tank must have a lid for child safety and to keep mosquitoes out.
- The water may not be stored for more than 24 hours, as the bacteria will multiply and cause a bad smell.
- Dirty dish water contains too much fatty residue that can be harmful to the plants.
- Water that was used for soiled baby nappies are also not to be used.

- Kids and pets must never be allowed to play with or drink the water.
- You cannot add it to your swimming pool or dam.
- When someone in your household has a contagious disease, that water must run down the drain.
- Lastly, do not use greywater in your vegetable garden, especially when the product will be eaten raw.

The system at our house works like this: Bath and shower water flows directly into the tank. The tank has a big brush that catches all the hair etc. When the water reaches a certain level, the electric pump will automatically switch on and the water is pumped out through the connected hosepipe to wherever the sprayer is placed on the grass. We also have a bigger JoJo tank that is used to keep water for a day or two. When that tank is full, all the water is pumped with better coverage all over the lawn.

We connected a digital flow meter to measure how much water is pumped out every time the garden is watered from the greywater system. The study period was only 53 days, from 9 April – 31 May 2018.

6245.9-litres of water were used as bath water and re-used as irrigation

water in that time. That is how much water we used just to get clean!

In financial terms, we saved approximately **R92/month**. It may not sound like much, but it added up per annum to **R1102**. A saving of **18-20%** off the monthly Tshwane bill is worth thinking about.

Unfortunately, there are always costs involved with installing such a system, but to see how much water is wasted, must be a good motivator!

If your budget doesn't allow for a big commercial system, keep in mind you can still use your greywater by emptying your bath water with a bucket, or by simply reconnecting the plumbing so the water can run out into the garden. You can also build your own DIY system, like my grandpa (Mr Bernie Venter) did for his garden."



Renier van Rooyen



We would like to thank the Naidoo-family from Primrose Close in Phase three, for donating about 220m² pavers to the HOA, after they installed new pavers on their driveway. We will be using these pavers to pave a walkway for the pedestrians along The Village Main Street towards the main gate.

The HOA's Maintenance Team constructed a pathway on the outside of the North gate from the turnstile to the corner of Van Ryneveld Road. The household workers using the North-gate turnstile exit are encouraged to make use of the pathway, which will keep them safe away from the traffic exiting the Estate. A special word of thanks to the Maintenance Team, who displayed all their skills with the construction of the pathway.

The Infra-Structure Development Plan ("IDP") is currently pending the approval of the building plans by the Tshwane City council. The Council has now additionally requested a wet services audit report. The HOA is in the process of obtaining quotations from suppliers for this audit and report.

The HOA Board has approved the half-yearly adjustment of the 2018/2019 operational budget, which will be reflected in the September 2018 financial statements, and which are shared with the owners in *The Villager*.

From the Security desk, we can report, that there was no breach of the perimeter fence, neither inside the Estate. One of the four energisers, that powers the electric fence, together with several cameras, were damaged during the thunderstorm on the 13th October 2018. The technicians



attended to the damage. Despite the mentioned damages, the electric fence was working and under surveillance by the Security.

The Security Sub-Committee ("SSC") is still in the process to finalise the Access Control System, which is held up by the development of the application. It is required of the application, to assist all the residents with the access of visitors, ad hoc deliveries and the long-term contractors. The latter is a challenge at this stage. Once the application has been finalised, then the parties will be able to finalise the contract with the implementation to follow. This project now falls under the bigger IDP programme.

The security personnel are well equipped by Bidvest Protea Coin, to carry out their dedicated duties during the day or night and in the rain. The Security must, apart from their guarding, access control and general prescribed patrols, Also attend to the:

Open garage doors at night:	42
Neighbourly matters (noise, loud music):	7
Barking dogs:	12
Stray dogs/pets:	4

We appeal to all our residents to ensure:

- that your vehicle is secured at your home;
- the garage door(s) closed and locked;
- that your pets are registered at the Estate office, collared and tagged or chipped, and behind gates.

Although we live in a safe environment within an Estate, residents must be aware and alert of ongoing criminal

activities in the bigger Centurion area, for example hi-jackings, armed robberies, motor vehicle thefts, house-breakings and theft from motor vehicles. I would like to share the following thoughts with you:

- Be cautious of people standing around at off-ramps, especially at the R21-highway;
- Be alert at all traffic lights of persons strolling around the intersection;
- Always keep a good distance from the vehicle in front of you, that will allow you enough space to speed away in the instance of danger;
- Make alarm when you notice suspicious movements or behaviour;
- Put your valuables out of sight from a person looking into your vehicle;
- Be on the lookout for a vehicle following you, especially if you have withdrawn cash from the bank;
- Try to avoid travelling alone at night;
- Have the emergency number(s) readily available;
- Inform the Security of any suspicious behaviour, that you have noticed, when arriving at the entrance to the Estate;
- Make sure, that your children are always safety-wise and safe.



The "Keep The Girls In School" Project has been running since August 2018. There was an

Estate News



Liashna Pillay

unexpected positive response from our residents, who donated sanitary pads towards this project. This project is mainly run by Miss Liashna Pillay, who is a resident of Irene Farm Villages and a student at TUKKIES.

"Firstly, thank you to every one of you for the overwhelming support and generosity thus far to the 'Keep the Girls in School' Project.

Special thank you to Mr At Van Niekerk and Ms Madeleine Du Plessis for over extending themselves on this project and for continuously looking at ways to grow this project.

I have been able to distribute sanitary pads over the past 4 weeks to 100 girls, and at the same time was able to do a short lesson with each group of girls.

Please note, due to the recent school break, we did not distribute any sanitary pads for those two weeks, but we have commenced again on the 15th October 2018.

There are approximately 179 girls at the school, who need assistance monthly and we appeal to each one of you to continue supporting



The 2018 Khomani San Outreach Group

this project. We will be in a better position in a few months to assess the success of this project considering the rate of absenteeism at the school. The school management have also sent a thank you letter to each of you for your support and contributions.

I have been approached by the school to do more talks regarding basic life skills at the school and would like to extend an invitation to any of you to contact me directly via e mail should you wish to get involved in this aspect of the project.

One of the residents has also engaged me regarding her daughter's school getting involved as well and we will explore this alternative based on other needs at the school.

My plan going forward is to engage Southdowns and Cornwall Hill residents and schools to partner in this and other projects I have in the pipeline.

Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

Blessings always, Liashna"
liashna@gmail.com (079 333 0532).

At the last October Board meeting, the Directors approved a HOA donation of R5,000 towards this project from the Community Investment Development Programme funds. This project is still running, and the sanitary pads must be placed in the bins at the exits of both gates.

The following feedback of the 2018 Khomani San Outreach project, which came to a successful end in October, was shared with us:

During the first week of October, a group of 25 people travelled to Andriesvale in the Northern Cape (998km) for the annual outreach to the Khomani San.

The week's activities included church services, home visits, "Kalahari games" with the children and a craft afternoon with the ladies. The "Paw Patrol" distributed 700kg of dog and cat food as well as food bowls. One hundred and fifty animals were dewormed and treated for ticks, fleas and lice.

A fun filled talent evening and a bush braai with some of the community leaders were some of the highlights of a special and very successful outreach project.

Two hundred and twenty families each received a gift box that was specifically packed for that family. Almost 700 community members received clothing parcels which were packed by size and gender. This box also contained something special, possibly a book, soft toy or household items.

We would like to thank the following donors for their contributions. These generous donations contributed to the success of this outreach.

- Irene Farm Village community for clothing and toys.
- IFV HOA for packing boxes and packaging material.
- Monument Park SPAR for the very generous grocery contribution.
- "Dare to Love" for the donation of 50 bibles.
- Kindred Pet – (South Africa's Newest Premium Dog Food) donated 100kg of dog food.
- Pierre van Ryneveld Veterinary clinic.
- Students of Louis Leipoldt Primary School donated 600kg of dog food.
- Roots2Wings Coaching & Training donated deworming medication, that was administered.

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") several new and amended rules were adopted, which are briefly referred to. The revised HOA rules will be circulated to all the members and the HOA Board appeal to all the members to acquaint themselves with the new rules and amendments to the existing rules.

In the rules, where the responsibility and liability of the members are addressed, the word "tenant" has been included, to ensure, that a member is responsible for all his/her visitors, regardless of the visitor's status of visiting.

Rule 2.6: additional provision has been made for access by contractors via bio-metric or any form or kind of electronic authorization.

Rule 2.12: Security will have an all-inclusive meaning with reference to the total security protocol.

Rule 2.15: Defines a "visitor".

Rule 2.16: Defines a "member".

Rule 3.5: Amendments of the rules can be given notice to the members by means of the standard bulk e-mail electronic correspondence-system.

Rule 3.11: A member shall have the right to make written representation to the HOA Board within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the notice, in the instance of a penalty being issued.

Rule 4.1.7: A member shall be responsible and liable for the conduct his/her visitors, as well

as the payment of any penalty issued due to a visitor's (of any status) conduct.

Rule 4.1.8: A member or his/her visitor shall treat the Security personnel in a co-operative and respectful manner. Failure to comply, could lead to a penalty of R1 000.00

Rule 4.2.6: As an alternative arrangement to the existing rule, dogs and cats must be micro-chipped.

Rule 4.3.4: The Click On codes shall be given only to bona vide visitors as per the rules and not to other persons attending the member's property.

Rule 4.3.7: All persons, excluding the visitors, that access the estate via the Click On code-system, must produce a SA-ID or driver's licence or valid passport.

Rule 4.4.9: Living in a garage is prohibited.

Rule 4.4.17: Motor cycles shall not be allowed on public walkways or open spaces.

Rule 4.4.12: The parking of vehicles or motor cycles in parks or open spaces is prohibited.

Rule 4.4.23: The moving and trimming of lawns on Sundays is permitted only between 09h00 to 12h00.

Rule 4.5.4.1: Motor vehicles are not allowed to be parked on the lawn of a member's property for more than seven days; and only four vehicles daily on driveways.

Rule 4.5.4.2: "Storage" shall mean a period of 30 days.

Rule 4.5.6.2: Parties for children in the parks are permitted to take place during the week and on Saturdays from 09h00 to 17h00; and on Sundays from 09h00 to 13h00.

Rule 4.5.6.7: This rule provides for the use of the cricket net in Half Moon Park.

Rule 4.6.3.14.2: Provides for the building deposits to be paid.

Rule 4.6.6.6: The member must submit a Tshwane City Council Certificate of Occupation, where after the building site will be inspected and if in order, the building deposit will be refunded.

Rule 4.7.1: The Security Protocol shall include the Standard Operation Procedure.

Rule 4.7.2: Any form of abuse of the Security Personnel is prohibited and carries a penalty of R1, 000.

Rule 4.7.8: No vehicle with a false registration number-plate or licence disk, shall be allowed to access the property of the HOA at any one of the access gates.

Rule 4.7.9: Provision has been made for the use of new electronic scanners, which will scan and authorise access of all visitors (any status) by means of a pre-cleared code.

Rule 5.2.8.3.5: The height of boundary walls may be increased, subject to the approval thereof by the adjacent neighbour and the HOA.

Rule 5.2.13.13.10: New steel free-flow chimneys must be approved by the HOA.

Rule 5.2.13.15: Provision has been made for the installation of solar power systems, subject to the approval by the HOA.

Rule 5.2.19.1: Any form of verbal abuse of any HOA Director or office-bearer is prohibited and carries a penalty of R1,000.



You are reminded of the



Fun Day on Saturday, the 1st December 2018 from 09h00 until Santa Klaus has delivered his presents to all the kids. There will once again be fun for all and as always, something to drink and eat.

It was great to bring you up to date with all the news and events in Irene Farm Villages.

The Estate Management wishes all the scholars and students a successful journey through their year-end examinations. Believe in yourself and as Albert Einstein said:

"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious".

Till next time. From the Estate Management Team.



IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Summary Income Statement – September 2018

	September 2018		Year to Date		YTD Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%
Operational Income						
Levy Income	1 031 801	1 031 801	7 222 607	7 222 607	0	0,0%
Other Income	23 832	23 829	480 351	480 350	1	0,0%
	1 055 633	1 055 630	7 702 958	7 702 957	1	0,0%
Operational Expenditure						
Professional /Administration	70 319	70 318	470 803	470 805	2	0,0%
Accounting and Auditing	37 403	37 403	322 884	322 885	1	0,0%
Insurance, Legal and Admin	32 916	32 915	147 919	147 920	1	0,0%
General Office	28 022	28 018	84 891	84 895	4	0,0%
Office Administration	28 022	28 018	84 891	84 895	4	0,0%
Operational Expenses	254 000	253 843	1 458 607	1 458 610	3	0,0%
Municipal Charges	75 850	75 846	338 797	338 798	1	0,0%
General Operations	35 371	35 370	108 918	108 920	2	0,0%
Salaries & Wages	142 779	142 627	1 010 892	1 010 892	(0)	0,0%
Security	532 431	532 429	3 773 662	3 773 666	4	0,0%
Security Operations	57 947	57 946	458 256	458 259	3	0,0%
CCTV Equipment Rental	105 501	105 501	738 508	738 508	1	0,0%
Guarding Services	368 983	368 982	2 576 899	2 576 899	0	0,0%
Repairs & Maintenance	173 292	173 288	1 185 882	1 185 884	2	0,0%
Repairs & Maintenance	43 520	43 517	299 629	299 631	2	0,0%
Park Maintenance Contract	129 772	129 771	886 253	886 253	0	0,0%
	1 058 064	1 057 896	6 973 846	6 973 860	14	0,0%
Operating Profit / (Loss)	(2 431)	(2 266)	729 112	729 097		
Non-Recurring Revenue	4 725	1 125	29 853	29 853	(1)	0,0%
Non-Recurring Expenses	0	62 000	334 916	492 386	157 470	32,0%
Net Positive/ (Negative)	4 725	(60 875)	(305 063)	(462 533)	(157 471)	
Net Profit / (Loss)	2 294	(63 141)	424 049	266 564		

Irene Farm Village Home Owners Association - Project Income & Other

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%
Revenue						
Special Levies	202 418	202 417	1 423 503	1 423 504	(1)	0,0%
CSOS Levies	14 094	14 093	97 865	97 865	(0)	0,0%

IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION

Summary Levy Statements – September 2018

	120+ Days	90 Days	60 Days	30 Days	Current	Total		Previous Month
Normal - Self Pay	2 533	2 600	4 751	10 239	-84 588	-64 463		-175 199
Normal - Debit Order	-	-	-	-	-2 566	-2 566		-3 226
	2 533	2 600	4 751	10 239	-87 154	-67 029		-178 425
Debt Collection - AA (30/60 days)	5 893	3 643	10 757	55 058	58 881	134 233	10%	238 828
Debt Collection - JJR (90+ days)	47 926	3 003	3 030	3 056	2 944	59 959	5%	56 543
Debt Collection - KSB (90+ days)	66 940	11 900	17 471	16 075	15 904	128 290	10%	132 216
Debt Collection - Accounts > R200,000	867 081	15 848	31 610	16 263	9 434	940 238	73%	922 801
HOA Contact	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sold - Previous Owner Accounts	-	-	-	-	-14 664	-14 664		-13 653
In Transfer	72 241	4 724	8 816	8 708	5 787	100 276		84 774
Estate Agent	-	-	-	-	-	-		8 108
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
	1 062 615	41 718	76 434	109 400	-8 866	1 281 302	2,4%	1 251 192

Of the 654 member accounts 58 accounts are overdue. A number of members' biometric access has been suspended in September. In September one new account has been handed over, a total of 11 in the collection process. 3 Accounts make up 73% of the money due to the HOA.

Irene Farm Village Home Owners Association - Capital/ Development Projects

	Current stage	Current Status	Approved Budget	Actual Spend To Date	Available Budget
Infrastructure Development	Planning		10 507 910	645 872	9 862 038
Power Solution Project	Completed		2 010 879	2 010 879	-
CCTV Project	Completed		697 451	697 451	-
Land Purchase Project	Completed		2 282 850	2 282 850	-
Total			15 499 090	5 637 052	9 862 038

"The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream"

– Bill Murray

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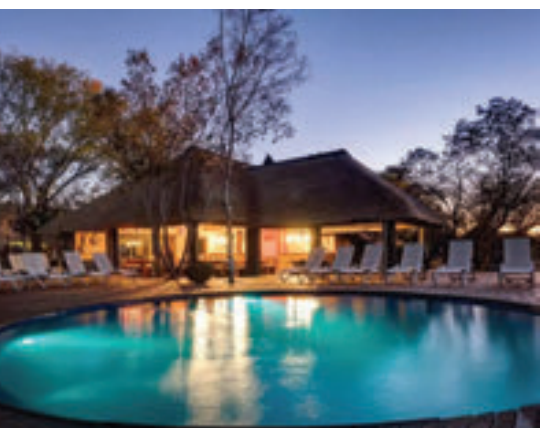


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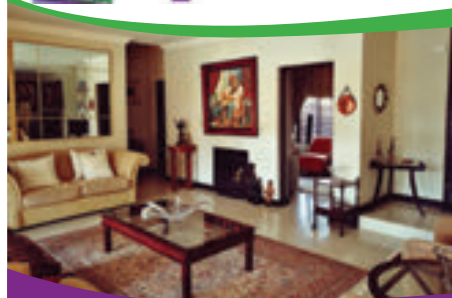
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ISUZU KB DOUBLE CAB



By Alan Rosenmeyer

August saw the double celebration of 40 years of KB production and the reaching of 600 000 units produced in SA, proof of the love and respect that this model has, especially among the farming community. The KB has to rank among the toughest 'Kannie Dood' vehicles available.

To coincide with these milestones, we recently had 2 versions of the KB on test giving us a good opportunity to sample what they are all about. Single and double cab versions are available with a choice between 2.5L and 3L diesel power. We had double cabs with both engine options.

It's my personal opinion that, in many cases, the highest powered bakkies are only necessary if you regularly carry heavy loads or if you are going to be doing a lot of towing. Bakkies, with a very few exceptions, are NOT sports cars built for racing. Even more so in diesel power, so why pretend?

However, as double cabs have developed and become default family

Despite the market upheaval created by the General Motors' withdrawal from SA last year, Isuzu's decision to go it alone and continue manufacturing was a brave move that already appears to be paying dividends.

vehicles, many want the luxuries and extras that often only appear on the top models. In this regard, I think Isuzu have made a great move by adding 2.5L X-Rider versions to the range.

Our first test was the full-fat 3L 4x4 with 5 speed auto transmission. With 130kW and 380Nm available and a lazy automatic gearbox, you immediately know that nothing will stop you in this one. LX spec means that all the luxuries are catered for as well. I got the opportunity to do a bit of 4x4 testing and it simply crawled its way over and around a rocky slope without missing a beat.

One point is that once you simply twist the dial next to the gear lever into 4 low, there is a constant beep to inform you of this fact. I'm sure many owners who regularly use 4 low will find a way to silence this most irritating sound.

My other 'picky point' is the absence of a reverse camera on such a large vehicle.

Next up came the 2.5L in X-Rider trim, this time in 5 speed manual. X-Rider adds a number of visual and trim items, bringing the vehicle close to big brother in terms of spec and luxury. The choice between manual and automatic is a personal one - if you regularly commute in traffic then I have reached the stage where I will always go for an auto. Yet, I am constantly amazed at how light and easy the clutch and gearshifts have become on modern large bakkies and cannot term this a negative factor.

Pricing is always one of the biggest deciding factors. The X-Rider 4x4 costs R 454 100 with the 3.0LX Auto listed at R 585 700. A 5 year/90 000km service plan is included.

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