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## About Broadway Shift Magazine

Broadway Shift Magazine is the official publication of Broadway Toyota, dedicated to sharing updates about our dealership, including community initiatives, in-house developments, and all things Toyota. Based in Mahalapye, Broadway Toyota is a citizen-owned dealership authorised to sell, service, and provide genuine parts for Toyota vehicles in Botswana. We take pride in being part of the Toyota family and in serving our customers with excellence.

## New: TOYOTA EXPANDS THE PRADO GENERATION

Toyota South Africa has further strengthened the New Generation Land Cruiser Prado line-up with the reintroduction of the VX-L grade, expanding customer choice following the model's successful launch in 2024.

Last seen in the previous-generation Prado, the VX-L returns as a high-grade addition designed to broaden the model's appeal. With its arrival, the Land Cruiser Prado range now comprises three distinct models - TX, VX-R and VX-L - each carefully positioned to meet different customer needs, usage patterns and lifestyles.

This expanded line-up allows Prado to serve two clearly defined customer profiles with greater precision. The VX-R continues to cater to the traditional Land Cruiser customer, prioritising rugged off-road performance, durability and adventure-focused design. Its specification and finishes underscore a purposeful, trail-ready character that aligns with Prado's heritage. The newly introduced VX-L is tailored for customers who spend the majority of their time on-road and value enhanced comfort, refinement and premium design cues, while still benefiting from Prado's inherent versatility and all-terrain credibility. This positioning makes VX-L particularly appealing to urban and lifestyle-oriented buyers



seeking luxury without sacrificing capability.

The TX grade remains the entry point and price leader into the Prado family, offering customers an accessible pathway into the iconic sub-brand while retaining the core attributes of quality, durability and go-anywhere confidence.

Together, this clearer grade walk reinforces the Land Cruiser Prado's position as South Africa's go-to large SUV - equally adept at navigating daily urban environments or venturing far beyond the city limits.

Clear visual and interior differentiation

Beyond positioning, the VX-R and VX-L are clearly differentiated through their exterior styling and interior finishes. The VX-R adopts a tougher aesthetic with 18-inch alloy wheels, black exterior detailing, material-finish

mouldings, side steps with rock rail nuts, and a functional rear bumper finish - all reinforcing its off-road-first intent.

The VX-L, meanwhile, introduces a more polished presence with 20-inch alloy wheels, body-coloured exterior mouldings, a painted rear bumper, and illuminated side steps. Inside, the VX-L elevates the cabin experience with silver metallic interior accents, a high-end JBL 14-speaker audio system, and leather door trim with additional stitching, compared to the VX-R's titanium-finish accents, 10-speaker system and leather trim.

### Other key specification highlights

- VX-L is equipped with Adaptive Variable Suspension, delivering a more refined, composed and comfortable on-road driving experience.
- TX and VX-R grades feature 18-inch alloy wheels with a full-size spare, optimised for off-road-focused use.
- VX-L comes standard with 20-inch alloy wheels and a full-size spare, aligning with its predominantly on-road orientation. Alongside the broader model range, this specification update reflects customer feedback, enhances overall appeal and ensures optimal positioning within the New Generation Prado lifecycle.

## Avoid these top deadly driving mistakes which are costing lives

When month-end lands, Botswana's highways turn into moving festivals. Vehicles stream north, south, east and west – weddings, funerals, parties, cattle posts, church conferences – everyone is on the move. But as the traffic builds, so does the danger.

And here's the uncomfortable truth: most accidents are not caused by fate. They are caused by familiar, stubborn mistakes. Yes, the same ones we promise never to repeat – and then repeat again.

**// Give way when necessary. The graveyard is full of people who were technically correct. Let others pass. Let everyone arrive safely. //**

Right of way can be deadly. Just because you have it does not mean you must use it like a weapon. Give way when necessary. The graveyard is full of people who were technically correct. Let others pass. Let everyone arrive safely. Anticipate the other driver's mistake before they make it. Especially where trucks crawl and congestion builds like a traffic jam of

impatience. Overtake only when it is genuinely safe. Check mirrors, indicate and accelerate with purpose. Switch on your headlights on the highway. Visibility saves lives.

For those who feel confident behind the wheel, remember: confidence is not invincibility. Keep a safe following distance – at least three seconds in

good weather, more when it rains. Tailgating is an invitation to disaster.

Slow down before entering curves – not while inside them. At night, dim your dashboard lights to reduce glare. Use low beams when approaching other vehicles. High beams are not weapons to punish oncoming drivers. Watch for pedestrians and animals – they do not wear reflective jackets.

Defensive driving is not weakness. It is wisdom. Anticipate sudden lane changes. Avoid distractions – phones, loud music, eating, arguing. Road rage has never delivered anyone safely. Motorcycles and cyclists are harder to see; give them space.

And remember – a safe journey begins before you even start the engine. Check your tyres. Ensure brakes, lights and wipers work properly. Keep your fuel above a quarter tank. Emergencies do not send notices.

Drive safe. Stay alert. And let your destination welcome you with joy – not sirens.

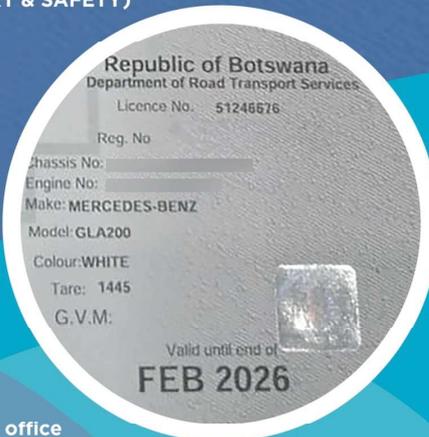


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## GOV'T ROLLS OUT CHILD SUPPORT GRANT

Parents of newborn babies will soon have a reason to smile as Botswana government prepares to roll out a new Child Support Grant from 1 April 2026, a programme meant to put food on the table and give Botswana's youngest citizens a fighting chance in life. The long-awaited support is expected to ease pressure on households, especially at a time when raising a baby is becoming more expensive than ever.

Applications will open soon through several channels, with parents and caregivers expected to register either in person or online. Enrolment will take place at clinics, kgotla offices, Social and Community Development offices and designated ministry offices.



Government will also send mobile registration teams into remote villages to make sure even families in hard-to-reach areas are not left out. To apply, parents or

caregivers must produce the child's birth certificate or clinic health card if the birth certificate has not yet been issued, together with the caregiver's Omang.

Those raising children who are not biologically theirs will need to provide proof such as a court order or affidavit. Death certificates will be required where the biological parents have passed away, along with proof of residence.

Only Botswana citizen babies below 12 months old will qualify at the time of registration, and the main caregiver must have lived in the district for at least six months before applying, unless government announces changes to the rules.

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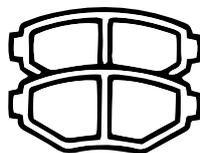
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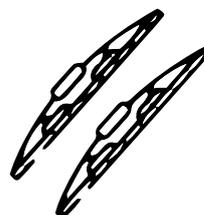
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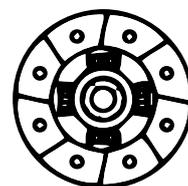
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## Betting Nation: Botswana's Dangerous Love Affair With Online Gambling



Botswana is fast becoming a nation hooked on the spin of the wheel and the tap of the betting app. Botswana are rolling the dice — and the stakes have never been higher. From homes, taxi ranks to office corridors, the glow of online betting platforms is everywhere. It is estimated, at least one in hundred households now holds an online gambling account, chasing jackpots dressed up as “life-changing opportunities”.

But here's the cold truth: gambling is not an investment. It is probability. It is luck. It is mathematics designed in favour of the house. The flashy promises — instant riches, bonus bets, free spins, guaranteed wins — are marketing bait. Platforms thrive not on winners, but on repeat players. And that's where the danger lies. The house always has the edge, and for every winner paraded in adverts, thousands quietly lose money they cannot replace.

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Gambling is addictive; Experts warn that gambling is designed to be addictive, pulling players back with near-wins and small payouts that keep hope alive while wallets grow thinner. The thrill of almost winning keeps wallets open long after reason has left the room. Gambling should be entertainment, nothing more. The moment it becomes a survival plan, the odds are already against you, the house has already won.

Gamble responsibly. Responsible gaming means one thing: only stake what you can afford to lose — and be ready to lose it. If you cannot part with that money comfortably, you cannot afford the bet.

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## TOYOTA'S BIG BET ON THE FUTURE Hybrid and Electric Vehicles



*TSAM announced a line-up of upcoming new electric vehicles at the recent 9th State of the Motor Industry (SOMI) 2026*

The future of mobility isn't a distant dream – it's being engineered now, and Toyota intends to own it. Determined to move beyond carbon neutrality and deliver a genuine, positive impact on planet and society, the brand is deploying one of the industry's most comprehensive low- to zero-emission line-ups. The mission being to reduce carbon footprint.

While refining traditional internal combustion engines to run cleaner – even exploring carbon-neutral fuels – Toyota is simultaneously accelerating electrified paths including:

Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs) remain the quiet revolution: self-charging, seamlessly blending petrol or diesel power with electric torque.

Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) add a larger battery and external charging, offering pure electric driving for daily commutes, with petrol reassurance for longer hauls.

Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) go all-in on electric power. Charge at home or on the public network, plan smartly, and enjoy zero tailpipe emissions on every mile.

At the recent Toyota South Africa Motors' (TSAM) ninth annual State of the Motor Industry (SOMI) event, TSAM announced a line-up of upcoming new electric vehicles including:

- **Toyota bZ4X BEV** – Toyota's first Battery Electric Vehicle in South Africa
- **Toyota RAV4 HEV** and PHEV
- **Corolla Cross GR-S HEV**
- **Land Cruiser 300 1M-HEV**

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## MAGICAL MOMENTS! Wedding Filled With Pure Happiness

Selokolela came alive with the sound of ululations as a love story unfolded in breathtaking fashion. In a ceremony overflowing with emotion, elegance and ancestral pride, Neo Setlhoka, radiant bride, and Lucky Setlhoka, the ever-proud groom, vowed forever beneath skies heavy with blessing.



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From sunrise to sunset, happiness ruled the day as Broadway Toyota Mahalapye colleagues proudly gathered to celebrate Lucky — proving that when love calls, family extends beyond blood. There were embraces, knowing smiles, and the kind of laughter that lingers long after the music fades.

After a day of beautiful ceremonies and unforgettable smiles, the celebrations continued with a touching final chapter. On 1 March 2026, Neo was warmly welcomed into the Setlhoka family home in Kanye — not just as a bride, but as a queen stepping into her forever. A perfect beginning to a lifetime written together.

