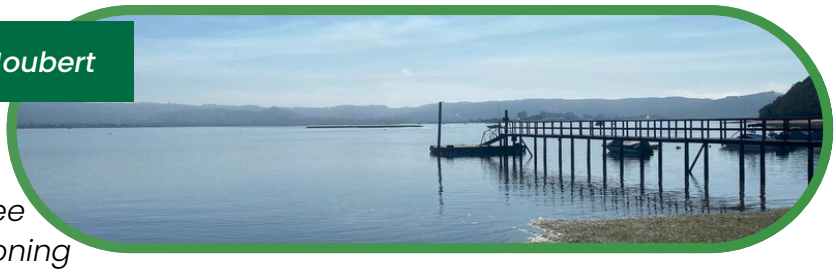
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Chairman's Report *by Deon Joubert*



How time has flown! it has been just over 3 months (including a December 2025 summer break) since the new LBRA committee has taken over the reins. I find myself transitioning from a working resident in Port Elizabeth to a semi-retired LBRA member in Lake Brenton. I would like, from the outset to thank the LBRA committee for their support. I have again become so aware that this committee cannot operate in isolation and that we must get the broader community involved. That said, we would love to see even more residents getting involved and becoming part of the solutions. We have a strong community with multiple skills that could be put to good use for the betterment of Lake Brenton. I urge you to contact me or any of the committee members, if you are willing to become part of any of our working groups. The more support the quicker we can see results. Remember criticising is the easy route, being part of the solution is what is required. The three main challenges I see in Knysna and more particular in Lake Brenton must be :

1. Water shortage *– Day Zero is no longer spoken about. Although water is critical there has been involvement from National with Engineers from the industry very much involved with the KM. "Old" boreholes and infrastructure has been/are being refurbished as we speak with additional water becoming available. This coupled with the Gift of the Givers transporting borehole water from the PG Bison borehole to the relative settling "dams" has given Knysna some relief. We need to continue using water sparingly as consumers. A project was also launched by the municipality with regards to water leaks to ensure that not only the consumer is responsible for water caring. (More plumbers added to listing, with measurements in place)*

2. Sewerage in Knysna but especially in the Woods *– This item was again highlighted as a major issue for our area and we will keep the pressure up on this matter. This has been highlighted in our report to KM.*

3. Road condition *– Discussions underway with KM and will be intensified*

As the Western Heads (Brenton on Sea, Lake Brenton and Belvedere) We have put these three items forward (as in the past by the previous committee) and submitted a proposed detail plan for each area as part of the IDP submission to the Knysna Municipality. Regular meetings will be held between the three Chairpersons and various departments of KM. Update will follow from these meetings. The objective is to make our voice heard working as a unit together on specific/common concerns. One of our LBRA objectives is to ensure we build up the necessary relationships with the appropriate personnel at KM. This initiative, I believe will be imperative in meeting this objective.

Looking back at the first two active months (Jan and Feb 2026) we have embarked on a few projects, some that will kick off in the next two months.More about these later in the newsletter. I would like to thank the residents that stepped up to the plate in proposing projects and spearheading them. We need more Projects, with more resident's involvement. Looking forward meeting and interacting with as many residents as possible at our first Braai on the 13th March 2026 at the shed. There will pancake sales as a fund raiser to financially support some of the information boards that will be erected over the next two months. Join us for the evening, network and get up to speed on all the updates on the various projects.

Wildlife

by Picca de Bruin



Report January – February 2026

A dead young ram reported - 17 Jan 2026
A young ram lamb reported dead next to the road in Roman Ave. No visible signs of cause of death. Possible roadkill. Eva buried the body in her garden.

A dead ram reported – 20 Jan 2026
A decomposed ram was found in the empty plot behind 360 Dolphin Ave. I was not available and the Hennie buried the body. I requested photos but unfortunately received none. I have no more info on the cause of death.



A female young buck was killed by a car - 2 Feb 2026
A small female buck was killednear the Featherbed / Ridgewood intersections. This is the 4th in this particular section of road. The women did send me a message saying it ran inform of her.

Ram with a white PVC pipe on hoof - 5 Feb 2026
An adult ram with a pvc pipe on his hoof reported. He moved between BOS Geelhout Street – building sites – and LB. Between BOS and LB it took 11 days, either to find him or the vet not being available. I spotted him and Dr Lambrecht was available to assist. I posted my gratitude to all involved in assisting in looking for him.

A young buck reported with a cyst on his neck 10 Feb 2026
Young ram with a cyst on his neck. He was monitored, as we have seen many cases before. The cyst did open and drained itself and healed.



First Aid for Pets – 18 Feb 2026
Dr Herman and Sr Tracy Skeenkamp from George Rex Vets will host a talk on first aid for pets as we live 25 min from town. Touching subjects like snake bites, poison, breaks and chocking. Thank you, Lake Brenton Estate, for hosting. There was 20 attendees, 2 town, 2 Belvidere, 2 BOS and rest LB. Most informative and was received with much enthusiasm.

Goukamma Reserve invitation to annual meeting - 19 Feb 2026
I attended the meeting presented by Alistair Petersen, new reserve manager who reported on Groenvlei, Goukamma, BuffaloBay Private Reserve and Brenton Blue Reserve. Both what has been completed and plans for 2026/2027. A concern highlighted by Commander W/O P. Kapp was of the hunting happening in Knysna Hights, Salt river area. Hunters with Sight Hounds. It is growing in Rheendal area as well.





Wildlife cont... *by Picca de Bruin*

Date 2026	Location description	Time	Snake	Bird	Buck	Porcupine	Bushpig	Caracal	Marine life	Notes
13-Jan	Lake Brenton Park	08h00			Adult Ram					Suspect cause of death from a fight
17-Jan	Lake Brenton Village	09h00			Little ram					No visible signs of cause of death, suspected roadkill
19-Jan	Lake Brenton Village	???			Adult Ram					Decayed body of ram found - cause unclear
05-Feb	LB Dolly Raats	09h00			Young female					Killed on Dolly Raats
14-Feb	BOS Yellowwood str	AM				Small baby				Collected, Dr Lambrecht to x-rays, nerve damage to neck due to deep bite wound

PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE.

Clean up your building sites. Hours of surveillance, man power and Vet costs. Please be mindful and care for the place you chose to live





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Wildlife *by Picca de Bruin*

Snakes found on the Garden Route

The Garden Route is home to a wide variety of snake species thanks to its forests, fynbos, wetlands and coastal habitats. While a few species — such as the Puff Adder, Boomslang and Cape Cobra — are venomous, most snakes in the region are harmless and play an important role in controlling rodents and maintaining a healthy ecosystem.
Below is an outline of the different types of snakes found here.



The Olive Snake is small, slender, and dark brown or olive in color. It is harmless and feeds on lizards. Not dangerous to humans.

OliveSnake *Lycodonomorphus inornatus*
Non-venomous



This highly venomous snake is considered one of the deadliest in South Africa. It can be found in a variety of colors, from yellow to brown or even black. The Cape Cobra is fast, aggressive, and can deliver a lethal bite if not treated.

CapeCobra*Naja nivea*
Highly venomous



Arelatively small and non-aggressive snake with a distinct cross marking on its head. It usually preys on small mammals and frogs. Its bite can cause pain but not life threatening.

Cross-Marked Grass *Psammophis crucifer*
Mildly venomous



A brightly colored, small snake that is rarely seen. It has striking black, white, and red bands, makingit stand out in its natural environment. Whilst its venom isn't considered dangerous to humans,it causes discomfort.

SpottedHarlequin *Homoroselapslacteus*
Mildly venomous



A bright green, non-venomous snake that is often found in trees. This snake is completely harmless to humans.

WesternNatal Green *Philothamnus occidentali*
Mildly venomous



Thisslendersnakeis non–aggressive and mostly feeds on rodents and small amphibians. Its spotted appearance and thin body make it easy to spot in grassy areas. Its venom causes mild swelling and discomfort.

SpottedSkaapsteker *Psammophylax rhombeatus.*
Mildly venomous



Highlyvenomous
Known for its slow movements and excellent camouflage. Its thick body and hiss make it easily recognizable. Bites require immediate medical attention.

Boomslang*Disholidustypus*
Highly venomous



A fascinating snake that feeds exclusively on bird eggs,with special adaptations for cracking eggs in itsmouth. It is entirely harmless to humans. No thread to humans.

CommonEgg Eater *Dasypeltis scabra*
Mildly venomous



This snake has a V-shaped marking on its head and is mostly active at night. Though not aggressive, it will bite if threatened. Its bite can cause swelling and discomfort.

CommonNight Adder *Causus rhombeatus*
Mildly venomous



This arboreal snake is shy but highly venomous. Its bright green or brown coloration, along with large eyes, makes it easy to identify. The Boomslang's venom affects blood clotting.

PuffAdder *Bitisarietans*
Highly venomous



A commonly found non-venomous snake in homes known for its brown colour and mild temperament. Completely harmless to humans.

Brown House Snake
Boaedoncapensis
Non-venomous



This small, slow-moving snake is a gardener's friend, as it feeds on slugs and snails. It has a grey or brown body and is completely harmless to humans.

Common Egg-Eater *Duberrialutrix*
Non-venomous



The Rinkhals, or Ring-necked spitting cobra, can spit venom up to 2 meters away and is capable off feignin death when threated. Its venom can cause serious harm, especially if it comes into contact with the eyes. Mainly neurotoxic.

Rinkhals *Hemachatus haemacha*
Highly venomous



This snake is typically dark with a white or yellowunderside, preferring moist environments. It is mildlyvenomous.Bites may cause minor irritation but not life threating.

HeraldSnake *Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*
Mildly venomous



Large and powerful, Mole snake often mistaken for venomous species due to the size. However, they are non-venonomous and play a vital role in rodent control. Can bite if threatened but poses no venom risk.

Mole Snake *Pseudaspiscana*
Non-venomous



This brown, semi-aquatic snake is usually found near water sources. It is non-venomous and feeds primarily on fish and frogs.

Lycodonomorphus
Common Brown Water Snake *rufulus.*

Finance

Lake Brenton Residents Association was formed to ensure that we as a community can work together to ensure we maintain the beauty and the safety of the amazing area that we all reside in. To achieve that, we naturally incur costs such as wildlife maintenance and security costs, amongst many others.

In doing so we add substantial value to each and every property in Lake Brenton and add value to the Western Heads as a whole. **To achieve this all we ask is R500 per annum. It is a very small price to pay to ensure that Lake Brenton remains the quiet paradise that we all love.**

I would like to thank all of you who have paid this year, it is really appreciated and makes out lives so much easier.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to be ambassadors for the LBRA, and where you meet people in the area who are not members to spread the good word and encourage them to be part of the solution. The more members we have the more we can do to make Lake Brenton even more amazing. It is the right thing to do.

✍️ *Not a member? Here's how you sign up:*

WhatsApp (0836500022) or email info@lbra.co.za with;

- *Full name of you and spouse if applicable*
- *Address including erf*
- *Email address and Contact Details*

Annual Membership of R500 per household can be made to:
FNB A/C 63098566153
Reference is Surname and Erf #

Thank you for being part of the Lake Brenton community. 🤍

PLEASE NOTE:
ALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIALS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE UNDER DOCUMENTS. CLICK BELOW
LBRA WEBSITE



Projects

by Tony Geldenhuys

Projects are the life blood of the Community. Driven by need, governed by finances and executed by the Community.

The 2026 Committee will aim a large portion of its focus on Community projects, the heading says it all, "**Community**" As a result we need everybody's input. It doesn't matter what you deem to be important or not. If you feel it will benefit the Community, then bring it to our attention through completing the "Community Project Proposal form" available on our website. You are also welcome to WhatsApp us on 0836500022 or email info@lbra.co.za.

Get Involved

Below we present an overview of all Projects on our books as at today. Some of the projects need to be adopted, i.e. a Project manager is needed to take charge and execute. ***Simple as that***. For those contributors that have committed to make a difference to the community, we thank you and appreciate your willingness to get involved.

- Creation of a credible Supplier/Contractor Database
- Road signs clean up
- Communal garden - Jetty Area. Clean up and refresh the area at the water side especially next to the Bin. Perhaps a few nice waterwise plants.
- Upgrading Picnic area at the Jetty - waterside. Perhaps a few more Concrete Benches and tables.
- Upgrading / Painting of Fence at "die Skuilte" and waterside - Jetty area
- Mosaicing of Table and bench at lagoon
- Jetty Revamp
- Building our own Boulle Pitch
- Fill and level parking area adjacent to jetty
- Establish Water Tanks at Shed area.
- Establish a hard surface where the sewage vacuum tanker rides when emptying the conservancy tank on Capt Duthie (at present it is far lower than the road and the edge of the newly tarred road will soon break away)
- Revamp signage
- Upgrading Tyre Path from Dolly Raats to Dolphin
- Lighting at Jetty and parking area
- Yellow Tree Initiative
- Flood lights at shed

For the full spreadsheet, please visit LBRA Project Overview.



EPWP will assist twice a week with keeping our lagoon beach clean towards Featherbed



Yellow wood geting strangled by the Strangling Fig

Projects *cont... by Tony Geldenhuys*

Projects Complete:

- Repair of damaged jetty
- Varnish jetty walkway
- Tidying up of communal areas including shed, jetty parking
- Printing and erecting of wildlife information boards
- Repair spot lights at waterside
- Cementing of the Woods sewerage area
- First phase of cleaning the traffic signs throughout our area
- Various signs relative speed erected
- Purchase of our own industrial weed eater and blower for use in communal areas
- Fitment of various black dirt drums with lids, village completed, more to follow
- Information pack for members created and uploaded onto the website

Security

A big thank you to two long serving patrol members, Derek Wade and Dave Davies who are hanging up their spurs. We really appreciate all the hours you spent keeping our neighbourhood safe and wish you all the best going forward. Their departure has left slots open in our roster and if anyone would like to volunteer please contact Sean O'Donnell or myself.

Monthly Incident Report January 2026

10 January
🔥 Fishermen reported bringing large quantities of firewood to lagoon. Warning issued by SAPS and Allsound.

12 January
🚓 Vehicle spotted on camera knocking over fire hydrant marker at Yellowood park. Reported to SAPS and fire department. Marker repaired.

14 January
🔥 Fire at Barloworld land. Reported and handled by relevant authorities.

16 January
👀 Suspicious character reported on Dolphin Avenue. Allsound escorted them out of the area.

18 January
👀 Suspicious car reported parked with lights off. Escorted out of LB by Allsound.

25 January
🚓 Theft report from Goosebumps.



Lookout for our helpers in their smart new LBRA T Shirts

What's Coming Up

🔥 Community Braai – Friday 13 March 🔥

Join us for a relaxed community braai on Friday, 13 March from 16:00. Everyone in the neighbourhood is welcome — members and non-members alike.

We'll get the fires going, so just bring along:

🥩 Your meat

🥗 A salad to share

🍽️ Your own crockery and cutlery

🪑 A chair

It's a great opportunity to meet neighbours, catch up with friends, and enjoy a fun evening together. We'll also be available to chat about the community, share ideas for the way forward, and answer any questions residents may have.

Most importantly, it's simply about getting together and enjoying a great evening as a community.

We hope to see you there! 🔥😊



Did You Know *by Tony Geldenhuys*

🛣️ The Curious Case of Dolly Raats Road

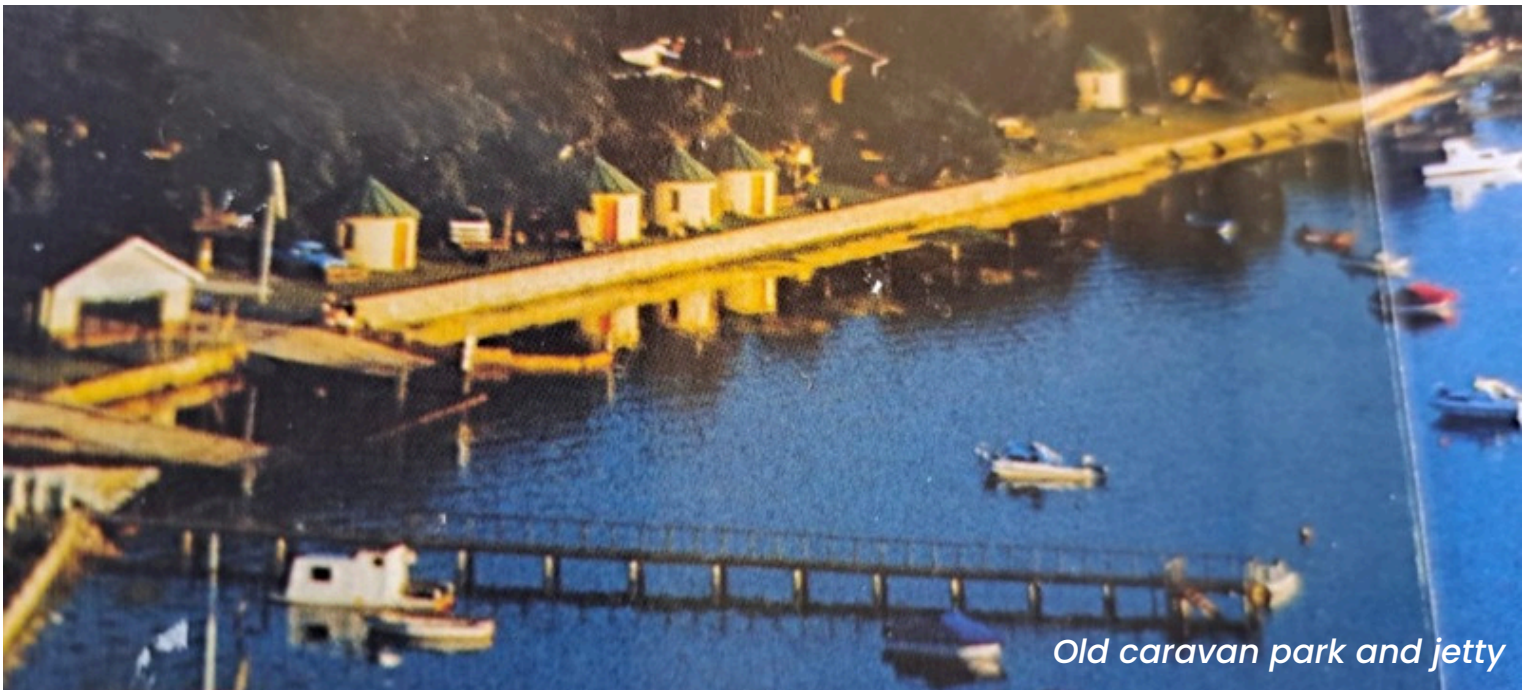
Not many residents know this, but Dolly Raats Road in Lake Brenton wasn't actually meant to be where it is today! When the original access roads were planned, the intention was for the road to start near C R Swart Drive and, about 650 metres down, take a left-hand "dog leg" turn. From there it would run between Brentonwood and Brenton Park, eventually forming a neat T-junction at Captain Duthie Drive.

But that's not quite what happened.

The contractors and land surveyors assumed the road was meant to continue straight down the ridge — and so they built it that way. By the time the mistake was realised, construction was too far advanced to undo the work. Rather than rerouting the entire road, the developers chose to compensate the affected landowner for the stretch that became what we now know as Dolly Raats Road.

Interestingly, the original route was intended to be named after Advocate C.P. Joubert — and that name still lives on today as C P Joubert Road, although that section is now a registered servitude rather than the main access road that was first envisioned. Just another reminder that even small planning decisions (or misinterpretations!) can shape the layout of a community for generations. Lake Brenton certainly has its stories — and this is one of them.

Meet Your Neighbours



Old caravan park and jetty

MY YEARS IN LAKE BRENTON by Roger Clay

My name is Rodger Clay born on the 12th April 1945, but my Brenton story starts in December 1992 when my wife and I decided to spend a holiday in Knysna and booked into Knysna chalets opposite crab creek. 0n arrival after a two day trip from Phalaborwa we were told there was no record of our booking. On showing proof of our deposit we were packed off to Brenton Park.

After a wonderful 10 day stay we were taking a walk to the top of the Park to admire the view and were approached by a lady who enquired if we had a good holiday. I responded saying this was my dream retirement place. She informed us that the house where we were standing was for sale and we finished up buying it for R112,000 which was a fortune to us in those days.

In those days the Brenton's were not part of Knysna and was managed by the regional services council on which I served for a couple of years. I think a man called John Plumtree was involved. We heard Brenton was going to be incorporated into Knysna and we had accumulated a lot of money so it was decided to build what is now the community centre instead of losing it to Knysna.



We were very friendly with Eric and Joan Canny the owners of the caravan park and she mentioned that she was selling the Lake Brenton Mini Mark and we purchased it.

In those days we had a Shell petrol pump at the public slipway and a LP gas refilling station and sold groceries and anything and everything. Even takeaways on a Friday and Saturday.

We had a pair of ostriches resident in Brenton and they would produce chicks every year. They loved browsing in the lagoon on water grass and their chicks would follow. When the tide came in the chicks would be stranded on the sandbanks and Eric Canny would retrieve them and take a few to his farm in bluelillies bush.





The female died due to a puffadder bite and the male pined to death so no more ostriches.
One year Tony G discovered his big boat was missing from where it was moored just right of the slipway. However as the tide receded we noticed a windscreen emerge and there was the missing boat which had sunk due to the plug coming out. One boat ruined
The caravan park was packed to capacity over Christmas and I remember one particular spring tide when the entertainment hall was ten inches under water, and the Tent people were flooded out. This happened several times.
Our up country visitors were not fond of taking advice from the locals, and this resulted in some hilarious and some not so funny incidents. A brand new Landrover still with paper number plates got stuck in the lagoon and by the time it was retrieved the water was halfway to the windows. A Motor have was ripped off on the sandbank in front of the slipway when someone tried to launch a paraglider and went straight instead of following the channel.
I was the first manager at the residential part of the Knysna Quays after the developers handed it over to the Trustees. My wife became ill, and I decided to move closer to home and got the job as General manager at Belvidere retirement village. My wife passed away in 2010 and I decided to retire, which by the way still has not happened and I work every day.
I have been a Trustee of Brenton Park on and off for 27 years and was the manager for a short period.
I still do general maintenance for a few Bodies corporate around Knysna and in my spare time enjoy restoring old furniture in my workshop.
By Roger Clay

Thanks so much for sharing your interesting story and old photos with us Roger.



Brenton back in the day.
We're looking for old photos of Brenton. Do you have anything you'd like to share? Please WhatsApp (0836500022) or email them through info@lbra.co.za

📝 *Do you have a story?*

We would love to hear from you. Email your story with any supporting photos to info@lbra.co.za