Lake Brenton Ratepayers Association

Wildlife Representative Report June - Aug 2026

Reported 13 July 2026 A mature ram with injured front leg/shoulder.
I spoke with Dr Lambrecht regarding the injured ram. After reviewing the video clips I sent him, he is of the opinion that we should continue to monitor the ram. At this stage, darting him for a closer assessment presents too great a risk, and he does not feel that intervention is warranted yet. The ram is feeding well and remains mobile, which are both encouraging signs.

Reported: 17 July 2026 “Granny Buck” killed by caracal.
Dr Wendy has confirmed that "Granny", our beloved bushbuck, was taken by a caracal. While it is always sad to lose one of these special animals, living in a conservancy means accepting that this is part of the natural cycle of life. Granny had reached an impressive old age and had very few teeth left. She lived a long life, and her passing is a reminder of the balance of nature that makes our conservancy so special. A sincere thank you to Deon, LBRA Chairman, for assisting me with the removal. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Reported: 5 July 2026
A bushpig was caught in a snare at the hedge in front of the dustbin storage area in Brenton Park. We managed to free it, and it ran away onto the Tait Farm.

Reported: 27 July 2026 Snare in hedge Capt. Duthie
A snare was found in exactly the same location, this time catching a dog.
This raises serious concern that there may be additional snares hidden in the area. As many residents know, wildlife regularly moves through the fence at this point. Just last week, a bushpig in Brenton Park was seen during daylight hours behaving lethargically and drinking excessive amounts of water, which may indicate poison or in distress due to an injury. A difficult one to manage, but I gave it several charcoal pills in apple to assist with absorbing any poison. There is no feedback on the pig.

Bushpigs roam from Belvidere throughout the Western Heads Conservancy, following their natural movement corridors. Snares placed in these areas not only threaten our wildlife but also put domestic pets at risk.
As residents of a conservancy, **we all chose to live** in an environment where wildlife forms an integral part of our community. Protecting these animals is a shared responsibility, and we all need to remain vigilant.

Reported: 28 July 2026 Snares found in Brenton Park Bin area
Polly Papadakis and I patrolled the area in question at 19h00 and found 4 snares set to channel and catch the bush pigs. We dismantled it and removed it. Thank you, Elise Fennings, for your assistance. I opened a case with the police, as it is a criminal offense to hunt with snares as well as in a conservancy. Cape Nature anti-poaching division are also up to date on the incidents.

It is an offense in terms of Nature Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1974 to hunt wild animals by means of a prohibited hunting method without a permit. Snares is a prohibited hunting method in terms of Section 29(d) of Nature Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1974.

Snare Awareness Campaign
In response to these incidents, I coordinated a Snare Awareness Campaign that was arranged on the next Sunday. Thank you to Matthew, WWF, who gave an informative talk on what to look for and how snares are set. A special thank you also to Grethe and Seven, the sniffer dog from K9 Working Dogs, who demonstrated the role of sniffer dogs and explained how they can assist in locating snares and supporting the fight against illegal wildlife trapping.

Most importantly, thank you to the 36 residents who came out and assisted with the search. During the search, one old wire snare was found, already cut, in Yellowwood Sanctuary. This reinforces the need for continued vigilance throughout the area.

Please check your property
We ask every resident to take a few minutes to inspect:

- Your property and boundary lines
- Boundary fences
- Hedges
- Bushy or overgrown areas
- Open areas and wildlife pathways
- Areas where animals regularly pass through or under fences

Look out for suspicious pieces of wire, loops or anything that appears to have been deliberately positioned to catch an animal.
If you discover a snare, or an animal caught in one, please do not attempt to handle it yourself if you are unsure how to safely remove it. Take a photo and pin if possible.
Report it immediately to:
Picca: 082 571 2462
or any LBRA Committee Member

Your vigilance could save the life of a wild animal—or even a beloved pet.
A shared responsibility, as residents of a conservancy, we have chosen to live alongside wildlife. Animals moving through our gardens, properties and natural corridors are an integral part of the environment we call home.
Protecting them is a shared responsibility. Please remain alert, report anything suspicious and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Update: Brenton Park has now made the bin area secure.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted, reported incidents, searched, shared information and helped raise awareness. Together, we can help keep our conservancy safe for both people, pets and the wildlife that calls it home.







Roadkill:

Date	Location description	Time	Buck	Notes
12-Mar	Cnr Dolly Raats & Capt Duthie	13h00	Adult female	Broken leg, vet had to be euthanased
5-Mar	Lake Brenton Village	15h00	Adult Female	Broken leg, vet had to be euthanased
28-Mar	Brenton Road Villa Castolini	22h00	Adult Ram	Died on impact
16-Dec	Brenton road Brenton Hill estate gate	night	Yong ram	Hit & run
17-Jan	Lake Brenton Village	09h00	Little ram	Roman Ave
19-Jan	Lake Brenton Village	???	Adult Ram	Decayed body of ram found - cause unclear
3-Feb	LB Dolly Raats	09h00	Young female	Killed on Dolly Raats
25-Feb	Lake Brenton Village	08h39	Adult female	Killed on Capt Duthie

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