

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date:Thursday, 19 June 2025Location:Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, NowraTime:5.02pm

The following members were present:

Clr Patricia White - Chairperson Clr Selena Clancy Clr Denise Kemp Clr Luciano Casmiri Clr Karlee Dunn Clr Jason Cox Clr Peter Wilkins Clr Bob Proudfoot Clr Jemma Tribe Clr Matthew Norris Clr Gillian Boyd

The Chairperson read a statement advising those present that the proceedings of this meeting (including presentations, deputations and debate) will be webcast and may be recorded and broadcast under the provisions of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

A Leave of Absence was previously granted to Clr Krikstolaitis for this meeting at the meeting held 10 June 2025.

An apology was received from Clr Johnston for this meeting at the meeting held 10 June 2025.

Declaration of Interests

Nil

DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CL25.209 Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program Operational Plan, Budget 2025/26 - Exhibition Outcomes.

Mr Trevor Dando addressed the meeting to speak FOR the recommendation



REPORTS

CL25.209 Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program Operational Plan, Budget 2025/26 - Exhibition Outcomes

HPERM Ref: D25/168346

Note: A deputation was received on this item.

Recommendation

That having considered the submissions received as part of the exhibition process for the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025/26 including Budget, Capital Works Program and Fees and Charges, Council:

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 - b. Revision of the capital works listing as outlined in Attachment 2
 - c. Inclusion of context related to ex-gratia rates and charges for land owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- 3. Adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges Part 1 and Part 2 with the following changes:
 - a. Amended the Negotiation of Planning Agreement and Work in Kind Agreement Fee when staff hourly rate applies from 30 hours to 20 hours
 - b. Rectified the Water availability charge (non-residential) 80mm fee to be \$2,921
 - c. Added 2 new fees for hire of the newly constructed Sand Dressage Arena, Worrigee Equestrian Common
 - d. Removed 2 winter camping fees. Camping seasons have been reclassified to peak season and shoulder season only
 - e. Amended Section 10.7 (2) planning certificate fees under Environmental Planning Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2001
 - f. Added additional comments for Kerb & Gutter Adjacent to Boundary fee for additional charges not included in the standard rate
 - g. Inclusion of references to specific charges (waste, water and sewer charges) applicable to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- Resolve to make the following rates and charges in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, inclusive of a 12.00% Special Variation increase as per Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:
 - a. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, under Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

b. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per

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rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land which is zoned so as not to permit any building (i.e.; Small Lot Rural Subdivisions) and categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, sub category "NON-URBAN", in accordance with Section 529(2)(b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 39.19%].

- Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.22323c for each dollar of C. rateable land value, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993: "Land is to be categorised as 'business' if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining". Excepting all rateable land in the subcategories of Commercial/Industrial, Nowra, and Major Retail Centres, an ordinary rate be now made for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS".
- d. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.57940c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land determined to be a centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub-category "NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" subcategory will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 16.54%].

Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.19470c for each dollar of e. rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land used or zoned for professional/commercial trade or industrial purposes, and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL", for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS -COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" category will not produce more than 50% payable amount by the levying of the **"BUSINESS** of the total COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 31.32%].

Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.81690c for each dollar of f rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 2 DP 874730 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA".



Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 0.95%].

g. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.39350c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 1 DP 1182358 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 1.82%]

h. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.08410c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND" rate in accordance with Section 537 (b) [base amount percentage is 33.00%].

i. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.04480c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, sub category "DAIRY FARMERS", in accordance with Section 529(2)(a)(ii), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND - DAIRY FARMERS".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.94%].

j. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.38260c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00), for the cost of road upgrades required to enable property owners to develop their allotments in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties with building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate, in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD"



UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE - DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

k. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.07093c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00), for the cost of the road upgrades in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties without building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.83%].

I. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.06743c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) for the cost associated with the Nebraska road construction project. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties within the Nebraska Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) per rateable assessment for the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.62%].

- m. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.02436c for each dollar of rateable land value categorised as Business Commercial / Industrial to meet the costs of business promotions for the Sussex Inlet area and surrounds, in accordance with Section 495(1), which in the opinion of Council is of special benefit to the rateable assessments subject to the rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "SUSSEX AREA SPECIAL RATE".
- n. Make an Annual Charge for Water Usage and Water Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(1) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Water Usage Charge of \$2.85 per kilolitre for all residential, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Water Availability Charge based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection Charge 2025/26



20 mm	\$173
25 mm	\$289
32mm	\$465
40mm	\$731
50mm	\$1,147
80mm	\$2,921
100mm	\$4,570
150mm	\$10,270
200mm	\$18,263

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied an availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "WATER USAGE CHARGE" and "WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

o. Make an Annual Charge for Sewer Usage and Sewer Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(3) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Sewer Usage Charge of \$2.44 per kilolitre for all applicable, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Sewer Availability Charge for all residential, commercial and applicable Community Service Obligation categorised properties based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$1,110
25 mm	\$1,547
32mm	\$2,363
40mm	\$3,133
50mm	\$4,431
80mm	\$9,142
100mm	\$13,107
150mm	\$22,585
200mm	\$35,041

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied a sewer availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "SEWER USAGE CHARGE" and "SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

p. Make Annual Charges for the availability of a Domestic Waste Management Service, pursuant to Section 496(1) and 496(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, on all rateable properties categorised as Residential or Farmland for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia) used for residential purposes, and comprising of a building which is deemed to be a dwelling and located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amount for the standard domestic waste management service be \$531 for one 120-

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litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. The 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin with a higher annual charge of \$915 or for an 80-litre landfill bin with a lower annual charge of \$403. The amount for each 240-litre recycling bin service additional to that included in the domestic waste management service, is \$108.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

q. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area where residents are not able to move bins to and from the kerb for collections and have no option for others to do so and therefore require assistance to present bins to the kerbside for collection.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$300 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN OTHER CHARGE".

r. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area that are the residence of the elderly or the sick, where assistance is required to present bins to the kerbside for collection and a medical certificate is provided.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$17 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN INFIRM CHARGE".

s. Make Annual Charges for Waste Management Services pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, extending the Domestic Waste Service to participating properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia), located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amounts for the Waste Management Service, be \$531 for one 120-litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. For a higher annual charge of \$915, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin. For a lower annual charge of \$403, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for an 80-litre landfill bin. The amount for Business, and non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes, opting for a recycling only service is \$163 for the first 240-litre MGB for recycling. The amount for each 240-litre MGB recycling service or the first recycling only bin service, is \$108.

Tiered charging applies to properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, for multiple 240-litre services; \$915 for one service, \$936 for the second service, and \$1,180 for each additional 240-litre service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGE", "COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

t. Make an Annual Charge, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for



the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$115 per assessment for administration and new works associated with future provision of domestic waste management services. The charge to be applied to any properties categorised as Residential for rating purposes, which have any boundary adjacent to a road on which domestic waste management services are provided and

- i. does not have a dwelling situated thereon, or
- ii. the closest point of the dwelling is 100 metres or more from the boundary of the road and the ratepayer chooses not to receive a domestic waste management service.

This charge also applies in limited cases to residential properties where, in agreement with Council, Council's domestic waste management service has been foregone, for the provision of waste services by a private waste contractor.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "VACANT LAND SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE".

- u. Make an Annual Charge for Stormwater Management Services, pursuant to Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$25.00 per eligible residential or business rate assessment and \$12.50 per strata assessment. In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE".
- v. Make Annual Charges for Onsite Sewer Management Services, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, contributing to the costs associated with the ongoing inspection and approval to operate requirements for an onsite sewer management (OSSM) system/s, based on number of systems, located on residential and commercial properties, reduced for eligible pensioners:

Number of systems	Service Charge 2025/26
1-2 systems - Residential	\$73.00
1-2 systems – Residential pensioner	\$58.00
3-5 systems – Residential	\$122.00
3-5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$106.00
More than 5 systems - Residential	\$147.00
More than 5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$131.00
1-3 systems - Commercial	\$132.00
More than 3 systems – Commercial	\$175.00
Single pump-out or private pump station inspection - Commercial	\$90.00
High Risk Large system – Commercial	\$502.00

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "ONSITE SEWER MANAGEMENT CHARGE".

w. Make Annual Charges for Effluent Removal pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for both residential and commercial properties, where the first 2,500 litres is levied within the service charge, based on the following service frequencies:

Frequency	Service Charge 2025/26
Bi-weekly	\$8,762.00

Weekly	\$4,381.00
2-weekly	\$2,190.50
3-weekly	\$1,432.25
4-weekly	\$1,095.25
5-weekly	\$842.50
6-weekly	\$674.00
7-weekly	\$589.75
8-weekly	\$505.50

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "EFFLUENT REMOVAL CHARGE".

- x. Grant a further \$10 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$250 pensioner concession included on a Rate Notice for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners.
- y. Grant a further \$20 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$175 pensioner concession included on a Water Account, applied evenly across Water and Sewer charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners, split \$10 for Water charges where water charges apply, and \$10 for Sewer charges, where sewer charges apply.
- z. Make an Interest Rate of 10.50% per annum, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive), not exceeding the maximum permissible interest rate chargeable on overdue rates and charges, calculated daily, on a simple interest basis.
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated to make administrative and/or minor changes if required.
- 6. Thank the community for providing their submissions as part of the exhibition process and provide a response to each submission, outlining the outcome and actions undertaken relating to the issues raised.

MOTION (CIr White / CIr Norris)

That having considered the submissions received as part of the exhibition process for the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025/26 including Budget, Capital Works Program and Fees and Charges, Council:

- 1. Adopt the Community Strategic Plan 2035
- 2. Adopt the 2025/26 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Budget inclusive of the following changes:
 - a. Updates to DPOP Actions and KPIs as outlined in this report
 - b. Revision of the capital works listing as outlined in Attachment 2
 - c. Inclusion of context related to ex-gratia rates and charges for land owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- 3. Adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges Part 1 and Part 2 with the following changes:
 - a. Amended the Negotiation of Planning Agreement and Work in Kind Agreement Fee when staff hourly rate applies from 30 hours to 20 hours
 - b. Rectified the Water availability charge (non-residential) 80mm fee to be \$2,921W
 - c. Added 2 new fees for hire of the newly constructed Sand Dressage Arena, Worrigee Equestrian Common

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- d. Removed 2 winter camping fees. Camping seasons have been reclassified to peak season and shoulder season only
- e. Amended Section 10.7 (2) planning certificate fees under Environmental Planning Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2001
- f. Added additional comments for Kerb & Gutter Adjacent to Boundary fee for additional charges not included in the standard rate
- g. Inclusion of references to specific charges (waste, water and sewer charges) applicable to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- h. Reduce water pricing for both treated and untreated (raw) water, as follows:
 - i. Amend recommendation "4.n" to reflect the reduced water pricing. Water usage charge reduced from \$2.85 to \$2.75. Reduce availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$173	\$160
25 mm	\$289	\$267
32mm	\$465	\$430
40mm	\$731	\$675
50mm	\$1,147	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,921	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,570	\$4,224
150mm	\$10,270	\$9,493
200mm	\$18,263	\$16,882

ii. Amend Fees & Charges Part 2, to reflect reduced untreated (raw) water pricing. Untreated water usage charges reduced from \$1.45 to \$1.38. Reduce untreated (raw) water availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$87.00	\$80.00
25 mm	\$145.00	\$134.00
32mm	\$233.00	\$216.00
40mm	\$365.00	\$338.00
50mm	\$574.00	\$530.00
80mm	\$1,461.00	\$1,351.00
100mm	\$2,284.00	\$2,111.00
150mm	\$5,136.00	\$4,748.00

- iii. Make subsequent updates to the DPOP suite of documents to reflect reduced water pricing, including:
 - Fees and Charges parts 1 and part 2, for water usage and availability charges, for both treated and untreated water, and
 - Water fund budget and consolidated budget and income statements for the 2025/26 year.



- i. Amend any fees and charges set under the pricing policy "Set by Act/Regulation" to the statutory maximum at the time they are released.
- Resolve to make the following rates and charges in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, inclusive of a 12.00% Special Variation increase as per Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:
 - a. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, under Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL".

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b. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land which is zoned so as not to permit any building (i.e.; Small Lot Rural Subdivisions) and categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, sub category "NON-URBAN", in accordance with Section 529(2)(b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 39.19%].

- c. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.22323c for each dollar of rateable land value, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993: "Land is to be categorised as 'business' if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining". Excepting all rateable land in the subcategories of Commercial/Industrial, Nowra, and Major Retail Centres, an ordinary rate be now made for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS".
- d. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.57940c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land determined to be a centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub-category "NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" subcategory will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 16.54%].

e. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.19470c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local



Government Act 1993, on all rateable land used or zoned for professional/commercial trade or industrial purposes, and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL", for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS –

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 31.32%].

f. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.81690c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 2 DP 874730 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 0.95%].

g. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.39350c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 1 DP 1182358 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 1.82%]

h. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.08410c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND" rate in accordance with Section 537 (b) [base amount percentage is 33.00%].

i. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.04480c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand two hundred and



seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, sub category "DAIRY FARMERS", in accordance with Section 529(2)(a)(ii), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND - DAIRY FARMERS".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.94%].

j. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.38260c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00), for the cost of road upgrades required to enable property owners to develop their allotments in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties with building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate, in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

k. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.07093c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00), for the cost of the road upgrades in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties without building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.83%].

I. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.06743c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) for the cost associated with the Nebraska road construction project. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties within the Nebraska Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) per rateable assessment for the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" will not produce more

than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.62%].

- m. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.02436c for each dollar of rateable land value categorised as Business Commercial / Industrial to meet the costs of business promotions for the Sussex Inlet area and surrounds, in accordance with Section 495(1), which in the opinion of Council is of special benefit to the rateable assessments subject to the rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "SUSSEX AREA SPECIAL RATE".
- n. Make an Annual Charge for Water Usage and Water Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(1) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Water Usage Charge of \$2.75 per kilolitre for all residential, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Water Availability Charge based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$160
25 mm	\$267
32mm	\$430
40mm	\$675
50mm	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,224
150mm	\$9,493
200mm	\$16,882

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied an availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "WATER USAGE CHARGE" and "WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

o. Make an Annual Charge for Sewer Usage and Sewer Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(3) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Sewer Usage Charge of \$2.44 per kilolitre for all applicable, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Sewer Availability Charge for all residential, commercial and applicable Community Service Obligation categorised properties based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$1,110
25 mm	\$1,547
32mm	\$2,363
40mm	\$3,133
50mm	\$4,431
80mm	\$9,142

100mm	\$13,107
150mm	\$22,585
200mm	\$35,041

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied a sewer availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "SEWER USAGE CHARGE" and "SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

p. Make Annual Charges for the availability of a Domestic Waste Management Service, pursuant to Section 496(1) and 496(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, on all rateable properties categorised as Residential or Farmland for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia) used for residential purposes, and comprising of a building which is deemed to be a dwelling and located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amount for the standard domestic waste management service be \$531 for one 120litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. The 120litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin with a higher annual charge of \$915 or for an 80-litre landfill bin with a lower annual charge of \$403. The amount for each 240-litre recycling bin service additional to that included in the domestic waste management service, is \$108.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

q. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area where residents are not able to move bins to and from the kerb for collections and have no option for others to do so and therefore require assistance to present bins to the kerbside for collection.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$300 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN OTHER CHARGE".

r. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area that are the residence of the elderly or the sick, where assistance is required to present bins to the kerbside for collection and a medical certificate is provided.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$17 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN INFIRM CHARGE".

s. Make Annual Charges for Waste Management Services pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, extending the Domestic Waste Service to participating properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia), located within the domestic waste collection area.



The amounts for the Waste Management Service, be \$531 for one 120-litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. For a higher annual charge of \$915, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin. For a lower annual charge of \$403, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for an 80-litre landfill bin. The amount for Business, and non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes, opting for a recycling only service is \$163 for the first 240-litre MGB for recycling. The amount for each 240-litre MGB recycling service or the first recycling only bin service, is \$108.

Tiered charging applies to properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, for multiple 240-litre services; \$915 for one service, \$936 for the second service, and \$1,180 for each additional 240-litre service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGE", "COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

- t. Make an Annual Charge, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$115 per assessment for administration and new works associated with future provision of domestic waste management services. The charge to be applied to any properties categorised as Residential for rating purposes, which have any boundary adjacent to a road on which domestic waste management services are provided and
 - i. does not have a dwelling situated thereon, or
 - ii. the closest point of the dwelling is 100 metres or more from the boundary of the road and the ratepayer chooses not to receive a domestic waste management service.

This charge also applies in limited cases to residential properties where, in agreement with Council, Council's domestic waste management service has been foregone, for the provision of waste services by a private waste contractor.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "VACANT LAND SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE".

- u. Make an Annual Charge for Stormwater Management Services, pursuant to Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$25.00 per eligible residential or business rate assessment and \$12.50 per strata assessment. In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE".
- v. Make Annual Charges for Onsite Sewer Management Services, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, contributing to the costs associated with the ongoing inspection and approval to operate requirements for an onsite sewer management (OSSM) system/s, based on number of systems, located on residential and commercial properties, reduced for eligible pensioners:

Number of systems	Service Charge 2025/26
1-2 systems - Residential	\$73.00
1-2 systems – Residential pensioner	\$58.00
3-5 systems – Residential	\$122.00
3-5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$106.00
More than 5 systems - Residential	\$147.00



More than 5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$131.00
1-3 systems - Commercial	\$132.00
More than 3 systems – Commercial	\$175.00
Single pump-out or private pump station inspection - Commercial	\$90.00
High Risk Large system – Commercial	\$502.00

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "ONSITE SEWER MANAGEMENT CHARGE".

w. Make Annual Charges for Effluent Removal pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for both residential and commercial properties, where the first 2,500 litres is levied within the service charge, based on the following service frequencies:

Frequency	Service Charge 2025/26
Bi-weekly	\$8,762.00
Weekly	\$4,381.00
2-weekly	\$2,190.50
3-weekly	\$1,432.25
4-weekly	\$1,095.25
5-weekly	\$842.50
6-weekly	\$674.00
7-weekly	\$589.75
8-weekly	\$505.50

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "EFFLUENT REMOVAL CHARGE".

- x. Grant a further \$10 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$250 pensioner concession included on a Rate Notice for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners.
- y. Grant a further \$20 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$175 pensioner concession included on a Water Account, applied evenly across Water and Sewer charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners, split \$10 for Water charges where water charges apply, and \$10 for Sewer charges, where sewer charges apply.
- z. Make an Interest Rate of 10.50% per annum, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive), not exceeding the maximum permissible interest rate chargeable on overdue rates and charges, calculated daily, on a simple interest basis.
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated to make administrative and/or minor changes if required.
- 6. Thank the community for providing their submissions as part of the exhibition process and provide a response to each submission, outlining the outcome and actions undertaken relating to the issues raised.

AMENDMENT (Clr Kemp / Clr Proudfoot)

That having considered the submissions received as part of the exhibition process for the Draft

Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025/26 including Budget, Capital Works Program and Fees and Charges, Council:

- 1. Adopt the Community Strategic Plan 2035
- 2. Adopt the 2025/26 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Budget inclusive of the following changes:
 - a. Updates to DPOP Actions and KPIs as outlined in this report
 - b. Revision of the capital works listing as outlined in Attachment 2
 - c. Inclusion of context related to ex-gratia rates and charges for land owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- 3. Adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges Part 1 and Part 2 with the following changes:
 - a. Amended the Negotiation of Planning Agreement and Work in Kind Agreement Fee when staff hourly rate applies from 30 hours to 20 hours
 - b. Rectified the Water availability charge (non-residential) 80mm fee to be \$2,921W
 - c. Added 2 new fees for hire of the newly constructed Sand Dressage Arena, Worrigee Equestrian Common
 - d. Removed 2 winter camping fees. Camping seasons have been reclassified to peak season and shoulder season only
 - e. Amended Section 10.7 (2) planning certificate fees under Environmental Planning Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2001
 - f. Added additional comments for Kerb & Gutter Adjacent to Boundary fee for additional charges not included in the standard rate
 - g. Inclusion of references to specific charges (waste, water and sewer charges) applicable to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
 - h. Reduce water pricing for both treated and untreated (raw) water, as follows:
 - i. Amend recommendation "4.n" to reflect the reduced water pricing. Water usage charge reduced from \$2.85 to \$2.75. Reduce availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$173	\$160
25 mm	\$289	\$267
32mm	\$465	\$430
40mm	\$731	\$675
50mm	\$1,147	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,921	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,570	\$4,224
150mm	\$10,270	\$9,493
200mm	\$18,263	\$16,882

ii. Amend Fees & Charges Part 2, to reflect reduced untreated (raw) water pricing. Untreated water usage charges reduced from \$1.45 to \$1.38. Reduce untreated (raw) water availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final
Service Connection		Charge 2025/26



20 mm	\$87.00	\$80.00
25 mm	\$145.00	\$134.00
32mm	\$233.00	\$216.00
40mm	\$365.00	\$338.00
50mm	\$574.00	\$530.00
80mm	\$1,461.00	\$1,351.00
100mm	\$2,284.00	\$2,111.00
150mm	\$5,136.00	\$4,748.00

- iii. Make subsequent updates to the DPOP suite of documents to reflect reduced water pricing, including:
 - Fees and Charges parts 1 and part 2, for water usage and availability charges, for both treated and untreated water, and
 - Water fund budget and consolidated budget and income statements for the 2025/26 year.
- i. Amend any fees and charges set under the pricing policy "Set by Act/Regulation" to the statutory maximum at the time they are released.
- j. Remove the following fee of \$367.30 from attachment 4, Fees and Charges Part 2 Post Exhibition: Application for the reinspection, following denial within 12 months of a previous request, for the removal, or pruning of trees on Council managed and owned land (each tree).
- 4. Resolve to make the following rates and charges in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, inclusive of a 12.00% Special Variation increase as per Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:
 - a. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, under Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

b. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land which is zoned so as not to permit any building (i.e.; Small Lot Rural Subdivisions) and categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, sub category "NON-URBAN", in accordance with Section 529(2)(b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 39.19%].

c. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.22323c for each dollar of

rateable land value, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993: "Land is to be categorised as 'business' if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining". Excepting all rateable land in the subcategories of Commercial/Industrial, Nowra, and Major Retail Centres, an ordinary rate be now made for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS".

d. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.57940c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land determined to be a centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub-category "NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" subcategory will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 16.54%].

e. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.19470c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land used or zoned for professional/commercial trade or industrial purposes, and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL", for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 31.32%].

f. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.81690c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 2 DP 874730 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 0.95%].

g. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.39350c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 1 DP 1182358 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this

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rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 1.82%]

Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.08410c for each dollar of h. rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirtythree dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND" rate in accordance with Section 537 (b) [base amount percentage is 33.00%].

Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.04480c for each dollar of i. rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, sub category "DAIRY FARMERS", in accordance with Section 529(2)(a)(ii), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND - DAIRY FARMERS".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND - DAIRY FARMERS" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.94%].

Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of j. 0.38260c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00), for the cost of road upgrades required to enable property owners to develop their allotments in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties with building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate, in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE - DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of k. 0.07093c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00), for the cost of the road upgrades in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties without building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance



with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.83%].

I. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.06743c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) for the cost associated with the Nebraska road construction project. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties within the Nebraska Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) per rateable assessment for the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.62%].

- m. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.02436c for each dollar of rateable land value categorised as Business Commercial / Industrial to meet the costs of business promotions for the Sussex Inlet area and surrounds, in accordance with Section 495(1), which in the opinion of Council is of special benefit to the rateable assessments subject to the rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "SUSSEX AREA SPECIAL RATE".
- n. Make an Annual Charge for Water Usage and Water Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(1) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Water Usage Charge of \$2.75 per kilolitre for all residential, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Water Availability Charge based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$160
25 mm	\$267
32mm	\$430
40mm	\$675
50mm	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,224
150mm	\$9,493
200mm	\$16,882

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied an availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act



1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "WATER USAGE CHARGE" and "WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

o. Make an Annual Charge for Sewer Usage and Sewer Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(3) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Sewer Usage Charge of \$2.44 per kilolitre for all applicable, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Sewer Availability Charge for all residential, commercial and applicable Community Service Obligation categorised properties based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$1,110
25 mm	\$1,547
32mm	\$2,363
40mm	\$3,133
50mm	\$4,431
80mm	\$9,142
100mm	\$13,107
150mm	\$22,585
200mm	\$35,041

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied a sewer availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "SEWER USAGE CHARGE" and "SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

p. Make Annual Charges for the availability of a Domestic Waste Management Service, pursuant to Section 496(1) and 496(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, on all rateable properties categorised as Residential or Farmland for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia) used for residential purposes, and comprising of a building which is deemed to be a dwelling and located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amount for the standard domestic waste management service be \$531 for one 120litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. The 120litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin with a higher annual charge of \$915 or for an 80-litre landfill bin with a lower annual charge of \$403. The amount for each 240-litre recycling bin service additional to that included in the domestic waste management service, is \$108.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

q. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area where residents are not able to move bins to and from the kerb for collections and have no option for others to do so and therefore require assistance to present bins to the kerbside

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for collection.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$300 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN OTHER CHARGE".

r. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area that are the residence of the elderly or the sick, where assistance is required to present bins to the kerbside for collection and a medical certificate is provided.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$17 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN INFIRM CHARGE".

s. Make Annual Charges for Waste Management Services pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, extending the Domestic Waste Service to participating properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia), located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amounts for the Waste Management Service, be \$531 for one 120-litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. For a higher annual charge of \$915, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin. For a lower annual charge of \$403, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for an 80-litre landfill bin. The amount for Business, and non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes, opting for a recycling only service is \$163 for the first 240-litre MGB for recycling. The amount for each 240-litre MGB recycling service or the first recycling only bin service, is \$108.

Tiered charging applies to properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, for multiple 240-litre services; \$915 for one service, \$936 for the second service, and \$1,180 for each additional 240-litre service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGE", "COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

- t. Make an Annual Charge, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$115 per assessment for administration and new works associated with future provision of domestic waste management services. The charge to be applied to any properties categorised as Residential for rating purposes, which have any boundary adjacent to a road on which domestic waste management services are provided and
 - i. does not have a dwelling situated thereon, or
 - ii. the closest point of the dwelling is 100 metres or more from the boundary of the road and the ratepayer chooses not to receive a domestic waste management service.

This charge also applies in limited cases to residential properties where, in agreement with Council, Council's domestic waste management service has been foregone, for the provision of waste services by a private waste contractor.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "VACANT LAND SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE".



- u. Make an Annual Charge for Stormwater Management Services, pursuant to Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$25.00 per eligible residential or business rate assessment and \$12.50 per strata assessment. In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE".
- v. Make Annual Charges for Onsite Sewer Management Services, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, contributing to the costs associated with the ongoing inspection and approval to operate requirements for an onsite sewer management (OSSM) system/s, based on number of systems, located on residential and commercial properties, reduced for eligible pensioners:

Number of systems	Service Charge 2025/26
1-2 systems - Residential	\$73.00
1-2 systems – Residential pensioner	\$58.00
3-5 systems – Residential	\$122.00
3-5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$106.00
More than 5 systems - Residential	\$147.00
More than 5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$131.00
1-3 systems - Commercial	\$132.00
More than 3 systems – Commercial	\$175.00
Single pump-out or private pump station inspection - Commercial	\$90.00
High Risk Large system – Commercial	\$502.00

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "ONSITE SEWER MANAGEMENT CHARGE".

w. Make Annual Charges for Effluent Removal pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for both residential and commercial properties, where the first 2,500 litres is levied within the service charge, based on the following service frequencies:

Frequency	Service Charge 2025/26
Bi-weekly	\$8,762.00
Weekly	\$4,381.00
2-weekly	\$2,190.50
3-weekly	\$1,432.25
4-weekly	\$1,095.25
5-weekly	\$842.50
6-weekly	\$674.00
7-weekly	\$589.75
8-weekly	\$505.50

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "EFFLUENT REMOVAL CHARGE".

x. Grant a further \$10 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$250

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pensioner concession included on a Rate Notice for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners.

- y. Grant a further \$20 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$175 pensioner concession included on a Water Account, applied evenly across Water and Sewer charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners, split \$10 for Water charges where water charges apply, and \$10 for Sewer charges, where sewer charges apply.
- z. Make an Interest Rate of 10.50% per annum, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive), not exceeding the maximum permissible interest rate chargeable on overdue rates and charges, calculated daily, on a simple interest basis.
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated to make administrative and/or minor changes if required.
- 6. Thank the community for providing their submissions as part of the exhibition process and provide a response to each submission, outlining the outcome and actions undertaken relating to the issues raised.
- FOR: Clr White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins and Clr Proudfoot

AGAINST: Clr Dunn, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris and Clr Boyd

AMENDMENT CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

RESOLVED (AMENDMENT) (Clr Kemp / Clr Proudfoot)

MIN25.324

That having considered the submissions received as part of the exhibition process for the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025/26 including Budget, Capital Works Program and Fees and Charges, Council:

- 1. Adopt the Community Strategic Plan 2035
- 2. Adopt the 2025/26 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Budget inclusive of the following changes:
 - a. Updates to DPOP Actions and KPIs as outlined in this report
 - b. Revision of the capital works listing as outlined in Attachment 2
 - c. Inclusion of context related to ex-gratia rates and charges for land owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
- 3. Adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges Part 1 and Part 2 with the following changes:
 - a. Amended the Negotiation of Planning Agreement and Work in Kind Agreement Fee when staff hourly rate applies from 30 hours to 20 hours
 - b. Rectified the Water availability charge (non-residential) 80mm fee to be \$2,921W
 - c. Added 2 new fees for hire of the newly constructed Sand Dressage Arena, Worrigee Equestrian Common
 - d. Removed 2 winter camping fees. Camping seasons have been reclassified to peak season and shoulder season only
 - e. Amended Section 10.7 (2) planning certificate fees under Environmental Planning Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2001
 - f. Added additional comments for Kerb & Gutter Adjacent to Boundary fee for additional charges not included in the standard rate
 - g. Inclusion of references to specific charges (waste, water and sewer charges) applicable to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia
 - h. Reduce water pricing for both treated and untreated (raw) water, as follows:



i. Amend recommendation "4.n" to reflect the reduced water pricing. Water usage charge reduced from \$2.85 to \$2.75. Reduce availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$173	\$160
25 mm	\$289	\$267
32mm	\$465	\$430
40mm	\$731	\$675
50mm	\$1,147	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,921	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,570	\$4,224
150mm	\$10,270	\$9,493
200mm	\$18,263	\$16,882

ii. Amend Fees & Charges Part 2, to reflect reduced untreated (raw) water pricing. Untreated water usage charges reduced from \$1.45 to \$1.38. Reduce untreated (raw) water availability charges as per the following table.

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Draft Charge 2025/26	Reduced Final Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$87.00	\$80.00
25 mm	\$145.00	\$134.00
32mm	\$233.00	\$216.00
40mm	\$365.00	\$338.00
50mm	\$574.00	\$530.00
80mm	\$1,461.00	\$1,351.00
100mm	\$2,284.00	\$2,111.00
150mm	\$5,136.00	\$4,748.00

- iii. Make subsequent updates to the DPOP suite of documents to reflect reduced water pricing, including:
 - Fees and Charges parts 1 and part 2, for water usage and availability charges, for both treated and untreated water, and
 - Water fund budget and consolidated budget and income statements for the 2025/26 year.
- i. Amend any fees and charges set under the pricing policy "Set by Act/Regulation" to the statutory maximum at the time they are released.
- j. remove the following fee of \$367.30 from attachment 4, Fees and Charges Part 2 Post Exhibition: Application for the reinspection, following denial within 12 months of a previous request, for the removal, or pruning of trees on Council managed and owned land (each tree).
- Resolve to make the following rates and charges in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, inclusive of a 12.00% Special Variation increase as per Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:
 - a. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of



rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, under Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

b. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.10997c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land which is zoned so as not to permit any building (i.e.; Small Lot Rural Subdivisions) and categorised as "Residential", in accordance with Section 516, sub category "NON-URBAN", in accordance with Section 529(2)(b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per rateable assessment for the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "RESIDENTIAL NON-URBAN" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 39.19%].

- c. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.22323c for each dollar of rateable land value, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993: "Land is to be categorised as 'business' if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining". Excepting all rateable land in the subcategories of Commercial/Industrial, Nowra, and Major Retail Centres, an ordinary rate be now made for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS".
- d. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.57940c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land determined to be a centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub-category "NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" subcategory will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 16.54%].

e. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.19470c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land used or zoned for professional/commercial trade or industrial purposes, and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL", for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for



the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 31.32%].

f. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.81690c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 2 DP 874730 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - NOWRA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 0.95%].

g. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.39350c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on rateable land Lot 1 DP 1182358 determined to be a major retail centre of activity and categorised as "Business", in accordance with Section 518, sub category "MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA", in accordance with Section 529(2)(d), for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "BUSINESS - MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTRE - VINCENTIA".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00) per rateable assessment for the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "BUSINESS – MAJOR RETAIL CENTRE - VINCENTIA" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 1.82%]

h. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.08410c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$1,133.00) per rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND" rate in accordance with Section 537 (b) [base amount percentage is 33.00%].

i. Make an Ordinary Rate, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.04480c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per rateable assessment, in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993, on all rateable land categorised as "Farmland", in accordance with Section 515, sub category "DAIRY FARMERS", in accordance with Section 529(2)(a)(ii), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(1), this rate be named "FARMLAND - DAIRY FARMERS".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,271.00) per



rateable assessment for the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" category will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "FARMLAND – DAIRY FARMERS" rate in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.94%].

j. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.38260c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00), for the cost of road upgrades required to enable property owners to develop their allotments in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties with building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate, in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,674.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.98%].

k. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.07093c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00), for the cost of the road upgrades in the Verons Estate. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties without building entitlement within the Verons Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00) per rateable assessment for the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "VERONS ROAD UPGRADE SPECIAL RATE – NO DWELLING POTENTIAL" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.83%].

I. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.06743c for each dollar of rateable land value in addition to a base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) for the cost associated with the Nebraska road construction project. In accordance with Section 495(1), the special rate is to be levied only on those rateable properties within the Nebraska Estate which, in the opinion of Council, derive special benefit and are subject to this rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE".

Further, to comply with Section 500 of the Act, the total amount payable by the levying of the base amount of one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$119.00) per rateable assessment for the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" will not produce more than 50% of the total amount payable by the levying of the "NEBRASKA ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL RATE" in accordance with Section 537(b) [base amount percentage is 49.62%].

m. Make a Special Rate, in accordance with Section 538, consisting of an ad valorem rate of 0.02436c for each dollar of rateable land value categorised as Business – Commercial / Industrial to meet the costs of business promotions for the Sussex Inlet area and surrounds, in accordance with Section 495(1), which in the opinion of Council is of special



benefit to the rateable assessments subject to the rate in accordance with Section 495(2)(a)(b) and (c). The special rate be now made for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and, in accordance with Section 543(2), this rate be named "SUSSEX AREA SPECIAL RATE".

n. Make an Annual Charge for Water Usage and Water Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(1) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Water Usage Charge of \$2.75 per kilolitre for all residential, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Water Availability Charge based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$160
25 mm	\$267
32mm	\$430
40mm	\$675
50mm	\$1,060
80mm	\$2,701
100mm	\$4,224
150mm	\$9,493
200mm	\$16,882

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied an availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The charges be named "WATER USAGE CHARGE" and "WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

o. Make an Annual Charge for Sewer Usage and Sewer Availability, in accordance with Sections 501, 502, and 552(3) (a) and (b), for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, comprising a Sewer Usage Charge of \$2.44 per kilolitre for all applicable, commercial and Community Service Obligation categorised properties and a Sewer Availability Charge for all residential, commercial and applicable Community Service Obligation categorised properties based on water meter size:

Size of Water Meter Service Connection	Charge 2025/26
20 mm	\$1,110
25 mm	\$1,547
32mm	\$2,363
40mm	\$3,133
50mm	\$4,431
80mm	\$9,142
100mm	\$13,107
150mm	\$22,585
200mm	\$35,041

Properties with multiple water meter service connections will be levied a sewer availability charge for each connection. In accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, any vacant land where the service is available will be levied an availability charge. These charges also apply to properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.



The charges be named "SEWER USAGE CHARGE" and "SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE", in accordance with Section 543(3).

p. Make Annual Charges for the availability of a Domestic Waste Management Service, pursuant to Section 496(1) and 496(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, on all rateable properties categorised as Residential or Farmland for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia) used for residential purposes, and comprising of a building which is deemed to be a dwelling and located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amount for the standard domestic waste management service be \$531 for one 120litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. The 120litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin with a higher annual charge of \$915 or for an 80-litre landfill bin with a lower annual charge of \$403. The amount for each 240-litre recycling bin service additional to that included in the domestic waste management service, is \$108.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

q. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area where residents are not able to move bins to and from the kerb for collections and have no option for others to do so and therefore require assistance to present bins to the kerbside for collection.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$300 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN OTHER CHARGE".

r. Make an Annual Charge for a Wheel Out Wheel In special on property collection service, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for participating properties in the domestic waste collection area that are the residence of the elderly or the sick, where assistance is required to present bins to the kerbside for collection and a medical certificate is provided.

The amount for the wheel out wheel in service is \$17 per bin service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "WHEEL OUT WHEEL IN INFIRM CHARGE".

s. Make Annual Charges for Waste Management Services pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, extending the Domestic Waste Service to participating properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, and for participating non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes (including properties owned by the Commonwealth of Australia), located within the domestic waste collection area.

The amounts for the Waste Management Service, be \$531 for one 120-litre bin for landfill waste and one 240-litre bin for recycling. The landfill bin is collected weekly, and the recycling bin is collected fortnightly other than for a 6-week period from the last Monday that is before Christmas Day during which it is collected weekly. For a higher annual charge of \$915, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for a 240-litre landfill bin. For a lower annual charge of \$403, the 120-litre landfill bin may be substituted for an 80-litre landfill bin. The amount for Business, and non-rateable properties used for non-residential purposes, opting for a recycling only service is \$163 for the first 240-litre MGB for recycling. The amount for each 240-litre MGB recycling service additional to either that



included in the extended domestic waste management service or the first recycling only bin service, is \$108.

Tiered charging applies to properties categorised as Business for rating purposes, for multiple 240-litre services; \$915 for one service, \$936 for the second service, and \$1,180 for each additional 240-litre service.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGE", "COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE" and "ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL RECYCLING BIN CHARGE".

- t. Make an Annual Charge, pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$115 per assessment for administration and new works associated with future provision of domestic waste management services. The charge to be applied to any properties categorised as Residential for rating purposes, which have any boundary adjacent to a road on which domestic waste management services are provided and
 - i. does not have a dwelling situated thereon, or
 - ii. the closest point of the dwelling is 100 metres or more from the boundary of the road and the ratepayer chooses not to receive a domestic waste management service.

This charge also applies in limited cases to residential properties where, in agreement with Council, Council's domestic waste management service has been foregone, for the provision of waste services by a private waste contractor.

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "VACANT LAND SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE".

- u. Make an Annual Charge for Stormwater Management Services, pursuant to Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, of \$25.00 per eligible residential or business rate assessment and \$12.50 per strata assessment. In accordance with Section 543(3), the charge be named "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE".
- v. Make Annual Charges for Onsite Sewer Management Services, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, contributing to the costs associated with the ongoing inspection and approval to operate requirements for an onsite sewer management (OSSM) system/s, based on number of systems, located on residential and commercial properties, reduced for eligible pensioners:

Number of systems	Service Charge 2025/26
1-2 systems - Residential	\$73.00
1-2 systems – Residential pensioner	\$58.00
3-5 systems – Residential	\$122.00
3-5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$106.00
More than 5 systems - Residential	\$147.00
More than 5 systems – Residential pensioner	\$131.00
1-3 systems - Commercial	\$132.00
More than 3 systems – Commercial	\$175.00
Single pump-out or private pump station inspection - Commercial	\$90.00
High Risk Large system – Commercial	\$502.00

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "ONSITE SEWER

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MANAGEMENT CHARGE".

w. Make Annual Charges for Effluent Removal pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for both residential and commercial properties, where the first 2,500 litres is levied within the service charge, based on the following service frequencies:

Frequency	Service Charge 2025/26
Bi-weekly	\$8,762.00
Weekly	\$4,381.00
2-weekly	\$2,190.50
3-weekly	\$1,432.25
4-weekly	\$1,095.25
5-weekly	\$842.50
6-weekly	\$674.00
7-weekly	\$589.75
8-weekly	\$505.50

In accordance with Section 543(3), the charges be named "EFFLUENT REMOVAL CHARGE".

- x. Grant a further \$10 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$250 pensioner concession included on a Rate Notice for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners.
- y. Grant a further \$20 annual rebate in addition to the existing statutory maximum \$175 pensioner concession included on a Water Account, applied evenly across Water and Sewer charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for eligible pensioners, split \$10 for Water charges where water charges apply, and \$10 for Sewer charges, where sewer charges apply.
- z. Make an Interest Rate of 10.50% per annum, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive), not exceeding the maximum permissible interest rate chargeable on overdue rates and charges, calculated daily, on a simple interest basis.
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated to make administrative and/or minor changes if required.
- 6. Thank the community for providing their submissions as part of the exhibition process and provide a response to each submission, outlining the outcome and actions undertaken relating to the issues raised.
- FOR: CIr White, CIr Clancy, CIr Kemp, CIr Casmiri, CIr Dunn, CIr Cox, CIr Wilkins, CIr Proudfoot, CIr Tribe, CIr Norris and CIr Boyd

Against: Nil

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5:58pm.

Clr White CHAIRPERSON

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