

### **3.5. WONGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE SPECIAL CHARGE 2023-2024**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In accordance with s 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and s 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the Wonga Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge) of \$35.00 (per assessment) on all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural firefighting equipment for, and the operations of, the Wonga Rural Fire Brigade.

1. The overall plan for the Wonga Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge is as follows:
    - a. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural firefighting equipment for, and the operations of, of the Wonga Rural Fire Brigade.
    - b. The rateable land to which the plan applies is delineated in orange on the map named Wonga Rural Fire Brigade.
    - c. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$28,560.00.
    - d. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is one (1) year ending on 30 June 2024.
  2. All rateable land (or its occupier) within the area delineated in orange on the map named Wonga Rural Fire Brigade specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because each such parcel is within the area for which the brigade is in charge of firefighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*. Further, the fire emergency response capability that is provided by the brigade would be substantially diminished if it did not receive the funding provided by Council as a direct consequence of the levying of the special charge.
  3. The special charge for the 2023-2024 financial year is to be levied by two half year levies.
  4. The entire budgeted revenue shall be remitted to the Wonga Rural Fire Brigade to be expended in accordance with their budget.
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## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery

Strong governance and financial management are the foundations of the way in which Council will conduct its business and implement the initiatives of the Corporate Plan.

**Goal 3** – *We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.*

### Operational Plan 2022-2023 Actions:

Legislative requirement.

## COUNCIL'S ROLE

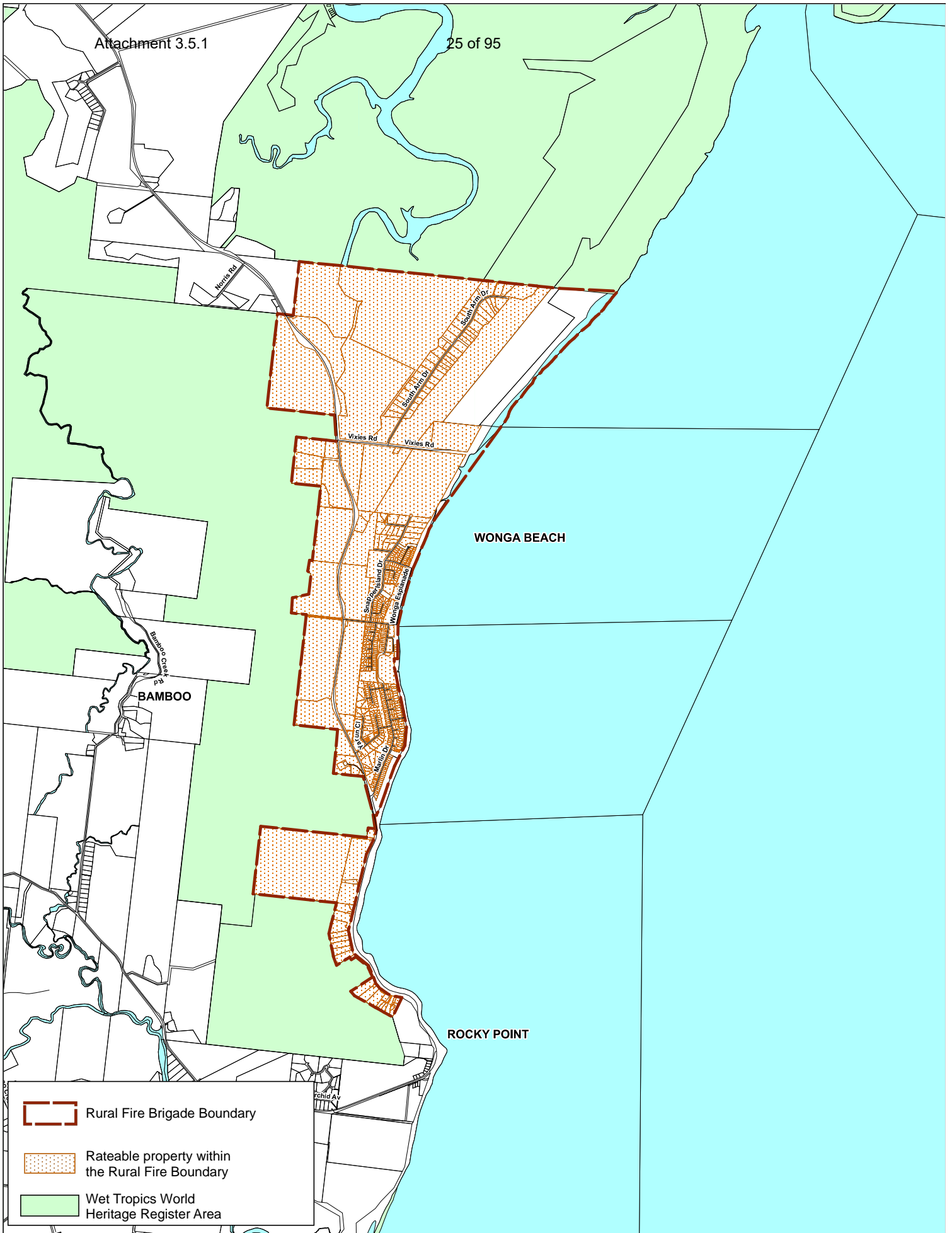
Council can play several distinct roles in certain circumstances, and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.




The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

<b>Regulator</b>	Council has several statutory obligations detailed in many regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will use an outcomes-based approach to balance the needs of the community with social and natural justice.
<b>Service Provider</b>	Council provides many services to the community from roads and waste services to libraries and recreational facilities. Services evolve over time and it is the Council's mission to ensure that these services are appropriate, delivered efficiently, and designed with the customer at the centre.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Rural fire - map Wonga [3.5.1 - 1 page]



-  Rural Fire Brigade Boundary
-  Rateable property within the Rural Fire Boundary
-  Wet Tropics World Heritage Register Area

### WONGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



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Scale  
1cm = 0.50 km at A4  
Map Grid of Australia  
Zone 55 (GDA94)

