Vero Residential Home, Contents and Motor Wording Updates – effective from May 2022

We have redrafted the Vero Residential Home, Contents and Motor policy wordings in plain language, to make it easier for you to understand what you are and are not covered for.

There are some differences in the way we have worded your policy, but other than the changes outlined below, the plain language drafting of the wordings is not intended to change, restrict or expand the cover you are entitled to under your policy.

Please read your new policy wordings in full to see the detail of the changes below.

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Policy Exclusions	2. Electronic Data This policy does not provide cover for any loss to, or arising from, any loss of electronic data of any kind, or any loss of use, reduction in functionality, or any other associated loss or expense or liability directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with the loss of electronic data. This includes any electronic data that is purchased in place of an item that could be purchased in a non-electronic format.	n/a	Data We won't cover any loss, damage, liability, cost, or expense of any kind in any way connected to: • Data being totally or partially destroyed, distorted, erased, corrupted, altered, misinterpreted, or misappropriated • errors in creating, amending, entering, deleting, or using data	23

			 total or partial inability or failure to receive, send, access, or use data for any time any loss of use of data, or data being reduced in functionality, repaired, replaced, restored, or reproduced the value of any data. This exclusion applies whether any other causes or events contribute at the same time, or in any order, to any of the above. 	
Policy conditions and other important information	3. Cancellations We may cancel this policy at any time by sending a letter, facsimile, or email to this effect to you at your last known postal address, facsimile number, or e-mail address, or to your insurance adviser. The cancellation will take effect at 4.00 pm on the 7th day after the communication has been sent. We will refund the unused part of your paid premium.	16	How your policy can be cancelled We can cancel your policy Your policy will be cancelled from 4.00pm on the 14th day after we send the letter. We will refund any premium you've already paid us for cover after the effective date of the cancellation.	40 - 41
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		Your premium must be paid up to date before we'll pay a claim If you need to make a claim and you have premium that is less than 28 days overdue, we may do one of these things: • withhold the claim payment until you've paid the overdue premium • deduct the overdue premium from the claim payment. Your policy ends if your premium is more than 28 days overdue If your premium is overdue by more than 28 days, your insurance cover under this policy ends. Cover stops from the date you have paid up to.	
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Definitions	n/a	n/a	Drone(s)	44
			Any unmanned, unpiloted or remotely operated aerial device.	
Definitions	n/a	n/a	Excess(es)	44
			The amount you must pay towards the cost of any claim.	

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	vehicle, trailer, aircraft (including drones), or boat;		propelled vehicle, trailer, aircraft (including <i>drones</i>), or any boat where the <i>market value</i> of the boat is more than \$3,000.	
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Policy conditions and other important information	13. Instalment Premiums Where we have agreed to accept payment of premium by instalments all benefits under this policy will be forfeited from the date the first unpaid instalment was due, and your policy will be automatically cancelled if any premium instalment/s remains unpaid for 28 days. To ensure that you have an opportunity to maintain cover in the event that an instalment premium has not been made to us, we will attempt again to collect the outstanding premium instalment from your nominated bank account.	16	Your premium Your premium is the payment you make in exchange for your insurance cover. Your premium is detailed on your policy schedule. Paying your premium Your insurance policy is an annual contract. You can choose to pay annually in full, or in instalments. Your premium will be higher if you pay by anything other than annual instalments, as we charge you instalment fees. Making changes to your policy details may affect the premium you need to pay or have paid for the remainder of your period of insurance.	34

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		The amount you must pay towards the cost of any claim.	
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		The amount your schedule shows your contents are insured for, including	
		the GST-exclusive value of any specified items.	

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			When this option is noted on the <i>schedule</i> for your <i>vehicle</i> , we won't cover your <i>vehicle</i> while it's being driven by, or is under the care or control of, anyone under 25.	
			You can choose to name the people who will be driving your <i>vehicle</i> , and we'll list them on your <i>schedule</i> .	
			If your <i>vehicle</i> is driven by anyone 25 years or older not listed on the <i>schedule</i> at the time of a claim, the unnamed driver <i>excess</i> on your <i>schedule</i> will apply in addition to any other applicable <i>excesses</i> .	
Automatic Benefits – Comprehensive	9. Trailers We will cover any trailer owned, hired or leased by you but excluding:	6	Trailers — we'll pay up to \$1,000 for trailers The benefit and its limits below do not apply if your <i>vehicle</i> (as shown on your <i>schedule</i>) is a trailer.	8
	a. caravans or boat, horse or camper trailers;b. the contents of any trailer;c. trailers which are insured by another policy; ord. trailers which cannot be drawn by your <i>vehicle</i>.		We'll automatically cover any trailer you own, hire, or lease for <i>accidental</i> loss or <i>damage</i> , up to \$1,000 for any one event. We'll charge an <i>excess</i> of \$100 for any claim for <i>accidental</i> loss or damage to the trailer.	
	We will pay up to \$1,000 for any one event. An excess of \$100 applies to each and every claim.		Under this benefit, we won't automatically cover: • caravans • boat, horse, or camper trailers • the contents of any trailer • any trailer that is separately listed on your schedule	
			 any trailer that is insured under this or any other policy any trailer that can't legally be towed by your vehicle. 	
Caravan Benefits	n/a	n/a	Personal effects – we'll cover personal effects in your caravan	10
			We'll pay for accidental loss or damage to personal effects, clothing, and domestic utensils in the caravan.	
			We'll pay the indemnity value of the items immediately before the loss or damage occurred, up to \$1,000 in total. The items must belong to you, or to any member of your family who lives with you.	

Policy Exclusions	4. Losses when your vehicle is being used or driven by any person who: a. does not have a licence which is in full force and effect to drive your vehicle at the time and place of the accident; or b. is not complying with the conditions of his/her licence; or c. is excluded from the policy cover.	9	Breach of, invalid or incorrect driver's licence We won't cover any loss, damage or liability where any driver of your vehicle at the time of the accident: • is breaching the conditions of their driver's licence • doesn't hold a valid driver's licence • doesn't hold a driver's licence appropriate to the class of vehicle being driven. This exclusion applies to anyone who is driving your vehicle with your permission. This exclusion doesn't limit cover under the 'Vehicle servicing and emergency' benefit.	16
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Policy conditions and other important information	What we will pay – at our option The cost to repair or replace your vehicle or make a payment up to the market value.	6	If your vehicle is a total loss (a 'write-off') If we decide your vehicle is unable to be safely or economically repaired, or if it has been stolen and not recovered, we will settle your claim as a total loss. The most we'll pay for your vehicle is the market value. We'll pay up to any maximum limit which applies to your vehicle based on the cover type shown on your schedule. We will calculate the market value. We do this by obtaining an independent valuation of how much your vehicle was worth immediately before the accident happened.	23
Policy conditions and other important information	5. Claims d. If we pay the market value then the cover is finished and no premium is refundable. We may keep whatever is left or recovered of the vehicle.	10	Your policy ends once we've paid your total loss claim Once we've paid your total loss claim, your policy comes to an end. We keep the damaged <i>vehicle</i> , including all insured <i>accessories</i> . We'll refund any <i>premium</i> you have paid for the part of the <i>period of insurance</i> after the date of the loss or damage.	24
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