

6.2.6 Incentives

Similar to the 2017-18 year, Council is holding a competition where ratepayers will go into a draw to win one of five prizes if they make early payment in full of their outstanding rates balance (including the 2018-19 amounts).

In declaring its general rates and charges for the 2018-19 financial year, Council hereby determines pursuant to section 168 of the Local Government Act, that incentives (in the nature of prizes or rewards involving an element of random and equal chance for each eligible ratepayer entrant) are to be given by Council to ratepayers if they make early payment in full of their outstanding rates and charges balance (including the 2018-19 amount) by 5.00pm on or before 1 October 2018. The outstanding balance includes any arrears, rates, charges, and the Fire Services Property Levy.

The prizes or rewards offered being:

- First prize: Accommodation package and experience voucher for two in the Yarra Ranges (Valued up to \$1,000)
- Second prize: Gift voucher for two for a cooking class at Aldente cooking and kitchen café (Valued up to \$400)
- Third prize: Hamper of Yarra Valley local produce (Valued up to \$200)
- Fourth prize: Hamper of Yarra Valley wines (Valued up to \$150)
- Fifth prize: Puffing Billy family pass (Valued up to \$115)

The conditions of entry to and the manner of participation in the competition will be:

- a) The competition will exclude all Councillors and Council employees.
- b) The competition applies to all rateable properties within the municipality.
- c) To be eligible to receive a prize or reward (that is, to go into the draw to win one of the prizes or rewards), an eligible ratepayer must pay (and according to Council's financial records confirm that such payment has been received by Council) their current 2018-19 rates and charges (including the Fire Services Property Levy and any arrears, including interest) in full by 5.00pm on or before 1 October 2018.
- d) Any eligible ratepayer who does not wish to participate in the competition must advise Council in writing of this on or before the 1 October 2018.
- e) The prizes will be drawn by the Mayor or nominated substitute on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at Council's Offices, 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale at 10.00am. Yarra Ranges Council Budget – 2018-19 93
- f) The winners of the competition will be notified in writing of the prize and their names will also be published on Council's Internet website for a minimum period of 28 days.
- g) An entrant in the competition does not need to be present on the date and time when the prizes are drawn.
- h) Prizes offered are not transferable and may not be redeemed for cash.
- i) The winner of a prize may be substituted via a second draw in circumstances where reasonable efforts to identify the winner were unsuccessful.
- j) Council reserves the right to re-draw a winning entry if that entry is a property owned by Council or by another Government entity, or if that entry is deemed to be ineligible due to the nature of their relationship with Council, or for any other reason if Council considers the entry is not deemed to be within the spirit of the competition and/or contrary to the public interest.
- k) Council will not use, or permit to be used, any information relating to an entrant in the competition (including personal information) for any purpose other than the conduct of the lottery.