

Media Release

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Bunnings announces return of community sausage sizzles in NSW and the ACT

Bunnings' community sausage sizzles will return to selected stores throughout NSW and the ACT this month, as part of the carefully phased plan to resume the community fundraising favourite. The ACT sausage sizzles will recommence on 3 October, with NSW following on 10 October.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Deb Poole, said: "We know community groups and customers in NSW and the ACT are keen to see community sausage sizzles return and we're really excited to be bringing them back in a way that will keep everyone safe."

"We've had phenomenal customer feedback in states where we've brought the fundraisers back and community groups have done an incredible job prioritising customer safety with the new physically distanced layouts and additional hygiene measures.

"While our community groups are taking a number of extra precautions, what hasn't changed is the great feeling of supporting a local community group and the unmistakable taste of an Aussie sausage sizzle," Deb said.

Bunnings suspended community sausage sizzles in March due to COVID-19. For community groups that were booked over the following month, Bunnings donated \$500 gift cards to these local organisations to assist with their fundraising activities.

Community groups who had sausage sizzles pre-booked during the lockdown are being prioritised for the restart, with around 130 groups booked to run events in NSW on the first weekend back and around 10 groups booked in the ACT.

Bunnings will continue to consult with government, team members and community groups and continue to follow the latest health advice in regards to the return of sausage sizzles in Victoria.

Changes made to enhance customer and community safety:

- Separate ordering and pick-up points to allow for 1.5 metres' physical distancing
- Increased cleaning processes and hygiene requirements
- Increased signage to guide customers
- NSW customers can use the Service NSW app to check-in

About the community sausage sizzles:

- The first community sausage sizzle was run 26 years ago at Bunnings Sunshine in Melbourne.
- Typically more than 40,000 sausage sizzles are run by local community groups each year.

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Please note: To request a photo opportunity, please contact the Bunnings media team on media@bunnings.com.au to arrange a time.

The Bunnings logo, featuring the word "BUNNINGS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter "B" is stylized with a red diagonal stripe.

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