

Media Release

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Bunnings begins phased return of community sausage sizzles

Bunnings' community sausage sizzles will return in Tasmania and the Northern Territory this weekend at selected stores as it begins a carefully phased re-introduction of the community fundraising favourite.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Deb Poole, said: "We know our customers have missed being able to show their support for local community groups by stopping by the sausage sizzle and we know the important fundraising role they play for thousands of community groups across Australia. So, we're really excited to be starting the process of bringing them back in places where restrictions have eased.

"We've spent the past few months consulting with community groups, governments and health authorities on how we can bring back our sausage sizzles safely for our customers and community groups.

"The return will start off at selected stores in Tasmania and the Northern Territory this weekend where we will trial a new layout that promotes physical distancing and includes increased personal hygiene processes, above and beyond the normal processes. We are planning to have them back up and running in Queensland, NSW, the ACT, South Australia and WA towards the end of this month pending the latest government restrictions in each location.

"We will use this experience and community feedback from NT and Tasmania to further refine our approach ahead of re-introducing the sausage sizzle to other states.

"We'd like to thank our customers for how patient they have been over the past few months with all the additional measures we have in place across our stores. While we know they will be excited by this return, as are we, we'd just ask everyone to continue to be patient and respect the guidelines in place," Deb said.

Bunnings suspended community sausage sizzles in March due to the COVID-19 situation. 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 sporting clubs, Rotary, the Lions Club and youth groups booked to run events this weekend.

Changes made to enhance customer and community safety:

- Separate ordering and pick-up points to allow for 1.5metres' physical distancing
- Increased cleaning processes and hygiene requirements
- Increased signage to guide customers
- Additional team members rostered to encourage physical distancing

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

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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