

# Media Release

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## **Bunnings to fire up community sausage sizzles in QLD, SA and WA this weekend**

Bunnings' community sausage sizzles will return to Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia this weekend at selected stores, as part of a carefully phased plan to resume the community fundraising favourite.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Deb Poole, said: "Earlier this month we were excited to bring sausage sizzles back to Tasmania and the Northern Territory and community groups did a fantastic job adapting to the new physically-distanced layout and hygiene measures designed to keep everyone safe.

"We know community groups and customers in other states are just as keen to see them return, so we're really excited to be bringing them back to Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia this weekend."

"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 two hundred groups booked for this weekend in QLD, SA and WA.

Bunnings is also planning for the return of sausage sizzles in NSW and the ACT and will continue to consult with government, team members and community groups and continue to follow the latest health advice.

### **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
- Additional team members rostered to encourage physical distancing

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