

Media Release

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Bunnings to fire up the community sausage sizzles again in Victoria

Bunnings' community sausage sizzles will return to selected stores throughout regional Victoria from 14 November 2020, ahead of a planned return in Melbourne in early December.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Deb Poole, said: "The sausage sizzles play such an important fundraising role for hundreds of community groups across Victoria and we're so pleased to be bringing them back to our regional stores with COVID-safe measures to keep everyone safe."

"We know our customers love to support these groups by stopping by the sausage sizzles and our store teams can't wait to help restart this weekend tradition from 14 November in regional Victoria."

"The feedback from community groups and customers in states where we've brought the fundraisers back has been phenomenal. The community groups have done an excellent job prioritising customer safety with the new physically distanced layouts and additional hygiene measures we have in place," Deb said.

Bunnings is planning to resume sausage sizzles in metropolitan Melbourne in early December and will continue to consult with government, team members and community groups and follow the latest health advice ahead of confirming the return date.

"Victorians have done such an amazing job flattening the curve and we hope bringing back sausage sizzles will be yet another sign we can reclaim a sense of normality while remaining COVID-safe," 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.

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
- Community groups required to wear a face mask during sausage sizzle shifts

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 at 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.