

# Media Release

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## Finally, the Bunnings sausage sizzle returns to Melbourne completing the nationwide return of the community fundraiser

Community sausage sizzles will finally return to selected Bunnings stores across Melbourne this weekend after an eight-month absence. The milestone completes a careful plan to bring back the fundraising favourite to all states and territories across Australia and New Zealand in a COVID-safe way.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Deb Poole, said: "It's such a special milestone for our community groups and Bunnings team in Melbourne, as we have really missed helping to put them on. It's also really special as it's the first time community sausage sizzles will be running right across Australia and New Zealand since they were postponed in March.

"We know that our customers have also really missed supporting their local community groups by picking up a snag as part of their Bunnings visit, and our store teams can't wait to help restart this weekend tradition from 5 December in Melbourne.

Ahead of the milestone Bunnings has released some new insights that illustrate the extent of Australia's love of fundraising sausage sizzles.

- This weekend over 400 community groups will run sausage sizzles at Bunnings stores nationwide
- Bunnings expects more than 200,000 sausages will be served up
- Collectively groups are expected to raise over \$350,000 with organisations like as Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Lions Clubs and local sporting clubs using the funds to benefit their local communities

Bunnings has put a range of safety measures to keep everyone safe including a new sausage sizzle layout that promotes physical distancing, increased cleaning requirements and hygiene processes.

Bunnings suspended community sausage sizzles in March due to COVID-19.

### 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
- In Victoria, 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](mailto:media@bunnings.com.au) to arrange a time.

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