Bunnings announces return of community sausages sizzles across the country

Bunnings is inviting community groups back to store to use their sausage sizzles for fundraising purposes. The popular weekend treat is back on the menu, as part of a carefully organised plan to resume the community fundraising favourite.

Ben Camire, Director of Bunnings New Zealand, said: "We know community groups and our customers are pleased to see our community sausage sizzles back up and running at their local Bunnings.

"Our team and the community groups are working hard to prioritise customer safety with physically distanced layouts and additional hygiene measures. While a number of extra precautions are being taken, what hasn't changed is the great support the sausage sizzles provide to community groups and the unmistakable taste of a BBQ sausage to top off your weekend trip to Bunnings," Ben said.

Bunnings suspended community sausage sizzles in August 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 by their local store.

Bunnings continues to follow public health advice from the government to ensure the safety of team members, customers and the community.

Changes made to enhance customer and community safety:

- Separate ordering and pick-up points to allow for 1 metre physical distancing
- Increased cleaning processes and hygiene requirements
- Increased signage to guide customers
- Community groups serving food are required to wear gloves and a face mask or face covering during sausage sizzle shifts

About the community sausage sizzles:

The first community sausage sizzle in New Zealand was run in 2002 when Bunnings opened its first store in New Zealand.

Typically, an average of 3,000 sausage sizzles are run by local community groups each year.

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Please note: To request a photo opportunity, please contact Alice Eade on <u>aeade@bunnings.co.nz</u> or 021515206 to arrange a time.





IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Team and customer safety in store

- Bunnings continues to adapt the way it operates to keep its team and customers safe while ensuring customers get access to the products they need
- For current details about changes at their local Bunnings store, customers can visit: <u>A Message To</u> <u>Our Customers (English) - Bunnings New Zealand</u>
- Customers can shop a wide range of products online and use our Click & Collect and Drive & Collect services



