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Bunnings supports Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand with national sausage sizzle



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Bunnings BBQs across New Zealand will be firing up for a national sausage sizzle to fundraise for Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand (MND NZ) this June.

Team members will be helping to raise vital funds for those impacted by MND in support of the charity's annual appeal. Limited edition MND NZ beanies will also be available to purchase in Bunnings stores and online for \$25 from 20 June, while stock lasts. All funds raised from the beanies and the sausage sizzle on Saturday 28 June between 9am – 3pm will be donated to MND NZ.

Mark Leggett, Chief Executive of MND NZ, said the charity is grateful for the support from Bunnings' team and customers.

"Motor neurone disease doesn't discriminate. It is a progressive and ultimately terminal disease. It gradually strips away a person's ability to walk, talk, eat — and eventually, to breathe. At present, there is no truly effective treatment and no known cure, so the support we receive through the partnership with Bunnings aids further research and support for those affected.

"In Aotearoa, we use the entire month of June for MND Action Month — a time to raise visibility, spark conversations, and bring motor neurone disease into the national conscience. We aim to be on the minds



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of decision makers, and in the hearts of everyday New Zealanders – achieved through partnerships like our one with Bunnings,” said Leggett.

Melissa Haines, Bunnings New Zealand General Manager, said, “Supporting local causes in our community is hugely important to our team. The contribution we can make through our national sausage sizzle allows us to roll up our sleeves and help support the fantastic work of MND NZ.”

“Our team are excited to get behind the campaign, supporting a cause which affects not only our team members, their families, and friends, but also our customers and communities. We appreciate the opportunity to help MND NZ and the important work they do in advancing MND research, education, and advocacy,” said Haines.

All Bunnings stores across New Zealand will be fundraising for MND NZ on Saturday 28 June between 9am and 3pm. Sausages are \$2.50 and drinks are \$2 with 100 per cent of funds raised going directly to MND NZ. In addition to buying a sausage or drink, customers will have the option to donate via mobile payment on the day or purchase a beanie in store. For more information on MND NZ Action Month and to donate visit: [HERE](#).

Over 12 months (April 23 – June 24), we have facilitated over 6,300 community activities. From these initiatives, we have helped raise and contribute more than \$2.9 million, \$1.7 million of them raised from sausage sizzles

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About Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand

Founded in 1985 by a group of volunteers with experience caring for MND patients, MND NZ is currently the only charity focused on improving quality of life, funding research and campaigning for people affected by MND in Aotearoa.

Motor Neurone Disease NZ provides community-based support services to people living with motor neurone disease, their carers and whānau, and the health professionals who work with them throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

