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Bunnings doubles community sausage sizzle fundraising to celebrate 25 years in New Zealand



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Bunnings New Zealand is marking its 25th birthday by doubling funds raised by community groups hosting sausage sizzles at its stores nationwide on Saturday 29 August.

For every dollar raised via sausage sizzles on the day, Bunnings will contribute an additional dollar, helping generate even greater support for the important work community groups do. Customers are encouraged to visit their local store, enjoy a sausage sizzle and join in the celebrations.

Since entering New Zealand in 2001, Bunnings has supported thousands of community groups through fundraising opportunities, partnerships and in-kind support. Over the past five years, Bunnings New Zealand has contributed to and helped raise more than \$13.6 million through more than 29,400 community activities nationwide.

Long-standing community partners say Bunnings' practical support has helped strengthen local initiatives throughout New Zealand. Joel Williams, Regional Food Security Champion, The Salvation Army, said: "Our partnership with Bunnings has supported foodbanks, community gardens and local initiatives helping individuals and whānau facing hardship. We value their practical, grassroots support and look forward to continuing our work together."

Melissa Haines, General Manager Bunnings New Zealand, said the anniversary was an opportunity to reflect on the people and partnerships that have shaped the business over the past quarter-century.

"For 25 years, our team has helped Kiwis create homes they're proud of while supporting the communities we live and operate in. This milestone belongs to our team members, customers, suppliers and community partners, and we're proud to celebrate it by helping local groups raise even more for the causes that matter to them."



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For many team members, the milestone is also a chance to reflect on their journey with the business. Among them is Judith Grootjans, Account Representative in the Trade Solutions team, who has been with Bunnings for 25 years, having joined in 2001 when it was Benchmark.

"I've spent 25 years with Bunnings because it's a business that genuinely invests in its people. The opportunities I've had, the support I've received and the people I've worked alongside have made it an incredibly rewarding journey," said Grootjans.

Customers are invited to visit their local Bunnings store on Saturday 29 August, enjoy a community sausage sizzle and help participating local groups raise funds for their work.

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About Bunnings New Zealand

Bunnings is a leading retailer of home and lifestyle products for consumer and commercial customers in Australia and New Zealand. The business expanded into New Zealand in 2001 through the acquisition of the BBC Hardware and Benchmark store networks, and today operates 51 locations across the country, including Bunnings Warehouses, smaller format stores and trade centres. Bunnings is also a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry, supported by a growing e-commerce ecosystem and supply chain network. Bunnings employs more than 5,000 team members across New Zealand.

