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BUNNINGS FIRES UP NATIONWIDE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR FIGHTMND

AFL greets Peter Daicos and Gary Ablett Jr team up with Bunnings to encourage Aussies to pull on a Beanie, grab a snag and support the fight against MND

Bunnings is turning community spirit into action, rallying behind FightMND to help raise vital funds and awareness for Australians living with motor neurone disease.

This Saturday 16 May, more than 290 Bunnings Warehouses across Australia will participate in a national sausage sizzle, with proceeds supporting FightMND's mission to find effective treatments and ultimately a cure for the disease.

Many Bunnings stores will dial up the fun on Saturday with activities like ice-bucket challenges, kids DIY and giveaways activities to help raise funds and awareness for FightMND. Customers can also support the cause in-store by purchasing the iconic Big Freeze Beanie, along with exclusive Big Freeze buckets and pet toys.

As part of the Big Freeze 12, AFL legends Peter Daicos and Gary Ablett Jr are teaming up with Bunnings and going head-to-head in a special goalkicking challenge designed to raise awareness for FightMND and encourage Australians to get behind the cause. The stakes are high – with the loser set to be dunked into a 'wheelie' freezing ice bath.

Bunnings Chief Operating Officer, Ryan Baker, said the campaign continues to unite Aussies around an important cause.

"Motor neurone disease affects too many Australians and their families, and for many of us at Bunnings, it's personal," Baker said.

"Big Freeze gives our team members, customers and communities a simple but powerful way to stand together, raise money and keep working towards a cure. Whether it's buying a beanie, grabbing a sausage or taking part in a local store activity, it all adds up to real impact, and this collective action is what helps drive progress in the fight against MND."

FightMND CEO Matt Tilley said community support remains critical in the fight against the disease.

"There are certain things you love about a Melbourne winter. Hoodies being worn by everyone - not just cyber criminals on the news. That flappy piece of skin on the roof of your mouth after a scolding pie. And on a frosty morning, the quiet nod you give someone across the street, down the dog park or on your way to the gym, because they've got the same beanie as you - the iconic Big Freeze Beanie."

"I'm very proud to say for the 12th time now...it's our best Beanie EVER! And we're super proud to be lining up again with our besties at Bunnings. You can find just about anything inside a Bunnings aisle, but at this time of year the number one product they're shifting is 'hope'. One Beanie, one bucket, one sausage at a time - you can't put a price on that," said Tilley.

A major partner of FightMND since 2019, Bunnings has helped raise more than \$10.3 million for critical research and support services, with team members and customers nationwide getting behind the annual Big Freeze campaign.

Australians are encouraged to visit their local Bunnings store on Saturday 16 May to support the FightMND National Sausage Sizzle and purchase official Big Freeze merchandise in-store.

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Media opportunity:

- **Date:** Thursday 14 May
- **Time:** 11:00am
- **Location:** Bunnings Port Melbourne, 501 Williamstown Rd, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
- **What:** Peter Daicos and Gary Ablett Jr go head-to-head in a goal kicking challenge designed to raise awareness for FightMND. The loser will be dunked in an ice bucket
- **Interviews:** Pete Daicos, Gary Ablett Jr, Jan Daniher and Bunnings CFO Michael Howard

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About Bunnings

Bunnings is the leading retailer of home and lifestyle products for consumer and commercial customers in Australia and New Zealand. We are a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry. Our store network is made up of 285 large warehouse stores, 68 smaller format stores, 29 trade centres and 7 frame & truss sites. In April 2020, Bunnings acquired South Australian retailer Adelaide Tools (now Tool Kit Depot), which now has 17 stores, and acquired Beaumont Tiles in November 2021 which has 112 stores.

About FightMND

FightMND was established in 2014 by Neale Daniher AO, Pat Cunningham and the late Dr Ian Davis OAM, with a vision of a world free from motor neurone disease (MND). As a founder-led organisation, FightMND raises awareness and funds vital research to improve quality of life, develop effective treatments and ultimately find a cure for Australians living with MND.

Through the generosity of supporters, partners and donors, FightMND has helped transform Australia into a leading hub for MND research; funding clinical trials, supporting drug development and accelerating the search for effective treatments. Through strategic investment in research, FightMND is helping bring the world closer to effective treatments and ultimately a cure for MND.

