# *Bunnings x Messina sweet-talk Gen Z off screens and onto the tools with a cool twist on the iconic sausage sizzle*

*Try D.I.Y. landed at Bunnings Gladesville on Thursday 5 November: a night of hands-on workshops for first-timers, with a free sausage sizzle and a one-night-only Messina gelato inspired by the iconic snag.*

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**SYDNEY, Australia, 29 October 2026:** More than a third of Gen Z (37 per cent) don't know how to change a tyre, almost double the rate of Baby Boomers.[1] Plenty have watched a how-to video, but far fewer have picked up the drill. That's why Bunnings is inviting first-timers to put down their phones and have a go at Try D.I.Y., a relaxed, hands-on night at Bunnings Gladesville with painting, planting, a drill lesson with Ryobi and a build-your-own windowsill planter box workshop.

For many young Australians, practical skills like using a drill, caulking a gap, patching a wall or keeping a plant alive were never passed down. Life got busy, they're renting, or they've learned most things online. Without someone there to show them how, small jobs feel daunting, so they get put off or handed to someone else.

To sweeten the deal, guests can grab a free snag and then go back for seconds with a Bunnings x Messina gelato made in homage to it - The Sweet Sizzle - available for one night only: burnt butter brioche gelato, passionfruit "mustard" and strawberry "tomato sauce", with chunks of fried white bread folded through. Once it's gone though, it's gone.

There's also a live DJ set, a photobooth and giveaways throughout the night. Guests who complete the D.I.Y. stations can also receive their own “licence to D.I.Y.”

No experience needed: just come ready to have a go.

**Michelle Walter, Bunnings Head of Community, Partnerships and Events said:**
*“We know getting started with D.I.Y. can feel daunting. We want to give young adults a chance to have a go, ask questions and build the confidence to tackle little jobs around their home.*

*“Try D.I.Y. is about making that first step easy and fun. Bring a mate, pick up some practical skills and enjoy a snag and a scoop of our exclusive Bunnings x Messina ‘Sweet Sizzle’ gelato flavour.”*

[1] Finder Consumer Sentiment Tracker, nationally representative survey of 1,014 Australians, July 2025. finder.com.au

**Event details**

- When: Thursday 5 November 2026, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- Where: Bunnings Gladesville, 461 Victoria Road, Gladesville NSW 2111
- Who: young adults who have moved out of home, whether renting or owning
- Registration: bunnings.eventsair.com/2026-try-diy.

**Highlights and capture opportunities**

Bunnings has brought together some of its partner brands to help guests get hands-on and build their own confidence around the home. Partner activities include:

- **Ryobi:** Learn to use a drill by building a mini windowsill planter box.
- **Selleys Challenge:** Race the pros to caulk a gap and patch a hole.
- **Dulux:** Pick up painting tips and tricks, plus meet the famous Dulux dog.
- **Yates:** Plant a seed and learn simple tips to keep plants alive and thriving.
- **Textured wall art:** Create something for your walls.
- **Bunnings branded merchandise:** View the latest range.
- **Cute Bunnings finds:** Discover ideas for styling your space.
- **Bunnings Trend & Design team:** Find your design style.
- **Gladesville Fire & Rescue:** Suit up and learn about staying safe.
- **Golden Gate Plants:** Explore indoor plants with the team.
- **Messina:** Try an exclusive Bunnings x Messina gelato flavour, alongside a free snag.
- **Licence to D.I.Y.:** Complete the D.I.Y. stations to receive your own.
- **Plus:** A live DJ set, a photobooth and giveaways throughout the night.

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