



## Sausage Sizzle



Who doesn't love a good sausage sizzle? There's a good reason they're such a fundraising classic. You could run it after church, at a Bunnings, or even as part of another event. It's simple; you only need to cook the sausages and onions on a BBQ and sell them with whatever drinks you want to be on offer. Doing a sausage sizzle is a great way to let people in your community know what you're doing and to raise support.

### Planning your Sausage Sizzle

#### Before the day:

##### Brainstorm and Decision Making:

- Brainstorm what you would like your sausage sizzle to look like (consider date, time, location/venue, food/drinks, equipment/resources, and costs)
- Decide on a budget, taking into consideration:
  - The number of people you're hoping to cater for
  - The cost of food and beverages (and how much you will need)
  - The cost of the venue (if you choose to use a paid venue)
- Choose your date and venue (consider the number of guests you plan to have – will this venue be large enough? Does it have restrooms? Do you need to make a booking?)

##### Promotion:

- Create or use the existing posters and fill out the relevant information:
  - Date
  - Time
  - Venue
  - Contact details (tell them to contact you for allergies/food requirements)
  - RSVP date (so that you can get an estimate of the number of people that are coming)
- Promote the fundraiser – using the posters you created.

##### Food and Beverages:

- Decide on and purchase the food and drinks you will need for your event (consider when the appropriate time will be for when you purchase your food and drinks. How many days prior to your sausage sizzle fundraiser will you purchase the food and drinks? How will you store them?)

- Most sausage sizzles will include the following foods and beverages, although you're welcome to include your own. Make sure you purchase/order them before the day of the event:
  - Sausages, onions, bread, sauce and oil
  - Soft drinks and water

## **Resources and Equipment:**

- You will need to gather:
  - BBQ, gas and gazebo (renting a gazebo could be an option or borrowing)
  - Serviettes, wipes, rubber gloves
  - BBQ tools and disinfectant spray
    - Tongs
    - Spatula
  - Tables (hire/loan, for serving)
  - Rubbish bags
  - Eskies (if you require cool storage)
  - Cash box and float
  - Signs and menus stating what is available for purchase and where everything is
  - Ice
- Organise volunteers to help with:
  - Cooking the food
  - Collecting money and giving the guests their drinks
  - Serving the bread, sausages, onions, sauce etc
  - Pack up and clean up
- Based on the RSVPs:
  - Finalise food you want to sell and how much of it you're going to need
  - Finalise drinks you want available for purchase and how many you're going to need
- As a recommendation, a day or two in advance you should make/buy:
  - Sausages, onion, bread
  - Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water, juice etc
  - Ice (ensure you have an on-going supply)

## **On the day:**

- Set everything up for the fundraiser
  - Ensure food and beverages are ready to sell or serve on time.
  - Set up the BBQ (What might this look like? Do you have a serving table, gas connected to the BBQ, everything set out in an organised manner? - e.g. Pay area and collect drinks. Then collecting bread, onions, sausage and sauce)
- Brief volunteers on their roles
  - Organise volunteers to be where they need to be
- Monitor the event
- Ensure that the venue is properly packed up

Timeline for Sausage Sizzle							
<b>Week 1</b>	Planning/ Decision Making	Calling/ preparing venues				Prepare posters to be sent out	Send out posters + social media posts
<b>Week 2</b>	Organise Volunteers (from now)	Organise seating if required					
<b>Week 3</b>						Purchase/ acquire the required tools	
<b>Week 4</b>				Finalise what food and drinks are required	Buy Food + Drinks + (and store them)	Make sure the food is ready (e.g. onions cut)	Sausage Sizzle Day!!!

*(This is a recommendation)(At least 3 weeks prior to the BBQ commencing you should let people know about the event and promote it)*

## Venue

If you do the BBQ at your church or your home you will not have to pay a fee but you may consider offering a donation if you're doing it at your church. If you do it at the park you won't have to pay a fee but you may need approval from your local council so make sure you check before making any further plans. If you do the sausage sizzle at Bunnings you don't have to pay a fee but you do have to book in advance. For some Bunnings, it can be harder to book times in, so make sure you call up and see when their next available date is before making any further plans.

## Prerequisites

The only thing you will need to know to complete this fundraiser is how to cook a BBQ. If you do not know how to cook a BBQ, consider asking an adult or your parents who have had experience with using a BBQ. Alternatively, you could check out Youtube videos on the basics of using a BBQ.

It could also be valuable to practice on a smaller scale by cooking something on the BBQ for your family.

