

How to: Host a Bunnings sausage sizzle

What's a trip to Bunnings without grabbing a sausage on the way in or out?! A Bunnings sausage sizzle is a great way to connect with your community and support your Smiddy fundraising efforts. Depending on how busy your local Bunnings is, you could expect to raise upwards of \$1,000! Follow the steps below to ensure a successful day of fundraising.

Apply for a Bunnings sausage sizzle

Take a look at Google Maps to find your closest Bunnings store, then head to the Bunnings website to complete an [online enquiry form](#). The store's Activities Organiser will then be in touch to organise next steps, which includes setting a date.

Request an ATF and insurance

Please contact smiddy@mater.org.au to request an Authority to Fundraise (ATF) and Insurance Certificate. You'll need to let the Activities Organiser know that you have these.

Round up your volunteers

You will need 5+ volunteers, so grab a few mates who are happy to help! Allocate specific roles to your volunteers, like customer service or cooking. Your day is likely to run from 7:00am to 4:30pm (which may vary depending on your local store).

Make a list of what to bring

The Activities Organiser will help by providing a list of recommended quantities of the items you'll need to bring, based on the day and expected volume of trade. You'll need to bring:

- Sausages
- Bread or rolls
- Onions (pre-sliced!)
- Sauces
- Soft drinks
- Serviettes
- Tongs
- Knives
- Eskies
- Butter
- Oil
- Cleaning cloths
- BBQ scraper
- Disposable gloves
- Ice
- Trays/foil
- Hand sanitiser
- Cash float and EFTPOS machine (or other contactless payment device)

They will also confirm what will already be on hand and ready for you at your Bunnings store, which will include the barbeque!

Where to get your items

Chat to your network about sourcing discounted or free items, or reach out to your local shops to donate items for your sausage sizzle.

Fundraising on the day

On top of your food and drink sales, you might like to have a QR code to your fundraising page or a jar for loose change, giving your fundraising an extra boost!

How to:

Host a trivia night

Hosting a trivia night is a great way to get together a large group of people for some fun and fundraising! A little bit of planning goes a long way to make sure your guests have a great time, and your fundraising gets a big boost.

Set a fundraising goal

Think about how much you'd like to raise from your trivia night, and how you might achieve this. Perhaps it's through ticket sales, donations collected on the day or a raffle. You might also like to set up a lucky numbers board on the night!

Choose a location and date

You might like to host your trivia night at home, or reach out to local venues who might be willing to host your group. A local pub or cafe could be a great option! If you're looking at a venue, give them an idea of the number of guests you're expecting, the date and the time, and ask a few questions:

- Is there a fee to host your group? You could ask if they would waive the fee as it is a fundraising event.
- Will they have food and drinks available for purchase?
- What equipment do they have available, like a microphone or screen?

Invite your guests and promote your event

Let your friends, family and colleagues know that you are hosting a trivia night to raise funds to support cancer research at Mater. Share the date, time and location, and let them know if they need to purchase a ticket to attend. Social media is a great way to spread the word!

Prepare your questions and organise prizes

Create a mix of easy, medium and hard questions that cover a range of topics. Make sure you have a copy of the answers handy for on the night to avoid any disputes! Three rounds of ten questions is usually a good amount. Prepare paper and pens for your groups to write down the answers to the questions.

You might like to organise a prize for the winning team, like a gift card or themed item. Reach out to your network to see if you can have any prizes donated.

Host your event!

Once the logistics are organised, it's time to host your event. You'll be managing the event, including asking the questions and keeping track of the scores, engaging with your guests and collecting donations. At the end of the night, you might like to announce how much you've raised - don't forget to say THANK YOU to everyone who has supported your event.

Donate all funds raised at your trivia night to your Smiddy fundraising page.

How to:

Put on the ultimate barbeque brekky

It's hard to turn down a bacon and egg roll, so turn this brekky staple into a fundraising tool! Host a barbeque brekky for your colleagues and use the opportunity to give your fundraising efforts a boost!

Plan the date and location

Pick a date for your breakfast, and choose your location. You might like to do it at your workplace, or at a nearby park.

Make a list of supplies

If your workplace has barbeque facilities available, get them booked in! Otherwise, you'll need to bring along your own.

As a starting point, we suggest you prepare the following:

- Bacon
- Eggs
- Bread or bread rolls
- Butter
- Sauces
- Esky
- Oil
- Barbeque tools
- Serviettes
- Cleaning supplies
- BBQ scraper
- Disposable gloves
- Trays/foil
- Hand sanitiser

Local business or supermarkets may be able to support your event by providing discounted or free supplies. So reach out and ask!

Round up your volunteers

You will need 5+ volunteers, so grab a few mates who are happy to help! Allocate specific roles to your volunteers, like customer service or cooking.

Let your colleagues know

Send out an email or calendar invitation to let your colleagues know about your barbeque fundraiser. Include all the important details, like where and when, what food you'll have on offer, and how they can support your fundraiser

Fire up the barbeque

It's time to get cooking!

Have you heard of matched giving?

Ask your manager or HR department if your workplace can offer matched giving. This is when your workplace matches the amount of money you raise, doubling your total. Your workplace might match the funds you raise from your barbeque brekky.

Download a template online to approach your workplace—don't forget to fill out the parts in red!

How to:

Set up a community car wash

A car wash is a surefire way to bring the your community together to support your Smiddy fundraising efforts!

Pick a date, time and location

Consider when it's most likely your community will come out to support you - like a weekend or during the school holidays. Choose a location that is highly visible and easily accessible, like a school car park, and chat to the relevant people to organise access on the day.

Time to prepare

Make sure you have a few extra sets of hands to help you with your car washing - up to five, depending on how busy you expect your car wash to be!

Gather the essentials you'll need for your car wash, like:

- Hoses or buckets
- Soap
- Sponges
- Chamois

If you're planning to offer extra services like vacuuming or window cleaning, make sure you have those supplies on hand too!

Have some signage ready to let people know what services you are offering, how much you're charging and that all funds raised are supporting life-saving cancer research at Mater.

Promote your car wash

Post on social media, tapping into your local community group to let them know about your car wash fundraiser. You might also like to drop flyers in letterboxes, or reach out to your local schools to include an announcement in their newsletter.

On the day

Set up in advance of when you're expecting the community to show up, so you're ready to wash your first car when they arrive! Keep track of how many cars you wash and the funds you've raised for your Smiddy fundraising page.

Say thank you

Be sure to show your appreciation for your volunteers and supporters! Share the results on social media, letting the community know how much they've helped raise and the impact of their generosity.

How to:

Sell items you no longer use

Heard the saying “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure”? It’s likely you have a few items at home that you no longer use (or want) that are perfect to pass on. So use the opportunity to raise a bit of extra cash in support of cancer research at Mater.

Start with a tidy up

Take a look in your drawers and cupboards for those items you might have forgotten about.

Keep an eye out for things like:

- Electronics like gaming consoles or phones
- Sports equipment
- Clothing
- Furniture

Keep, sell or donate

You might decide that you want to hold on to a few items, and that’s ok. Perhaps they hold sentimental value, or you will use them again in future.

For items you are looking to sell, make sure they are in good working condition, and give them a clean in preparation for selling.

For the items that aren’t in the best condition, you might like to consider donating them.

Make a plan for selling your items

If you’re holding a garage sale, post in your local community group on Facebook to advertise when you’re holding it and post pictures of the items you will have available.

If you’re planning to sell them online, you can use Facebook Marketplace. More information on that below...

Set your listing up for success

You need a few key elements to make your listing shine:

- Photos of the item - take 3-4 images from different angles, showing the features of what you’re selling
- Description of the item - including any measurements and important details that your potential buyers need to know
- The price - take a look at similar items listed on Facebook Marketplace to give you an idea of how much you should list the item for
- Your location - where you’d like the buyer to pick up the item from, or let them know if you will offer delivery
- Your preferred payment method - let your buyer know in advance how you’d like to be paid. Cash is often the easiest way!

Once you’ve sold your items, bank your funds and donate the proceeds to your Smiddy fundraising page.

How to: Hold a raffle

Raffles are a fun way to help boost your Smiddy fundraising efforts, plus your supporters could be rewarded with great prizes!

Start gathering your raffle prizes

Reach out to your network to ask for prizes you can raffle off. You might be able to access discounted or free items from friends and family, or local businesses looking to support your efforts.

Set out the finer details

Once your prizes are secured, plan how you will sell tickets (physical or using an online platform), the price of tickets, and when you'll be drawing the winners.

Promote your raffle and sell tickets

Make a post on social media, send an email to your colleagues or start a group text to let people know about your raffle. Talk up the incredible prizes you have on offer, and let them know how much it costs to buy a ticket. You might like to offer a discounted rate to those who buy multiple tickets at once, for example one ticket for \$10, or three tickets for \$25.

Make sure to collect the purchasers name and contact details, in case you need to get in touch with them if they win! Remind them of the date of the draw, and how you'll be in touch with them.

Draw the winners

Now for the exciting part - drawing the lucky winners! You might like to do this manually, drawing the winning ticket out of a hat, or use an online tool like a random number generator.

Once chosen, let the winners know what they have won, and how they can collect their prize!

Share the results

Let your supporters know who the lucky winners of the raffle are, and how much you have raised to support cancer research at Mater. Thank everyone who purchased a ticket for their generous support!

Donate the proceeds to your Smiddy fundraising page

The easiest way to ensure the donations count towards your fundraising tally is to bank all donations, and make a donation using your preferred payment method to your page.

How to:

Host a board games night

Gather your friends and family, and encourage some friendly competition as you raise funds for Smiddy!

Set a fundraising goal

Think about how much you'd like to raise at a board game night, and how you plan to achieve this. You might ask for a donation to attend, or have QR codes available to scan on the night for your guests to make a donation.

Lock in a date, time and location

You might like to host your board games night at home, or look for a local venue to host your group. Set a date and time, allowing enough time for you and your guests to enjoy a game or two!

Invite your guests

Send out invitations to your friends and family to attend your board games night, letting them know how they can support your fundraising efforts when they attend. You might also like to ask them to bring a plate to share with the group.

Select your games

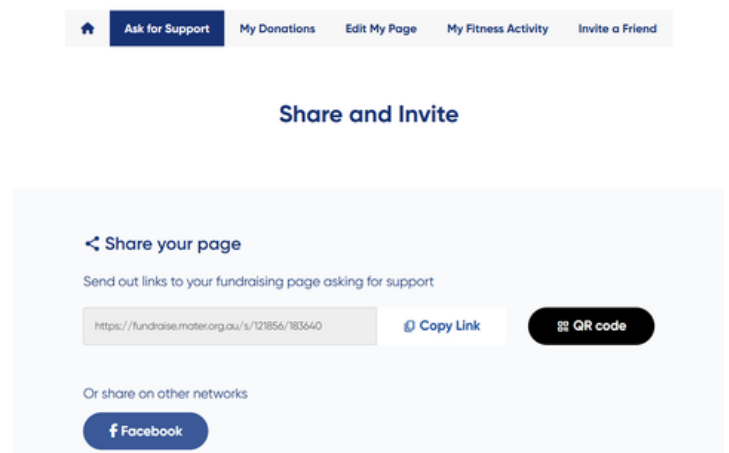
Have a few options ready that will be suitable for all guests to play together or in smaller groups.

Get ready to host

Arrange snacks and drinks for your guests (if they aren't bringing a plate), and set up tables and chairs where your guests can play the games. You might like to think about offering prizes to the winners of the games, like a box of chocolates!

Game day!

Welcome guests as they arrive, and facilitate the games by taking the lead on instructions and keeping track of time. Remind your guests that you are hosting this event as a fundraiser, so encourage them to show their support by donating to your Smiddy fundraising page. You can generate a QR code for your fundraising page via your dashboard - log in, and click Ask for Support, then the black QR Code button:



Say thank you

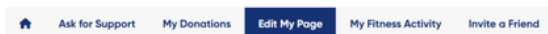
Let your friends and family know how much you appreciated their support, and your total fundraising result from your board game night.

How to: Fundraise on social media

Using social media is one of the easiest ways you can reach your network of friends, family and colleagues and ask them to support your Smiddy fundraising efforts. Here are a few tips to help you boost your fundraising on social media.

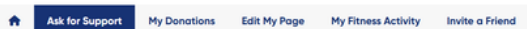
Set up your Smiddy fundraising page

Log in to your Smiddy account, and head to Edit My Page to personalise your fundraising page with information about why you're taking on Noosa Tri to support cancer research at Mater.



Update Your Noosa Triathlon 2026 - Individual Registration Fundraising Page

Once you're happy with your page, click on Ask for Support, then scroll down to copy your fundraising page URL by clicking on Copy Link.



Share and Invite



Sign into your social media account

If you aren't already signed in on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn or your platform of choice, you'll need to do so to make a post.

Draft your post

To make a post, you'll need to start by drafting a message in the text box. You might like to include information like:

- What is Mater Uncancer Smiddy
- Why you're fundraising with Smiddy
- The importance of fundraising
- What your fundraising goal is
- A request for your friends or followers to like or share your post (so more people see it!)

Don't forget to add in your fundraising page URL so people can easily make a donation!

Hit 'post'

When you're happy with your post, click 'post'!

TOP TIPS

- Give your supporters an idea of how much to donate. You might like to set the bar by making a self donation to your fundraising page before you post.
- Tag Mater Uncancer Smiddy so your network can learn more about the event @materuncancersmiddy
- If you're using Facebook, please don't click Facebook's 'Add a Donate Button'. This means your donation will be processed through Facebook, and it won't contribute to your fundraising total.
- Don't forget to say 'thank you' to everyone who donates to you!