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Australian voters are reminded that today, Saturday 2 July, is election day, and that every Australian is constitutionally entitled to a democracy sausage, bacon and egg burger, homemade cake, or jar of preserves.

This year, <u>democracysausage.org</u> and <u>electionsausagesizzle.com.au</u> have teamed up to share a database, bringing voters the most current sausage sizzle data, hot off the grill. Together, they have formed the Council of Australian Sausage – a cross-jurisdictional working group to ensure that hungry voters are informed.

"Many people are keen on the idea of a democracy sausage; it's just one of those traditions on election day," says Democracy Sausage co-creator, Annette Tyler. "People are often disappointed if they go to a polling booth and miss their sausage."

The website already has sausage information for over 20 per cent of booths as at the opening of polls in the Eastern States. Voters are encouraged to submit more information about their local booth on Democracy Sausage's Facebook page, or via Twitter.

The Democracy Sausage team encourages Australians to vote thoughtfully, and to take a moment to check out the delicious options at their local booth, as sausage sizzles and bake sales are a great opportunity for schools and community organisations to raise much needed funds.

And remember, even if you've voted early, you're still allowed to drop in to a booth to celebrate our great democracy with a sausage on bread, and a shake of the sauce bottle.