



# BEN ARNOT

## SMOKING HOT CONFESSIONS

### SUMMARY

Internationally Awarded Podcast Host, Author, Event Host / MC, BBQ Personality, Brand Ambassador, and BBQ Competitor.



### KNOWN FOR

The Smoking Hot Confessions Podcast, Website and Competitive Team and Author of '27 Lessons Learned from Competition BBQ'.

### BACKGROUND

Ben is a true-blue BBQ addict with his love affair with the smokey art stretching all the way back to his childhood. The obsession with meat and fire never wavered, with Ben founding Smoking Hot Confessions in 2015. The goal was to become Australia's premier educational BBQ website with recipes, articles, reviews and how to's.

It wasn't long before this was achieved and Ben started the Smoking Hot Confessions Podcast: Australia's first BBQ podcast. Thirty-five hour length episodes have been released to date for a total of twenty five thousand downloads, reaching audiences not only in Australia but also the US, the UK, Europe and Asia. His efforts were recognised internationally in 2018 at the National BBQ & Grilling Associations Excellence Awards in Fort Worth, Texas, where the SHC Podcast was awarded second place in the Digital Media: Audio Series category.

Ben joined the competition circuit in 2014 at the National Pitmaster Titles taking out first place in the Beef category. Ben's love of competitive BBQ continued over the following years, competing as Smoking Hot Confessions In 2017 Ben competed with Smoking Hot Smartfires at the Houston Worlds BBQ Championships in Texas in February 2018, finishing in the Top 100 in the world and Ben was able to record series three of his podcast 'US Road Trip'.

In 2017, Ben moved from competing at events to also hosting and presenting them. He is a fantastic public speaker and is comfortable in all facets of event facilitation. He provides audiences with authentic insights into the world of BBQ and adds value to every event that he's a part of.

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### AS SEEN AT

- Cue for a Cause 2018
- Brisbane BBQ Festival 2018
- BBQ & Beer Roadshow 2018
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- The Rib-Off 2017

### SERVICES PERFORMED TO DATE

- Event MC / Host
- Awards Presentation
- Promotional Video Presenter
- Q&A Host / Panelist
- Competition Announcer
- Live, on camera interviews
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Photography / Video
- Podcast episode recording

### TESTIMONIALS

**(Event Host / MC):** "Working with Ben Arnot was an absolute pleasure, his friendly demeanor and knowledge of the culinary arts made him a perfect fit for the host and MC of Brisbane BBQ Festival 2017. Ben featured in promotional videos leading up to the event, presented food demonstrations, gave announcements on the main stage and interviewed participants. He was extremely flexible throughout the entire process and always willing to lend a hand when necessary. I have no hesitation in recommending Ben for any public speaking role."

- **Dominique Bird, Brisbane BBQ Festival**

**(The SHC Podcast):** "I was looking for a barbecue related podcast and came across Smoking Hot Confessions. I smashed through the back catalogue and now look forward to the new episodes. Great conversations with barbecue people and always give me ideas for new things to try."

- **Anthony, Melbourne**

**(The ebook):** "Ben, I have read your book and I liked it very much. It is easy to read and photos are great. Stories come from experience and you have a very hands on approach. I might not start my own comp BBQ team, but your book made following competitions way more interesting now! Thank you."

- **Johannes, Finland**

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