



Boona, Mumbannar **Providing the balance between profit and production**

- Boona is ranked in the top 5% of volume suppliers to Rangers Valley Feedlot
- It is a CAAB 2007 award winner
- See steers prepared for feedlot entry
- See a strategic pasture management program with Elders Agronomist, Garry Allison
- Hear how genetics are impacting the Australian beef industry from Dr Robert Banks, of Meat & Livestock Australia

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“The” Field Day

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**If you were planning to make
only one field day this year
– this is it.**

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Steve and Sue Brain, with Team Te Mania, will host an on-farm field day at Boona, 36km east of Mount Gambier.

The Brains have used Team Te Mania's elite sires across the Boona herd of 1100 cows since 1996, selecting bulls for high marbling, growth, yield, structure, longevity and fertility.

The result is an annual turn off of 500-600 consistent, quality cattle which are above average for both growth and marbling.

The breeding program at Boona is geared to high value feeder steers for the long fed Japanese B3 market, in an efficient, economic and sustainable way using a simple, and repeatable, system.

The high quality of Boona cattle attracts repeat purchases of both females and steers and premium prices on steer contracts, going mainly to Rangers Valley and CAAB.

Breed Object and genetic lineage are just some of the tools used at Boona to help select the elite Te Mania Angus sires which produce the lines of high value, consistently performing steers and females.

Membership of Team Te Mania has provided access to consistent genetics, the support of a bull back up service and access to information.

Boona receives 700mm of reliable rainfall and irrigates 160ha of high performing pasture. This enables maximum growth in young cattle, boosting joining weights for heifers resulting in improved conception rates and enabling feeder steers to easily achieve contract specifications.

At the field day you will see steers being prepared for feedlot entry and discuss herd management.

There will also be the opportunity to see updated cattleyard systems and hear how the Team Te Mania program works.

Elders Mt Gambier agronomist Gary Allison will join Steve to discuss and demonstrate pasture management strategies including soil fertility, nutritional inputs, species selection and weed and insect control.

The property tour will include seeing the centre pivot system in operation, the cow herd and different stages of pasture.

A barbecue lunch will also be provided, where you will have the opportunity to meet other Team Te Mania members.

This significant industry event is open to all interested producers. Feel free to turn up on the day but to assist us with catering it would be appreciated if you would contact Amanda at amanda@temania.com.au or phone 03 5264 1606 by Nov 24th.

Program

10am	Arrive at the yards
10.30am	Welcome by Te Mania Angus co-principal Tom Gubbins.
	Steve Brain will provide an overview of his beef operation, including weaning; kilograms of beef produced; stocking rates, talk about heifers in the yards; his CAAB award and benefits of Team Te Mania membership.
11.30am	Drive to view steers. This includes comments on the steers (nearly ready to leave for feedlot) from Te Mania Angus founder Andrew Gubbins and livestock consultant Chris Callow.
12.15pm	Drive to centre pivots. Gary Allison, Elders Mt Gambier agronomist, and Steve Brain will offer a pasture overview covering establishment techniques; pasture renovation (which tends to follow a potato phase); rotations; soil fertility; nutritional inputs; species selection and weed and insect control.
1pm	Barbecue lunch
2pm	Hear how genetics are impacting the Australian beef industry, and what's in it for commercial beef producers, from Dr Robert Banks, MLA
2.30pm	Why Team Te Mania? Team co-ordinator and Te Mania Angus co-principal Hamish McFarlane.

Directions

Boona is 36km east of Mount Gambier. On Princes Highway, at the 431km post between Heywood and Mt Gambier, turn south into Fahleys Settlement Road. Boona is 4km on the right.

Further details

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