

## **Yvette van Berkel**

I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Willunga Markets for the last 4 years. I have lived in the region for over 14 years, and have been coming to the Farmers Market every week come rain, hail or shine for even longer than that. Farm to plate, buy local and seasonal is intrinsic to how I live (and eat!) and I feel so very lucky to live in a region where we have direct access to our diverse, fabulous local producers through the Willunga Farmers Market. I have an extensive background in public service in the arts, major projects and now local government, and have appreciated the market stallholders and members giving me an opportunity through trusting me with a board position to utilise my diverse skills to give back and add value to the market and my community. Through the crazy time that is Covid19, I also packed boxes every Saturday when the market quickly introduced an online shopping option. This quick action by the hardworking market staff helped our stallholders with another avenue of sales and protected vulnerable members of our community during the first lockdown to access market produce with minimal risk to their health. I am very proud of how the market staff, board, stallholders and community came together to support each other, as they continue to do through these difficult times. I humbly hope that I am afforded a further opportunity to continue to serve this wonderful organisation which has been such an important part of my life for so long, the amazing stallholders and my community for another 2 years.