

"If it doesn't make you happy, don't do it..."

In late 2013, after encouragement from her children, Renae applied to become a contestant on Masterchef Australia. Her successful audition eventually saw her place 8th overall in Series 6 where she became known for her love of local ingredients, healthy cooking and vegetarian food.

Labelled the "*Mystery Box Queen*" by the other contestants, Renae's ability to create dishes full of flavour, with only minimal ingredients ensured she gained the judges attention. After avoiding elimination by impressing Michelin Star Chef, Vikas Khanna as she went 'off recipes', her dish was described as '**perfectly balanced**' and she gained a strong following in India, a place she considered as a second home.

Since leaving the program Renae has working both on and off set with internationally acclaimed chefs such as Ranveer Braar, Nishant Choubey and Kunal Kapur.

Renae has cooked at prestigious venues in India, South Africa and Singapore and has also appeared at the Good Food Show in Mumbai and Durban. Renae is regularly consulted in Australia regarding vegetarian and vegan cuisine and writes freelance food articles for many publications.