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# Winter FEASING

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There's no denying the chill in the air at this time of year, and there's no better time to spend with family than enjoying a warming, nourishing winter meal. There's nothing as good as coming home on the weekend after a long day at sporting events or spending time with friends to take the time out of the busy day to prepare wholesome meals celebrating the season's very best produce.

Winter produce is unique, and allows us to really treasure the special things, from deliciously crunchy Apples, or enjoying a juicy mandarin or orange. Kiwifruit is another favourite for a nutrient boost and reminds us of warmer days to come. Root vegetables are the hero of the season and we can't get enough of delicious soups, curries and spicy delights to really keep warm this winter.

This issue is yet another celebration of the wonderful produce from your local fruit and veg shop. Supporting local farmers and producers, your local fruit and veg shop makes the most of unique relationships to bring you the very best quality products with a smile. We hope this issue brings you daily inspiration this Winter and gives you another reason to shop at your local fruit and veg shop.

The Abetter choice Team

'A better choice!' is a joint initiative by industry group Fresh Markets Australia (FMA) and the Central Markets Association of Australia (CMAA). The program supports more than 800 independent fruit and veg shops across Australia that supply 15% of all the fresh produce sold each year in Australia. 'A better choice!' is not for profit and was made for industry by industry.

By supporting local Australian fruit and veg shops, you are making 'A better choice!', not only for your family but for the economy and the fresh produce industry. When you buy local, you are guaranteed a better choice of available products, a better choice for freshness, and the knowledge and service that comes from local business owners who are part of the supply chain from growers, to wholesalers, to retailers.



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# WINTER HERE



















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Winter has officially arrived, and the change of season brings fresh new seasonal produce for you to incorporate into your diet.

# FRUIT

Winter sees fruits such as apples, bananas, rhubarb, grapefruit, kiwifruit, lemons, limes, imperial mandarins, Navel oranges, and pears in season. These fruits are perfect toppings for your morning porridge or to add int o delicious desserts! All these winter fruits are high in Vitamin C, Vitamin K and Vitamin E to help fight those nasty winter colds and keep your body functioning at its best throughout winter.

# FAVOURITES

By eating fruit and vegetables that are in season you can be comforted knowing that you are consuming produce that tastes great, is fresh and is rich in vitamins and minerals needed to support your immune system and general health and

wellbeing throughout the chillier months.
Luckily for you there are so many delicious types of fruit and veg to choose from this winter that are perfect to add into your favourite recipes including soups, hearty mains and warming desserts!

# VEG

Vegetables such as bok choy and choy sum, beetroot, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, fennel, garlic, ginger, kale, onions, potato, pumpkin, spinach and silverbeet. Asian greens are perfect to add into a yummy stir-fry, while vegetables such as potato, pumpkins and broccoli can be easily roasted to compliment a roast lamb for Sunday lunch or added into a delicious vegetable curry! This winter sees plenty of dark green leafy vegetables in season that are packed with vitamins and minerals such as Vitamin C, Vitamin A and Vitamin K to help support the immune system, bone health, blood pressure and more!





# **Roasted Beetroot & Mandarin Salad**

### SALAD

3 beetroots, cut into wedges

1 red onion, cut into quarters

1-2 mandarins, segmented

1 bunch Broccolini™

2 cups mixed salad leaves

2 sprigs of mint, chopped

100g feta, crumbled 30g pine nuts Salt and pepper, to taste Olive oil

# **DRESSING**

4 Tbsp olive oil

4 Tbsp fresh mandarin iuice

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Place beetroot on tray and sprinkle with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper.

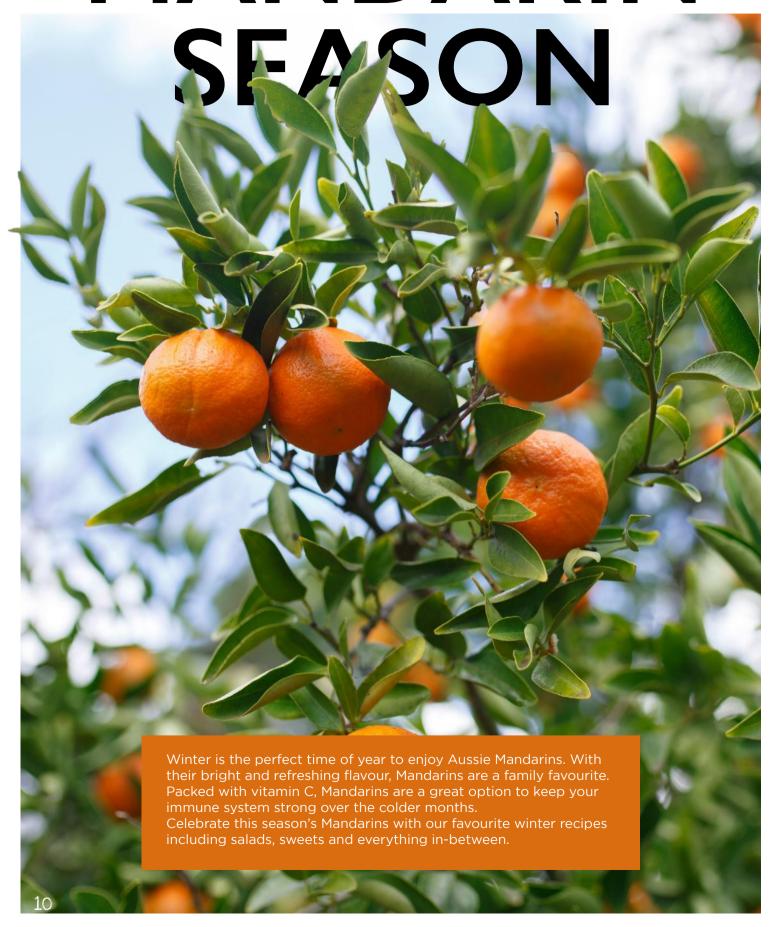
2 Bake for 30 minutes or until tender. Remove tray from oven and add red onion to tray. Cook for a further 10

**3** While the beetroot and onion are roasting, add Broccolini™ to a pan with a drizzle of olive oil over a medium to hight heat. Sauté until the Broccolini™ is bright green and some of the stems and florets are lightly charred (around five minutes). Once cooked, remove Broccolini™ from the pan and slice each stem in half.

4 Assemble your salad by adding a bed of greens, mint, mandarin segments, beetroot, red onion, Broccolini™, crumbled feta, and pine nuts.

**5** To create your dressing, whisk all dressing ingredients in a small bowl and drizzle on top of the salad. Stir and

# MANDARIN





### SALTED CHOCOLATE MANDARIN TART TIME 3 HOURS MAKES 6-8

435g sweet shortcrust pastry 2 mandarins 11/2 cups thickened cream 300g chopped dark chocolate 75g unsalted butter

2 Tbsp orange liqueur 1 cup caster sugar

Zest and juice of 1 mandarin Sea salt

1 Grease a loose-base tart tin with butter.

**2** On a floured surface, place your pastry and scatter mandarin zest all over. Gently roll with a rolling pin and press zest into pastry. Line your tart tin with the pastry and trim excess off the edges. Allow to chill in fridge for 30 minutes.

**3** Preheat oven to 180°C. Line the pastry shell with baking paper and fill with pastry weights (or beans or rice). Bake in

the oven for 15 minutes, then remove the paper and weights. Bake again for another five minutes.

**4** In a saucepan on the stove, heat your cream to just below boiling point. Pour the chocolate and one teaspoon salt into the cream. Let it sit for two minutes to allow the chocolate to melt, before stirring well to combine.

**5** Add in the mandarin juice, and orange liqueur. Pour the chocolate mixture into your pastry shell, then let the tart chill in the fridge for 2 hours.

**6** To make the candied mandarin, slice the mandarins thinly. Place sugar and one cup of water into a pan and let that simmer

**7** Add in your mandarin slices. Turn heat to low, and cook for seven minutes, or until soft.

**8** Remove candied mandarins from the pan and allow them to cool. Set aside the syrup from the pan and cook this down for three more minutes, until slightly reduced.

**9** When serving your tart, top with the candied mandarin, syrup, and sprinkle over some more sea salt.







For over 30 years, **Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids** program has been helping NSW school students choose the healthier choice at their school canteens. The program is now adapting to meet the needs of modern children. In this new phase, Fresh for Kids is moving into the classroom to bring cooking classes to the students.

After receiving feedback from stakeholders across the state, Sydney Markets will bring a fresh program to schools! The Fresh for Kids cooking classes are designed to teach children about food; what it is, where it comes from, and the importance of the central market system by bringing the beauty of fresh, local, seasonal food to life. Using a handson approach to recreate recipes has been proven to engage children in a fun way while inspiring children to make better choices. Sydney Markets CEO, Brad Latham, said,

"The new program is an evolution of our much-loved Fresh for Kids program. We are building on years of success of the canteen by taking the program into the classroom, to help educate future generations on healthy habits. This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage kids to eat healthier and educate them about where their food comes from through Sydney Markets."

The significance of the program has been highlighted by recent Australian Health and Wellbeing statistics which reveal that 1 in 4 Australian children aged 2-17 are considered obese. This research also found that only 9% of children aged 2-17 years meet the daily vegetable recommendation. The new program will utilise produce from local growers, fresh from Sydney Markets and greengrocers local to schools within the program.

It encourages primary schools to get involved in food education in a practical, hands-on, fun, and engaging way. The classes will focus on one 'hero' fruit or vegetable per term, with consideration given to seasonality and availability of produce from local greengrocers. Sydney Markets PR and Brand Manager, Ned Tesic, said that the Sydney Markets team is excited to watch the new program unfold as a necessary evolution of the Canteen Campaign.

"The Fresh for Kids program has a long and proud history at Sydney Markets, and I am thrilled to see it transform into something that will undoubtedly be very valuable to children to set them up for lifelong healthy habits."

If you would like your school to participate, please register your interest via our Fresh for Kids website, **www.freshforkids.com.au** 





# **Get Involved!**

Scan the QR code to bring cooking classes to your classroom!

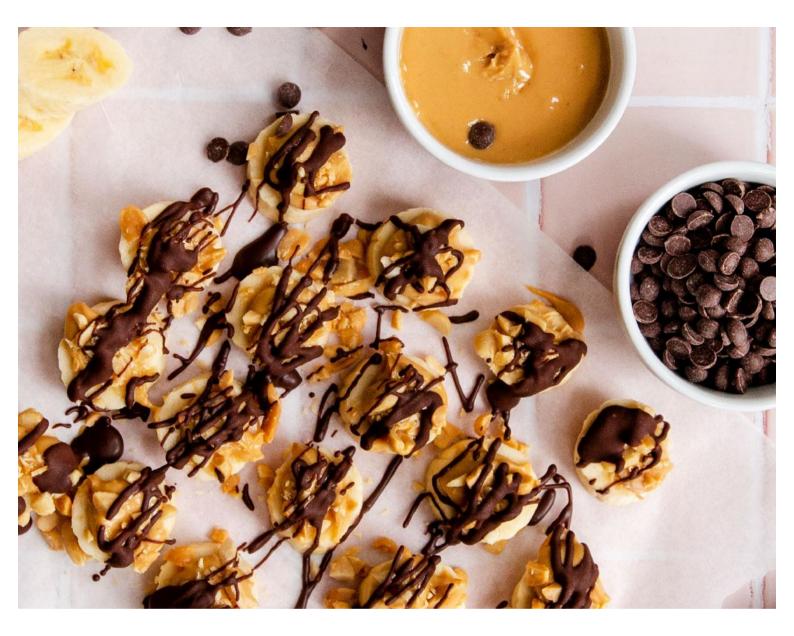


# SWEET SNACKS

Enjoy some sweet moments this winter with seasonal fruit!







# RAW APPLE PIE BARS TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 12 CARAMEL

1 cup Medjool dates, pitted 1 tsp vanilla extract 2 Tbsp cashew butter 1/4 tsp salt 2 cups boiling water

## BAR

11/2 cups raw almonds 1/4 tsp salt

12/3 cup medjool dates, pitted

- 2 cups of apples of your choice, sliced into thin semi-circles
- 1 To make the salted caramel sauce, in a large bowl, pour the boiling water over the pitted dates and allow the dates to sit for 15-20 minutes. Drain the dates, reserving the water
- 2 Next, place the dates into a blender with one cup of the reserved water. Add the vanilla extract, cashew butter and salt, and blend until a sauce is formed. Tip: Add more water if needed. The sauce should be quite thick but pourable.
- 3 To make the bars, place almonds, salt,

and dates into a food processor and blend for two minutes.

- **4** Line a baking dish with baking paper and press the mixture into the pan. Make sure it's spread out evenly through the pan.
- **5** Place the sliced apples into a mixing bowl and coat them well with the caramel sauce. Arrange the apple slices in two layers on top of the nut base, slightly overlapping with each piece.
- **6** Place the bars into the fridge to cool for at least an hour. Cut them into rectangles and serve.

### **LEMON BARS**

### **TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 10**

250g sweet plain biscuits
125g butter, melted
3/4 cup desiccated coconut
1/2 can condensed milk
Zest of 1 lemon
2 cups icing sugar
1 1/2 Tbsp butter, melted
1/4 cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed
Shaved coconut, to garnish
Lemon zest, to garnish

- **1** Crush the biscuits and stir in the desiccated coconut.
- **2** Next, add in the lemon zest and mix to combine.
- **3** Finally, add in the melted butter and condensed milk and stir well.
- **4** Press mixture into a lined slice tin and allow to set in the fridge.
- **5** To make the icing, combine the icing sugar, butter, and lemon juice.
- **6** Spread the icing over the set base, then top with shaved coconut and lemon zest, if desired.

# CHOC BANANA BITES TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4

4 bananas

1/2 cup crushed peanuts

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup chocolate chips, melted

- 1 Slice the banana into 1cm thick pieces.
- **2** Top with peanut butter and crushed peanuts.
- **3** Drizzle with melted chocolate and place in the freezer to set.



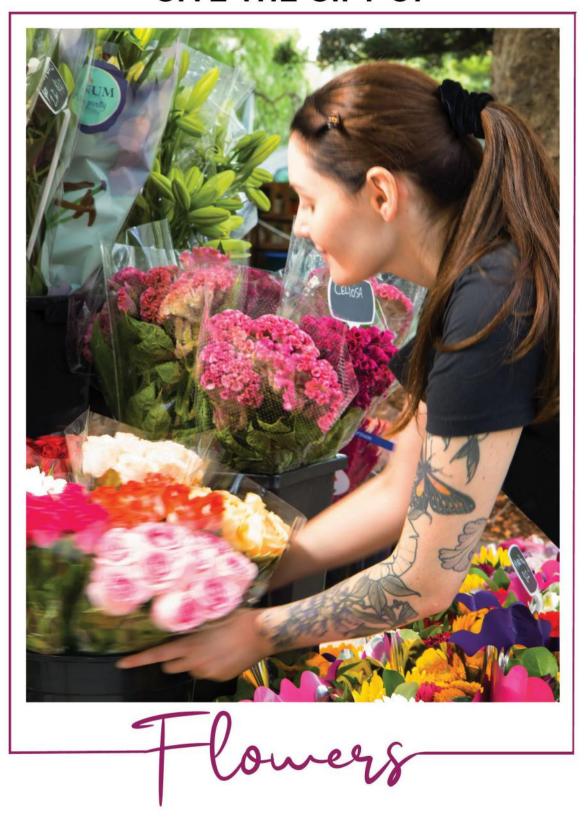
# NUTRIKIWI™ **KIWIFRUIT &** CHIA PARFAIT

- 4 x NutriKiwi™ kiwifruits 3 Tbsp chia seeds 11/4 cup milk of your choice 1 1/2 tsp maple syrup 3/4 cup greek yoghurt 1 x punnet blueberries 11/2 cups muesli of choice Honey to serve
- 1 The night before serving, combine chia seeds, milk and maple syrup in a jar or container and place in the refrigerator overnight or at least 4 hours.
- 2 When ready to assemble, thinly slice the kiwifruit ready to place in the jars. Evenly divide and layer the chia mixture, muesli, yoghurt, NutriKiwi Kiwifruits and honey to fill four jars.





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### **PUMPKIN FRITATTA** TIME 90 MINUTES MAKES 6

750g butternut pumpkin, peeled and cut into 3cm pieces

150g Broccolini™, cut into thirds 60g butter, melted

8 sheets filo pastry

100g pancetta, torn into large pieces 100g feta, broken into large pieces 8 eggs, lightly whisked

2 tsp olive oil

125g halloumi, cut into 2cm pieces 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved 15g baby rocket leaves

1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Place pumpkin in a steamer basket over a saucepan of boiling water. Cover with a lid, then steam for 15 minutes or until just tender. Transfer to a plate to cool.

2 Next, add the Broccolini™to the steamer basket, and steam for five minutes or until bright green.

3 Meanwhile, lightly grease a 26cm oven-safe fry pan with some melted hutter.

- 4 Place the filo on a clean work surface. Cover with a dry tea towel. then a damp tea towel (this prevents the filo from drying out). Brush one filo sheet with some of the melted butter. Fold in half, crossways. Place in the pan, allowing it to overhang slightly. Repeat with the remaining filo sheets and melted butter, turning and overlapping each sheet slightly to completely line the pan.
- 5 Arrange the pumpkin, broccoli, pancetta, and feta evenly over the filo. Pour over the whisked egg mixture. Fold the pastry over the filling to slightly enclose, then bake for 35-40 minutes or until frittata is set and
- 6 Heat the oil in a small fry pan over a medium-high heat. Add the halloumi and cook, turning occasionally, for two minutes or until golden. Add the lemon iuice and toss to coat.
- 7 Combine the halloumi, rocket, and cherry tomatoes in a bowl. When serving, top the frittata with a little of the halloumi salad.

# **ZUCCHINI LASAGNE** TIME 50 MINUTES MAKES 4

8 medium zucchinis, sliced

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 Tbsp oregano

1 bunch kale, chopped

1 bunch spinach

1 Tbsp grated lemon rind

2 1/4 cups ricotta

3/4 cup mozzarella

3/4 cup parmesan

Salt, pepper to taste

1 Preheat the oven to 220°C. Place zucchini on a baking tray and brush with oil. Roast for 10-15 minutes or until aolden.

2 In a medium frying pan, add onion. garlic, and oregano. Cook for five minutes. Roughly chop the spinach and kale and add them to the onion mixture. Combine ricotta. lemon rind. salt and pepper in a bowl and mix.

3 In a baking dish, line with the roasted zucchini. Top with half of the ricotta mixture and half the kale mixture. Sprinkle with mozzarella and parmesan. Repeat process.

4 Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden.

### **PUMPKIN & LEEK TART** TIME 70 MINUTES MAKES 6-8

2 sheets puff pastry, thawed 180g fetta 500g pumpkin, diced 50g butter 2 Tbsp olive oil 2 leeks

6 eggs, whisked 600ml cream

1 cup spinach 2 Tbsp dill

Salt, Pepper to taste

1 Preheat the oven to 180°C. Drizzle the pumpkin with olive oil, toss to coat and roast in the oven for 20-25 minutes.

2 Heat butter in a large frying pan and sauté the leeks until soft. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and cream. Season with salt and pepper.

**3** To assemble, top pastry with pumpkin and leek, pour in egg mixture and top with crumbed fetta. Gently stir with a fork to combine the ingredients.

4 Bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden in the middle.

# PIZZA CAULIFLOWER BAKE **TIME 50 MINUTES MAKES 6**

300g tempeh

1 cup vegetable stock

2 tsp Italian seasoning

11/2 tsp tamari

1 large cauliflower, cut into florets

4 large Roma tomatoes

2 cups marinara sauce

2 cups mozzarella cheese, grated

1 Preheat the oven to 190°C and line a large tray with baking paper.

2 In a small pot, place the tempeh. stock, tamari and Italian seasoning over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and allow the tempeh to simmer for 10 minutes or until the stock is absorbed. Set aside to cool slightly.

3 Place cauliflower and chopped tomatoes onto the lined tray, then sprinkle over the tempeh, crumbling as you go.

Pour over the marinara sauce and sprinkle over the cheese Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the cauliflower is very tender.

4 Serve on a bed of rice or pasta and eniov.

## **EGGPLANT PARMA TIME 3 HOURS MAKES 8**

2 large eggplants

1 tsp salt

1/4 cup olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 cans of crushed tomato

1/2 cup chopped basil

2 cups breadcrumb

11/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese 1 cup all-purpose flour

4 large eggs, beaten

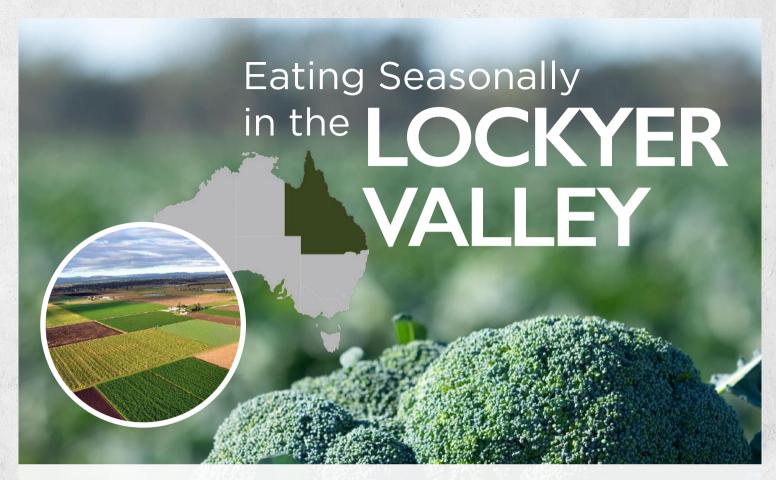
1 Slice the eggplant into thick rounds. Layout the eggplant slices on a baking tray. Sprinkle both sides of the eggplant with salt. Let that sit for one hour

2 To make the sauce, heat oil in a medium saucepan. Add in minced garlic and good until fragrant. Add the crushed tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add in the basil and remove from heat.

3 Preheat the oven to 200°C. In separate bowls, place breadcrumbs flour and the beaten egg. Drench each egaplant in the flour, then the ega and then the breadcrumbs. Repeat. Place eggplants on a baking tray and drizzle olive oil over the top. Bake the eggplants for 15-20 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

4 To assemble the dish, spread one cup of tomato sauce into a casserole dish. Assemble the eggplants in a single layer. In between each layer spread the tomato sauce and parmesan cheese. Repeat. Reduce the oven to 180°C and bake uncovered until the cheese is melted.





Driving just one hour west of Brisbane, you will see the scenery gradually shift towards climbing mountain peaks, framing a lush valley populated by countless farms

Listed amongst the "Top Ten Most Fertile Areas in the World", this rich landscape offers one of the most diverse ranges of commercial fruit and vegetables grown in Australia, making it easy to find 'in season' fresh produce yearround.

Growing fresh produce in its ideal seasonal window has many benefits. Not only is the produce flavourful and packed with vital nutrients and minerals, but it is also more costeffective to grow, passing the savings all the way through the supply chain to consumers at the checkout of their local fruit and veg shop. Knowing this, it is easy to see why the Lockyer Valley is such a popular growing region. Owner and Director of the Valley's own Qualipac Agriculture, Troy Qualischefski, is no stranger to the Valley's charms. "My family has been farming in the Lockyer since 1906, and we pride ourselves on supplying top-quality

produce to consumers, utilising the best and most efficient farming methods and practices we can."

The Lockyer Valley is the sweet spot for growing both summer and winter crops, meaning we can always guarantee the freshest produce is being sent to the Brisbane Markets®. Indeed, the Lockyer Valley's ability to produce seasonal produce year-round has mounting benefits. When grown in their natural season, plants are less stressed and more robust, allowing them to develop a stronger resistance to insects and pests. This, in turn, results in higher quality produce and better soil conditions for future crops.

Further to this, seasonal produce also has additional environmental benefits. A large portion of the Lockyer Valley's produce is sold through the nearby Brisbane Markets at Rocklea, meaning the entire supply chain - the grower, the wholesalers at the Markets, and the local fruit and veg shops who purchase from them, and finally the customers at the end is geographically much closer. In addition to significantly reducing emissions from transport, this also reduces the volume of food waste produced, as fruit and veg have a longer shelf life, and customers have access to fresher and higher quality produce.

Locally grown, seasonal produce is often more economical to grow as well. Wholesalers who sell the growers' produce at the Central Markets are committed to selling their produce efficiently, and so will adjust prices according to availability. Whilst this consistent sale benefits the growers, the supply and demand nature of abundant produce also results in a more competitive prices down the entire supply

chain. In short, buying in season will generally ensure customers get a good price on their fresh produce.

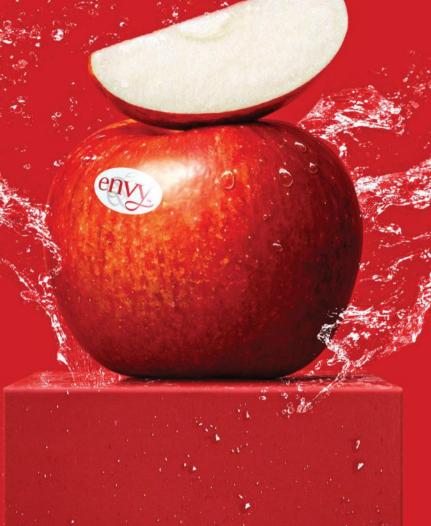
The Lockyer Valley has just entered its winter growing season, so be sure to stop by for a drive past endless fields of the winter vegetables, such lettuces, potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cabbages, pumpkins, beans and corn, that are typically grown here. If you can't visit, then drop into your local fruit and yeg shop and buy some locally grown, in season fresh and fruit veg!

If you don't know what is in season near you, then visit www.abetterchoice.com.au to find your local fruit and veg shop for some guidance, and do your health, your wallet and our planet a favour.









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# A SEASONAL DELIGHT: The envy™ Apple

Australian grown envy™ apples are a treat for apple lovers who seek a sweet and juicy snack. The envy™ apple is a cross between a Braeburn and a Royal Gala apple and is characterised by its beautifully balanced sweetness and uplifting fresh aroma.

100% hand-picked, Australian-grown envy™ apples are available from May to February depending on the season. Some years envy™ is only available until December. envy™ apples are exclusively brought to you by Montague, a third-generation family-owned company since 1948. envy™ apples have been gaining in popularity throughout Australia, thanks to their sweetness and low acidity flesh. envy™ apples are also known for their bright, white flesh that tends to stay whiter for longer than most other apples.

The extended growing season of envy™ apples is due to the different regions in which envy™ apples are grown. To ensure that the envy™ apple is of the highest quality, it is grown in regions with rich soil, high rainfall, and summer sunshine. In Australia, envy™ apples are grown in different regions, including Stanthorpe in Queensland, Batlow in New South Wales, and Huon Valley in Tasmania. These regions are known for their ideal growing conditions, which make them the perfect match for envy™apples.

Each of these growing regions has unique characteristics that make them stand out. For instance, Batlow in New South Wales is famous for its high-quality apples, thanks to fertile soil and abundant rainfall. The Huon Valley in Tasmania is renowned for its pristine environment, making it the perfect place to grow premium apples.

envy<sup>™</sup> apples are grown by passionate growers who take pride in their work. One such grower is David Finger from Vernview Orchard in the Yarra Valley, Victoria. David and his orchard team work tirelessly to ensure that their apples are of the highest quality. They pay close attention to every detail of the growing process, from pruning to harvesting, to ensure that their apples are the best that nature can provide.

To ensure maximum freshness and quality, there are a few best practices for storing apples at home. While storing apples in your fruit bowl is convenient, we recommend using them within 5 days. For longer-term storage, your fridge will increase its longevity although it does depend on the type of apple. When you want to eat your apple, allow it to reach room temperature before consuming it. This will allow the true flavours to shine through. Pick up some envy™ apples at your local fruit and veg shop this season.





# envy™ APPLE & PULLED PORK RICE PAPER WRAPS

# **TIME** 40 MINUTES **MAKES** 8

100 gm soaked and drained vermicelli noodles 1/2 cucumber, thinly sliced

1 carrot, finely shredded

1/2 red capsicum, sliced thinly

1 spring onion, finely sliced

1 envy<sup>™</sup> apple

200gms pulled pork

1/4 cup hoisin sauce + extra for dipping 1/2 cup roughly chopped herbs - mint,

coriander & parsley

8 rice paper wraps

- 1 Prepare the vegetables and set aside
- 2 Core and slice the envy<sup>™</sup> apple into fine strips
- 3 Combine the pulled pork with the hoisin sauce and mix well

- 4 Dip one rice paper sheet into a bowl or warm water for a 10-15 seconds until soft and pliable
- **5** Lay the rice paper flat on a sheet of baking paper, arrange a few noodles in the centre, top with a little pulled pork and then a few of each vegetable, envy™ apple strips and fresh herbs creating a log in the center of the rice paper
- 6 Fold the ends of the rice paper in and roll up enclosing the filling. Set the finished roll aside on a plate and cover with a damp paper towel or clean cloth. Continue with the next rice paper sheet
- **7** Arrange the rice paper rolls on a serving plate with extra hoisin for dipping and garnish with fresh herbs



# TOP 3 REASONS TO BUY SEASONAL PRODUCE

# **FRESHNESS**

When you shop for produce that is in season, you can be sure the fruit and vegetables you're buying are fresh! Seasonal produce has a shorter journey from farm to fork, coming direct from the grower to a central market, and on the shelf at your local fruit and veg shop the very next day. When produce is fresh, you can be sure it's also better quality than out-of-season produce.

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When produce is in-season, it does not have to travel far to make it to the shelves of your local fruit and veg shop, resulting in lower carbon emissions to make it into your shopping basket. Additionally, produce items that are highly seasonal are in high volume and move from farms to wholesalers to fruit and veg shops quickly, meaning there is less need for long-term storage. Eating seasonal produce with sustainability in mind can help reduce carbon emissions while providing special moments and culinary connections with the season.

AFFORDABILITY - HELP YOUR WALLET When the season is right for certain produce,

it becomes widely available with a boost in production meaning there is more available. This in turn reduces prices so you can get a great deal on seasonal produce. This is great if you're shopping on a budget, meaning you can find delicious, nutritious, and seasonal produce at good value when it's in season. This is also a great indicator if you're unsure what's in season – just look for local-grown produce at a good value



# ROASTED SWEET POTATO & CAULIFLOWER TACOS

**TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 4** 

1 small head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized pieces

1 large, sweet potato, sliced into cubes

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 tsp chilli powder

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp smoked paprika

1/2 tsp garlic powder

1/2 tsp dried oregano

Salt & pepper, to taste

1 lime, juiced

1 can black beans, drained & rinsed

Flesh of 1 avocado, diced

Mini tortillas, heated

Fresh coriander, chopped

Lime wedges, to serve

Chipotle sauce, to serve

**1** Preheat oven to 220°C, and line a large baking tray with baking paper.

2 Place the cauliflower and sweet potato in a large bowl. Add the olive oil, dried herbs, and lime juice, tossing to coat

**3** Transfer the veggies to the lined baking tray, and arrange in an even, single layer.

**4** Roast the veggies for 25 minutes, tossing the veggies around the halfway mark. Once the 25 minutes is up, add the black beans to the tray, season with a generous pinch of salt, and then roast in the oven for a further five minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside.

**5** Top each heated tortilla with a scoop of the roasted veggies and black beans, then top with some freshly chopped coriander, chipotle sauce and diced avocado.

# CAULIFLOWER MAC & CHEESE

### **TIME 35 MINUTES MAKES 4**

1 Tbsp plain flour

1/2 head of cauliflower, cut into small florets

1 Tbsp parsley, finely chopped

1 zucchini, grated

1 Tbsp olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

200g penne pasta

1/4 cup parmesan, grated

1 tsp paprika

Salt & pepper, to taste

2 cups low-fat milk

1/2 cup low-fat grated cheese

1/3 cup peas

1/3 cup breadcrumbs

1 Preheat oven to 170°C.

**2** Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil, then cook pasta until al dente. Add the peas in the last two minutes of cook time. Once done, drain and set aside.

**3** Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add flour and cook for one minute to create a paste, then gradually pour in the milk, mixing with a whisk to remove all lumps. Cook the sauce for three minutes or until the sauce has thickened.

4 Once the sauce is thick, add the

grated cheese, garlic, paprika, salt and pepper. Stir to combine.

**5** Add the cooked pasta, peas and grated zucchini. Stir to combine and transfer to a large baking dish.

**6** Evenly top with the cauliflower florets, breadcrumbs, parmesan, and parsley. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes or until the cauliflower is golden and crunchy. Serve immediately.

# PEAR & BURRATA WALNUT SALAD

### **TIME 10 MINUTES MAKES 4**

4 cups baby rocket

2 pears, thinly sliced

150g Burrata

1/3 cup olive oil

3 Tbsp white balsamic vinegar

Salt, Pepper to taste

1/4 cup walnuts

1 In a large serving bowl, arrange the rocket, pears and burrata cheese.

**2** In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper.

**3** Drizzle some dressing over the salad and garnish with walnuts.

# VEGETABLE PAELLA TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 6

1/4 cup olive oil

1 brown onion, finely chopped

1 red capsicum, thinly sliced

225g button mushrooms, sliced

3 garlic cloves, minced

11/2 tsp ground paprika

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1 cup dry white wine

11/2 cups short-grain white rice

1 can chickpeas, rinsed and drained

1 can diced tomatoes

2 1/2 cups vegetable stock

1/2 cup green peas

1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped

Zest and juice of 1 lemon

1/3 cup green olives, sliced

1 Heat olive oil in a large pan with a

fitted lid over medium-high.

2 Add the onion, capsicum, and

mushrooms, and cook for eight minutes, or until all the vegetables have softened.

**3** Add the garlic, paprika, salt and pepper, and cook for 2 minutes, until

pepper, and cook for 2 minutes, until fragrant.

4 Then add the wine and cook for

two minutes, until the wine has mostly reduced. Stir in the rice, cooking for two minutes, until the rice begins to turn translucent.

**5** Stir through the chickpeas, diced tomatoes, vegetable stock, and green peas. Bring mixture to a low boil, then reduce heat and cover, cooking for 25 minutes.

**6** While the paella is cooking, in a small bowl, combine the parsley, lemon zest and juice with two tablespoons of olive oil

**7** Once the rice is cooked through, remove the lid and cook for another five minutes.

**8** To serve, scatter the parsley mixture on top, then garnish with the green olives. Enjoy!















## MANDARIN & CHICKEN RICE PAPER ROLLS

### TIME 25 MINUTES MAKES 4 RICE PAPER ROLLS

1 avocado, peeled and cut into strips 4 spring onions, cut into 10cm lengths 3 mandarins, peeled, deseeded

1 packet rice paper sheets

1 chilli, cut diagonally and deseeded 1/2 cup loosely packed coriander leaves

65g rice vermicelli noodles

5 chicken tenderloins

1 egg, lightly beaten 1 cup corn flour

Gluten free breadcrumbs

Oil for frying

#### DIPPING SAUCE

1 mandarin, peeled and deseeded 1/2 cup mandarin juice

2 tsp caster sugar

1/4 tsp fresh ginger, grated finely 1 chilli, deseeded and finely chopped Sesame seeds, to serve

- 1 Slice chicken tenderloins lengthwise into three strips about 10cm long. Coat with corn flour, dip in beaten egg and coat with gluten-free breadcrumbs. Heat a little oil in a shallow frying pan and lightly fry until cooked.
- **2** Place the vermicelli noodles in a heatproof bowl and cover with boiling water. Set aside for five minutes to soften then drain.
- **3** To assemble the rice paper rolls, soak one rice paper sheet in warm water for 10 seconds. Drain on a paper towel and transfer to a clean work surface. Place chilli and coriander leaves in the centre of the rice paper roll and top with two mandarin segments. Top with chicken tenderloin, a slice of avocado, spring onion and vermicelli noodles. Fold in ends and roll up firmly to enclose the filling
- **4** To prepare the sauce, place mandarin segments, juice, caster sugar and chilli in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer on medium heat until the sauce thickens. Strain the sauce through a sieve and pour into a dipping sauce dish add ginger and chilli and finish with a sprinkle of sesame seeds.
- **5** Serve rolls with mandarin ginger dipping sauce.

# FISH IN LEMON BUTTER SAUCE & BROCCOLI TIME

#### 25 MINUTES MAKES 2

1 Tbsp butter

1/2 cup white wine

2/3 cup thickened cream

1/4 cup capers

1 lemon, juice only

2 fish fillets

1 broccoli, cut in florets

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- **2** Melt butter in a frying pan on mediumhigh heat, then pour in the wine. Simmer for two minutes. Add cream and simmer for another two minutes.
- **3** In a small bowl, combine lemon juice and a few tablespoons of the cream sauce. Add sauce to the frying pan and

simmer for one minute. Remove from heat and add capers.

4 Place fish fillets at the bottom of the pan and place the broccoli on top.
5 Cook for 10-15 minutes. Serve on its own, or with a side of rice.

#### ZUCCHINI RICOTTA PIZZA TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 6

2 pre-made pizza bases 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1 Tbsp canola Oil

1 cup ricotta cheese

Basil, finely chopped

Mint, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, grated

2 medium zucchinis, sliced

1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled

1 Pre-heat oven to 200°C

- **2** Combine the remaining salt, ricotta, basil, milk, and garlic, then spread evenly over the dough.
- **3** Combine zucchini with remaining oil and arrange on pizza with zucchini, tomatoes, and feta.
- **4** Bake in the oven for 10 minutes, or until the dough is golden.

### BEEF RISSOLES WITH GARLIC VEGGIES

#### **TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 2**

500g beef mince

3 garlic cloves

1 butternut pumpkin

1 bok choy

1 egg

1/2 cup breadcrumbs

1 Tbsp olive oil

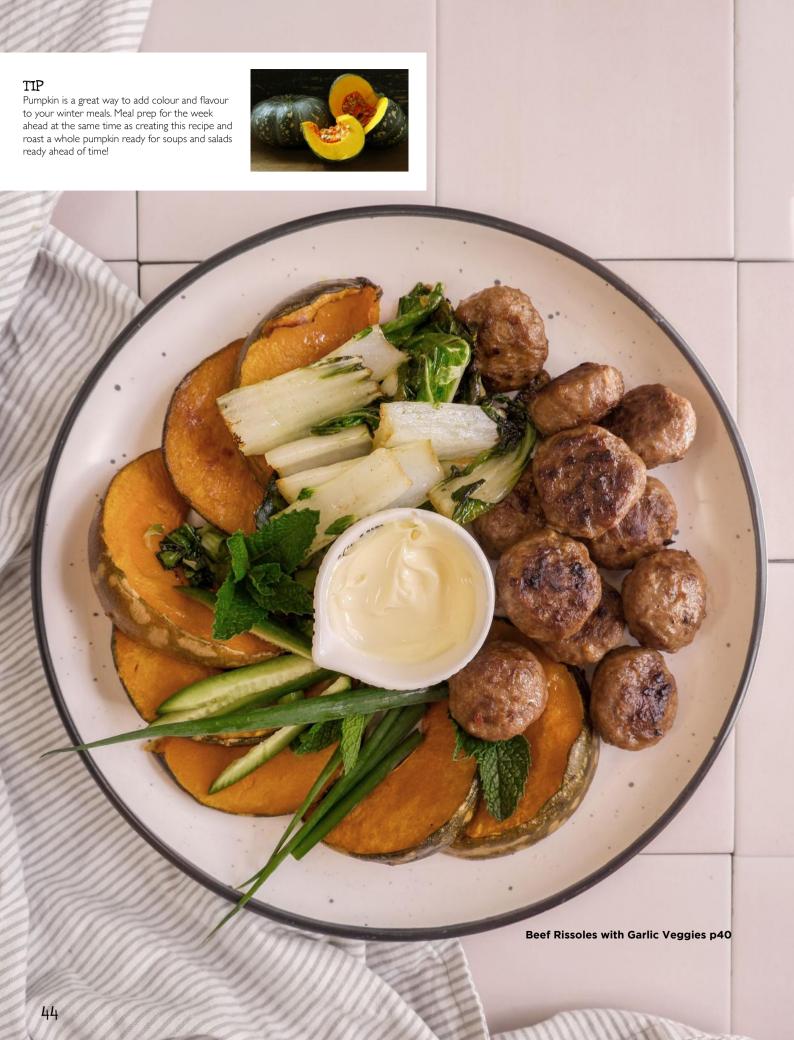
1 Tbsp mayonnaise

1/2 tsp soy sauce 1/2 tsp salt\_\_\_\_

- 1 Preheat the oven to 240°C. Cut the butternut pumpkin into thin wedges. Place on a baking tray and drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Roast for 20-25 minutes.
- **2** Cut capsicum into chunks and roughly chop the bok choy. Finely chop the garlic. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise and soy sauce. Set aside.
- **3** In a medium bowl, combine beef mine, breadcrumbs, egg, and salt and the garlic. Using damp hands, form heaped spoonfuls of the mixture and flatten to make thick rissoles.
- **4** In a large frying pan, drizzle olive oil over medium-high heat. Cook the capsicum, bok choy and remaining garlic. Cook until fragrant.
- **5** In a separate frying pan, drizzle olive oil over medium-high heat. Cook the rissoles until browned.
- **6** Plate the ingredients together and serve.







# ZESPRI SUNGOLD KIWIFRUIT CHICKEN TACOS

#### **TACOS**

Juice of 1/2 lime
1 tsp smoked paprika
2 tsp dried oregano
Salt, to season
2 small chicken breast fillets, sliced into 1cm thick pieces
2 tsp extra virgin olive oil
8 mini flour tortillas, warmed
cup whole egg mayonnaise or aioli
3 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
Lime wedges, to serve

1 Zespri SunGold Kiwifruit, peeled, roughly chopped

#### **ZESPRI SALSA**

2 Zespri SunGold Kiwifruit, peeled, finely diced 6 cherry tomatoes, finely diced Juice of 1/2 lime 1 Place kiwifruit into a large bowl and mash with a fork. Stir in lime juice, paprika, oregano and a pinch of salt. Add chicken, toss to coat, cover with plastic wrap and then set aside for 20 minutes to marinate.

2 Remove chicken, discard marinade. Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over med-high heat, add chicken and cook for about 10 minutes, turning occasionally or until golden brown and cooked through. Set aside on a plate covered with foil for five minutes.

**3** Meanwhile, to make the Zespri salsa, place all ingredients into a small bowl and stir to combine. Set aside.

**4** Slice chicken into thin strips. Spread a little mayonnaise on each tortilla, then fill with lettuce, sliced chicken and top with salsa. Serve immediately with lime wedges on the side to squeeze over as desired.







Vellas Fresh Produce have battled against some of the biggest challenges in recent times. For twenty years of Matthew's career, Vella Farms was situated on a drought-affected farm, having moved just six years ago to their new farm near Camden.

In 2020 Vellas Fresh Produce struggled through staff shortages during the COVID Pandemic, and were faced with major challenges during the floods of 2022 with three weather events destroying their crops. There was some doubt aimed at Vellas Fresh Produce about continuing to plant on the farm, but after moving from a farm that was drought-affected, Matthew says, "We moved to a farm that floods because we had always suffered on the other end of the scale where it was always dry, so you have to cop a few floods - it's the price of having water security".

A regular day in the life on Vellas Fresh Produce for Matt sees him arrive at the farm at 5:00am, managing teams to harvest and plant their great quality produce. Matt runs the day-to-day operations, including running spray and fertiliser applications and coordinating the day's harvest to get produce to the Sydney Markets and into the hands of Aussie consumers.

Slowly but surely, Vellas Fresh Produce is bouncing back with a great range of Winter crops available this season including cauliflower, cos lettuce, Chinese cabbage and green and red cabbage. With a dedicated focus on quality, the family at Vellas Fresh Produce continues through the struggles they face with changing climate conditions to produce a wide range of delicious seasonal vegetables to feed Australian families this winter.





# SCRUMPTIOUS SOUPS

Warm up this winter with these scrumptious soups!









#### MIXED MUSHROOM SOUP WITH HALLOUMI

#### **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4**

1 Tbsp olive oil

200g Swiss brown mushrooms, halved or whole

800g baby potatoes, peeled and chopped, steamed and drained 500g sliced mushrooms

3 cups vegetable stock

1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

180g halloumi, cut into 2cm pieces 2/3 cup thickened cream

2 Tbsp rosemary leaves

1 Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the Swiss brown mushrooms and cook for two minutes or until tender. Transfer mushrooms to a bowl and cover to keep warm

2 Add the potatoes and sliced mushrooms to the pan. Cook for two minutes or until the mushrooms are tender. Next. add the stock and Worcestershire sauce and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, cover and cook for five minutes. Remove pan from heat and allow the mixture to cool slightly before using a stick blender to blend until smooth.

3 Heat a non-stick fry pan over a high heat. Add the halloumi and cook for two minutes on each side or until golden brown.

4 To serve, divide the soup between four bowls. Drizzle over the cream and top with the Swiss brown mushrooms, halloumi and fresh rosemary.

#### **GOLDEN SOUP**

#### TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 6

2 Tbsp butter

2 cups brushed potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes

5 cups butternut pumpkin, peeled and cut into cubes

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

2 medium leeks, sliced

4 cups chicken stock

1 cup cream, to taste + extra to garnish

2 Tbsp chopped chives, to garnish

1 baguette, sliced, to serve

1 Melt butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the chopped pumpkin, potatoes, salt, and pepper, sautéing for three minutes. Then add the leeks and sauté for another minute.

2 Stir in the chicken stock and bring the pot to a boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat, and allow the mixture to simmer for 20 minutes or until the potato is very tender, being sure to stir the mixture occasionally.

**3** Once the potatoes are tender, place half of the mixture in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour the soup into a large bowl, then blend the remaining mixture. Stir in the cream, to taste.

4 To serve, divide the soup between serving bowls, top with the freshly chopped chives and additional cream, and serve alongside crusty baguette

#### **CREAMY CHICKEN & BROCCOLI SOUP**

#### TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 6

1 large onion, finely chopped

2 large carrots, peeled and finely chopped

2 celery sticks, finely chopped

5 cups broccoli, stems removed and finely chopped

4 garlic cloves, minced

1 bay leaf

1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)

6 cups chicken stock

2 cups milk

2 Tbsp cornflour

2 cups shredded chicken

Salt and pepper, to taste

Lemon juice, to taste

1 In a large pot, sauté the onion, celery, and carrot in oil until soft and beginning to brown (approximately 10 minutes).

2 Add the garlic, bay leaf, and chilli flakes (if using), then sauté for another minute or so before adding in the chicken stock, milk and cornflour. Note: Mix the cornflour with two tablespoons of water before adding.

**3** Bring contents to a simmer, then add the broccoli florets and chicken.

4 Allow to cook for 15 minutes, then season with salt, pepper, and lemon juice (if using).

5 Serve while warm and enjoy with some crusty bread or on its own.

#### **SWEET POTATO, KALE & PEANUT SOUP**

#### **TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 6**

2 cups kale, chopped

3 sweet potatoes, cubed 1/2 onion, diced

400ml light coconut milk

400ml freshly roasted tomatoes

1/2 cup peanuts, chopped 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter

1 tsp turmeric

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno, minced

Salt and pepper, to taste

2 cups water

1 In a large pot on the stove, heat oil, then add in the garlic, onion, turmeric and jalapeno. Sauté until the onion is translucent and fragrant.

2 Add in the sweet potatoes and cook until brown and fragrant.

3 Next add your tomatoes, coconut milk, water, and fresh peanuts. Let this simmer until the sweet potatoes are tender.

4 Add in peanut butter and fresh kale. Wilt the kale and stir in well to combine. Simmer until the soup is thick and creamy.

**5** To serve, dish up the soup into individual bowls and top with more peanuts and fresh coriander if desired. You could also serve it with some bread too!









#### **FRUIT & VEGGIE CARS TIME 15 MINUTES MAKES 4**

Punnet of strawberries

Punnet of blueberries

2 oranges

2 cucumbers

1 carrot

1 apple

Bunch of grapes

**Toothpicks** 

- 1 To make the strawberry & banana car, pierce two toothpicks through each end of an 8cm slice of banana. Use sliced strawberries for the wheels
- 2 To make the orange & blueberry car, pierce two toothpicks through an orange slice, then add one blueberry for each wheel.
- **3** To make the cucumber & carrot car, pierce two toothpicks through each end of an 8cm slice of cucumber. Use four carrot rounds for the wheels.
- **4** To make the apple & grape car, pierce two toothpicks through an apple quarter for the body. Cut half a grape for each wheel.

#### **OKONOMIYAKI FOR KIDS TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 4**

100g plain flour

3/4 tsp baking flour

150ml water

1/2 chopped cabbage

1 carrot grated

2-3 spring onions

4 rashers bacon

2 eggs

3 tsp ketchup

1 tsp sweet soy sauce

1 tsp Worcestishire sauce

- 1 In a pan, cook the rashers of bacon on a medium heat
- 2 Grate the carrot and cabbage and chop the spring onion as well as the cooked
- 3 In a large bowl, add flour and baking powder. Mix well. Continue adding eggs and water until mixture is a smooth paste
- 4 Add the carrot, cabbage, spring onion and bacon to the pancake batter. Mix well
- **5** Heat a saucepan over medium heat with a small amount of olive oil. In a round shape, add pancake mixture to the pan - cook 3-4 pancakes at a time. Allow to cook until brown flipping halfway through
- 6 While each pancake is cooking, make the okonomiyaki sauce, whisking the worcestichire sauce, soy sauce and tomato sauce together.
- 7 To serve, brush each pancake with the okonomiyaki sauce and then decorate with mayonnaise, sesame seeds or roasted seaweed as you prefer.

# REVAMP LUNCH!

Fill the kids' lunchboxes with delicious snacks they'll love

#### **ENGLISH MUFFINS PIZZAS** WITH HIDDEN VEGGIES **TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 8**

3 tomatoes

1 carrots

1 onion 1 zucchini

1 capsicum

2 Tbsp Olive Oil 1 tsp dried basil

1 tsp dried rosemary 1 tsp garlic powder

1/2 cup vegetable stock

1 English Muffin

1/2 cup shredded mozzarella

4 slices ham

- 1 Pre-heat oven to 180°C. For the veg-loaded pizza sauce, dice all vegetables and place in a baking tray. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and seasonn with salt, pepper, dried basil, rosemary and garlic powder. Roast for 20-30 minutes or until soft and cooked through.
- 2 Remove vegetables from the oven. Allow to cool slightly. Add the vegetables to a blender or use a stick blender to combine. If the mixture is too thick, add vegetable stock to create a sauce.
- 3 Once combined, the sauce can be stored in jars or a sealed container for three days.
- 4 When ready to assemble the mini pizzas, preheat the oven to 180°C. Halve the English muffins and place them on a lined baking tray.
- 5 Dice the ham into small pieces. Spoon the sauce on the muffins, add the ham and top with cheese then place in the oven for 5-10 minutes until the cheese is melted.
- 6 Remove from oven and allow to cool. Can be refrigerated for two days, otherwise keep cool in a lunchbox.







#### **PACK IN THE VEG!**

Cut up some cucumber and carrots into thin slices and add to your kids lunchboxes with some yummy hummus! As a source of protein and veg, they are sure to love

#### **CARROT CAKE BLISS BALLS TIME 30 MINUTES**

MAKES 20

6 pitted medjool dates 3 carrots, quartered

1/2 cup walnuts

1/2 cup shredded coconut

1/2 cup rolled oats

2 tbsp honey or maple syrup

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

2 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp ginger

1 Blend all of the ingredients in

a food processor

2 Using wet hands, roll mixture into 12 even balls, coating the balls with extra shredded coconut if desired.

**3** Leave in the fridge to set for 1-2 hours.

#### APPLE AND CHICKEN **'TACO' SANDIES TIME 5 MINUTES** MAKES 2

- 2 slices Multigrain bread
- 1 Apple
- 2 slices cheddar cheese
- 2 slices chicken sandwich

#### Butter

- 1 With a large cookie cutter or small round bowl, cut your bread slices into circles. (You can keep the scraps in the freezer and save them to make breadcrumbs)
- 2 Thinly slice an apple, butter your bread and on one half of the circle place the apple, cheese and meat.
- 3 Then fold over and press firmly to maintain the shape.
- 4 Try this with your favourite sandwich fillings! Others we love are egg and lettuce or banana and peanut butter!



Collins Bros Orchard is a multi-generational family business that is dedicated to producing premium apples. Murray's family is passionate about the Western Australian apple industry and feels privileged to be in the best-growing region in the country and call Collins Siding, Pemberton, home.

This idyllic location reflects a narrative of producing apples to a standard of excellence in their crops. It is that level of professionalism that sees each piece of fruit carefully nurtured, so when it leaves the pack shed, its takes with it the family's reputation. The reward is seeing the public actively seek out their products for quality.

Murray is a forward thinker, that has seen the orchard prosper in recent years. He is responsible for the business's orchard and business development but is heavily supported by his brother Tom who oversees the packing shed and has led their recent diversification into avocados, and younger brother Dean who runs the day-to-day orchard management. It takes the effort of all three brothers for the orchard's success.

The brothers spend a lot of time researching new apple varieties and growing techniques to make sure the business remains innovative and relevant in the constantly evolving agricultural landscape. One such move in recent years has been the increased planting of club-style varieties as they offer stable pricing and risk reduction in years of over-supply.

They now grow a selection of both commodity and branded apples including the newest brightest star originating from the

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Manjimup WA Apple Breeding Program - the Bravo® apple.

Murray's favourite apples are the WA apples bred specially for the State's growing conditions. He says, "The best part of growing is seeing how sound management of your business and orchard can achieve better fruit quality and crop yields".

Now with orcharding firmly in the bloodline, the family wouldn't do anything else. The founding owner (Murray's great-great-grandfather) Paddy must be proud of the dynasty he started in 1906. One thing that is for sure, is that Collins Bros Orchards will remain growing beautiful apples, leaving a living legacy for the next generations.



# Warming Winter









### ROAST CARROT, BEETROOT & LENTIL SALAD

#### TIME 50 MINUTES MAKES 8

- 4 small beetroots, ends trimmed and washed
- 2 bunches of baby carrots, tops trimmed and washed

1/4 cup olive oil

400g can lentils, rinsed and drained 100-150g rocket, washed

50g goat's cheese

1 Tbsp pumpkin seeds

- **1** Preheat oven to 180°C and line a tray with baking paper.
- 2 Wrap the beetroots in foil and place them onto a tray. Place the carrots onto the same tray, then drizzle with one tablespoon of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
- **3** Bake in the oven for 30 minutes, or until tender. Allow to cool slightly.
- **4** While the veggies are roasting, heat one tablespoon of oil in a large fry pan over high heat. Cook the lentils for 10 minutes, stirring, until they're crispy, then set aside.
- **5** Peel the beetroot and cut it into thick wedges. Arrange the rocket on a serving platter, then top with the carrots and beetroot. Crumble over the goat's cheese, and drizzle over the remaining oil. To finish, top with the crisp lentils and pumpkin seeds.

# RHUBARB & LAMB SALAD TIME 50 MINUTES MAKES 4

450g lamb steaks

450g rhubarb stalks, chopped

2 Tbsp honey

2 avocados, diced

2 mandarins

3 cups baby spinach

1 Tbsp lime juice

1/2 Tbsp olive oil

Feta, crumbled

- 1 Remove the lamb from the fridge and allow to bloom for 15 mins. Meanwhile, pre-heat the oven to 200°C fan-forced.
- **2** Toss the rhubarb with a little olive oil and drizzle with the honey. Roast for 15 mins, tossing once halfway through cooking.
- **3** Season the lamb with salt and pepper. Coat with olive oil. Heat a fry pan to medium-high and cook the lamb on each side for 4 mins, or until seared but still blushing. Remove lamb from the pan and allow to rest for 10 mins before slicing.
- **4** Toss the baby spinach, rhubarb, avocado, and mandarin together with the lime juice and olive oil. Top with the sliced lamb and crumbled feta.
- **5** Season with more salt and pepper, then serve.

### HALLOUMI SALAD TIME 20 MINUTES MAKES 4

1 bunch Broccolini™

2 cloves garlic

1 zucchini

Mint

180g halloumi

20g pine nuts

1 lime

100g baby spinach

Olive oil

Salt. Pepper to taste

- 1 Trim the Broccolini™, then crush the garlic, peel the zucchini into ribbons with a peeler, and pick the mint leaves, discarding the stems.
- **2** Drain the halloumi and pat dry with a paper towel, then cut into eight slices.
- **3** In a small fry pan over medium heat, toast the pine nuts for three or four minutes or until evenly golden. Remove from the frying pan and set aside to cool.
- **4** Zest half the lime, then juice the other half. Combine lime zest, lime juice, and one teaspoon olive oil in a small bowl and season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- 5 Heat a grill pan over high heat, add one tablespoon of olive oil and cook Broccolini™and garlic until just tender and slightly charred.
- **6** Drizzle the halloumi with one teaspoon of olive oil and season with pepper. Cook on each side until golden brown.

## WINTER ITALIAN CHOPPED SALAD

#### **TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 6**

3 Tbsp fresh orange juice

3 Tbsp red wine vinegar

1 large garlic clove, finely grated

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1/4 cup Extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

Salt to taste

- 1 cup mini pepperoni rounds, cut in halves
- 1/2 head of iceberg lettuce, chopped roughly
- 1/2 head of radicchio, chopped roughly
- 4 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 2 navel oranges, peeled and cut into small pieces
- **1** To make the dressing, whisk orange juice, vinegar, garlic, mustard, 1/4 cup oil, and salt to taste in a bowl.
- 2 Combine all of the chopped ingredients together in a large bowl.
- **3** Coat with the dressing and serve immediately



#### CANDIED PECANS, ROCKET, GOATS CHEESE & PEAR SALAD

#### **MAPLE CANDIED PECANS**

1 cup pecan halves

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tbsp maple syrup

Pinch of cinnamon and allspice Flaky salt and freshly ground black

pepper

#### SALAD

3-4 handfuls rocket

1-2 ripe pears, halved, cored and thinly sliced

75g soft goats cheese

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 Tbsp whole grain mustard

1 Tbsp olive oil

- 1 To make the maple pecans: heat a medium frypan over low heat. Add the pecans, olive oil and maple syrup. Stir to coat.
- **2** Gently cook, stirring regularly, for 5-10 minutes until caramelised. Stir in the spices and season with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.
- **3** For the dressing: whisk together the lemon juice, mustard and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
- **4** In a large bowl, toss the rocket with the dressing.
- **5** Top with goats cheese, sliced pear and candied pecans. Serve straight away.





A Plant-Based Recipe
Creator to Help With
Your Winter Plate

As the season of winter arrives, we introduce you to Luba Pavia, a plant-based recipe creator based in Adelaide, South Australia. This year marks her 10-year anniversary as a vegetarian and she has amassed a following of over 430,000 followers on her Cook Vegetarian Instagram page. Luba is passionate about inspiring people to nourish their bodies with vegetarian meals and creating tasty, easy recipes that ooze appetite appeal.

As winter arrives, Luba looks to the season's bounty for inspiration. Her favourite winter fruits and vegetables include kiwi fruit, mandarins, beetroot, and cabbage. Here's a little about why these four ingredients are good for your health:

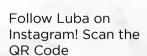
**KIWI FRUIT** is an excellent source of vitamin C, vitamin K, folate, and potassium, making it great for boosting the immune system and improving digestion. Try using kiwi's as a topping for yogurt or porridge.

**MANDARINS** are a great source of vitamins A, B, and vitamin C which make them an excellent choice for a snack that helps to prevent infections and support skin health. Luba's favourite way to use Mandarins in day-to-day meals is to add it to salads to add a juicy burst of flavour.

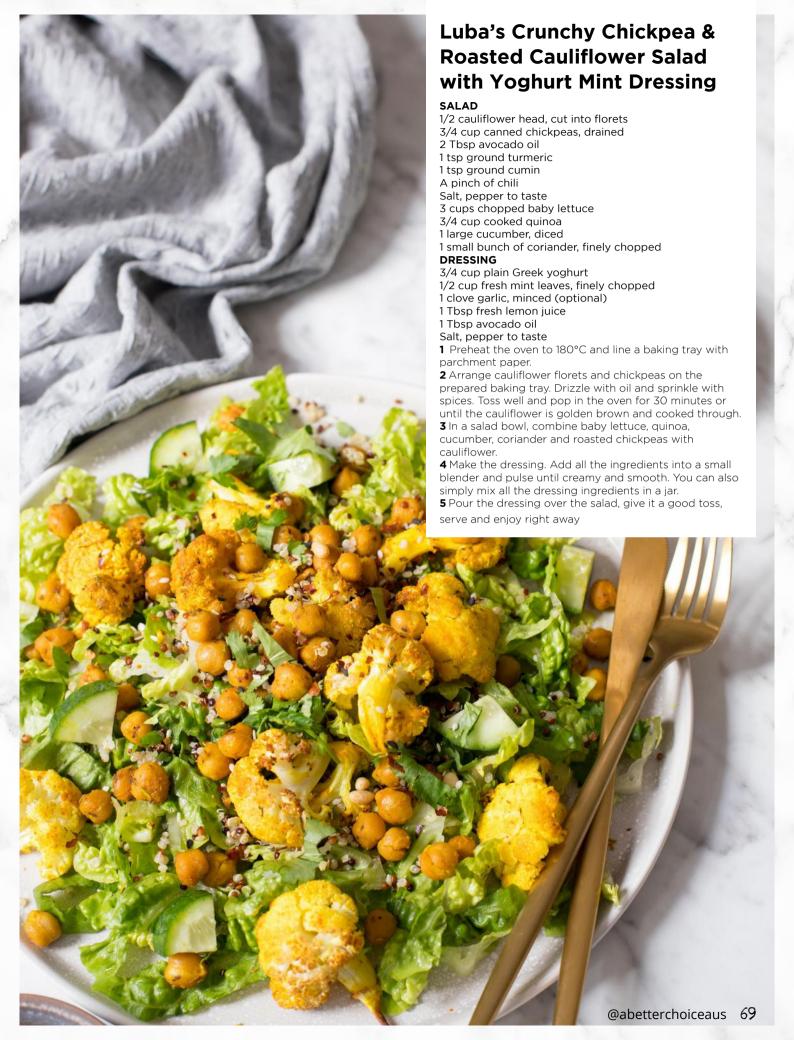
**BEETROOT** is a great source of fibre, potassium, and folate. Roasting beetroot in the oven and adding it to a salad with some feta cheese and a balsamic vinaigrette is an easy lunch option.

**CABBAGE** is a highly nutritious vegetable with high levels of vitamin C, fibre and vitamin K to support digestion and reduce inflammation. Adding cabbage to your diet is a great way to improve digestion and there are so many wonderful ways to use it to support a plant-based diet – from salads to cabbage rolls and soups, cabbage is a winterwinner.

Embrace the winter season by nourishing your body with healthy and delicious plant-based meals that make the best of in-season fruits and vegetables!









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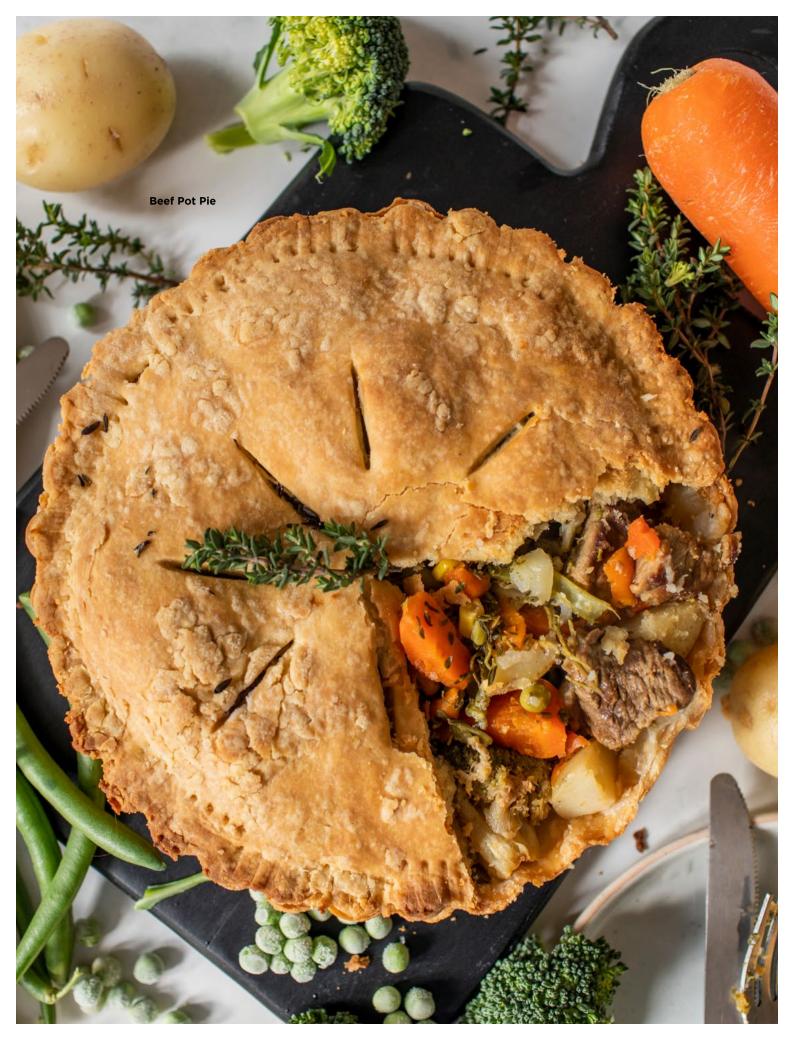


# PIE NIGHT

What could be better than a delicious homemade pie for dinner? Load them up with seasonal veggies for a healthy weeknight meal!







# **CHICKEN & LEEK PIE TIME 45 MINUTES MAKES 8**

700g chicken thighs, cut into strips 550g leeks, cut into rounds

- 4 sprigs of thyme (leaves only)
- 11/2 sheets puff pastry
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 30g butter
- 2 Tbsp flour

1/2 cup chicken stock

1/2 cup cream

1 egg

- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2 Heat butter and oil in a large pan, before adding in the chicken. Cook. stirring, for around seven minutes until the chicken has browned. Add in the leek and stir again for another five minutes. Add flour and stir for one more minute.
- 3 Next, add the stock, cream, and thyme leaves. Bring the contents of the pot to a boil, and season with salt and pepper.
- 4 Transfer the chicken mixture to a greased baking dish, then cover with the sheets of puff pastry. Whisk your egg, and brush onto your puff pastry.
- 5 Bake pie in the oven for around 30 minutes, or until golden on top.
- 6 Once cooked, remove the pie from the oven and let sit for five minutes before serving.

# **CHEESY MUSHROOM PIE TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4**

500 grams portobello mushrooms, sliced

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 egg, whisked
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 sheets of puff pastry
- 2 tsp sesame seeds

Salt and ground black pepper

1 cup grated cheese

- 1 Heat oil in a large frying pan. Add the onion and cook for five minutes. then add the mushrooms and garlic then cook over medium-high heat for another five minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 2 Add salt and pepper and cook for another five minutes or until the mushrooms are cooked through and the liquid has disappeared. Set aside and let the filling cool. Preheat oven to
- 3 Lay out puff pastry. Add mushroom mixture and grated cheese to the centre of the pastry sheet. Leave a 2cm edge around the outside. Place the other puff pastry sheet on top.
- 4 Trim the edges and use a fork to crimp the edges. Brush the pastry with egg wash and cut steam holes in a pretty pattern. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.

5 Place on a lined baking tray and cook in the oven for 30 minutes or until golden.

# **GARDENER'S PIE**

### **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4**

1 large eggplant, sliced into 1cm rounds 4 Tbsp olive oil

Sea salt, fresh ground black pepper 1/2 head cauliflower, roughly chopped 1 brown onion, finely diced

2 medium cup mushrooms, finely chopped

3 clove garlic, sliced

1 tsp thyme

800g blanched and chopped tomatoes 400ml vegetable stock

1 x 400g tin lentils, rinsed, drained 1/3 cup pitted kalamata olive, roughly chopped

100g marinated feta or goats feta 1 cup grated cheddar cheese 1/3 cup white, long grain rice Handful flat leaf parsley

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- 2 Brush the eggplant slices with half the olive oil, season lightly and place onto a lined baking tray. Roast for 10 minutes until lightly golden and soft. Set aside.
- **3** Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the cauliflower and cook until very soft, around eight minutes. Drain well and allow to steam dry in a sieve.
- 4 Heat the remaining olive oil in a large saucepan over medium/high heat and add the onion, mushrooms, garlic, thyme, and a big pinch of salt. Cook for three minutes until they have broken down then add the tinned tomato, stock and simmer for five minutes before adding the lentils and olive and continue to cook for two minutes.
- **5** Crush the cauliflower with a potato masher, mix through the feta and season to taste.
- 6 Preheat the oven to 210°C. Spoon a third of the ragu into a 30cm pie dish sprinkle over half the rice then a layer of eggplant, ragu, rice, eggplant, ragu and finally top with the cauliflower, grated cheddar, and a little drizzle of
- 7 Lightly grease a piece of foil and place it, grease side down, to lightly wrap over the pie then bake for 40 minutes removing the foil halfway through cooking and continue to cook until golden and bubbling.

#### BEEF POT PIE

#### TIME 3 HOURS MAKES 8

1.5 kg beef sirloin, sliced into 2cm chunks

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup green beans, roughly chopped
- 1 large white potato, diced
- 1/2 head of broccoli, chopped into small florets

1/2 cup peas

1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped

1 sprig fresh thyme

4 garlic cloves, minced

2 Tbsp flour

400g chopped tomatoes

2 cups beef stock

2 tsp Dijon mustard

1 tsp sugar

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 egg, beaten

1-2 sheets of puff pastry

- 1 Heat a large pot or Dutch oven over a high heat and add 2 1/2 tbsp olive oil.
- 2 Add the beef to the pot, cooking in batches until the beef is browned. Once done, remove from the pot and set aside.
- 3 In the same pot, add another tbsp of olive oil, then add in the onion, potato and carrots. Cook for five minutes until the vegetables start to soften and begin to brown. Add the garlic and thyme and cook until fragrant.
- 4 Stir the flour through the vegetables, then return the meat to the pot and stir to combine.
- 5 Pour in the tomatoes, beef stock, Dijon mustard and sugar. Season with salt and pepper, stir to combine then cover with a lid.
- 6 Reduce the heat and allow to simmer for 90 minutes or until the beef is almost entirely soft.
- 7 Remove the lid, add in the broccoli. green beans, and peas, then allow to simmer for another 30 mins until the beef is very tender and the sauce has reduced.
- 8 Preheat the oven to 180°C. Transfer the mixture to a deep casserole/baking dish. If you feel like there's too much sauce, you can use only half of it.
- 9 Top the contents with a sheet or two of puff pastry (depending on the size of your baking dish), or you could use shortcrust pastry if you prefer. Crimp the edges, make a few slits into the top of the pastry to act as vents and brush with the beaten egg.
- 10 Bake the pie in the oven for 20-25 mins or until the pastry is golden brown and cooked through.
- 11 Remove the pie from the oven and allow it to rest for 10 minutes before serving.fritters to a platter and serve with yoghurt for dip dipping



Potatoes were facing a national shortage earlier this year, but the good news is that Australia's largest-grown vegetable commodity is now back in good supply, just in time to be enjoyed in a hearty winter meal!

Charlie Carpinteri and Richard Hawkes are potato growers from different regions in Victoria who share a passion for growing quality produce. Charlie Carpinteri grows in the Latrobe Valley, an area well known for its superior spud-growing soil. He grows multiple potato varieties and is one of the few remaining growers still using the old-fashioned method of hand-picking potatoes. Charlie says he won't use a harvester because "you have to be gentle with potatoes".

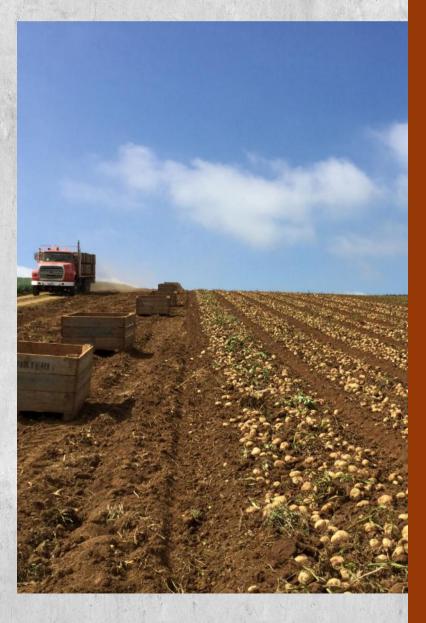
Charlie explains that the care shown to handpick potatoes is reflected in the quality of the finished product and is something consumers would only find by shopping at local, independent fruit and veg shops. Richard Hawkes is from Hawkes Farm, which grows potatoes, among other lines, and operates a Farmgate retail store in the Mornington Peninsula. Richard is a passionate advocate for supporting independent businesses.

"When you shop locally, you buy off someone who cares. You can get advice and suggestions on what's in season, what's eating well, and how to prepare different items. It's an experience that you won't get in any supermarket!". Richard says.

Both Richard and Charlie only supply to the Central Market system, ensuring their high-quality produce will end up with greengrocers who treat it with the same respect they have when growing it. With 2022 being Victoria's fifth wettest year ever recorded, local vegetable growers faced incredibly challenging growing conditions. Richard and Charlie agree that 2022 was undoubtedly one of the

most difficult years they have experienced as growers, yet both have demonstrated the resilience Aussie growers are well-known for and are now through the worst of it. "Most spud varieties have now stabilised, and volumes are almost back to where they were in early 2022," Richard explains. That is excellent news for consumers looking forward to tucking into Australia's favourite vegetable.

There are so many ways to enjoy Australian-grown potatoes, from roasted, mashed, and fried to boiled and baked. They are versatile in many dishes, from classic potato salad to spicy curries and stews. So, make sure potatoes are in your shopping basket next time you visit your local fruit and veg shop.



# FACTS ABOUT POTATOES



Last year, Australian growers produced 1.1 million tonnes of potatoes!



Potatoes are a great source of nutrients such as vitamin C, potassium, and dietary fibre, and they are low in fat and calories.



Australia's climate and soil conditions are ideal for growing potatoes, with most crops grown in cooler regions with sandy or loamy soil.



Indulge in some delightful baked sweets with seasonal fruit this winter.







# **CHOCOLATE PEAR** CAKE

#### **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 12**

1 cup plain flour 1/3 cup cocoa powder 3/4 tsp baking soda 1/8 tsp salt 1/4 cup unsalted butter 110g dark chocolate, chopped 3/4 cup white sugar 2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract 1/2 cup milk

- 3 ripe pears, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- 2 Grease and line the base of a springform cake tin.
- 3 Combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl, stirring to combine.
- 4 In a microwave, melt the butter and dark chocolate in a small bowl in 30 second intervals, stirring.
- 5 Transfer the melted mixture to a large bowl, then add the white sugar. Using an electric mixer, beat for a couple of minutes until the mixture is light in colour. Add in the eggs and vanilla extract, then continue beating to combine the mixture
- 6 Alternating, add in the flour mixture then milk, in two batches.
- 7 Pour the cake batter into the cake pan and top the cake batter with the sliced pears.
- 8 Bake the cake for around 45 minutes or until a toothpick comes out almost entirely clean
- 9 Once cooked, allow the cake to cool in the pan. Once cool. remove from the pan and slice to serve.

# **BAKED APPLES TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 6**

3 medium, sweet red apples 1 Tbsp brown sugar 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon 115 g unsalted butter 3/4 cup plain flour 3/4 cup rolled oats 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon 1/8 tsp salt Vanilla ice cream, to serve 1 Preheat oven to 190°C. Spray a baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Ensure that six apple halves can fit in the dish. 2 Halve the apples from stem to bottom, then use a spoon to scoop out the core of each half. 3 Arrange the apple halves in

the baking dish, flesh facing

up. Scatter one tablespoon of brown sugar and 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon over the apples.

- 4 To make the topping, melt the butter in a pan over a medium heat. Once melted. remove the pan from the heat, then stir in the flour, oats, salt and remaining brown sugar and
- **5** Divide the topping between the six apple halves, lightly pressing it down.
- 6 Cover the baking dish with aluminium foil and bake for around 25 minutes. Remove the aluminium foil, then bake another 20-30 minutes, or until the apples are soft and the topping is a beautiful golden brown.
- 7 To serve, place apple halves in serving bowls and top with a scoop of ice cream.

# **RHUBARB & CUSTARD** FLAN

# **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 8**

375g rolled shortcrust pastry 800g rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 4-5cm pieces 340g golden caster sugar

1 vanilla pod, split 1 Tbsp cornflour

- 2 large eggs, beaten 1 egg white, for washing 300ml crème fraiche
- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Roll out the pastry, enough to line a deep, 23cm round tart tin. Trim the edges of the pastry sheet, then prick the base with a fork and allow to chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, place the rhubarb in a large ovenproof dish. Stir through 120g of caster sugar and the split vanilla pod.
- 3 Loosely cover with foil and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the rhubarb is just tender. Drain any liquid and set aside to cool.
- 4 Cover the base of the tart with baking paper and fill with baking beans or rice. Blind bake the tart for 15 minutes, then remove the paper and beans. Bake for a further five minutes until the tart is cooked but still quite pale. Brush the tart base with the egg white to seal it. 5 Reduce the temperature
- of the oven to 150°C. In a bowl, combine the remaining sugar with the cornflour and gradually whisk in the eggs and crème fraiche. Carefully scrape out the vanilla seeds from the reserved pod and whisk.
- 6 Arrange the rhubarb on the tart base before pouring over

the custard mixture. 7 Bake in the oven for 30 minutes, or until the tart is just set in the middle. Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the tin before serving.

# **CALLUM HANN'S** CITRUS SOUFFLE

**TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4** Juice and zest of 1 lemon

60g caster sugar, plus 1 Tbsp extra

1 Tbsp corn flour Juice of 1 orange 2 egg whites Extra caster sugar, for dusting Cooking oil spray 1/2 cup crème fraiche

1 Preheat oven to 190°C

- 2 Place the lemon zest, 60g sugar and corn flour in a small saucepan and whisk to combine. Add lemon juice and orange juice.
- 3 Bring mixture to the boil. whisking, and cook for one minute or until thickened slightly. Remove from the heat and allow the citrus syrup to cool while you prepare the
- 4 Whisk the egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add the extra one tablespoon of sugar and whisk until stiff peaks form.
- 5 Fold through the citrus syrup. Spray four ramekins with oil and dust lightly with
- 6 Spoon the soufflé mixture into the dishes until 3/4 full. place the dishes on a baking tray and bake for 10-12 minutes or until risen and golden.
- 7 Serve soufflés immediately topped with a dollop of crème fraiche









# ORANGE & POPPY SEED CAKE

## TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 12

1 orange, roughly chopped 185g butter, melted 3 eggs

1 cup caster sugar

- 11/2 cups self-raising flour 2 Tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 Preheat oven to 170°C, and grease and line an 18-20cm cake pan or loaf tin.
- **2** Puree the orange (with the peel left on) in a food processor.
- **3** Add the melted butter, eggs, and sugar and combine.
- **4** Finally, add the flour and poppy seeds and combine.
- **5** Bake the cake in the oven for approximately 45 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted.
- **6** Once done, remove cake from the oven. Allow to cool for a few mins in the pan, then transfer to a wire rack.
- **7** Top with fresh orange slices and enjoy while warm.

# PECAN & DARK CHOCOLATE COOKIES

3/4 cup pecans 120g unsalted butter 120g brown sugar 40g caster sugar 1 egg, at room temperature 1 tsp vanilla bean paste or vanilla

180g plain flour 1/2 tsp baking powder 1/4 tsp baking soda 1/4 tsp salt

essence

1/4 tsp cardamom and mixed spice 125g dark chocolate, roughly chopped

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C. Roast the pecans in an oven tray for about five minutes until fragrant and just browned. Set aside to cool.
- **2** Melt the butter over low heat, then transfer it into a large bowl.
- **3** Add the brown sugar and vanilla paste and whisk to combine.
- 4 Add the egg and whisk for one to two minutes until a little bit lighter in colour and smooth and glossy. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and soda and salt (and optional spices). Add to the egg mixture and fold in to just combine. Add the pecans and chocolate chunks and fold to combine.
- **5** Cover the bowl and refrigerate for about 30 minutes to an hour before baking it allows the dough to stiffen so the cookies spread less. You can leave them in the fridge for up to three or four days, but it's recommended to let the dough warm up from fridge temperature before baking if completely cold, as they won't spread much at all otherwise.

- 6 Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- **7** Scoop even balls of dough onto lined baking trays, leaving at least 4cm between cookies. Bake for eight minutes, then open the oven door and quickly lift and tap/bang the baking tray down a few times to help the cookies spread.
- 8 Bake for a further few minutes or until cooked to your liking. Bang the tray again if desired to spread the cookies further. Leave on the trays to cool. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt. Store in an airtight container to cool. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt

# APPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

# TIME 45 MINUTES MAKES

# CARAMELISED APPLES

3 apples

60g unsalted butter 2 Tbsp brown sugar 1 tsp cinnamon Juice of 1/2 a lemon

#### CAKE

1/2 cup salted butter 2 Tbsp brown sugar 2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract 1 cup plain flour 1 1/2 tsp baking powder

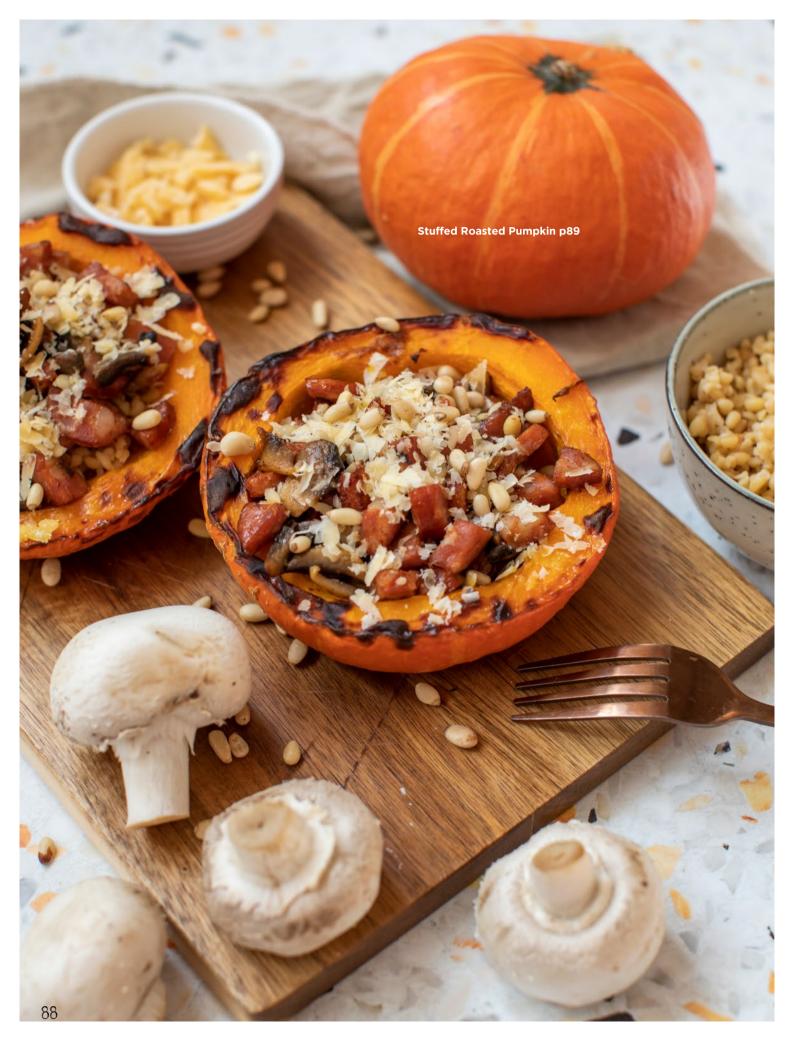
1 tsp salt 1/2 cup milk

- **1** To make the apples, cut apples into thin slices, ensuring you remove the core and seeds.
- **2** In a pan on the stove, heat butter, sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice until well combined. Add in your apple slices. Stir well and cook for 5-10 mins, then allow to rest for 5-10 mins.
- **3** To make the cake, while your apples are cooking, pre-heat the oven to 180°C and line a springform tin with baking paper.
- **4** Cream together your softened butter and brown sugar until you get a light and creamy texture. Add in the vanilla, then eggs (one after the other) and beat well.
- **5** In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add half of the dry mixture, as well as half of the milk to your mixing bowl and combine. Repeat with the other half of the mixture until you've got a cake batter.
- **6** In your springform tin, pour in the caramelised apples. Next, pour over the cake batter, place in the oven, and cook for approximately 25 minutes
- **7** Remove cake from the oven and turn cake out upside-down so your apples sit on top of the cake. Slice and enjoy with some ice-cream.





Make Veggies the star of the show with these show-stopping dishes!









# **GARLIC CAULIFLOWER STEAKS TIME 40 MINUTES MAKES 4**

3 Tbsp olive oil

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp dried oregano

1/2 tsp each of dried thyme, rosemary, and

2 heads cauliflower, cut into 1/2-inch slices Salt, pepper to taste

1/4 cup parmesan, grated

1 Preheat oven to 200°C, and line a large baking tray with baking paper.

2 In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, garlic, and dried herbs.

**3** Place the cauliflower slices in a single layer onto the lined tray, then brush each slice with the olive oil mixture on both sides. Season with salt and pepper, to

4 Place tray in the oven and bake until the cauliflower steaks are golden brown, around 20-25 mins, flipping them at the halfway mark.

5 Serve immediately while the cauliflower steaks are still warm, sprinkled with grated Parmesan.

# STUFFED ROASTED PUMPKIN **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 2**

1 medium pumpkin

Olive oil

Salt, Pepper to taste

1/2 cup cooked chorizo 1/2 cup mushroom

1 Tbsp pine nuts

1 cup bulgur

Shredded parmesan

1 Heat oven to 180°C. Cut the pumpkin in half and scoop out the seeds.

2 Place the pumpkin halves cut side down in a baking dish and cover the dish loosely with foil

3 Roast the pumpkin until soft (30 to 50 minutes). While the pumpkin is roasting, prepare the filling.

4 Add chorizo, mushroom pine nuts and bulgur as a filling into the centre of the pumpkin.

5 Cover again with the foil. Roast until cooked (15 to 20 minutes)

6 Add cheese on top of the pumpkin filling if desired. Serve immediately.

# **BRAISED GREENS & BUTTERBEAN CROSTINI**

**TIME 50 MINUTES MAKES 4** 

1/4 cup olive oil

2 medium zucchini, thickly sliced

1 head broccoli, roughly chopped

1 brown onion, sliced

1 clove garlic, roughly chopped

Large pinch dried chili flakes

1/2 bunch each cavolo nero and silverbeet, roughly sliced

1 x 400g tin butterbeans

8 slices sourdough

Olive oil to drizzle

1 small block parmesan, to grate

1 Place a large pot over medium-high heat and add the olive oil, onion, broccoli, zucchini, garlic, chilli

2 Cook, stirring, for two minutes then add the leafy greens and a little more salt and cover with a lid to wilt the veggies for five minutes. Give them a stir and continue to cook, covered until they become softened about 10 more minutes.

3 Add the butterbeans to the pot with a little of the juice from the can and stir through. Adjust the seasoning to taste and keep it hot.

4 Drizzle the sourdough with a little olive oil and grill to get it crisp and golden. Serve the greens and spoon over the sourdough with parmesan shaved over to serve

## ONE PAN EGG VEG BRUNCH **TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 2**

1/2 Tbsp olive oil

1 knob of butter

1 zucchini, cut into small chunks

1 yellow capsicum, cut into small chunks 1 red capsicum, cut into small chunks

2 spring onions, finely sliced

1 garlic clove, crushed

3 eggs

1 Heat the oil and butter in a large fry pan, then add the zucchini and capsicum and a little salt and pepper. Cook for 10 mins, stirring from time to time until everything is starting to brown.

2 Add the spring onions, garlic and thyme and cook for a further two minutes

**3** Make three spaces in the pan and crack in the eggs.

4 Cover with foil or a lid and cook for around four minutes, or until the eggs are cooked (with the yolks soft for dipping into). Sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve

# **BEETROOT & EGGPLANT DIP** TIME 1 HOUR 20 MINS MAKES 5

1 large beetroot (or 2-3 small beetroot)

1 large eggplant

4 Tbsp hulled tahini

2 Tbsp olive oil, plus extra for roasting 1 garlic clove

1 tsp ground cumin

Salt. Pepper to taste

1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Trim leaves and roots off the beetroot and wash thoroughly. Wrap the beetroot in foil and place it on a baking tray. Cut the stalk off the eggplant and halve it lengthways. Rub the cut sides with olive oil and place the eggplant cut side down on a small sheet of baking paper on the same baking tray. Also place the garlic clove on the tray, drizzled with a dash of oil.

2 Bake the beetroot, eggplant and garlic until soft. The eggplant will take around 40-45 minutes. When it is done, take it out and set it aside to cool on the baking tray. The beetroot will take around 60-70 minutes, depending on size.

3 Once the beetroot is finished cooking, let it cool a little before unwrapping. Remove the skin from the beetroot and the eggplant.

4 Place all ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Place the dip in the fridge for a few hours to chill before serving. and pepper.



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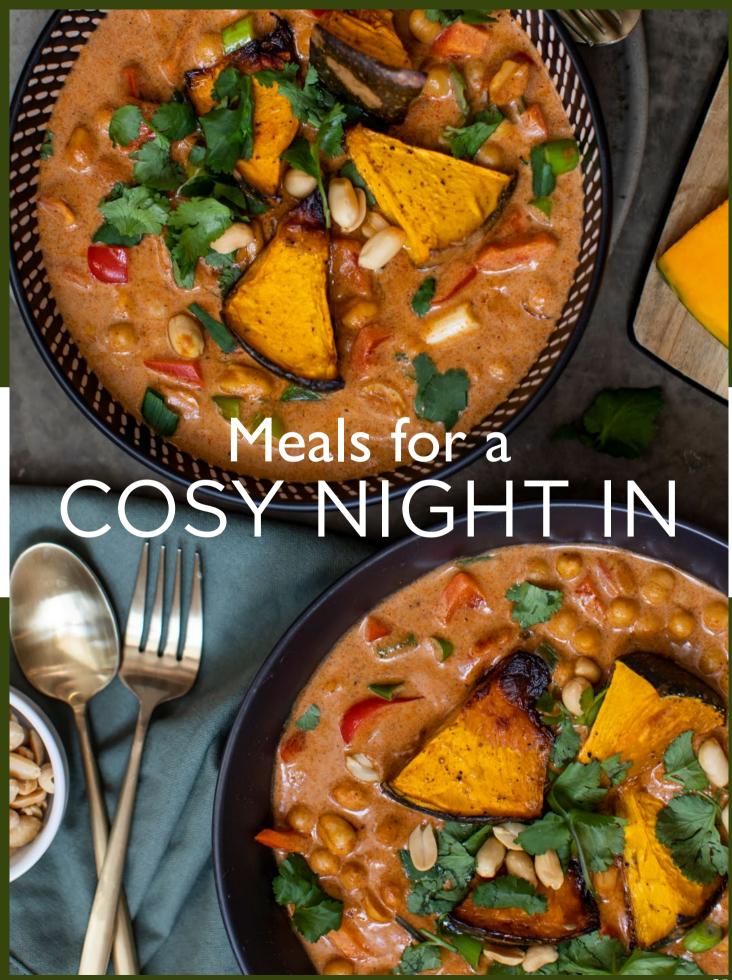
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# YELLOW PUMPKIN CURRY

#### TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4

- 1 1/2 Tbsp coconut oil 1 medium spring onion, chopped
- 1 red capsicum, diced
- 3 Tbsp yellow (or red) Thai curry paste
- 3 1/2 cups peeled and chopped pumpkin
- 2 small cans coconut cream
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 cup chopped coriander 1 can chickpeas
- 2/3 cup roasted peanuts
- 1 Preheat an oven to 180°C
- 2 Place the chopped pumpkin on a baking tray, drizzle with oil, dust with salt and pepper and roast for 30 minutes or until tender
- **3** In a large fry pan, heat the coconut oil and add the curry paste, cooking through for one minute
- **4** Add the coconut cream and bring it to a boil, reducing it to a simmer for approximately three minutes
- **5** Add the chickpeas, capsicum, peanuts and maple syrup and stir.
- **6** Add in the roasted pumpkin and stir through
- **7** Finally, add the spring onion, stir through for a minute and take off the heat
- **8** Serve immediately with the chopped coriander. You could enjoy this curry on its own, with rice, roti bread or noodles.

# MAPLE & MUSTARD ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

# TIME 45 MINUTES

MAKES 4

- 450g brussels sprouts 110g pancetta, diced
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp each of Dijon mustard
- & whole grain mustard
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tsp each of salt & pepper
- 2 Tbsp pine nuts
- 2-3 Tbsp parmesan, grated
- 1 Preheat the oven to 210°C, and line a large tray with baking paper.
- 2 Trim the brussels sprouts, remove the tough outer leaves, then cut each sprout in half.
- **3** In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, Dijon mustard, whole grain mustard,

- maple syrup, and salt and pepper.
- **4** Add the brussels sprouts and pancetta to the bowl and toss to combine. Pour the contents of the bowl onto the lined baking tray in a single layer.
- **5** Place the tray in the oven and roast for 25 minutes. Remove the tray from the oven, sprinkle the pine nuts over the top then return the tray to the oven to roast for a further five minutes.
- **6** To serve, transfer the roasted brussels sprouts to a serving dish or platter. Season with salt & pepper, to taste. Then top with the grated parmesan before serving enjoy!

# PUMPKIN & KALE RISOTTO

#### **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 12**

- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 11/2 cups arborio rice,
- 1 large leek, thinly sliced 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 a butternut pumpkin, diced
- 4 cups vegetable stock 1 bunch kale, roughly chopped 1/4 cup parmesan, grated Salt, pepper to taste
- Goat's cheese, to serve 1 Preheat oven to 200°C and line a tray with baking paper.
- 2 Place the chopped pumpkin onto the lined tray, sprinkle with nutmeg, salt and pepper and bake until the edges are golden, around 30 minutes. Once done, remove from oven and set aside.
- **3** Over medium heat, add the oil, butter and chopped leek to a deep pot and sauté for four minutes. Next, add the garlic and arborio rice. Cook for a few minutes, stirring often.
- 4 Add the roast pumpkin and stir until well combined, then add the vegetable stock, one cup at a time, stirring to combine between each addition. Once all the stock has been added, reduce the heat to a simmer and allow the rice to cook (around 20 minutes)
- **5** Be sure to stir often to avoid the risotto sticking to the bottom of the pan. With five minutes cook time remaining,

- add in the chopped kale and parmesan.
- **6** Once done, serve topped with goat's cheese.

# VEGETABLE CURRY WITH PANEER TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 4

- 2 Thsp olive oil
- 250g paneer, cut into 1cmthick slices
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh ginger, finely chopped
- 10 curry leaves
- 1 Tbsp curry powder
- 150g bean shoots
- 400g pumpkin, peeled and diced into 1cm cubes 1/2 cauliflower, cut into smal
- 1/2 cauliflower, cut into small florets

100g green beans, halved 4 medium tomatoes, diced 1/2 cup fresh coriander, plus extra to serve

Rice or naan, to serve

- 1 Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add in the paneer and cook for two minutes on each side until lightly charred. Set aside.
- 2 With the heat still on medium, add in the remaining oil, plus the onion, garlic, and ginger and cook, for around five minutes, stirring regularly.
- **3** Add in the curry leaves and powder and cook for two minutes. Stir constantly, scraping the base of the pan with a wooden spoon.
- **4** Add the bean shoots, pumpkin, cauliflower, green beans, tomatoes and one and a half cups of water. Bring the mixture to the boil, reduce to a simmer, season with salt and pepper to taste, and then cover with a lid.
- **5** Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.
- **6** Remove the lid, add in the chopped coriander and paneer and cook for a further one minute or until the paneer is warmed through.
- **7** Serve topped with coriander and a side of rice or naan bread.





# HERO FOR HEARTKIDS DAY

The South Australian Produce Market is a proud supporter of HeartKids national fundraising day - Be a Hero for Heartkids - and once again donned the superhero suits when the national fundraising day was held on Friday, June 16, 2023.

Well before most of us start our day, the fruit and vegetable wholesale market community are ending theirs. But once a year, instead of heading home, they participate in a Heroes BBQ, raising awareness of the prevalence of congenital heart disease in Australia and turning the humble snag into funds to help HeartKids deliver much-needed services and support programs.

Trucks are commonplace at the market but in June, Batman parks the batmobile, alongside Captain America's prime mover, ensuring they are ready to handle any escapades that come their way.

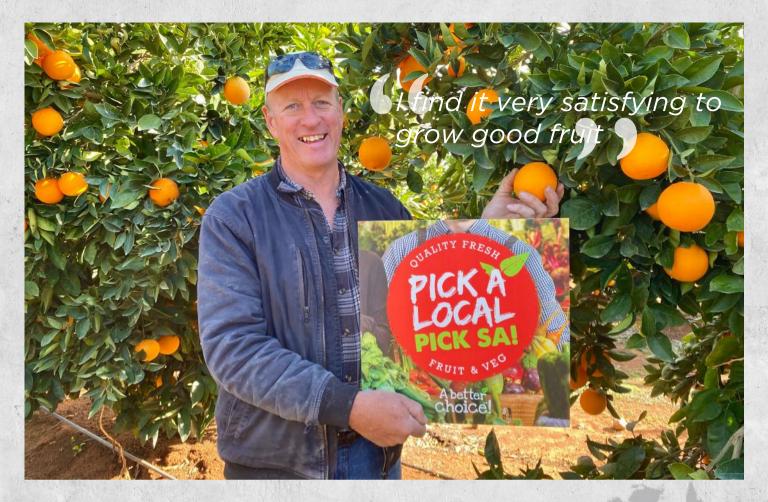
In 2022 the event raised \$8,000 for those affected by congenital or childhood-acquired heart disease, with this year's event raising another \$3,000.

Those affected by childhood heart disease fight their own battle for survival and rely on the many services that HeartKids provides. Every day in Australia there are eight children born with a heart defect, which means there is a family every three hours whose life will change in a heartbeat, and sadly four lives will be lost each week.

"The South Australian Produce Market is delighted to support HeartKids in their quest to recognise and support the true superheroes - the children and families that have been impacted by congenital heart disease," said Angelo Demasi, South Australian Produce Market Chief Executive Officer.

HeartKids is the only national not-for-profit organisation solely focused on supporting and advocating for people impacted by childhood heart disease (CHD), one of the largest causes of infant death in Australia.





# FROM FIREWOOD TO FRESH FRUIT

# How a Riverland Citrus Grower fell into the Industry

A need to diversify their income was the driving force behind the Doecke family's move into the citrus industry in South Australia's Riverland more than three decades ago. Previously, Mark Doecke. his wife Louise and young sons Luke and Sam were in the firewood supply business. Needing a source of income over the summer months, in 1992, they decided to branch out into the citrus and stone fruit industry and established a block at Sunlands. a horticultural area near Waikerie. Over the next 20 years, their citrus operation expanded to up to 100 acres but has downsized slightly in recent times to now comprise 70 acres with another six managed on behalf of their son. Luke.

Ironically, all those Valencia plantings (and the apricots) on the original block were pushed out to make way for more winter varieties. "We've evolved to try to grow what the market wants," Mark said. "Back in the day, the industry used to grow valencias and navels and that was it but now there are all sorts of different varieties. "We try to have a bit of a mix

and that has served us well over time." Varieties grown now include Kirkwood, Dekopons. Tango mandarins, a few varieties of late navels and seedless valencias. For the Doeckes, the season kicks into gear in June and finishes with Valencias in late October. Mark says fruit transport options have dramatically changed over his three decades in the industry and he now delivers fruit to processors in Mildura, Loxton and Waikerie. Some fruit is sold domestically but most are exported to Southeast Asia, the United States and India.

While there are many difficulties faced by citrus growers, Mark says the future is promising. "The demand for Australian citrus is good, that's the key," he said. "Citrus, although with all its challenges, you can still get an average to good return for good fruit. "I find it very satisfying to grow good fruit, it's not always about the money but the challenge of growing a decent, good-tasting piece of fruit is very rewarding."

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# **BANANA RAISIN PANCAKES TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 12**

1 cup rolled oats 1/2 cup plain flour 1/2 cup raisins 2 ripe bananas, divided 1/2 cup milk 11/2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon 1/4 tsp salt 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus

more for pan Yoghurt and honey for serving

1 Blend one cup of oats in a food processor until finely ground but with

some texture remaining.

- 2 Peel one banana and tear it into large pieces. Add to ground oats along with flour, milk, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, vanilla, and three tablespoons of oil. Process, stopping to scrape down sides as needed, until well combined. Remove the bowl from the base and stir in the raisins. Let sit for 15 minutes.
- 3 Meanwhile, thinly slice the remaining banana and set aside.
- 4 Heat one teaspoon of oil in a frying pan, swirling to coat the bottom of the pan. Working in batches of two or three, depending on the size of your pan, scoop in about 1/4 cup batter per pancake and flatten slightly with a spatula. Arrange a few reserved banana slices on top, then reduce heat to medium, and cook until set and goldenbrown underneath. Flip the pancakes over and cook on the other side until golden brown. Transfer to a large plate.
- 5 Repeat with remaining batter, adding more oil to pan between batches as needed.
- 6 Serve pancakes topped with yoghurt and honey.

# **BAKED OATS TWO WAYS** TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 2 **CARROT CAKE OATS**

40g rolled oats 1/2 small ripe banana, mashed 1 small carrot, grated 3/4 tsp baking powder 1 Tbsp maple syrup 120ml milk 1 tbsp sultanas 1 tsp ground cinnamon 1/4 tsp mixed spice 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

#### **RASPBERRY & BANANA OATS**

40g rolled oats 1/2 small ripe mashed banana 120ml milk 3/4 tsp baking powder 1 Tbsp maple syrup 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 1 tsp ground cinnamon Handful raspberries

1 Preheat oven to 180°C fan-forced, and grease a small ovenproof dish with a small knob of butter

2 Mix all ingredients together in a bowl then transfer into the ovenproof dish.

3 Bake in the oven for 25 minutes or until the baked oats are golden at the edges.

4 Once cooked, remove from the oven. and let stand for 10 minutes to cool. Top with a dollop of yoghurt if desired, and perhaps a drizzle of maple syrup too.

# **BREAKFAST TACOS TIME 15 MINUTES MAKES 2**

4 large eggs

2 Tbsp unsalted butter

4 mini tortillas

1 avocado, thinly sliced 1 spring onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced

1/4 cup fresh coriander, chopped

1/4 cup feta, crumbled

Chives, finely chopped (optional)

1 Heat a large non-stick pan over a lowmedium heat and add one tablespoon of the butter.

- 2 Lightly beat the eggs until just combined and then pour in the pan. Stir and toss until the eggs cook. Right before the eggs are firming up, add the remaining tablespoon of butter and toss until it's incorporated into the scrambled eggs.
- 3 To assemble the tacos, add the sliced avocado on the bottom.
- 4 Then top with the eggs, tomatoes, spring onion, coriander, feta and a touch

## **RHUBARB BANANA BREAD TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 12**

11/2 cups plain wholemeal flour 1 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp baking soda 1/2 tsp salt 1 tsp ground cinnamon 2 large eggs 1 tsp vanilla extract 3 bananas, mashed 1/3 cup honey

1 cup rhubarb, finely chopped

1 Preheat oven to 180°C and grease a loaf pan with cooking spray or butter. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside.

1 Using a hand-held mixer or food processor, beat together the eggs, vanilla extract, mashed banana and honey until combined.

2 Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients and stir to combine the ingredients. Then gently fold in the chopped rhubarb.

3 Pour the cake batter into the greased loaf pan. Bake in the oven for 50 minutes, or until the loaf is golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean.

4 Allow the bread to cool in the pan for around 10 minutes. Carefully remove the bread from the pan, slice as desired and serve.

# **BREAKFAST CREPES WITH** PAPAYA AND PASSIONFRUIT GLAZE

### **TIME 1 HOUR MAKES 4**

4 passionfruit 1 papaya 1 cup (150g) plain flour, sifted 2 eggs 300ml milk 50g butter, melted 250g creme fraiche 100g hazelnuts, roasted, crushed

1 tsp vanilla extract

1/2 cup sugar

1 In a large bowl mix flour with a pinch of salt. Add the eggs and vanilla extract, then gently whisk in the milk until smooth with a thin consistency.

- 2 To make passionfruit glaze, add the pulp of 4 passionfruit and 1/2 cup of sugar to a small pot. Place on a stove at medium heat and combine, stirring slowly. Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer and continue to cook until the mixture thickens to syrup.
- 3 Cut one papaya into long slices and
- **4** Grease a frying pan with butter over medium heat. Pour just enough batter into the pan to cover the bottom, then swirl it to coat it completely. Cook for one minute, then turn over and cook for an additional 30 seconds, or until golden. Repeat until mixture is finished (should yield 12 crepes).
- 5 Plate up by adding a small amount of creme fraiche and passionfruit glaze into the middle of the folded crepes and arrange papaya on top of the folded crepes as shown.
- 6 Drizzle more passionfruit glaze atop all of the crepes and scatter hazelnuts around the plate and serve!

# FRUIT PORRIDGE BOWLS **TIME 30 MINUTES MAKES 2**

100g raspberries 100g Strawberries 50a Blueberries 1 blood orange, 1/2 sliced and 1/2 juiced 150g porridge oats 100ml milk 1 Tbsp chia Seeds

1 Combine half the raspberries, strawberries, and blueberries in a medium frying pan with the orange juice. Simmer until the berries have softened.

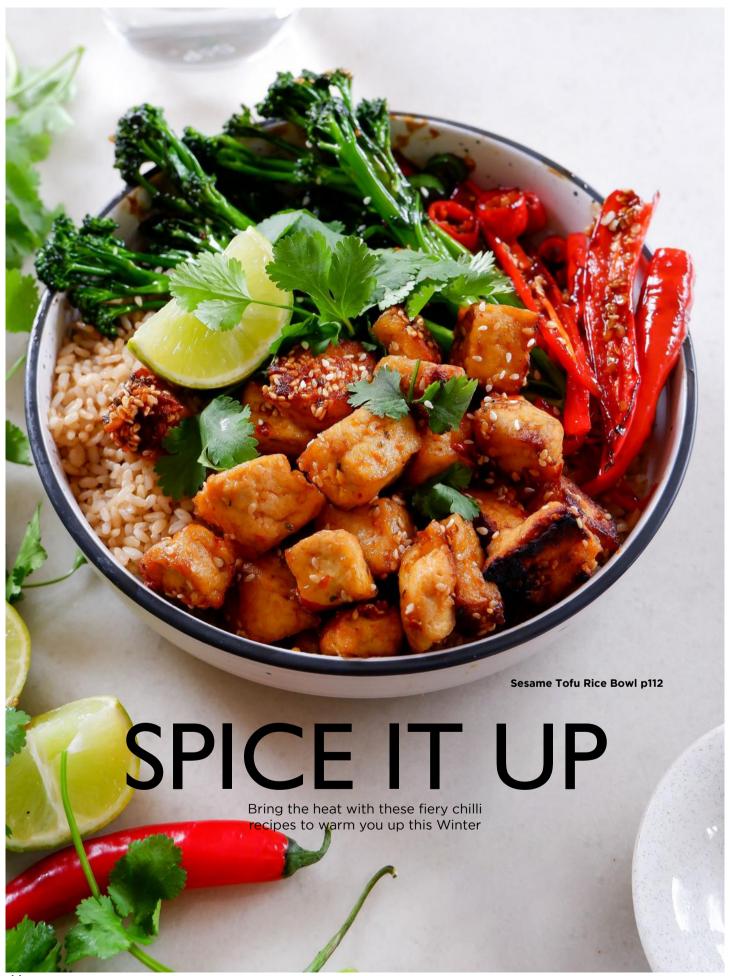
2 Stir the oats, milk, and 450ml water in a pot over low heat until creamy.

3 Top oats with berries, orange slices, and chia seeds. Serve immediately



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# SESAME TOFU RICE **BOWL**

800g firm tofu, drained 4 Tbsp cornflour

2 Tbsp sesame oil

1/4 cup soy sauce

4 Tbsp water

4 tsp honey

2 tsp minced garlic

1 tsp rice wine vinegar

4 tsp cornflour

2 cups steamed brown rice

2 bunches Broccolini™,

blanched

Red chillies, to serve

1 lime, cut into four segments, to serve

Fresh coriander leaves, chopped, to serve Sesame seeds, to serve.

then leave for 30 mins

1 Place the tofu onto a plate lined with paper towel. Place another paper towel on top and gently press down to squeeze out excess liquid. Replace the paper towels,

2 After 30 mins, slice the tofu into cubes and place in a large bowl. Sprinkle the cornflour on top and gently toss to ensure all the tofu is evenly covered.

3 In a large pan, heat the sesame oil over medium-high heat. Once the oil has heated, add the tofu to the pan and allow it to brown on all sides.

4 Meanwhile, whisk together the soy sauce, water, honey, minced garlic, rice wine vinegar and cornflour to make the sauce.

5 Once the tofu is brown on all sides and crispy, add the sauce to the pan. Allow it to thicken slightly, ensuring the tofu is evenly coated in the sauce. Then remove from the pan from the heat.

6 To assemble the bowls, put 1/2 cup cooked brown rice in each bowl. Then top with the tofu and Broccolini™. Garnish with red chilli, coriander,

sesame seeds and lime.

# **PORK & VEGETABLE** SAN CHOY BAU

3 Tbsp olive oil

3 Tbsp soy sauce

3 Tbsp oyster sauce

1 Tbsp ginger, minced

3 Tbsp sesame oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

450g pork mince

2 spring onions, finely chopped

1 cup mushrooms, finely chopped

1 large carrot, grated

1 large zucchini, grated

1 celery stalk, finely chopped 16 small lettuce leaves, trimmed

Crushed peanuts, to serve Chilli and coriander, finely chopped, to serve

1 Whisk together the olive oil, soy sauce, oyster sauce and minced ginger in a bowl.

2 Heat the sesame oil in a wok or pan until it's very hot. Add in the garlic and pork mince. Stir-fry the pork, ensuring you break it up to avoid clumps, until it is mostly browned.

**3** Add in the spring onions and half of the sauce mixture. Continue breaking up the pork until the pieces resemble the size of corn kernels.

4 Add in the mushrooms, carrot, zucchini, celery, the remaining sauce mixture, and stir-fry for 5 mins.

**5** To serve, add dollops of the pork mixture iwnto trimmed lettuce leaf cups. Then top with crushed peanuts, and coriander and chilli, if desired.

# **SPICY FENNEL & PORK SAUSAGE RAGU**

2/3 large onion Fennel (in equal ratio to onion)

2 cloves of Garlic 500ml passata

250g fennel and pork sausages (approx 4 large)

300g riatoni pasta 2 Tbsp olive oil

Salt & pepper

Chilli flakes to taste

1 Finely dice onion, fennel and garlic. Add to a cold pan with olive oil

2 Bring up to heat slowly, add chilli flakes and stir often for five minutes or so, ensuring it doesn't burn

3 Cut the sausage meat out of the casing by slicing one end and squeezing, adding to the hot pan.

**4** Once the sausage is almost fully browned, add the passata and season with salt and pepper. Bring up to a boil, then return the heat to low

5 While the sauce is simmering for at least 30 minutes (the longer the more flavour it gets) cook your pasta

6 Add a few tablespoons of the pasta water to the sauce, mix, then add the pasta

7 Serve with parmesan cheese

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