# Men's Health Week

# Spinach Pie BY BEN CHESLER

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Boroondara Youth Voice is a program for young people aged 10-25 years to develop leadership skills and actively participate in local government planning and decisionmaking.

This recipe is easy, nutritious and loosely based on a Greek savoury pie dish called spanakopita. It's my mother's go-to recipe and I've grown up eating it since I was a baby. I make this dish whenever our fridge is running low on food or I need to cook a large batch of meals for a busy week ahead.

I believe that food is a great way for us to break down social barriers. Sharing meals with others allows us to enjoy a collective experience regardless of our backgrounds; when you break it down, we are all human and we all eat.

I find it more rewarding to share food with others than eating a meal alone, as it is an opportunity to learn about different cuisines and try a variety of new flavours, textures and experiences.

### Ingredients

#### **SERVES 4**

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 onions

**2** garlic cloves

500g frozen spinach – thawed

300g hard feta (feel free to mix in some ricotta or parmesan)

#### 4 eggs

2 sheets of ready-rolled puff pastry

Some butter or canola spray to grease the pan

Lemon

## Method

Turn the oven to 220°C fan-forced.

Chop the onion and garlic and sauté in a pan with oil.

Grate the feta and place the spinach, eggs, cooked onion, garlic and grated feta into a bowl. Mix until combined.

Rub butter or spray canola oil on the inside of your baking dish and place the mixture inside.

Set the puff pastry on top of the mixture and pierce small holes in the pastry to let the steam out.

Cook for 15 minutes in the oven or until the pastry is brown. Serve with a squeeze of lemon.

