### Aileen Sforcina Healthy Living Episode 29



## **Beetroot and Apple Crunch**

### Ingredients:

2 medium sized beetroot, peeled and cut into quarters 2 large crisp apples (pink lady or granny smiths are good) ½ medium sized red salad onion Juice of 1 lemon Salt to taste

#### Method:

- 1. Place beetroot, apples, red salad onion and lemon juice into food processor or Thermomix bowl and chop (Thermomix **speed 5** for **4-8 seconds**) or grate the beetroot, apples and red onion on a hand grater in the absence of a food processor.
- 2. Add Salt to taste.

### Serving Suggestion:

Serve on lettuce leaf, top with Raw Citrus Dressing and chopped chives or finely sliced green spring onion

## **Citrus Dressing**

#### Ingredients:

150g or 1 cup raw cashew nuts Juice of 2 oranges Juice of 1 lemon 1 tablespoon honey 1 teaspoon celtic salt

#### Method:

- Place raw cashew nuts, orange juice, lemon juice, honey and salt into blender or Thermomix bowl and blend until smooth and creamy (Thermomix speed 9 for 1 minute).
- 2. Chill and store in a covered jar in the refrigerator. Will keep up to 5 days in refrigerator.

Note: This mixture will thicken as it chills or it may be cooked for a thicker consistency, however heat will destroy vitamin C content.

To cook: pour mixture from blender into saucepan and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Then return mixture to blender and blend again until very smooth. For the Thermomix method, **cook** for **4 minutes** at **100°C** on **speed 2** and then **pulverise** on **speed 9** for **30 seconds** to achieve a very smooth consistency.

# **Green Minty Dream**

### Ingredients:

Fresh mint leaves to taste
2 cups baby English spinach
1 large ripe pineapple, peeled, cored, cut into 2cm cubes and frozen

#### Method:

- 1. Place mint leaves and baby spinach leaves into food processor or Thermomix bowl and **chop for 2 seconds** on **speed 9**. Scrape down sides of bowl with spatula.
- 2. Add frozen pineapple pieces and **pulverize** on **speed 9** for **60 seconds**. Serve frozen alone or with fresh fruit.

### Walnut Lentil & Zucchini Burgers

### Ingredients:

20 g dry chick peas, ground to flour (or 20 g purchased besan flour)

1 cup rolled oats (or ½ cup buckwheat for gluten free)

Celtic salt, to taste

2 zucchini, peeled and roughly chopped

1 cup walnuts

1/4 cup lentils, cooked in 1 cup water and drained

1 onion, peeled and cut into quarters

1 tomato, cut into quarters

### Method:

- 1. Place chick pea flour, rolled oats (or buckwheat for gluten free) and Celtic salt into food processor or Thermomix and grind until oats are like flour (Thermomix: **grind** for **one minute** on **speed 9**). Set aside in large mixing bowl.
- 2. Place zucchini, walnuts, lentils, onion and tomato into food processor or Thermomix bowl and process until well combined (Thermomix: **speed 9** for **5 seconds** using spatula to assist).
- 3. Combine with dry ingredients in mixing bowl and stir well.
- 4. Line oven tray with baking paper.
- 5. Form mixture into burgers and then place onto prepared baking tray.
- 6. Bake in oven at 180°C (360°F) for 20 minutes on each side. Baking time may vary depending on individual oven.

## **Date and Tomato Chutney**

#### Ingredients:

1 medium onion, peeled and finely diced (or cut into quarters for Thermomix)

1 cm slice of fresh root ginger, peeled and finely grated (or cut into quarters for Thermomix)

2 tbsp (40 ml) of water

2 medium tomatoes, diced (or cut into quarters for Thermomix)

1 cup pitted Iranian cooking dates roughly chopped

Juice of 1 lemon

Celtic salt, to taste

#### Method:

- Place onion and ginger into saucepan and sauté in the water until onion has softened (Thermomix: place onion and ginger into Thermomix bowl and chop on speed 9 for 2 seconds, add in the water and sauté for 2 minutes at 100°C on speed 1).
- 2. Add tomatoes and dates to the onion and ginger in saucepan and cook until tomatoes have cooked and dates have softened (Thermomix: add tomatoes and dates and **cook** for **5 minutes** at **100°C** on **speed 1**).
- 3. Mash mixture in saucepan with a fork, or blend with a stick blender, or pour into a blender and blend until desired consistency is achieved (Thermomix: **pulverize** on **speed 9** for **10 seconds**).

Finally add lemon juice and salt to taste.