Free-form caramelized leek tart

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 medium brown onions, sliced thinly
- 2 medium leeks, trimmed, sliced thinly
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 1/3 cup coarsely grated parmesan cheese
- 1 egg, separated
- 4 sheets ready-rolled shortcrust pastry

Equipment

- Metric spoon & cup measures
- Sharp knife
- chopping board
- baking trays

- 1. Heat oil in a large frying pan, cook onion and leek, stirring, about 15 minutes or until mixture starts to caramelise. Stir in thyme, cool.
- 2. Meanwhile, combine ricotta, parmesan and egg yolk in a small bowl.
- 3. Preheat oven to 200C (180C fan-forced). Oil two oven trays; line with baking paper.
- 4. Using a 20cm plate as a guide, cut 1 round from each pastry sheet; place two rounds on each tray. Divide the ricotta mixture among the rounds, leaving 4cm border around edges.
- 5. Divide leek mixture over rounds. Turn border of each tart up around filling; brush upturned edges with egg white.
- 6. Bake tarts about 35 minutes or until pastry is browned lightly.