



# 2023

It's been a tough year for many...  
sit back, relax

...and enjoy our tips to  
**'make Christmas easy'**

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# Let's start by decompressing

- Set devices to DND and enjoy life without constant notifications
- Get in nature or channel some zen with meditation and mindfulness - nap anyone?
- Unite your family for a movie marathon or game night - charades or Pie Face?
- Check in with your community - your elderly neighbour or local cause would love to see you
- Practise gratitude daily - celebrate the small wins like nailing your parallel parking on the first attempt



Reflect on the year that was.

Document the highlights.

Identify easy improvements and quick wins for 2024.



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*In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.*

- Albert Einstein



## Spiced Apple Ginger

200ml + 1 Tbsp cloudy  
apple juice  
1/3 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 Tbsp demerara sugar  
400ml ginger beer  
125ml vodka (optional)

Mix cinnamon and sugar  
on a saucer. Dip the rims  
of 4 highball glasses into  
the apple juice then  
cinnamon sugar. Set  
aside.

Mix apple juice, ginger  
beer, and vodka (if  
using) in a large jug. Fill  
the glasses with ice and  
top with the cocktail.  
Garnish with apple slices  
and cinnamon sticks.



## Mind Freedom, Made Easy

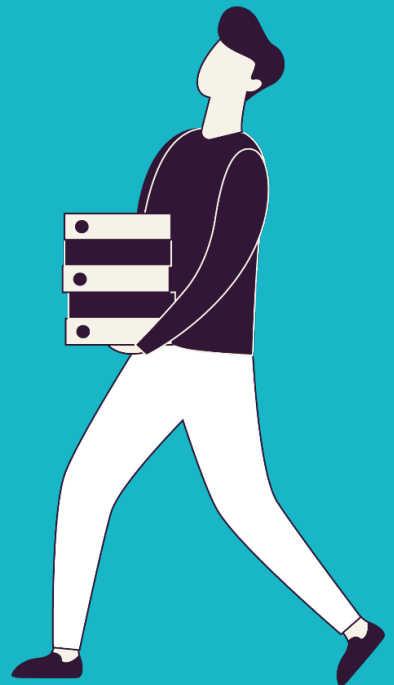
Relax, and enjoy a festive drink

**TIP:** Try heating the cocktail mixture and serve in mugs (hold the ice).

# Escape reality by delving into the lives of others...



- **How to be Champion**  
– Sarah Millican
- **This is Going to Hurt**  
– Adam Kay
- **Bonkers: My Life in Laughs**  
– Jennifer Saunders
- **Open**  
– Andre Agassi
- **Dear Fatty**  
– Dawn French
- **Gotta Get Theroux This: My Life and Strange Times in Television**  
– Louis Theroux
- **How to be a Woman**  
– Caitlin Moran
- **Everything I Know About Love**  
– Dolly Alderton
- **In the Studio**  
– Rick Rubin
- **Semi-gloss**  
– Justine Cullen



# Seek Financial Freedom



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Money talks...  
but all mine ever  
says is goodbye!

- Don't let this be you!

Everyone's  
feeling the  
pinch right now.  
It's time to get  
creative!

- Do a stocktake and declutter like Marie Kondo! You'll free up space and make some money
- Organise a monthly, rotational DIY Day with friends. Bring a plate, bottle, and a suitable tool to get those lingering DIY jobs nailed
- Get thrifty - hit the second-hand shops when you need to replenish items
- Review your subscriptions. Do you need that many streaming services?
- Revisit your budget (yes, it's an annual activity)
- Make sure your business is structured for tax efficiency. We can help with this
- Focus on your gross margin (we can help with this too)
- Learn ways to grow your sales and increase cashflow (hi, it's us again, here to help!)

## The 2-minute rule

If a task takes 2 minutes or less, do it immediately.

## Delegate or outsource.

If it's time consuming or outside your expertise, engage a pro.



## Time blocking

Use time blocking to schedule uninterrupted focus work periods – consider the Pomodoro technique.



## Utilise tech

From scheduling apps to robot vacuum cleaners and mowers, embrace technology that frees up your time.



# Top ways to Sleigh Christmas



1. Get creative. Craft, bake, or brew gifts that scream “I made this with love!”.
2. Give everyone a slice of the Christmas action list. Assign your least enjoyable tasks to others.
3. Loosely schedule Christmas Day shenanigans. Include time to snooze on the couch.
4. Aim for fun, not perfection. Not everything will go to plan – laugh it off and focus on fun!
5. Get ahead of the game. Create your wish list, check it twice, set a budget, and go.
6. Get your app together. Track who’s getting what, and your progress.
7. Point, click, shop. Let your fingers get your groceries, gifts, and decorations.
8. Host a potluck extravaganza. Delegate the cooking to your guests! Your menu might end up dessert heavy, but who’s complaining?!
9. Don’t overdo the social scene. Pick the most important events and say ‘thanks, but no thanks’ to the rest.



# A twist on a classic...



Forget the soggy sponge and tinned fruit. Try a modern take on the classic trifle with a lemon and raspberry masterpiece from [dish.co.nz](http://dish.co.nz).

## Raspberry filling

3 cups frozen raspberries, thawed  
¼ cup limoncello  
¼ cup caster sugar  
Fine zest of 1 lemon

## Lemon syrup

1 cup water  
¾ cup sugar  
Juice of 1 lemon  
¼ cup limoncello

## Lemon cream

200ml cream  
250g mascarpone  
¼ cup limoncello  
½ cup lemon curd  
250g biscotti

**Syrup:** Bring water and sugar to boil. Boil for 1 minute then add lemon juice and limoncello. Cool.

**Raspberry filling:** Combine and stir limoncello, sugar, and lemon zest in a bowl. Add raspberries (and any juice) and slightly crush with a fork. Set aside.

**Cream:** Whip cream to soft peaks. In a separate bowl, whisk mascarpone and limoncello until smooth. Fold through cream then fold in lemon curd.

Break biscotti into pieces and drizzle generously with lemon syrup, mixing to combine. You should have leftover syrup.

Layer the cream, biscotti, and raspberries into a glass, repeating until all ingredients are used. Finish with the cream. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with shaved chocolate or pistachios.





**In '24, let's focus on the  
small things that will have  
the biggest impact.**



*From our team to yours, have a relaxing and safe holiday break!*