

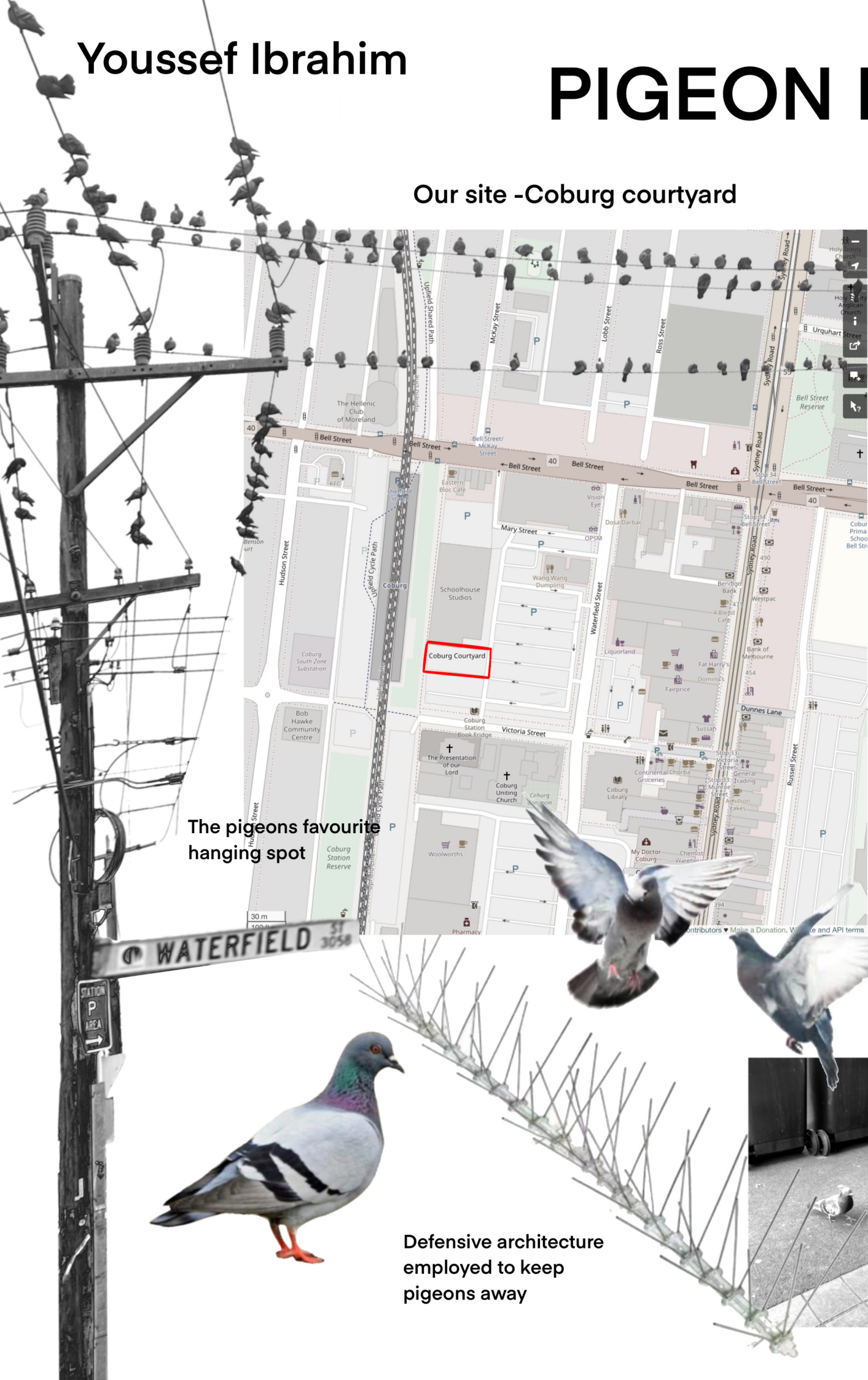
PIGEON HOUSE STUDIOS

We chose a familiar space, Schoolhouse studios in Coburg, which is an old coles supermarket converted into an artist collective. After examining the exterior of the site, we saw potential to improve the connecting loading dock and courtyard. Here is our recipe to reorient an under-utilised public courtyard into a regenerative feeding space.

1. Observe a neglected or ostracised specimen located nearby. (In our case, the pigeon).
2. Create a space for said specimen to thrive. (We drew inspiration from ancient dovecotes).
3. Use recycled paper and clay from the neighbouring artist residence and engage the public to help build pigeon towers.
4. Feed the pigeons permissible food waste aided by signage.
5. Utilise the pigeon droppings (a super fertiliser) to grow a native garden and veggie patch.
6. Enjoy the auditory experience of the pigeons coo as you sit in nature.
7. Engage the neighbouring NGO (open table and their initiative "no waste cooking club") to facilitate cooking classes of said pigeons.
8. In an age of global meat shortage, reorient your perception of edible poultry while exploring a new cuisine eaten in many cultures for centuries.
9. That's all, you've created a regenerative system where you feed the pigeons your food waste so that they may feed you.

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Our site -Coburg courtyard



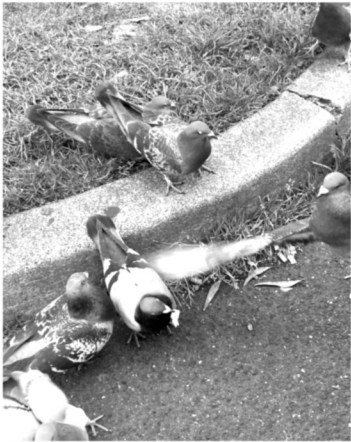
The pigeons favourite hanging spot

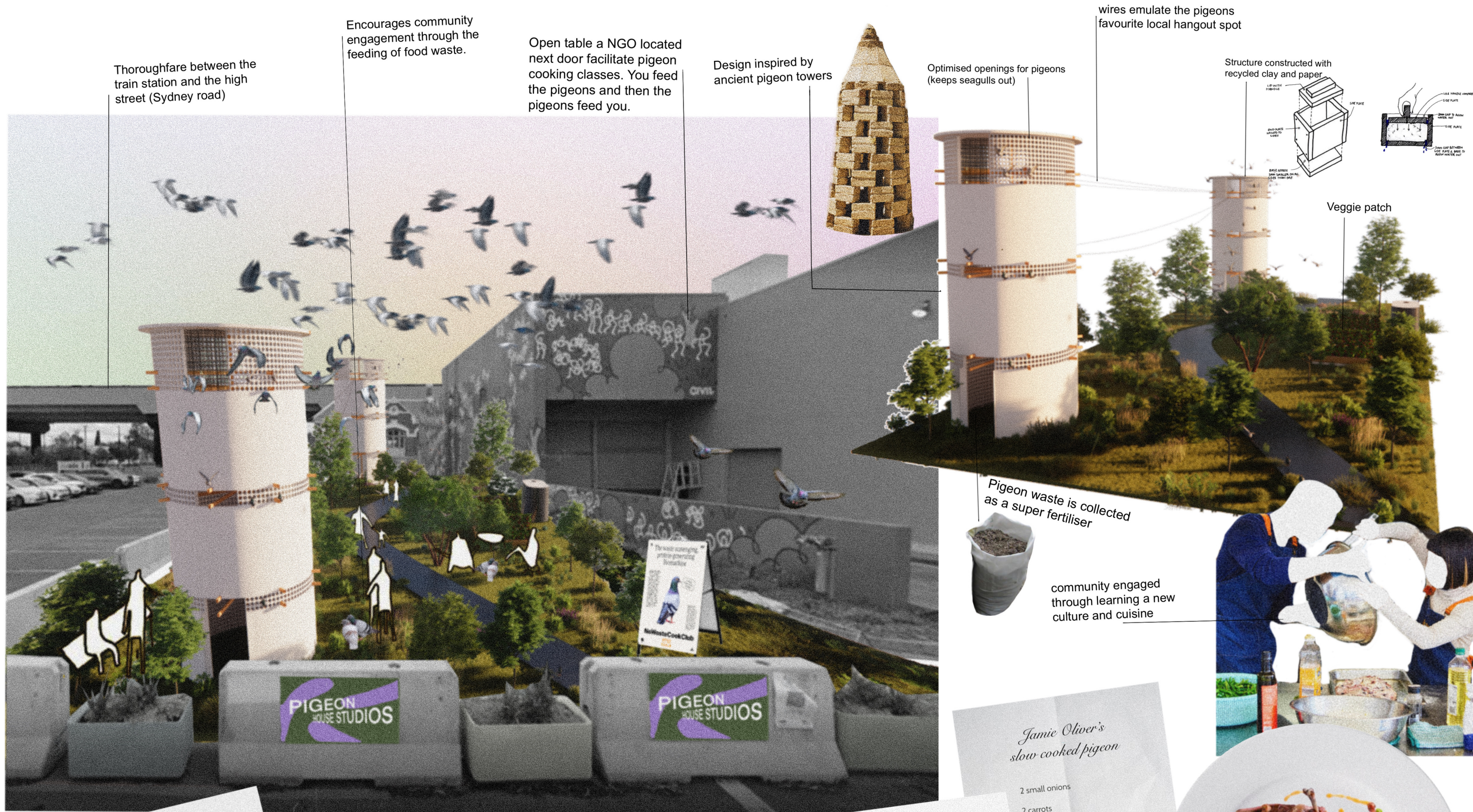
Defensive architecture employed to keep pigeons away



Overflowing trash, recyclable goods and food waste which could be used to create a pigeon sanctuary

Site observations





Thoroughfare between the train station and the high street (Sydney road)

Encourages community engagement through the feeding of food waste.

Open table a NGO located next door facilitate pigeon cooking classes. You feed the pigeons and then the pigeons feed you.

Design inspired by ancient pigeon towers

Optimised openings for pigeons (keeps seagulls out)

wires emulate the pigeons favourite local hangout spot

Structure constructed with recycled clay and paper

Veggie patch

Pigeon waste is collected as a super fertiliser

community engaged through learning a new culture and cuisine

UNPOPULAR OPINIONS WEEK

You see, there are nearly 300 million pigeons on Earth. and because they've figured out how to get along well with people (even though you're all talking *shit* about them behind their *backs*), there's a good chance if you live in a semi-populous place that there's a pigeon not far from where you're currently sitting. Maybe you should try to appreciate them once in awhile!

How the pigeon's reputation turned from the Ferrari of birds to 'rats with wings'

Perhaps the problem with those "rats with wings" lies with us, not them.

Pigeons: The Next Step in Local Eating (No, Really)

When you look at a pigeon, you might see a dirty, rat-like bird that fouls anything it touches with feathers or feces, but I see a waste-scavenging, protein-generating biomachine. At a time when rising demand for meat across the globe endangers the food system, and local eating has gained millions of (T-shirt wearing) adherents, it's [...]

Jamie Oliver's slow-cooked pigeon

- 2 small onions
- 2 carrots
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 4 pigeons
- 4 sprigs of fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 8 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 250 ml dry white wine
- 250 ml organic chicken stock



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