30 minutes

Makes 12

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Ingredients:

- ½ cup (125ml) water
- 1 cup (200g) castor sugar
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) butter
- 2 tsp (10ml) rum (optional)
- ½ Tbsp (7ml) vanilla essence
- 1 packet (100g) almonds
- 1 packet (100g) hazelnuts
- 1½ packets (300g) PnP tea biscuits or Marie biscuits
- 2 large slabs (300g) dark chocolate, melted
- Cocoa powder, for serving

Method:

- 1. Heat water and sugar together until sugar dissolves, then boil for 2 minutes to create a syrup.
- 2. Add butter, melt and remove from heat.
- 3. Stir in rum (if using) and vanilla.
- 4. Blitz nuts in a food processor to create a rough crumb.
- 5. Add biscuits and blitz until fine.
- 6. Combine mixture with syrup and separate into two parts.
- 7. Stir 200g melted chocolate into one half of the biscuit mixture.
- 8. Press onto the base of a 22cm lined brownie tray.
- 9. Press remaining mixture on top and finish with a layer of leftover (100g) melted chocolate.
- 10. Chill for 30 minutes or until firm.
- 11. Slice into bars with a hot knife.
- 12. Serve with a dusting of cocoa powder or store in an airtight container in the fridge.