

## **Date Muesli Slice**

Serves: 24
Dietary fibre per serve: 2g
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes

## **Ingredients**

- 2 medium apples, core removed, coarsely grated with skin left on
- 1/3 cup water (80mL)
- ¼ cup margarine (50g)
- 2 cups seeded dates, chopped
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

## Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced) for 10 minutes. Line slice tin with baking paper.
- 2. Add apple, water, margarine and dates to a small saucepan and bring to the boil.
- 3. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5 minutes until the apple is soft. Cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes and stir occasionally until mixture thickens to a paste-like consistency.
- 4. While apple and date mixture is cooking, place oats in a large frypan. Stir over low heat for 5 minutes until lightly browned.
- 5. Sift flour into a large bowl.

  Return husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl.
- Add cinnamon and oats to the flours and mix to combine.
   Stir into the date mixture.
   Gently mix in pecans.
- 7. Spoon into prepared tin and bake for 20 minutes until firm.
- 8. Cool in tin before cutting into 24 pieces.

## **Alternatives**

- Swap dates for dried apricots, sultanas or cranberries.
- Swap apples for pears or pumpkin.
- Swap pecans for walnuts, almonds, pistachios or pepitas.

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