Beetroot and Chocolate Muffins

Ingredients:

160g unsalted butter

2 large beetroot (over 250g each)

350g plain flour

2 teaspoon baking powder

4 tablespoon cocoa powder

2 large eggs

½ cup milk

½ cup vegetable oil

½ cup castor sugar

1 cup well packed brown sugar

200g dark chocolate

Equipment:

Scales

Small saucepan

Pastry brush

2 muffin trays

Peeler

Grater

Food processor

Bowls- 2 medium and 1 large

Measuring cup and spoons

Sifter

Whisk

Spoons

Wire rack

Method:

- 1. Preheat oven 180c. Use the scales to weigh the butter, then set it aside to come to room temperature. Melt 2 tablespoon of the butter in a small saucepan, then use the pastry brush to grease the holes of the muffin tins.
- 2. Peel and grate the beetroots. You can use the food processor. You will need 500g of peeled grated beetroot (use the scales).
- 3. Sift the flour, baking powder and cocoa into a medium bowl, then sift again (this is called double-sifting) into a second bowl. Set the sifted ingredients aside. Rinse and dry the now empty bowl, and use it to lightly whisk together the eggs and milk.

- 4. In the clean bowl of the food processor combine the softened butter, oil and 2 kinds of sugar, and process until creamy.
 Gradually add the egg and milk mixture. Transfer the batter to a large bowl.
- 5. Fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, then stir in the grated beetroot. Spoon the mixture into the greased muffin tins. Poke a square of chocolate into the top of each muffin.
- 6. Bake for 20- 25 minutes until muffins are well- risen and feel springy. Remove from the oven. Allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes, before turning out onto a wire rack.