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Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 25 minutes Serves: 4 Difficulty: ★★

300g unsalted butter, at room temperature 225g caster sugar finely grated zest of 2 limes 3 eggs 2 egg yolks 4 tsp vanilla paste 300g self-raising flour ¾ cup buttermilk red and green food colouring 400g white chocolate 75g Copha 150g dried cherries, chopped 75g desiccated coconut 75g rice bubbles 500g icing sugar mixture 75g unsalted butter 4 cups shredded coconut

1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Combine 250g butter with the caster sugar and lime zest in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat with the paddle attachment on medium speed for 5 minutes, until very light.

2 Whisk the eggs, yolks and 2 tsp vanilla, then add to the mixer and beat until combined. Fold in the flour and buttermilk and stir to combine. Divide in two, then tint one half red and the other green. Spoon into two lined 20cm x 30cm slice pans and bake for 25 minutes, until just firm. Cool on a wire rack.

3 Melt the white chocolate and Copha gently, then mix in the cherries, coconut and rice bubbles, then spread over the red cake. Top with the green cake then refrigerate until firm.

4 Cut the cake into squares. Put the icing sugar, butter and remaining vanilla in a bowl, add ½ cup boiling water, and whisk until smooth. Dip the cake squares in the icing, then roll in coconut.

