Pumpkin bread

Ingredients

- 500g butternut pumpkin, peeled, chopped
- 2 cups self-raising flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 75g butter, melted
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary sprigs
- Butter, to serve (optional)

Equipment

- Metric spoon & cup measures
- Sharp knife
- Potato masher
- chopping board
- loaf pan or muffin pans

- 1. Preheat oven to $180^{\circ}C/160^{\circ}C$ fan-forced. Grease a 9cm-deep, 9cm \times 19cm (base) loaf pan. Line base and 2 long ends with baking paper.
- 2. Cook pumpkin in a saucepan of boiling, salted water for 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. Drain. Transfer to a large bowl. Using a fork, mash until smooth. Cool for 5 minutes.
- 3. Add flour, fennel seeds, oregano, butter, milk and eggs. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Using a spatula, level top. Sprinkle over rosemary.
- 4. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean (cover with foil if over-browning during cooking). Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Lift out onto a wire rack to cool. Serve with butter, if using.