

## **Lemon Myrtle and Poppyseed Muffins**

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## Ingredients – Makes 40 mini muffins

- 4 cups of white or wholemeal self raising flour
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 3 teaspoons ground lemon myrtle (alternatively use the zest of 2 lemons)
- 2 tablespoons poppyseeds
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup olive oil

## **Method:**

- 1. Preheat oven at 180 °C
- **2.** Mix the dry ingredients together in a large bowl flour, sugar, lemon myrtle and poppy seeds.
- 3. Mix the wet ingredients together egg, oil and milk.
- **4.** Pour wet ingredients into the flour mixture.
- 5. Spoon mixture into muffin cases.
- **6.** Bake in a preheated oven for 15-20 minutes.

## **Notes on Lemon Myrtle**

- Lemon myrtle trees are natives to rainforests, mostly in Queensland, Australia.
- The dried leaves, both ground and whole, are popular in spice blends and are slowly gaining global appreciation.
- Use sparingly as only a little is required to flavour a dish. Lemon myrtle's lingering aftertaste is similar to eucalyptus.
- It can be used in baking: shortbread, biscuits, pancakes, cakes, cheesecake and damper; cooking: stir fries, pasta, rubbed on meat and seafood and also stirred through dressings, tea and sparkling mineral water.
- Lemon myrtle also loves chicken fish, seafood, pork, rice and fruit and marries with aniseed, basil, chillies, fennel, galangal, ginger, parsley, pepper, thyme and yoghurt.
- Lemon myrtle can be purchased from the following website:
  http://www.thespicegirls.com.au OR http://www.bushfoodshop.com.



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