## MEET BRUCE - APIARIST EXTRAORDINAIRRE!



**Bruce Chapman – Apiarist since 1972** 

Bruce is our exclusive supplier of *Jellybush Honey* – that's Australian's version of Manuka honey!

Bruce tends to his bees in Northern New South Wales, managing around 200 colonies on his heritage listed apiary site.

Bruce specialises in *Jellybush* by ensuring his colonies are at full strength as the Leptospermum bushes flower.

All Bruce's honey is certified medicinal grade, each harvest being tested by an independent laboratory at University of Sunshine Coast, Australia.

Each harvest of *Jellybush Honey* has an activity rating in the MGO scale. A rating of 800MGO means the honey contains at least 800 mg of Methylglyoxal per kilo of honey. The MGO rating is being adopted by the industry as the standard rating scale. A rating above 450MGO is considered Medical Grade. Other scales (UMF, NPA, AAH) are still in use, but being phased out.



Leptospermum Polygalifolium (Jellybush)

Traditionally, in Australia, beekeepers called this honey *Jellybush* because it is thick like jelly and therefore difficult to extract from the honeycomb frames!

Besides being **antibiotic** and **anti-inflammatory**, **Jellybush honey** also provides nutrients and **stimulates tissue regrowth**.

It is analgesic and stimulates the immune system.

When used on open wounds, *Jellybush honey* helps to draw the exudate from the wound and prevents ammonia production – thereby reducing odours from the wound.