

Melaleuca



*My name is Melaleuca
It comes from the Greek words 'Mela' meaning black and 'Leuca' meaning white*

*My name was chosen in 2002, as both a statement and a symbol
Portraying the diversity of people who come to Melaleuca as clients,
staff, volunteers and communities*

*I am a tree that is native to Darwin and the Top End of Australia and
an important resource to the traditional people of the area*

*My name conveys what the people felt best represented
the organisation I am called*

*I am shelter
I am new growth sending down roots
I am strength
I am resilience and I am beauty*

*I am the tree as that survives with its roots in water for half the year
and on dry land for the other half*

*Melaleuca nurtures and sustains life in harsh environmental conditions.
Every part of me as a tree can be used for sustainability*

*My bark is used to build shelters, laid over structures to provide
shade and keep out the elements
It can also be used for cooking to give life*

*My wood can be used to build structures and burnt for warmth and cooking
My leaves are used for medicinal purposes, as can the oil extracted from my leaves*

*For the shade I give ... I invite people to gather and sit with me
A place to meet, exchange, talk, share wisdom, heal and transform*

*I am Melaleuca
Wherever you are from, whoever you are,
no matter who is journeying with you
and wherever you are going...
Welcome*