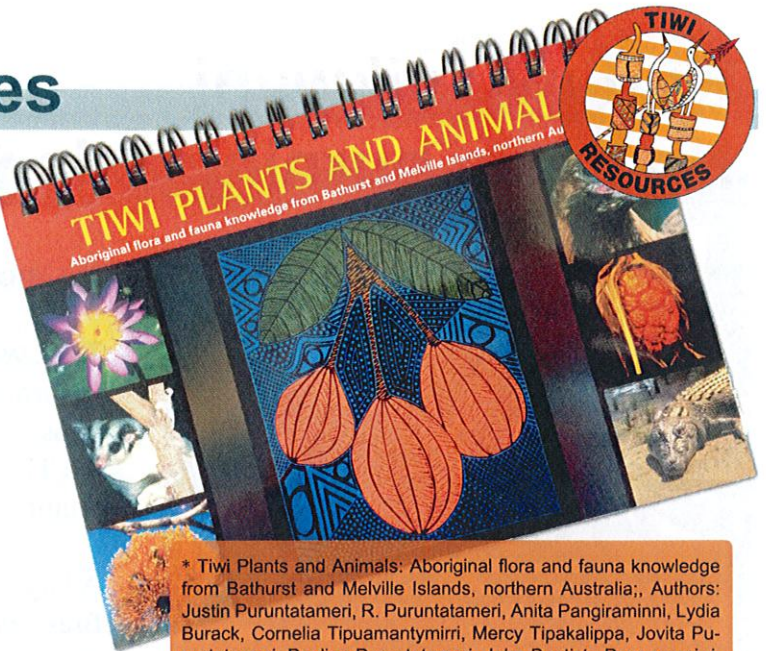


# Working with Menzies

One of the exciting projects that Tiwi Resources is involved in is a research project with the Menzies School of Health Research, which is looking at the medicinal properties in Tiwi plants. Other partners in the project are Integra Health Care and the University of Queensland.

The project will initially focus on approximately 20 common traditional medicinal plants used across the Top End, that have been documented in books such as *“Tiwi Plants and Animals: Aboriginal flora and fauna knowledge from Bathurst and Melville Islands, northern Australia”*\*. These plants will be tested at Menzies to examine their anti-bacterial, anti-fungal properties and anti-inflammatory properties. Menzies are already working with the Strong Women on the Tiwi plants, and this project will complement the work they are doing.



\* *Tiwi Plants and Animals: Aboriginal flora and fauna knowledge from Bathurst and Melville Islands, northern Australia*; Authors: Justin Puruntatameri, R. Puruntatameri, Anita Pangiraminni, Lydia Burack, Cornelia Tipuamantymirri, Mercy Tipakalippa, Jovita Puruntatameri, Pauline Puruntatameri, John Baptiste Pupangamirri, Ruth Kerinauia, Doreen Tipiloura, Mary-Margaret Orsto, B. Kantilla, Maralampuwi Kurruwu, P.F. Puruntatameri, Tommy Daniel Puruntatameri, Leon Puruntatameri, Kitty Kantilla, John Wilson, Jack Cusack, Donna Jackson and Glenn Wightman' Publisher: Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory (2001)



Directors Meeting held at Menzies Building in Darwin – Janey Puautjimi, Adonis Wommatakimmi, Ron Poantimilui and Alice Munkara



Visit to the Menzies lab in Darwin – Yvonne Kelly, Greg Leach, Adonis Wommatakimi, Nilus Kerinauia, Ron Poantimilui, Jo Wapling, Janey Puautjimi, Alice Munkara, Linda Pupangamirri and Wendy Miller

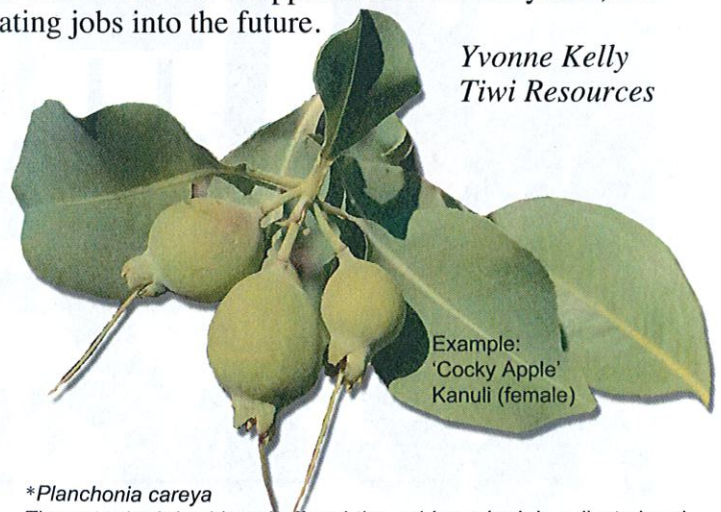
Tiwi Resources directors were delighted to host a visit by the project partners 12th August at Wurrumiyanga. The day was an introduction to the Tiwi Islands for the representatives from Integra and University of Queensland. The day included a meeting and lunch with all partners to the project, a visit to the Patakijiyali Museum and Tiwi Design, and an excursion with the Strong Women - Gemma, Jacinta and Marie Carmel - to see some of the plants to be studied. Needless to say, our visitors returned home with much enthusiasm for the Tiwi Islands and this project, and some very nice art work as well.

Then on Thursday 19th September the Directors travelled into Darwin to visit the Menzies School of Health Research, where Greg Leach and Jo Wapling gave them a tour of the laboratory facility. It was very interesting to see the scientists at work, and in particular to see the young indigenous trainees working there, and so obviously enjoying their work. One of the hopes for this current project is that it will lead to opportunities for our youth, creating jobs into the future.

Yvonne Kelly  
Tiwi Resources



On the way through the lab – Wendy Miller, Linda Pupangamirri, Janey Puautjimi, Greg Leach, Nilus Kerinauia and Adonis Wommatakimmi



Example:  
'Cocky Apple'  
Kanuli (female)

\**Planchonia careya*

The outer bark is chipped off and the red inner bark is collected and boiled in water. The liquid is then used as a wash to treat any skin sores, rashes or infections.