



Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017



2017's National NAIDOC Theme – **Our Languages Matter** - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on. Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food. Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual significance and it is through their own languages, that Indigenous nations maintain their connection with their ancestors, land and law.

ART COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF ARTIST			
ADDRESS			
PHONE NUMBER			
GENDER		AGE	

PLEASE WRITE A SHORT DESCRIPTION ABOUT YOUR ARTWORK:

Terms and Conditions:

- All artwork MUST be submitted, with the registration form, to Girudala (50 George Street) by 4pm on Friday 30th June.
- All artwork should be theme focused – see above explanation of this year’s theme.
- Only one entry per artist – it must be your own artwork you are submitting.
- Open to anyone aged 4yrs and up.
- Artworks will be displayed for judging at the Girudala NAIDOC Family Fun Day – Saturday 8th July.
- Artwork can be collected either at the event (after 2pm) or from Girudala the following week.
- If artworks are not collected within 14 days, they will be disposed of.