



  
**Our Languages Matter**  
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**NAIDOC Week**

Languages are the breath of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For tens of thousands of years they have played a unique and essential role 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.

They are the original languages of this nation and a priceless treasure, not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, but for all Australians.

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**Title:** Your Tribe, My Tribe, Our Nation  
**Artist:** Joanne Cassidy

All our languages matter and are important to us as Indigenous Australians. My artwork reflects this year's theme by incorporating some of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations and languages around Australia.