**Place Names**

- Warran: Sydney Cove
- Pannerong: Rose Bay
- Kayemay: Manly Bay
- Garangal: North Head
- Wareamah: Cockatoo Island
- Kamay: Botany Bay
- Tubergule: Sydney Harbour East
- Tarralbe: Sydney Harbour West
- Burramatta: South Head
- Cabacaba: Parramatta
- Kirrabilli: Kirrabilli
- Boondi: Bondi

**Relationship**

- Biana: Father
- Wiana: Mother
- Gurung: Child or Baby
- Babana: Brother
- Djiramin: Sister
- Durung: Son
- Durunanang: Daughter
- Makun: Sweetheart / Lover
- Mullamang: Husband
- Dyinamang: Wife
- Dyin: Woman
- Dyinoragan: Old Woman
- Gamarada: Friend or ally

**Colours of the Aboriginal Flag**

- Ngana: Black
- Mudyil: Red
- Yerakal: Yellow
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**LANGUAGES**

The Voice of Aboriginal Peoples

Language is part of what defines our identity. Preservation of these languages will ensure continuing cultural identity and Aboriginal connection to country.

Aboriginal Australia

We are the oldest continuous culture in the world

A vibrant culture with great Diversity

407 Languages

1000’s of Dialects

Reference for Language:
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Laws preventing Aboriginal people from speaking their own languages have changed, with attitudes. But still today a child’s first language must take second place to English.

Great initiatives are happening with children’s local language story books. This is encouraging children to come to school and making them proud of their culture. But all lessons are still taught in English.

There is a dream that Aboriginal languages will be heard loudly and understood by all.

There are around 400 words from 80 different Aboriginal languages that are used in English today. Some Sydney Language words are Warada is Waratah, Kaowi is Cooee.

Against all odds a great number of words have managed to survive in wordlists written by colonists who had direct contact with the language and the people who spoke it. What are the Aboriginal words and place names in your local area?

The words in this brochure come from the Sydney Language.