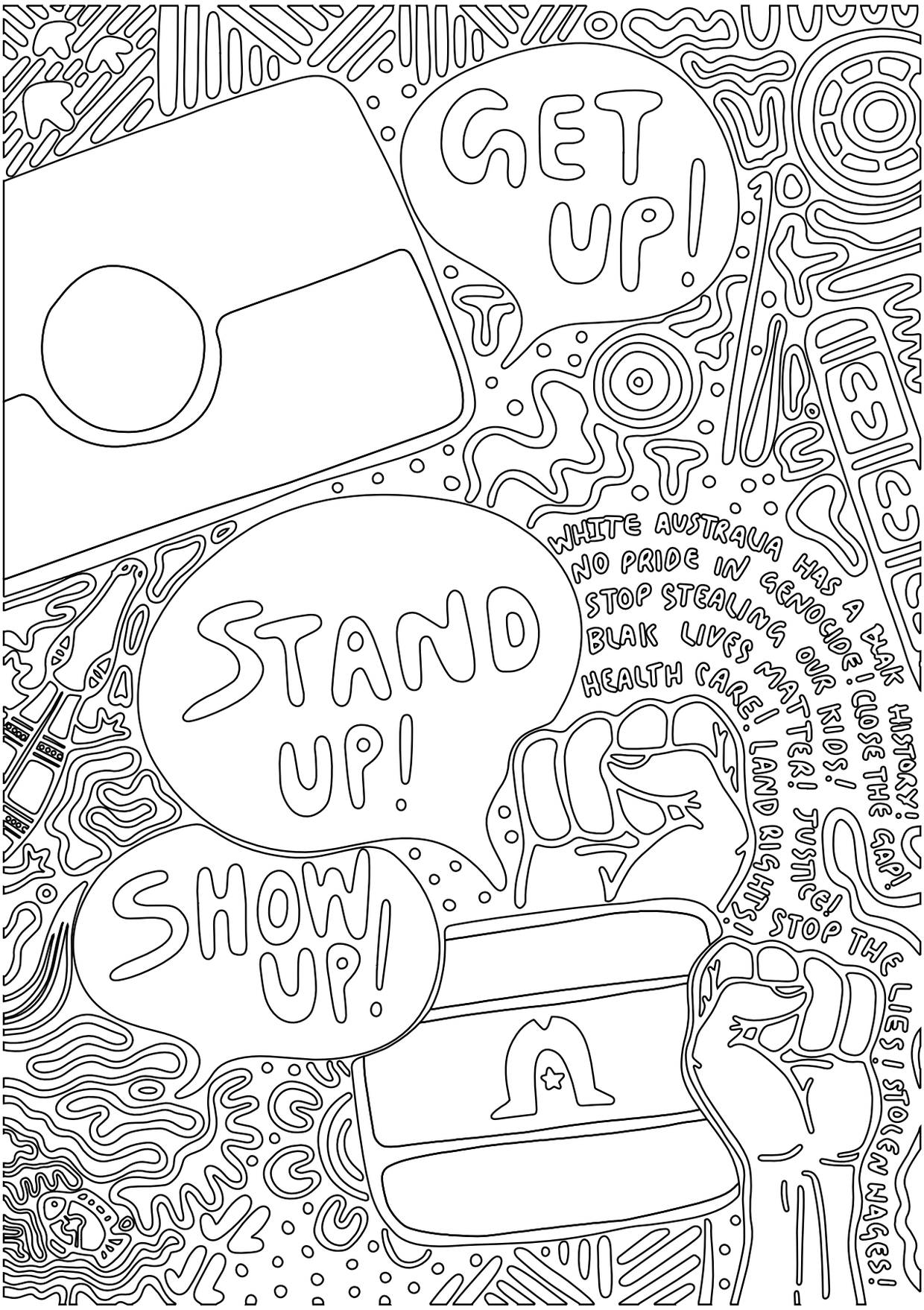

NAIDOC WEEK

3-10 JULY 2022

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Stronger, Ryhia Dank (Nardurna)

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for. I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the detail and messages in the artwork.

In this artwork I have little bits of me and my family, I have included a crocodile for my late granny. She was one of the strongest women I know and was never afraid to speak her mind and stand up for family and Country. I have also included my family's dancing stick, this is present as a reminder that we will always have our Country, Kin and Culture. There are also symbols to represent us as a community. People gathered around a camp, a spear and woomera to represent our strength, water, trees, animal tracks and non-human entities to show our connection to Country.

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week 2022 proudly acknowledges and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy (1972) and 30th Anniversary of the 1992 Mabo decision [Mabo v Queensland (No.2) (1992)].

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