

Media Release

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SHOWCASING STORIES AND HISTORY IN MELBOURNE'S SOUTH-EAST

The Andrews Labor Government will transform the streetscape of Noble Park, showcasing significant locations, stories and history for locals and visitors.

Minister for Suburban Development Shaun Leane joined Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Lee Tarlamis in Noble Park today to unveil the first of three signs as part of the \$45,000 Copas Park interpretative signage project.

The signs will collectively share the story of the park's namesake Thomas Copas as well as stories of Mills Reserve and the Noble Park Public Hall, better connecting each site and promoting their significance.

Mr Copas was the first Rose Garden Curator at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, whose popularity and service has been commemorated by a dedicated garden rose bed.

The project complements the Labor Government's \$4.5 million investment in Noble Park via the *Suburban Revitalisation Program* including the recently unveiled streetscape improvements at Douglas Street.

The *Suburban Revitalisation Program* enables collaboration with communities across Victoria to plan and deliver infrastructure and community development and engagement initiatives, which are especially important as the state recovers and moves forward from the severe impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the *Suburban Revitalisation Program* visit suburbandevopment.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Suburban Development Shaun Leane

"We are making a huge investment in communities across Victoria to make them even better places to live and visit – and part of that is celebrating the history of towns and communities through important projects like this one."

Quote attributable to Member for South Eastern Metropolitan and Noble Park Suburban Revitalisation Board Chair Lee Tarlamis

"Thomas Copas is a central part of Noble Park's history which is why I'm so proud we have invested in this project to celebrate his legacy and showcase the many significant areas to locals and visitors."