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LABOR'S ART PROGRAM PUTS WOMEN CENTRE STAGE

The Allan Labor Government is celebrating the achievements and contributions of women throughout Victoria's history.

Today the Minister for Women revealed the latest work completed as part of the Victorian Women's Public Art Program – a powerful new mural dedicated to Aunty Margaret Tucker MBE.

A survivor of the Stolen Generations, Aunty Marge was a trailblazing advocate for First Nations rights, health and women's wellbeing.

She was also instrumental in founding the Australian Aborigines' League, was the first woman appointed to the Victorian Aboriginal Welfare Board and created the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service.

BE. ONE CREATIVE founder produced the mural with an all-Indigenous creative team bringing it to life.

Backed by a $1.2 million investment, the Women's Public Art Program ensures the stories of diverse Victorian women are permanently recognised in public places across the state.

The series of permanent works are being delivered to tell a more accurate and inclusive story of Victoria.

Under a Labor Government, equality in all forms is not negotiable and it never will be.

To read the full list of projects visit, vic.gov.au/victorian-womens-public-art-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Women Mary-Anne Thomas

"We are making decisive steps towards a fairer, more inclusive Victoria."

"Aunty Margaret Tucker was an extraordinary woman who made Victoria a better place."

Quote attributable to City of Maribyrnong Mayor Cr Mohamed Semra

"This mural is a bright and beautiful symbol of the woman Aunty Marge was, and the legacy she left on our community."

Quote attributable to Aunty Margaret Tucker's great granddaughter Tania Rossi

"My great grandmother used to say, 'It does not matter if you're black, white or brindle, we all bleed the same colour and we must respect each other'."