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WOLLONGONG STATION GETS A SPRING CLEAN

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NSW Transport Minister David Campbell and Wollongong MP Noreen Hay today welcomed CityRail's spring clean of Wollongong Station, which was underway this week.

The Spring Clean of the CityRail network was announced by Premier Nathan Rees in August and included a blitz of 15 hot spot stations, including Wollongong Station.

Mr Campbell said while station cleaning was carried out regularly, this intensive blitz allowed a more thorough clean to take place, along with general repairs and improvements.

"Work being carried out at Wollongong this week involves heavy duty and detailed steam cleaning, including cleaning of hard to reach areas, to remove built-in grime and dirt," Mr Campbell said.

"Staff will then undertake a general clean such as rubbish removal, toilet cleaning and restocking and the removal of small graffiti tags.

"Additional work also being done this week includes spot repainting, replacement of damaged small signs and a general tidy-up of the concourse and station surrounds."

Ms Hay said passengers would notice the improvement at Wollongong Station after the blitz.

"More people are using the CityRail network and the work at Wollongong and other key stations is an acknowledgement by the Government that commuters are entitled to clean and pleasant facilities," Ms Hay said.

"The cleaning blitz at Wollongong Station is part of a package that includes a 50 percent boost in the number of roving cleaners across the CityRail network.

"The rovers already remove around three tonnes of rubbish every week from trains while they are in service, and that is set to increase when the additional staff come on board in the next couple of months.

"CityRail's improved cleaning activities have already resulted in a drop in customer complaints and the Government is determined to build on this increased satisfaction.

"Everyone has a role to play in keeping our trains and stations clean and I encourage passengers to do their bit by taking their rubbish with them."

The cleaning blitz at Wollongong Station is also taking place at 14 other hot spot stations across Sydney, as well as outer-suburban stations in Newcastle, the Central Coast.

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