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Springwood's bushland reflected in new mural

New artwork on a retaining wall near Springwood Station has brought colour back to Macquarie Road.

"Sydney Trains worked with Street Art Murals Australia (SAMA) and Blue Mountains City Council to bring the beautiful bushland scene to life," said Stewart Mills, Executive Director Engineering & Maintenance.

"SAMA was commissioned to create the artwork after the completion of strengthening works along the 140m retaining wall, which runs along the rail corridor."

"The strengthening work was essential and unfortunately the project team had no option but to drill through the artwork that was on the wall previously."

Mr Mills said the new art celebrates the Lower Blue Mountains' natural environment and includes plants and animals native to the local area.

"You'll spot the Glossy Black Cockatoo, the Powerful Owl, Mountain Blue Gums, Mountain Devils and Red-Stem Wattles," Mr Mills said.

"I'd like to congratulate the artists Alex Grilanc, Janne Birkner, Dan Walton and Scott Nagy for their fantastic work."

Mr Mills thanked the community for its understanding while work to strengthen the retaining wall was carried out.

"Everyone has been extremely patient for the past six months while Sydney Trains worked to bolster the wall," Mr Mills said.

"The work included bolting 92 eight metre horizontal anchors to the wall for added strength. That's enough anchors to run the length of seven football fields!

"Sydney Trains capped off the work by revegetating the area with new plants that we'll keep a close eye on while they establish themselves over the next six months."

Blue Mountains City Council Mayor, Cr Mark Greenhill thanked Sydney Trains and the SAMA artists for creating the vibrant artwork.

"The new mural is a strong expression of Springwood's identity and of our city's place in a World Heritage National Park," he said.

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Mural on the newly repaired retaining wall at Springwood Station