

PARRAMATTA



Northcott client Olivia Princi. Picture: Jane Dempster

Support in streets for local disabled

Melissa Yeo

CHURCH St will come to a halt on Wednesday as residents take to the streets in support of inclusion.

No matter if you walk, run, roll or dance, all are encouraged to join *Walk With Me*, a short community walk through Parramatta's CBD to raise awareness about disability and encourage unity.

"We just want to raise awareness of inclusion and show the potential of people with a disability," Northcott's recreation service manager Jodie Wilkins said.

Clients at the Parramatta centre have been busy preparing a float for the procession in line with this year's theme of spring and hope in the sector.

"With the rollout of the NDIS, there is huge potential in the industry," she said.

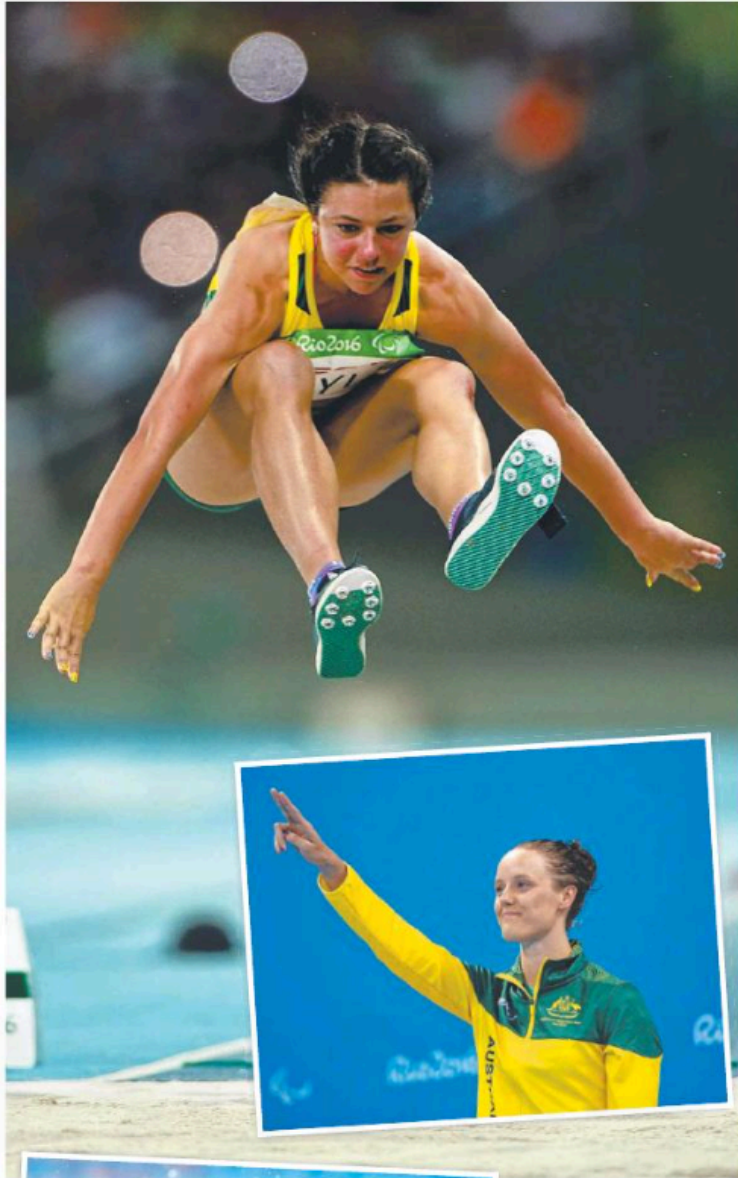
Participants begin at the corner of Market St and Church St.

Participants can enjoy a street party at the end of the walk, with entertainment by *The Voice* star Adam Ladell and sibling pop group Kids Of Leo, recent contestants in *Australia's Got Talent*.

Walk With Me begins at 11am with parts of Church St closed between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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Main picture, Taylor Doyle flies high in the T38 long jump at the Rio Paralympic Games.

Left and inset above, Granville's Ellie Cole won a silver and bronze in her first two events in the pool at Rio and is eyeing more glory in her final two races later this week.

Dream a reality for Doyle in Brazil

Long jumper leaps into Australian record books to claim silver medal

Warren Thomson

PREPARING for her sixth and final jump at the Rio Paralympics, Taylor Doyle let out a smile that beamed across the world.

She had just realised she had achieved her dream of winning a medal at the Paralympics.

Doyle's third attempt of 4.62m in the T38 long jump elevated her to second and, come her final jump, her silver medal was already secured.

After finishing her event with an impressive jump of 4.42m, she wrapped an Australian flag around her and soaked up the moment.

"I was just having a good time," Doyle said.

"When I first came here I didn't know what to expect.

"Breaking the Australian record and my PB was awesome."

Doyle has tuberous sclerosis which causes epilepsy and seizures.

Brain surgery at Westmead Hospital in 2014 helped control the seizures, but she had to learn to walk, run and jump again.

"It just made me more determined," Doyle said.

"At the time I said to Mum, 'I just really want my dream to come true'."

After achieving her

dream, Doyle thanked her parents, who watched from the stands, as well as the Girraween Athletics Club, which she joined as a nine-year-old.

"They really encouraged me to become a better athlete and person," Doyle said.

"It is a very good club. I was able to prove that I could do anything."

Granville Paralympian Ellie Cole had a strong start to her Paralympics campaign with a silver and bronze medal in her first two events.

Cole missed out on gold by just 0.02 seconds in the 400m freestyle last Friday and claimed bronze in the S9 100m free on Tuesday.

"I'm really disappointed with my race, to be honest. It wasn't a PB for me," Cole said. "I have been working for that event for so long and the Paralympic Games really chews you up and spits you back out again."

Cole will use her disappointment as motivation for her 50m freestyle and 100m backstroke this week.

The two medals take Cole's medal haul to 11 from three Paralympic Games.

At the 2012 London Paralympics she won four gold and two bronze medals and at Beijing in 2008 she won a silver and two bronze.