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Silver stars

Paralympians Taylor Doyle and Ellie Cole have added two silvers and a bronze to Australia's medal tally at the Rio Games.

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First look: Holograms part of hi-tech design for CBD square

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE



Kylie Adoranti

AN INTERACTIVE "digital carpet" that responds to the movement of people stepping on the pavement is among the futuristic technology planned for Parramatta Square.

The visual experience will rely on LED lights and holograms to create the sensory

surprise. Sound will also be triggered by the movement of people.

The square will have a solar-powered USB charging station, where people can sit and charge their laptops and smartphones – an idea that has taken off in global cities, including New York.

Smart City Advisory Committee chairman

Steven Issa described the new look as "innovative and revolutionary".

"This is very cutting edge for local government. It changes the paradigm for councils. We've moved away from pavers and bronze statues to a more digital and dynamic public domain that allows the community to enjoy all it has to offer," Mr Issa said.

The installation is part of an upgrade to the public domain at the heart of the \$2 billion Parramatta Square CBD urban renewal project.

It has been estimated that the public domain works will cost \$36.5 million, with the majority to be paid for by developers of the buildings in Parramatta Square.

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