

## **ELLIE COLE**

## PARALYMPIAN, SPEAKER, PRESENTER & DISABILITY ADVOCATE

## PARALYMPIAN ELLIE COLE IS LIKE NO ONE YOU'VE EVER MET BEFORE. AFTER LOSING HER RIGHT LEG TO CANCER AT AGE 3, IN 2021 SHE BECAME AUSTRALIA'S MOST DECORATED FEMALE PARALYMPIAN.

With a record-breaking 17 Paralympic medals and an OAM, in January 2024 Ellie was also awarded an AM for her "significant service to sport as an advocate for diversity and inclusion". Seems she's making just as much of a splash out of the pool as she did in it.

Overcoming injuries and adversity, Ellie has risen to prolific heights and, in recognition was honoured as the flagbearer at the Tokyo 2020 Closing Ceremony.

Ellie is raw and real, funny and wonderfully charismatic, refreshingly humble and completely unaware of the true inspiration she is. An accomplished speaker & event MC, she finds ways to connect with a variety of different audiences; whether students, corporate teams senior boards or large public facing events.

Ellie is incredibly passionate about the subject of diversity and inclusion, leveraging her strong platform as a media personality and former athlete to highlight important causes like #WeThe15 – a movement that endeavours for disability visibility and representation. She also partners closely with her sponsors to deliver greater awareness of and support for the Paralympic movement and the disability community.

No stranger to the big screen Ellie has been featured in a variety of films including the Netflix original film, Rising Phoenix - a documentary that explores global understanding of disability and the excellence that is encouraged by the Paralympic Games; and featured in WOWOW Japan's WHO I Am series.

She has a strong and engaged social following and is well loved by the media both here and abroad. She has been featured on the cover of and in the pages of countless magazines - including Womens Health and Body & Soul, Vogue, Harpers Bazaar, and has appeared in broadcast programs across a variety of networks including a turn on the 2024 series of I'm a Celebrity and regular appearances on Channel 9's Wide World of Sports program.

In her most recent role as part of Channel 9's commentary team, Ellie had the opportunity to interview many of her friends and former team mates as the pool deck commentator at the Paris Olympics before returning to Sydney to take on the role of co-host for the 2024 Paralympic Games alongside James Bracey.

Ellie is available for media and PR opportunities, corporate hosting and speaking, commentating and brand partnerships.





