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### **International Day of People with a Disability Central Station - Thursday 1 December**

CityRail will mark International Day of People with a Disability on Thursday 1 December with activities and accessibility tours at Central Station.

General Manager of Customer Service in the City Centre, Rino Matarazzo, said supporting International Day of People with a Disability is part of CityRail's commitment to improve service for customers with a disability.

"This is the fourth year Central Station has hosted festivities for International Day of People with a Disability and it is a great chance for us to work together with disability groups to better understand their needs," Mr Matarazzo said.

"The activities will kick off at about 8am on Central Station's main concourse, near platforms 1 and 2, and conclude at around midday. I encourage anyone who is interested to attend.

"This year we will showcase a performance by local artist Krystal Keller, a noted Australian singer-songwriter who is blind as a result of childhood cancer.

"We will be offering guided tours of Central Station throughout the morning with a focus on accessible facilities. Oscar and Waratah trains will also be on display to give customers a feel of the improved accessibility features onboard and locations of emergency help points on the trains.

"Peak disability services in NSW will have an information stall on the day for customers looking for additional information and materials on a range of disability issues," said Mr Matarazzo.

Representatives from Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association, Brain Injury Association, Post Polio Network, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, ParaQuad, National Relay Service, Deaf Society of NSW, Deafness Council of NSW, Self Help for the Hard of Hearing, Physical Disability Council of NSW, Vision Australia, Ageing, Disability & Home Care, Aids Council and Ideas will be attending the event.

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