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**Erin Cleaver**

My name is Erin Cleaver and I am 17 years old, I compete in Para-Athletics, primarily in Long Jump and short Sprints. I have right-sided hemiplegia affecting my right arm and leg. I have competed in para-sporting since I was 13 years old and my career has taken itself to the elite level with a hard lot of work. I am at Hunter Sports High School as a ‘talented sports performance’ athlete/student, I am just starting my final year at the school.

I am a Newcastle athlete that competes with Macquarie Hunter Athletics Club, my coach Shaun Fletcher, also an athlete, competes under this club too. My next sporting goal is to compete at the next Paralympic games and gain a gold medal performance in my Long Jump. Gaining a silver medal at my last international competition, 2017 Open World Para Championships in London has to be my biggest achievement so far, my second would be my bronze medal at the Paralympic games in Rio, that I gained in a team 4x100m relay. In the future, I would love to attend a higher education to become an Occupational Therapist and get a coaching accreditation to keep myself in Athletics after my sporting career is over.

I am a huge reader; I love going out to watch my friends play sports and just hanging out but I love to chill out on a relaxing day and read a book with my puppy Molly.