

= Maddison Elliott =

Maddison Gae Elliott OAM (born 3 November 1998 in Newcastle , New South Wales) is an Australian swimmer . At the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London , she became the youngest Australian Paralympic medallist by winning bronze medals in the women 's 400 m and 100 m freestyle S8 events . She then became the youngest Australian gold medallist when she was a member of the women 's 4 × 100 m freestyle relay 34 points team . She has been selected to represent Australia at the 2016 Rio Paralympics .

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Maddison Gae Elliott was born on 3 November 1998 . She has right side cerebral palsy as a result of a neonatal stroke , and was diagnosed with the condition when she was four years old . In addition to swimming , she participated in athletics , and by 2010 held six Australian age group classification records . In 2016 , she was living in Gillieston Heights , New South Wales , and a year 12 student at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College . She has an older sister Dimity Elliott .

= = Swimming = =

Elliott is an S8 classified swimmer who was ranked first in the world in the S8 50 m backstroke in 2012 . She is a member of Nuswim Swimming Club , started swimming when she was six months old , and commenced competitive swimming in 2009 . She made her national team debut that same year at the Youth Paralympic Games , where she won five gold medals .

By 2010 , she held three Australian age group classification records , and the 2010 New South Wales Multi @-@ Class Long Course Swimming Championships , she had five first @-@ place finishes . She represented Australia at the 2011 Oceania Paralympic Championships , and later that year competed in the Canberra hosted Australian Multi @-@ Class Age Swimming Championships . At that event , she won a bronze , five silver and three gold medals . She was selected to represent Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London in swimming .

On 31 August 2012 at the London Aquatics Centre , Elliott slashed 23 seconds off her personal best time to win a bronze medal in the S8 400 m freestyle . She became , at age 13 , the youngest ever Australian to win a Paralympic medal , a record formerly held by Elizabeth Edmondson . She went on to win silver in S8 50 m freestyle , bronze in the S8 100 m Freestyle , and gold in the Women 's 4x100 m Freestyle Relay ? 34 Points . Afterwards , she met with Prince Harry and gave him a Lizzie the Frill Neck Lizard , the mascot of the Australian Paralympic Committee and Australia 's Paralympic Teams . This resulted in the Australian Chef de Mission , Jason Hellwig , officially presenting Lizzie to the Chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) , Lord Coe , who gave him a Mandeville in return .

In November 2012 , Elliott and Rheed McCracken , the youngest members of the 2012 Paralympic Team , were together named the Paralympic Junior Athlete of the Year . She won gold medals in the Women 's 50 m and 100 m Freestyle S8 events and a silver medal in the Women 's 400 m Freestyle S8 at the August 2013 IPC Swimming World Championships in Montreal , Canada , and was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2014 Australia Day Honours " for service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games . "

Elliott won a gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in the women 's 100 m S8 freestyle in a world record time of 1 : 05 @.@ 32 , breaking the record set by Jessica Long in 2012 . At the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships , she won the gold medals in the women 's 50 m freestyle S8 , women 's 100 m freestyle S8 in a world record time of 1 @.@ 04 @.@ 71 , women ? s 100 m backstroke S8 and women 's 4 × 100 m freestyle relay 34 points , silver medals in the women 's 400 m freestyle S8 and women 's 4 × 100 m medley relay 34 points and a bronze medal in the women 's 100 m butterfly S8 . Her success at the IPC World Championships led to her being awarded Swimming Australia 's 2015 Paralympic Swimmer of the Year . In November 2015 , she was awarded the New South Wales Institute of Sport Regional Athlete of the Year .

