



Members of Warrugang,

My name is Paige Penrose. I am a competitive trail runner representing the Range of Motion Project (ROMP), a non-profit organization that provides high-quality prosthetic care and follow up to those without access.

I grew up in Stanwell Park playing on the trails of the Illawarra escarpment and rolling around in the shore dumps of our beach. On completion of high school, I served in the Royal Australian Air Force where I found the sport of running and developed an interest in human movement. Movement quickly became a huge part of my life. Sport has taken me to international competitions and given me the opportunity to study and train in the United States. Those same trails now serve as my training grounds and hold thousands, if not millions, of my footsteps. I strongly believe that every person deserves the chance to explore human movement and access to outdoor spaces. Mobility is the first step in achieving that.

This September, I will be joining ROMP's 10th-anniversary Climb Team of adaptive athletes, allies and advocates. To commemorate the significance of the 10th annual climb, we have an ambitious goal: three separate climb teams attempt the highest three mountains in Ecuador—Chimborazo (20,549ft), Cotopaxi (19,347ft), and Cayambe (18,996ft)!

Together, we aim to raise \$500,000 for ROMP in 2024

I will be climbing Cotopaxi and aim to raise \$10,000 USD

**Why?** For the past 9 years, Climbing for ROMP has directly funded hundreds of prosthetic limbs for people in Ecuador, Guatemala and the USA, but the demand for high-quality patient care is vastly needed throughout Latin America. There are an estimated 3.6 million individuals throughout Latin America who cannot access prosthetic care.

**How?** Our mission for the 10-year anniversary is to raise more funds than ever to directly fund 250 prostheses for ROMP patients in 2024 and set the foundation for ROMP's expansion to a third country in Latin America. With your support, ROMP will establish operations in a new country in 2026 and help us advance its mission to provide life-changing prosthetic care and impact thousands of people in the next 10 years.

The goal of this well-promoted event will be to show the world the power of mobility, the importance of access to prosthetic care, and the international importance of legislation protecting rights for those with disabilities in the spirit of the ADA.

Our ultimate goal is to create awareness about the importance of mobility and empower individuals to conquer their own summits in life.

**In addition to helping ROMP to expand their outreach, I intend to apply the knowledge and understanding I gain from this expedition to making trail running and outdoor recreation a more accessible space for adaptive athletes in Australia. This process cannot be done without the voices of those with lived experience of limb difference and disability.**

Donation details are below but the real impact is sharing this with others and building connections.

If you have connections in the adaptive sport space, I am looking for any learning and collaboration opportunities available. This climb opportunity was opened to me by a fellow trail runner who is an above knee amputee. His name is Zach Friedley and works tirelessly to create visibility of adaptive participation in outdoor recreation. You can't be what you can't see.

Regards,  
Paige Penrose

Direct donations can be made here:

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/climbingforromp2024/account/1738055/>

If you are interested in sponsoring the \$2500 USD trip fee, see info [here](#)  
Information regarding larger donations or event sponsorship is within reason, partnership benefits can be found [here](#).

Alternative payment options are available.