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## Homeless fundraiser stops over in Bankstown

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Kate Vardos, Lisa Pozzato, Noni Warwick, Jimmy Elliot, Bianca Johnson, Juanita Vernon (in wheelchair) and Eve Witschge participated in the trek for the homeless which stopped in Bankstown.

CHAPEL St in Bankstown was the launching pad for the last day of a 300km trek from Canberra to Sydney to raise money and awarenesss for the homeless.

The group of trekkers, which included former homeless and a mum in a motorised wheelchair, completed the nine-day walk on Thursday.

They began their last day in Bankstown before walking to Pyrmont in Sydney.

Funds raised from the marathon effort will go towards providing more than 120 "backpack beds" from charity organisation Swags For Homeless to people living without shelter on the streets

Organiser and walker Jimmy Elliot said the charity walk was the most painful and rewarding thing he had ever done.

"Throughout the whole journey we have met the most amazing people who have restored my faith in humanity and its kindness," he said.

Lifeline Canberra worker Noni Markwick said she joined the walk to help build awareness and support an important organisation.

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