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Train Ride to End Polio 2026





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Dave and Mark Anderson



Dave (Right): RC Beecroft, Secretary 2026/27, District 9685 Polio Chair
Mark (Left): RC Beecroft, Vice President, works for Rotary Foundation

Background:

Polio Virus

- **Polio is a disease that attacks the nervous system.**
 - It mostly affects children under five years old.
 - It can lead to paralysis and death.
 - The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water.
- In 1985 there were 350,000 cases per year in 125 countries.
- Australia had its last case in 1979 and was declared Polio Free in 2001.
- **There is no cure.**
- **There is a vaccine.**
 - Rotary and its partners have vaccinated over 3 billion children worldwide.

Background:

END POLIO NOW

- The Rotary Foundation has been working with the World Health Organisation with the support of the Gates Foundation since 1985.
- 1979 - A pilot program in the Philippines vaccinated over 6 million children. The Philippines is now free of polio.
- 1985 – Rotary launches Polio Plus, with the goal of vaccinating the whole planet, and to eradicate polio.
- 2026 - Only two countries left, Afghanistan and Pakistan.
 - Polio is only a flight away. It spreads quickly.

Background:

Train Ride To End Polio

- The Train Ride to End Polio was started in 2017 by Dave and Mark Anderson from Beecroft Rotary.
- The goal is to visit every train station in Sydney in one day in an effort to raise funds to END POLIO NOW.
- To date we have raised close to a million dollars.

Information for the day

- **When – FRIDAY 23rd October**
 - We are avoiding planned trackwork on the Saturday.
- **Timetable**
 - The exact running of the day will be released 25th September, which is 4 weeks prior to the day.
 - This year will have a different schedule than last year. This is due to changes in the Sydney Trains timetable, and the possible inclusion of Sydney Metro from Bankstown to Sydenham
- **WhatsApp Group**
 - On the day information will be spread via the 2026 Train Ride to End Polio WhatsApp group. Your club Polio Chair and Foundation Chair to please join

Information WhatsApp Group:

Foundation and/or Polio Chair to please join



We do not need a wall of photographers



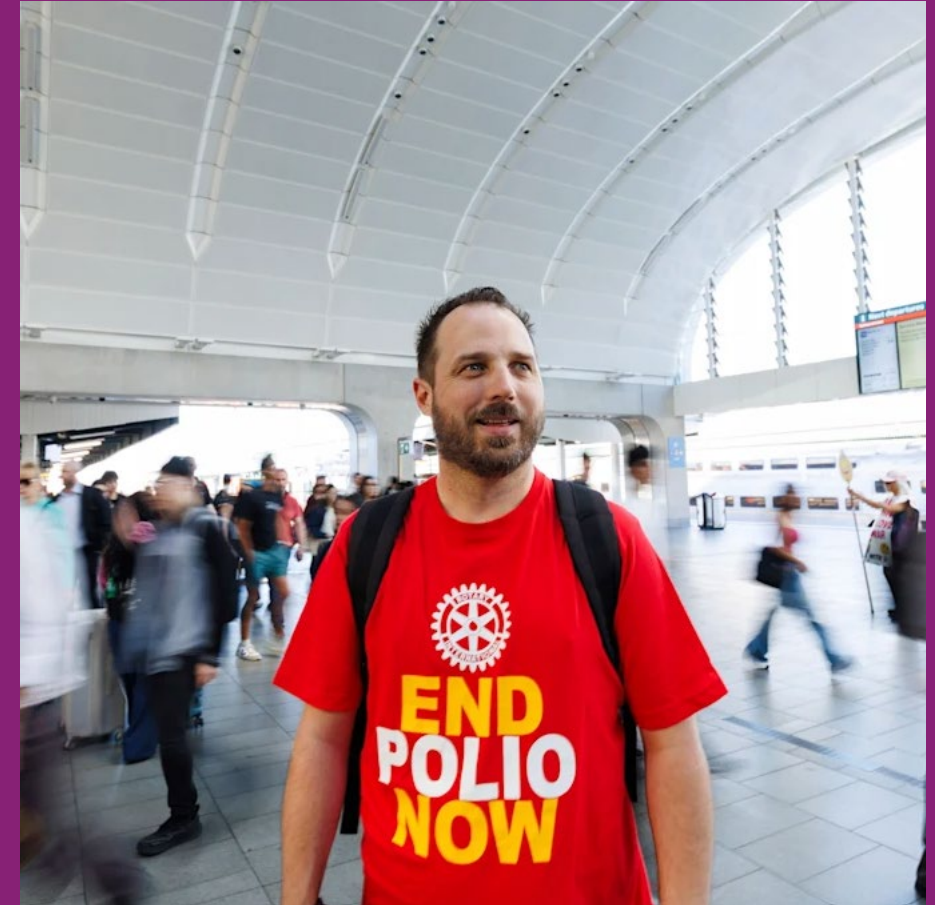
Photos WhatsApp Group

Foundation and/or Polio Chair to please join



What to wear:

- **RED End Polio Now Shirt**
 - This is all about branding.
 - We do not want drips or blue shirts.
 - <https://rdusupplies.com.au/end-polio-now/>
- **NAME TAG**
 - This is a fellowship opportunity. It is good to know who we are.
- **HAT**
 - It is going to be a long and hot day. Remember to protect yourself in five ways. *Slip, Slop, Slap, Sunnies, and Shade.*



Local Fundraising

- The Train Ride to End Polio has **tentative** Authority to Fundraise on Sydney Trains/Metro Property.
 - **This does not mean your club has authority to fundraise.**
 - If your club wishes to fundraise at your local railway station, we need to get authority to fundraise in writing prior to the day.
 - **Please write to BeecroftRotary@gmail.com with a proposal** of how you wish to collect before the event and on the day.
 - Include methods of collection, proposed locations, and how you wish to make payment to the Foundation.

Fundraising

- **Raise for Rotary**
 - Donations made via Raise for Rotary are Tax Deductible. Receipts will be sent to the patron.
 - Share your club's QR code in person, or a link via social media.
 - You can collect money before the day.
- **Electronic Payment options**
 - Payment square
 - EFTPOS machine
- **Buckets**
 - Count at the end of the day and send the total.

Rules of Engagement

- **Do not block thoroughfares.**
 - We must not impede the free flow of passengers. This is a safety hazard, but also a public image hazard. We are not *Chuggers* (Charity Muggers).
- **No fundraising on the platforms.**
 - Again, safety hazard.
- **No fundraising on the trains.**
 - This is a psycho-social hazard. People just want to go about their day.
- **Wear the right thing**
 - Make sure you are wearing your RED end polio now gear. Feel free to bring club signage, but make sure you are not blocking anything.

Fundraising

Treasurer, please scan for Top Level campaign



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Support our fundraiser

AUD 0

of AUD 2,000 raised

0% 130 remaining days

Donate now

Share fundraiser

Donating by check?

Team Members

Would you like to fundraise for Polio Fund? Join our team!



Join the team
and create your
fundraising page



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No donations yet

Set an example. Be the first to make a donation!

Join the team:

On the primary campaign page,
scroll down to see Team
members.

Your club can join our team.



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Join the Team



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5 Set your fundraising goal

Choose one of the suggested amounts or define your own. You can change it later if you want to raise more!

Select your currency:

AUD - Australian Dollar

AUD 250

Choose

AUD 500

Choose

AUD 1500

Choose

Custom amount

Choose

- ✓ Start fundraiser
- ✓ Choose individual or team
- ✓ Choose your occasion
- ✓ Choose what you want to support
- 5 Set your fundraising goal**
- 6 Add your personal information

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6 Nearly done!

Create an account or sign in to save your fundraiser. You will be redirected to your fundraiser page afterwards.

Register

First name

Last name

Username

E-Mail

Password

Country

United States



Club information (optional)

Please provide your club type and club ID number to ensure your club will be credited for non-member contributions.

☒ None ☐ Rotary Club ☐ Rotaract Club

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If you need to create an account:

- Make sure to select **AUD Australian Dollars**
- Make sure you have your **club ID** included in your profile.
 - <https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/clubdirectory/>
 - *For example, Beecroft is 18006*

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Sign in

Username

Password

[Forgot password?](#)

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Any Questions?