

# Tandem bike ride across to Nullarbor for End Polio Now

Three Rotary Districts and many Rotary Clubs collaborated across three great States when two Rotarians from Tasmania decided they would like to raise awareness and funds for the “End Polio Now” campaign.

Joyce and Phil Ogden from Rotary Club of South Launceston set off with their tandem bike packed up to transport via plane with them from Launceston to Perth.



Joyce and Phil were farewelled in Launceston by the Mayor and then welcomed in Perth by and then they commenced their Tandem bike ride in mid May on to ride across the Nullarbor to South Australia. On their journey they have had various radio interviews; TV interviews; newspaper articles, welcomed by town and City Mayors and welcomed by many Rotary clubs across these three States.

Great promotion opportunity for Rotary and the End Polio Now campaign within these communities.

Whilst in District 9510 they were warmly welcomed by **RC Whyalla; RC Port Augusta; RC Port Pirie; RC Clare; RC Gawler Light and RC Adelaide**. Big thank you to all the club members who organised their welcome into your towns, your homes and your clubs.

Phil and Joyce are in their early 70's and this tandem bike ride (without a support vehicle) took them just over 36 days to complete a total of 2970 kms.

They arrived in time on Wednesday 22/6/2022 to attend Rotary Adelaide lunch meeting and were welcomed by DG Jeff Neale. Then on the Thursday, to finish their stay in SA, they were warmly greeted by the Honourable Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide at the Community Centre in North Adelaide. What an amazing story of two committed Rotarians with a passion to raise attention of the importance to finish the vaccination process worldwide to rid the world of the crippling disease of polio.



Rotary connects people and this is a great example of the extended networking and collaborating that Rotary can do around the world. Together we have a collective impact. Well done to everyone involved.

Phil and Joyce have presently raised over \$29,000.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1fscXI-6Pk>

Public Image Teams in D 9830 (Tasmania); D 9455 (WA) and D 9510 enjoyed working together to ensure this great story was told and embraced within the communities they visited.

