



MEMBER UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025

On Tuesday, 25th November 2025 Polio NSW will hold our 36th Annual General Meeting. It is your opportunity to have a say in the direction and programs of Polio NSW. Members are encouraged to help your fellow polio survivors by standing for election to the Board. The meeting will be followed by an online Webinar. We look forward to your participation online via ZOOM for both the AGM and Webinar.

Polio NSW 36th AGM and Webinar

- Date:** Tuesday, 25th November 2025
Time: 10:30 am (to be followed by an online Webinar – details overleaf)
Held: Videoconference via ZOOM
Registration: www.trybooking.com/DGRER

All meeting papers, as well as a guide to downloading and using Zoom, are available on this page of the Polio NSW website:

www.polionsw.org.au/agm2025/

Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes of 35th Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2024
5. 2024-25 Annual Report
6. 2024-25 Financial Report
7. Election of Board (*minimum 6, maximum 12*)
 - 7.1 President
 - 7.2 Vice-President
 - 7.3 Secretary
 - 7.4 Treasurer
 - 7.5 Board Members (*minimum 2, maximum 8*)
8. General Business (*advised in advance to the Polio NSW Secretary*)
9. Close of AGM

A Proxy Form is enclosed so you can still have input to decisions made at the AGM even if you are unable to attend in person.

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AGM Online Webinar

Date: Tuesday, 25th November 2025
Time: 11:00 am (*following the AGM*)
Held: Online via Zoom (*see registration details below*)

“POLIO DIDN'T WIN”

GARY NEWTON

Gary, Vice President of Polio Australia, will join us after the AGM with an entertaining presentation.

Gary is a polio survivor with a full-sized sense of humour; a radio, voice over and TV presenter (retired); a disability/pro-vaccine campaigner; a part-time motivationalist; and a somewhat obsessed AFL Geelong Cats fan.

Gary was a Rotary Ambassador to India in 2018 (*pictured right*). He is also past President of the Rotary Club of Geelong East.



In his talk, Gary will share his experiences in life and touch on many things such as:

- What happened when he contracted polio and what it meant for his family.
- His early school days at a special school for 'crippled' children in Melbourne and where that lead him.
- The secret 'benefits' of having polio (it's not all about the handy parking) and how he realised his career dreams.
- How he's overcome many personal challenges (like so many other polio survivors) and gained a bright viewpoint in life; to be thankful for each day and to never give up because 'you never know just how close you are to succeeding'.
- He takes people 'back in time' to the horror that summers brought during the first half of the 20th century before most vaccines. Dark, fearful days, now largely forgotten, when major diseases such as smallpox, polio, rubella and many others struck with frightening regularity and often horrible consequences.

Gary will particularly talk about his passion to eradicate polio from the world FOREVER, his 2018 humanitarian project to India, World Polio Day (why it's so important especially to Rotarians), and his volunteer work with Polio Australia.

To book for the AGM and Webinar, please register here:

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Of course, it is free! But you must book to be sent the Zoom link.

If you have any problems booking, please email us for help:

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