

# AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our April newsletter. Please share the content with any people in our community and encourage any friends or family to send us their email addresses to get on to our database.

Witamy w naszym kwiecieńwym newsletterze. Prosimy o udostępnienie niniejszej treści wszystkim zainteresowanym osobom z naszej społeczności. Również zachęcamy każdego kto chciałby otrzymywać bieżące informacje na temat działań naszego stowarzyszenia do przesyłania nam adresu e-mail.

**Our newsletter is now  
available on our website  
[www.poloniaauckland.co.nz](http://www.poloniaauckland.co.nz)  
email:  
[info@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:info@poloniaauckland.co.nz)**

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### THIS MONTH'S EDITION CONTAINS:

- **Easter Message from the Executive committee**
- **Polish Easter Market**
- **Polish language school**
- **Polish Heritage Trust museum events**
- **Visit to Auckland - Patryk Błaszczak and Monika Mizgier-Błaszczak**
- **AGM information**
- **Save the date**
- **Membership application**



The executive committee  
would like to wish  
everyone a  
Happy Easter

Wesołego Alleluja







**ALL WELCOME TO JOIN  
THE AUCKLAND  
POLISH ASSOCIATION**

*Polish*

**EASTER MARKET**

**SUNDAY**

**6 APRIL 2025**

**1:00PM**

**POLISH HOUSE  
1 MCDONALD  
STREET  
MORNINGSIDE**



**Entertainment for  
the children.**

If you are interested in selling  
your products, please email  
[prezes@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:prezes@poloniaauckland.co.nz)





# POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

## 1. School for children

classes are weekly on Saturdays at 9 am  
duration: 90mins with breaks  
classes are taking place during the school term.  
it is learning through fun and play  
Children 5 years old plus  
Term I: April: 5  
Term II: May: 3, 10, 17, 24; June: 7, 14

## 2. School for Adults

classes are weekly on Sundays at 3pm  
5pm (for beginners) starting 4<sup>th</sup> May  
duration: 90mins  
classes are taking place during the school term.

1 McDonald Street Morningside Auckland  
Polish House

For more information, please contact:  
[info@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:info@poloniaauckland.co.nz)  
Subject: school





# Polish Heritage Trust Museum

## Upcoming events

### Celebrating Polish Easter with crafts

part of World of Cultures 2025 in Auckland



6th April 2-4pm

16th April 10am-12

Cost \$10 per person

Groups welcome to book own  
time and date to suit

P: (09) 533 3530

E: phtmuseum@outlook.com

125 Elliot St, Howick, E Akl



Polish Heritage Trust Museum



AUCKLAND  
COUNCIL  
PRESENTS

WORLD OF Cultures



### 2025 Year of Olga Boznańska, Polish artist

#### Exhibition

Runs throughout 2025

Tue-Fri 10 - 4 & Sun 12 - 5

Museum entry by donation

Small fee applies for groups



Young Lady with an Umbrella, 1886,

Private collection. [www.artinfo.pl](http://www.artinfo.pl)



Polish Heritage  
Trust Museum

125 Elliot Street, Howick, Auckland

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# ***Visit to Auckland by our new HoM Patryk Błaszczak and our new Public & Cultural Diplomacy Officer Monika Mizgier-Błaszczak***

Words from Polish Embassy in Wellington:

“One of the objectives of our new Head of Mission Patryk Błaszczak’s first visit to Auckland was to get to know the Polish community living in and around the city. He was welcomed in the Polish House by the Auckland Polish Association – Polonia Auckland and its president, Ms Nina Tomaszuk. The visit to the Dom Polski provided an opportunity to discuss the Association’s future plans as well as prospects for language teaching and learning in , especially among the young.

Mr Błaszczak also met with members of the Polish New Zealand Business Association POLANZ to talk about ways to further trade relations and to identify business opportunities and areas of economic cooperation between the two countries.

Stories of the #PahiatuaChildren, war memorabilia, memoirs and so so much more... Thanks to Ellen Roy’s kind guidance, Mr Błaszczak took a moving journey to the past at the Polish Heritage Trust Museum in Howick, New Zealand. He also presented the Siberian Exiles Cross to Theo Surynt, awarded by Poland’s President Andrzej Duda to her late husband Jerzy Surynt, one of the Polish children who arrived in New Zealand in 1944.

Mr Błaszczak also had the immense pleasure to visit another “Pahiatua boy”, Mr Jan Roy-Wojciechowski at his family home in Howick. Thanking Mr Roy-Wojciechowski for his many outstanding contributions and his relentless dedication to building relations and to cultivating Polishness in Aotearoa throughout his life was a very special moment!

To mark the 85. anniversary of Stalin’s order – signed on March 5, 1949 – for the NKVD to execute almost 22,000 prisoners of war in the Katyń Forest and other locations in the Soviet Union, Mr Błaszczak laid flowers by the Katyń Plaque at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph in Auckland.”





Photos taken by:  
Polish Embassy in Wellington



# ***Annual General Meeting***

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
**1:00pm**  
Polish House  
1 McDonald Street  
Morningside



**This years AGM will consist of an election.**

**We will be looking for awesome creative people to put their name forward for the committee to help with the running of the Auckland Polish Association. Please know that you must be a paid member to be nominated and also VOTE. You can join and become a member on the day.**

**Membership is important to keep the Association going.**

**If this sounds like you, please forward your interest to**

**[info@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:info@poloniaauckland.co.nz).**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**What does the committee do?**

- Help organise events/markets**
- Participate in approximately 7 to 10 meetings a year also by zoom if need be**
- Work alongside awesome passionate people who have an interest in Poland and Polish culture**
- Social media and newsletter support**
- Basic maintenance**

**You do not need to speak Polish to be part of this awesome committee.**



# **DATES COMING SOON.....**

**Polish Easter Market**

**6th April**

**1pm**

**Annual general meeting**

**Sunday 8th June**

**1pm start**

**Full immersion Polish speaking get togethers**

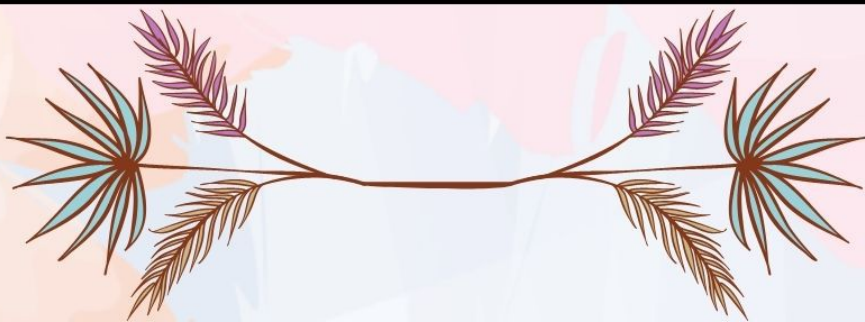
**TBC**

**Play group for under 5 year olds**

**TBC**

**For further information, please contact Nina on**

**021376411 or [prezes@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:prezes@poloniaauckland.co.nz)**





# Join us

## Auckland Polish Association Membership

Prospective and returning members are invited to fill out the application form, and send to the Auckland Polish Association - Membership fees:  
Adult (\$30), Senior Citizen, Beneficiaries & Student (\$15) for the year.

## Stowarzyszenie Polskie Auckland Członkostwo

Osoby zainteresowane członkostwem oraz te, których członkostwo wygaśło są proszone o wypełnienie formularza zgłoszeniowego i przestanie do Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland - opłaty członkowskie dla dorosłych (\$30), seniorów i studentów (\$15).