

October/Październik 2025

# AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our October 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 październikowym 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.polonიაauckland.co.nz](http://www.polonიაauckland.co.nz)**

**email:**

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

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## **THIS MONTH'S EDITION CONTAINS:**

- Polish children of Pahiataua event 81st
- Pahiataua event programme
- Pahiataua scholarship
- Polish passport application date
- Polish language school for children
- Polish Heritage Trust museum events
- Polish History website
- Save the date
- Membership application

***Polish Children of Pahiātua  
81st Anniversary  
Join us for a finger food Lunch!***

Sunday 19th October  
1:00 - 3:00 pm  
1 McDonald Street,  
Morningside

Bar open (eftpos available)

Please bring a photo of your loved one  
for our table of remembrance.

**All Welcome**

**Please see below for more  
information and time table.**



# **Programme**

*1:00pm - Arrive*

*1:15pm - Welcome and speech prepared by*

*Nina Tomaszuk - Prezes of Auckland Polish Association*

*-Introduction of the executive committee*

*-Present flowers to our Pahiataua elders*

*-Anthems*

*-Blessing of food*

*-1.30pm - Lunch*

*-tea/coffee*

*-Bar will be open with eftpos available*

*Enjoy mingling with people.*

*3.00pm - close*

*\*This event is a low key event, compared to the 80th Anniversary last year. The focus being on the community catching up with each other, and reconnecting.*

*All welcome*





## A scholarship in honour of the 'Polish children and caregivers of Pahiatua' \$2,000

This scholarship commemorates the arrival in 1944 of the 733 Polish children and their mainly female caregivers who, initially deported from Eastern Poland to Siberia during World War II, were invited by the NZ government to stay in Pahiatua, Manawatū.

Many of these children, mostly orphans, remained in NZ when they could not return to Poland, building new lives in their 'paradise'.

Recognising women committed to community engagement or cultural preservation, this scholarship is intended to assist a female student, who will be enrolling full-time at an approved tertiary institute in the Auckland or Northland region in 2026.

Closing date: NOW EXTENDED to 31 January 2026

For more information or to donate towards the scholarship or to apply, please go to

[https://kateedgerfoundation.org.nz/award\\_list/scholarship-in-honour-of-the-polish-children-and-caregivers-of-pahiatua/](https://kateedgerfoundation.org.nz/award_list/scholarship-in-honour-of-the-polish-children-and-caregivers-of-pahiatua/)

# Polish Passport application and renew

Europe House, Auckland

A passport duty will be held in Auckland on October 30 and 31, 2025.

For more information, visit

[www.gov.pl/web/newzealand/passport-duty-in-auckland2](http://www.gov.pl/web/newzealand/passport-duty-in-auckland2)

Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Auckland

30 i 31 października 2025 roku odbędzie się dyżur paszportowy Konsula RP w Auckland.

Informacje na temat godzin, miejsca i zapisów dostępne są na stronie

[www.gov.pl/web/nowazelandia/dyzur-paszportowy-w-auckland5](http://www.gov.pl/web/nowazelandia/dyzur-paszportowy-w-auckland5)

For more information, please see the Wellington Embassy website.



# Polish Language School for children



Classes are weekly on Saturday at 9am  
duration: 90 mins with breaks  
Classes are taking place during the school term  
It is learning through fun and play  
Children 5 years old and up

Term 4: October: 11, 18, 25  
November: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
December: 6

Price: \$20 per child per lesson for APA members  
or \$30 for non APA members  
\$10 for additional children from the same family

All classes are at Polish House  
1 McDonald Street, Morningside.

Please email: [info@poloniaauckland.co.nz](mailto:info@poloniaauckland.co.nz)  
Subject: school  
for more information

*Are you interested in Adult classes?  
Please contact the above email address for details*



# Polish Heritage Trust Museum

## Upcoming events

### Celebrate a Polish Christmas

#### Family craft workshop 2025

30th Nov & 14th December

at the Polish Museum, 125 Elliot St, Howick

Begins at 2pm and finishes by 4pm

\$10 per person

Ph 09 533 3530

Email [phtmuseum@outlook.com](mailto:phtmuseum@outlook.com)



## Invitation to join us

at the Polish Museum on **2nd November 2-3pm** for a **coffee & catchup** to remember the arrival to NZ of the Polish children & their caregivers 81 years ago.

Open to all. RSVP not required.  
125 Elliot St, Howick.



Polish Heritage  
Trust Museum

Image: Arrival of the Polish children 1.11.1944.  
John Pascoe collection, Turnbull Library Ref: 1/2-003634-F





## Interested in learning more about Polish people in New Zealand?

The first “brilliant but cranky” Pole arrived in Dusky Sound with his son in March 1773 with Captain Cook’s ship, Resolution.

During the next 100 years, mostly single men—adventurers—followed, but it was not till 1872 that the first significant groups of Polish families arrived, and started their lives in a land that was as foreign to them as they were to it.



Read about them, and the rich tapestry of Polish lives in New Zealand since then at:

<https://polishhistorynewzealand.org/>

# POLISH HOUSE EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE....

Sunday 19 October - Polish Children of Pahiataua

November - Andrzejki

Sunday 9 November - Polish Independence day

Sunday 7 December - Oplatek/lunch

Sunday 14 December - Polish Christmas market

March 2026 - Polish Easter market

April / May 2026 - 3rd May celebration

50th Polish House anniversary - TBC

Celebration of Polish citizenship - TBC

June 2026 AGM

School for children - ongoing

Schools for adults - please email to enquire

Other - szarlotka festival, movies, Polish Immersion

For further information, please contact

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



# Join us Become a member!

## 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 przesłanie do Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland - opłaty członkowskie dla dorosłych (\$30), seniorów i studentów (\$15).

