November/Listopad 2026

AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our November 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 listopadowy newsletter. 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 przesłania nam adresu e-mail.

Our newsletter is now available on our website:

www.poloniaauckland.co.nz

email:
info@poloniaauckland.co.nz

THIS MONTH'S EDITION CONTAINS:

- Polish children of Pahiatua event
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82nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Pahiatua Children

On Sunday, 18 October, the Auckland Polish Association gathered at the Polish House to mark a deeply meaningful milestone: the 82nd Anniversary of the arrival of the Polish Children of Pahiatua.

Eighty-two years ago, 733 Polish orphans and their caregivers arrived in New Zealand after an arduous journey. New Zealand offered them refuge, safety, and the hope of a brighter future. Named after the Tararua town where they settled after arriving in Wellington, the "Pahiatua Children" built lives that continue to inspire generations of Polish New Zealanders.

We were deeply honored to welcome Danuta Robinson, Irena Pak, Jan Kazimierow and for a brief moment, Zofia Derrick as our guests of honour. They were presented with flowers, love, and warm gratitude as we celebrated their lives, achievements, and enduring dedication to both Poland and New Zealand, while honoring the memory of those who have passed.

A special thank you to Kelly Mills, the main organiser of this wonderful event, whose leadership made the day so successful. Ania Biazik did a wonderful speech as vice president of the Auckland Polish Association and Boguslaw Nowak, Honorary consul who also spoke. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the incredible helpers, volunteers, speakers, and committee members who contributed their time, energy, and talents from setup to hospitality.

Thank you to all the members, families, and friends who attended. Your presence helped ensure that this powerful story of resilience, hope, and compassion remains alive for future generations.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, supporters, and community partners whose ongoing contributions help preserve and promote Polish heritage and culture in New Zealand:

- Polish Embassy in Wellington
- Polacy świata
- Polish Heritage Trust Museum (Howick, New Zealand)
- Pahiatua Museum
- Polish School Auckland
- Polish New Zealand Business Association
- Polish Pastoral Care in Auckland

Photography taken by Kelly Mills, Lidia Kornaski and Emma Conroy.
Permission has been granted for use of the following photos.


FROM POLAND TO PAHIATUA
Forced into exile
Journey to New Zealand


FROM POLAND TO PAHIATUA
New Zealand's First Invited Refugees
Forced into exile
Journey to New Zealand
The Polish Children's Camp in Pahiatua




The Polish Children's Camp in Pahiatua


Poland's stand brought inspiration to Church
Poles of Pahiatua remember


FROM POLAND TO PAHIATUA
New Zealand's First Invited Refugees

Flowers for our Polish Children of Pahiatua

Special thank you to Emma Conroy who delivered the flowers to Polish house and to Andrzej Tomecki (Pasterol Care team) and Ellen Roy who delivered them to those who could not make the event.

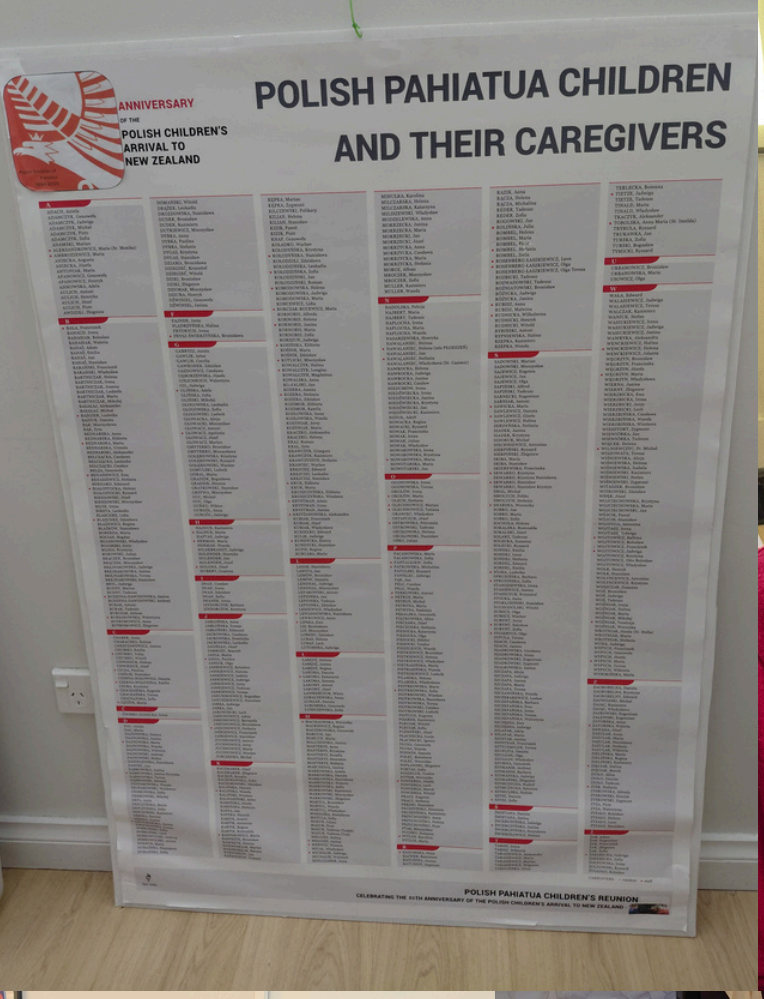











ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
POLISH CHILDREN'S
ARRIVAL TO
NEW ZEALAND
POLISH PAHIATUA CHILDREN
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
POLISH PAHIATUA CHILDREN'S REUNION






Embassy
of the Republic of Poland
in Wellington
THE AUCKLAND
POLISH ASSOCIATION


FROM
POLAND
TO


THE AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION


FROM POLAND TO PANIATUA
New Zealand's First Invited Refugees

Table of Remembrance







CARD DROP HAS BEEN POSTED!









Card drop

If you know a Pahiatua Polish child either in New Zealand or overseas,

please contact:

kelly.mills@poloniaauckland.co.nz

(cards were posted at the end of October

BÓG
HONOR
OJCZYZNA

WOLNA
NIEPODLEGŁA
ZAWSZE W NASZYCH
SERCACH



ZAPROSZENIE

NA OBCHODY

NARODOWEGO ŚWIĘTA NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI POLSKI

„Naród, który traci pamięć, przestaje być Narodem."
JÓZEF PIŁSUDSKI

Jeszcze Polska nie zginęła...

Niedziela,
8 listopada 2026 r.
o godz. 13:00

Dom Polski
1 McDonald Street,
Morningside, Auckland

W tym dniu Rada Duszpasterska serdecznie zaprasza wszystkich do Domu Polskiego na uroczyste obchody Narodowego Święta Niepodległości Polski.

Głównymi bohaterami tego spotkania będą nasze dzieci, które poprzez wiersze i pieśni przypomną nam historię Polski oraz wartości łączące kolejne pokolenia Polaków.

Będzie również możliwość zakupu lunchu.

Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich — rodziny, przyjaciół i znajomych! Spotkajmy się, aby wspólnie uczcić i pielęgnować nasze polskie dziedzictwo oraz tradycje.

„Niepodległość nie jest dana raz na zawsze."
– św. Jan Paweł II

RAZEM DLA NIEPODLEGŁEJ

PAMIĘTAMY • SZANUJEMY • PRZEKAZUJEMY DALEJ



Polska to więcej niż miejsce – to ludzie, wartości i wspólna historia.

CHRISTMAS Party

Sunday 29th November
2.00 to 5:00 pm
Polish House
1 McDonald Street
Morningside, Auckland



SANTA will be at our party this year!

Secret santa gifts

Parents - please bring a present for your child clearly named up to $10.

Adults - please bring an unnamed gift for another adult up to $10 to participate in Adult secret santa.

Singing Polish carols

Please provide a potluck meal dish/plate to share

Oplatek Traditional Polish Christmas Wafer

Bar open

Tea and coffee available

All welcome!

Email info@poloniaauckland.co.nz for more info

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN
THE AUCKLAND
POLISH ASSOCIATION

Polish
CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY

6 DECEMBER 2025

1:00PM

POLISH HOUSE
1 MCDONALD
STREET
MORNINGSIDE

If you would like to book a stall/table please email info@poloniaauckland.co.nz
$20 for members
$35 for non members
We also need people to help in the kitchen - please email kelly.mills@poloniaauckland.co.nz if you can help!

Funding application

Call for Applications: Funding Opportunities for 2027 Initiatives

The Polish Embassy in Wellington has announced funding opportunities for projects in 2027.
The Auckland Polish Association committee invites members and the community to submit proposals and collaborate on potential initiatives.

Please send your ideas and suggestions to info@poloniaauckland.co.nz by Friday, 13 November 2026.
The deadline for application submissions to the Embassy is 20 November 2026.

For further details, please refer to our announcement on the APA website: https://poloniaauckland.co.nz/

Lets work together to get funding to support the AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION!

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

School year calendar
Term 1
* February: 21, 28
* March: 7, 14, 21, 28



Term 2
* May: 2, 9, 16, 23
* June: 6, 13, 20, 27

Term 3
* July: 25
* August: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
* September: 5, 12, 19



Term 4
* October: 17, 31
* November: 7, 14, 21, 28
* December: 5

$20 per child and $10 for other siblings from the same family.

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

Please email: info@poloniaauckland.co.nz
Subject: school for more information

Polish Language School for adults - Now available

If interested, please contact the above email address for details

Poland Independence Day



Sunday, 8 November 2026
1:00 PM.

On this day, the Polish Pastoral Council in Auckland warmly invites everyone to the Polish House for a special celebration of Poland's National Independence Day.

The stars of this gathering will be our children, who, through poems and songs, will remind us of Poland's history and the values that unite generations of Poles.

Lunch will also be available for purchase Pierogi made by Ela Chmurzyńska.

Bar Open

We warmly welcome everyone - families, friends, and members of our community! Let us come together to celebrate and preserve our Polish heritage, culture, and traditions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Polish House!

Kurs języka polskiego

DLA DOROSŁYCH

POZIOM POCZĄTKUJĄCY

Zapraszamy osoby dorosłe zainteresowane nauką języka polskiego na kurs dla początkujących!

ZAJĘCIA: *raz w tygodniu*
CZAS TRWANIA: *1,5 godziny*

MIEJSCE:
Dom Polski w Auckland

KURS ROZPOCZNIE SIĘ
po zebraniu minimum
4 *uczestników.*

DO WYBORU DWA TERMINY:

SOBOTA
11:00–12:30

WTOREK
17:30–19:00

Zainteresowany(-a)?

Skontaktuj się bezpośrednio z nauczycielem:

Ania Biegańska

polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com

W wiadomości prosimy o podanie, który termin Ci odpowiada. Jeśli pasują Ci oba terminy, również zaznacz to w swojej odpowiedzi.

Polish Language Course

FOR ADULTS

BEGINNER LEVEL

We warmly invite adults who are interested in learning Polish to join our beginner-level course!

CLASSES: *once a week*
DURATION: *1,5 hours*

LOCATION:
Polish House, Auckland

THE COURSE WILL START
once a minimum of
4 *participants have enrolled.*

CHOOSE FROM TWO TIME OPTIONS:

SATURDAY
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

TUESDAY
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Interested?

Please contact the teacher directly:

Ania Biegańska

polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com

When you email, please let us know which class time you prefer. If both options work for you, please mention that as well.

ZAPRASZAMY DO WSPÓLNEJ NAUKI JĘZYKA POLSKIEGO!

please email: polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com
for more information! Lets start learning!



Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Upcoming events

Invitation to join us

1st November 2-3pm
for a coffee & catchup
to remember the arrival to NZ of the Polish children & their caregivers 82 years ago.

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



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



Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Celebrate a Polish Christmas

Family craft workshop 2026



29th Nov & 6th 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

Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Fundacja-Muzeum Dziedzictwa Polskiego

125 Elliot Street, Howick, Auckland 2014, New Zealand

Phone 0064 9 533 3530 phtmuseum@outlook.com www.polishheritage.co.nz

Official Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Polish-Heritage-Trust-Museum-in-Howick-New-Zealand-1447087388936695/

PHT of NZ is a registered charity (CC29274)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a small team whose main objective is to rebuild in Auckland, the Polish Parish headed by the priest. We are trying to bring a priest from Poland, but the task is difficult because of the shortage of priests. The soul of this effort is Małgosia Rozmus who facilitates negotiations between the bishop responsible for Polonia, Robert Chrząszcz in Warsaw, and the Bishop of the Auckland Diocese Stephen Lowe (not to mention the various Polish missionary orders). When we sometimes manage to bring over a priest to say a single Mass we notify the people on our email address list.

In addition to such a long-term activity, the Pastoral Council attempts to be of some use to the Auckland Polish community. We support initiatives of the Auckland Polish Association. We offer transport to people who cannot get by themselves to the Polish Mass or Polish house. We translate Polish forms for persons applying for Polish passports. We are acting as a link between the Polish Catholics spread around the various Polish groups.

Our activities bring us closer to the Polish community in Auckland. We welcome anyone who would like to help us even in a slightest manner. We also welcome information about the people who need help.

If you wish to receive our announcements,
please send us your email address.

Our contacts are:

Chairman Andrzej Bohdan Tomecki (tomecki@xtra.co.nz)
Secretary Małgorzata Rozmus (rozmus@xtra.co.nz)

Written by Andrzej Tomecki



RADA DUSZPASTERSKA

Rada Duszpasterska składa się z kilku osób których głównym celem jest odrodzenie w Auckland polskiej parafii z księdzem na czele. Usiłujemy sprowadzić księdza z Polski, co jest trudnym zadaniem ze względu na ogólny brak księży. Duszą tego przedsięwzięcia jest pani Małgosia Rozmus która rozmawia z Biskupem do Spraw Polonii Robertem Chrząszczem w Warszawie, Biskupem Auckland Stephenem Low i polskimi zakonami misyjnymi. Czasami udaje nam się sprowadzić do Auckland księdza na jednorazowe odprawienie Mszy Świętej. Zawiadamiamy o tym osoby na naszej liście adresów email.
Oprócz takiej długoterminowej akcji staramy się być użyteczni dla Polonijnej społeczności w Auckland. Wspieramy inicjatywy Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland. Oferujemy transport osobom które nie mogą same dostać się na polskie Msze Święte lub na uroczystości w Domu Polskim. Tłumaczymy dokumenty Polskiego Konsulatu osobom starającym się o polski paszport. Jesteśmy łącznikiem między polskimi katolikami rozproszonymi w różnych grupach.

Tego rodzaju działalność zbliża Radę Duszpasterską do polskiej społeczności w Auckland. Chętnie witamy każdego kto chciałby nam pomóc choćby w najskromniejszy sposób i o informacje o osobach potrzebujących pomocy. Prosimy też o adresy email osób które chcą otrzymywać nasze zawiadomienia.

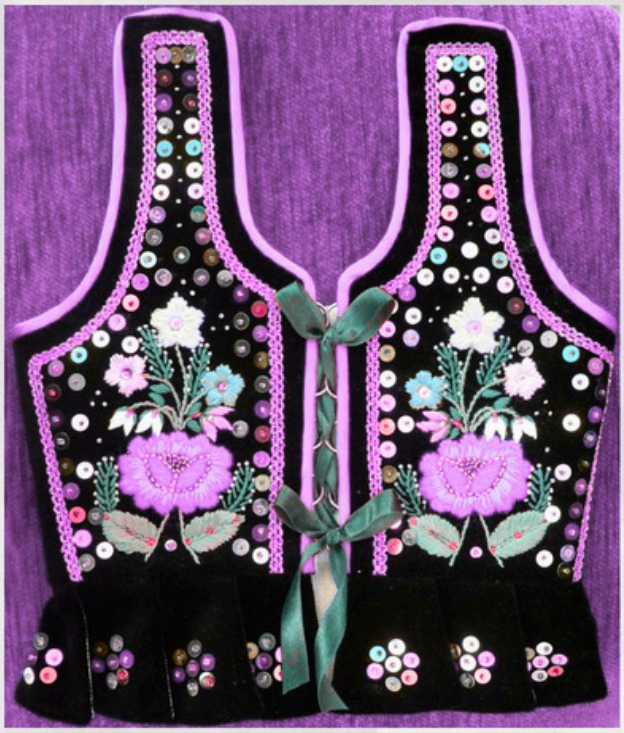
Nasze kontakty to:

Sekretarz Małgorzata Rozmus (rozmus@xtra.co.nz) i
Przewodniczący Andrzej Bohdan Tomecki (tomecki@xtra.co.nz)



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....

Poland Independence day
Sunday 8th - 1pm

Polish Christmas party / Opłatek
Sunday 29th November

Polish Christmas Market
Sunday 6th December

Polish School for children - ongoing
Polish Schools for adults – please email to enquire

For further information, please contact
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 wygasło są proszone o wypełnienie formularza zgłoszeniowego i przesłanie do Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland - opłaty członkowskie dla dorosłych ($30), seniorów i studentów ($15).



MEMBERS OF THE POLISH PARLIAMENT VISIT AUCKLAND POLISH HOUSE



Please, find more information in the report from the Polish MPs visiting Polish House in September 2027

https://poloniaauckland.co.nz/members-of-the-polish-parliament-visit-polish-house-in-auckland/

Please click below for the link