

Polish Children's 75th Reunion

1 - 3 November 2019

Wellington, New Zealand



Further to the communication that was sent out in August 2019, we have now confirmed the programme for the Polish Children's 75th Reunion to be held from 1 – 3 November 2019.

The program for the Reunion is as follows:

Friday, 1 November 2019

Pahiatua Day Trip (11am – 3pm)

The township of Pahiatua look forward to hosting the Pahiatua Polish Children and their families in Pahiatua on Friday, 1 November 2019. The Pahiatua community, along with the 75th Reunion committee, warmly invites everyone to Pahiatua to participate in the planned activities.

The Polish Children's 75th Reunion committee has organised chartered buses to transport all reunion guests to and from Pahiatua, for which there will be a cost. Alternatively, guests can use their own transport to get to Pahiatua.

Whether you are using the bus or making your own way to Pahiatua, you MUST register (see registration form).

Details for the bus trip are as follows:

Departing from Wellington (via chartered bus):

Pick-up location: Wellington Railway Station (Platform 9)
Time: Meet at 7.30am – departing at 8am sharp
Arrive in Pahiatua: 11am

Departing from Pahiatua (via chartered bus):

Time: 3.15pm
Arrive in Wellington: 6.15pm – 6.30pm at Wellington Railway Station (Platform 9)

Activities in Pahiatua include a Main Street procession, welcome in the Town Hall, catered lunch, museum visit, visit to the Polish memorial (please refer to attached flyer for more information).

Saturday, 2 November 2019

Day events take place at the Alan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College, 15 Dufferin Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington (full wheelchair and disabled access available).

The evening event takes place at Dom Polski, 257 Riddiford Street, Newtown, Wellington (no wheelchair or disabled access available).

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
11.30am – 5.00pm	Registration	Guests arrive, collect registration packs and name tags. Registration desk will be open until 5.00pm.
11.30am – 1.00pm	Meet & mingle	Following registration, guests will be able to catch up with old friends, view photos and displays.

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Anniversary lunch	Seating allocated as per registration. Cash bar will be available.
3.15pm – 4.00pm	Variety concert	Polish dancing, music and other entertainment.
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Sing-along	Sing-along – medley of Pahiatua camp songs. Tea, coffee and juice will be available.
7.30pm-11.30pm	Social evening	Social evening at the Dom Polski – focus on the ‘next generation’, this social evening aims to connect people and let them enjoy the special experience of being Polish in New Zealand. Plattered food and some complimentary wine will be served. Cash bar will be available.

Sunday, 3 November 2019

Events take place at St Mary of the Angels Church, Polish Dzieci Square and at the Alan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College, 15 Dufferin Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington.

As parking is very limited at St Mary of the Angels church and at Polish Dzieci Square, we are offering a free bus service for all registered guests. The bus service will do a round trip service.

The round trip will be as follows:

- Pick will be from the Alan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College, 15 Dufferin St, Mount Victoria, Wellington (you will able to park your car here)
- Drop off at St Mary of the Angels church, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington
- Pick up after mass and drop off at Polish Dzieci Square, green area between Cambridge Terrace & Kent Terrace, near Basin Reserve, Wellington
- Pick up after plaque ceremony and drop off at the Alan Gibbs Centre

If you want to use this bus service, you **MUST register to reserve your place** - please see registration form.

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
11.45am	Bus pick up from the Alan Gibbs Centre	Guests who have registered for the free bus service will be picked up from outside the Alan Gibbs Centre and transported to St Mary of the Angels church.
12.15pm	Bus drop off at the church	Bus drop off at St Mary of the Angels church
12.30pm – 1.30pm	75 th anniversary mass	Anniversary mass - celebrant Cardinal John Dew
1.40pm	Bus pick up from church to the Polish Dzieci Square	
2.00pm - 2.15pm	Blessing of the plaque at Polish Dzieci Square	Blessing of the plaque that was inaugurated by Polish President Andrzej Duda in August 2018. Named after the Polish Pahiatua Children, it marks the friendship and partnership between Poland and New Zealand.
2.40pm – 3.00pm	Official reunion group photo	Alan Gibbs Centre - group photo will be taken outside the Alan Gibbs Centre, weather permitting. Alternatively, the photo shoot will be inside.
3.30pm – 6.00pm	Afternoon tea, cutting of the Anniversary Cake & reunion goodbyes.	Savoury platter will be served, with a cash bar available. Tea, coffee and juice will be available served with a slice of the Anniversary Cake.
6.00pm	Reunion finishes.	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Registration can be done via post or via email:
 - **Post:** registration form to be filled out and mailed to Polish Children's 75th Reunion Registration, c/- 84 Eden Street, Island Bay, Wellington 6023, New Zealand
 - **Email:** registration form to be filled out and emailed to pahiatuapolishchildren@gmail.com with the subject line denoting 'Registration' and your name as a reference.
2. Payment **MUST** accompany your registration form and will secure your reservation. Payment to be made in New Zealand currency. As per the registration form, payment can be done via internet banking (ANZ Bank, Wellington - A/c no: 06-0501-0064897-10) or with a cheque – please make sure you indicate what method you are paying by on your form and ensure that your payment has your name and "75th Reunion" as the reference.
3. Any child requiring a seat at any of the events must be registered.
4. Seating at the Alan Gibbs Centre is limited, so it is recommended that you get your registration in as soon as possible (**NO LATER than 11 October 2019**). Seating for the Anniversary Lunch (Saturday) will be allocated as registrations are processed.
5. Photos - an official reunion group photo shoot has been organised. This is for the original Pahiatua Children **ONLY** and will take place at the Alan Gibbs Centre **after** the blessing of the plaque at Polish Dzieci Square on Sunday, 3 November. We encourage all Pahiatua Children to take part.

The group photo will be available to purchase at a cost of \$25 per photo – please indicate on your registration form if you want to purchase a group photo and how many. This official group photo will be available to pick up between 5.00pm – 6.00pm on Sunday, 3 November. Alternatively, it can be posted to you, but you will need to indicate this in the comments/requests section on the form – see registration form for details.

6. Buses – a free round-trip bus service is being offered on Sunday, 3 November, to transport reunion guests from the Alan Gibbs Centre, to St Mary of the Angels church, then to the Polish Dzieci Square, and then back to the Alan Gibbs Centre. If you wish to use this service you **must** indicate this on the registration form, stating how many seats you need. *(This is really important as we have to book the buses ahead of time and will use the registration forms as an indication of the number of buses we need).*

Please note there is **plenty of parking at the Alan Gibbs Centre**, where you will be able to park your car.

7. Reunion memorabilia will be on sale throughout the reunion weekend. Orders will also be taken.

For any enquiries, please contact:

- via phone: Krysia Januszkiewicz-Reid on 027 275 7945 / (04) 934 9582
- via post: Polish Children's 75th Reunion Committee, 84 Eden Street, Island Bay, Wellington 6023
- via email: pahiatuapolishchildren@gmail.com
- via Facebook: www.facebook.com/Pahiatuapolishchildren

We will be also be posting information on our website: www.polishcommunity.org.nz/groups/pahiatuapolishchildren.

The Polish 75th Reunion committee is as follows:

- Krysia Januszkiewicz-Reid (chairperson)
- Tadek Wypych (treasurer)
- Tereska Thornton (*Banaś*)
- Liz Banaś
- Tereska Lepionka Carroll
- Wanda Borowicz

The reunion registration form and the other documents included in this mail-out, are available on our website: www.polishcommunity.org.nz/groups/pahiatuapolishchildren

Location of Polish Dzieci Square in Wellington

Polish Dzieci Square - green area between Cambridge Terrace & Kent Terrace, near Basin Reserve, Wellington

