



Our collection

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The Polish Museum and Archives in Australia preserves, documents, and promotes the history and heritage of Polish Australians.

Through our collections, research, education, and community engagement, we ensure that the stories, achievements, and contributions of Polish Australians are preserved and shared with future generations.



Preserve our community's memory and honour our past

Support our work by
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The Polish
Museum and
Archives in
Australia Inc.
(PMAA)



Muzeum i
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Polonii
Australijskiej
(MAPA)

The Polish Museum and Archives in Australia Inc was established in 1991 as an initiative of a number of people who saw the importance of collecting and preserving historical materials that reflected the individual and community life of Polish immigrants living in Australia.

The organisation was incorporated in 1992.



The aims of the organisation are to:

- Collect and preserve documents, medals, objects, photographs and other materials that have historical significance to the Polish community and the wider community in Australia.
- Make materials available to members of the general public and academics for research and other activities, such as exhibitions.
- Work cooperatively with organisations that have similar goals.
- Publish reference materials and books about the history and experiences of Polish immigration to Australia.
- Seek support for the Polish Museum and Archive's activities from mainstream, government and non-profit organisations and individuals.

Activities and Projects

Collections project:

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Oral History Project:

The post-war Polish immigrants are today our senior citizens. It is therefore important to document the experiences of these early pioneers. Such experiences include:

- War-time experiences
- Early life in Australia – life in migrant hostels, the two year work contracts, and so on.
- Establishing homes, community structures and cultural life.
- Reflections on Polish migrants' lives today.

It is vital that these stories be recorded and passed down to future generations of Polish Australians. They should also be documented as part of the greater multicultural Australian experience.

How can you help?

- By taking part in the oral history project and talking about your experiences.
- By volunteering to record interviews with interested Polish elderly immigrants.
- Contacting us if you have memorabilia of historical significance or information about its location.
- By becoming a member or by making a donation.

Membership

Individual \$25. Couples/Families \$40.

Scan this QR code and join online



Or, fill in this form and mail to:

Polish Museum and Archives in Australia Inc.
C/o: Polish Club Albion
19 Carrington Drive
Albion VIC 3020

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