

## *Historical Perspective*

2018 marks 100 years since Poland regained independence after partitions conducted by Russia, Prussia and Austria, which erased Poland from the map of Europe.

Often debatable, the main causes leading to the three successive partitions in 1772, 1793 and 1795 were:

- Numerous wars that weakened the country
- The internal disunity of Poland
- The emergence of its neighbours; Russia, Austria and Prussia, as leading European powers.

The Napoleonic Wars (1797 – 1815), The November Uprising (1830 – 1831) and The January Uprising (1861 – 1865) are examples of Poland's drive to freedom.

During the period of 1833 to 1871, Polish revolutionaries participated in uprisings in Prussia, Austrian Empire and Imperial Russia.

On 11 November 1918, Józef Piłsudski, leader of the clandestine Polish Military Organisation, returned to Warsaw from a German prison to become Chief of State, proclaiming the Second Polish Republic.

This exhibition is supported by:



*Commemorating*

**100th Anniversary  
of Poland regaining  
Independence**

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**Celebrating Poles in Australia,  
Newcastle and the Hunter Valley**

**24 - 28 October 2018**

The Exhibition will be held at:  
**The Polish Cultural Centre  
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Newcastle

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Newcastle Inc.

1918  
2018

*independence*



**FREE ENTRY  
TO THE EXHIBITION**

The exhibition and celebrations will feature:

- **Historical displays**  
- road to independence and post World War II migration.
- **Polish Arts and crafts**
- **Short Polish films**
- **Polish National costumes**
- **Exhibition of painting by artists**  
**Basia Zielinska and Jozef Klimek**
- **Greta Migrant Camp display**  
(on loan from the Newcastle Museum)
- **Polish Music**
- **Polish Food tasting**
- **Tea, coffee and Polish cakes**

To commemorate the regaining of Independence of Poland as a Sovereign Nation in 1918, the Polish Association of Newcastle Incorporated, is holding an historical exhibition.

The Polish Association of Newcastle Incorporated, is also conducting a number of cultural events to celebrate contributions Poles have made to Australia, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley Region.

## *Program Outline*

### **Wednesday**

- Exhibition - 10.00am to 8.00pm

### **Thursday**

- Exhibition - 10.00am to 8.00pm
- Sale of Polish smallgoods from 12 noon to 6.00pm

### **Friday**

- Exhibition - 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Centenary Evening of song and music 7.00pm to 10.00pm

### **Saturday**

- Exhibition - 10.00am to 8.00pm
- Sale of Polish cakes

### **Sunday**

- Exhibition - 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Centenary Mass 11.30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
- Lunch at 1.00pm
- Children's concert

**Exhibition closes at 5.00pm**