



Celebrating 60 Years of Polish Club Sikorski



POLISH CLUB SIKORSKI
60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION
1966 - 2026



CHRONICLES OF THE POLISH CLUB SIKORSKI



1950

By the end of 1950, there were 8,236 Polish people residing in Western Australia, in comparison to 1947 when only 227 Poles lived here. A significant number of them settled in the Midland-Bellevue area, due to the proximity of two large employers: Midland Brick and Midland Railway Workshops.

1954

Initiated by Fr. Witold Dziecioł the organising committee was formed to start a Polish school in Bellevue. First classes started in 1954 at the Bellevue Primary School on Saturday mornings. In 1956, the school was forced to move out and found its place, for the next 13 years, at the home and garage of Mr Jan Majewski. Then the school moved to St. Anthony Church in 1970 -1971, and after the new General Sikorski Club House was completed in 1971, the school moved to specially appointed classrooms there. School continued until 1974 when, because of the small number of students was forced to close. After a new wave of Polish emigrants arrived in the 1980s, the school reopened from 1980 to 1984.

1961

Polish Association in Midland-Bellevue was established. Zygmunt Gosztyła was elected the first President. The Association was tasked with overseeing many activities of the Polish community, from schooling to balls and concerts, from organising social functions to building its own Hall. Roman Pachurka offered a part of his land for £300 with the first instalment of £150. The offer was gladly accepted. The Association was behind many fundraising activities for the purpose of building the Main Hall.

1962

The first Miss Club Ball was organised as a fundraiser for the building of the future Club. This event was very popular and was held every year till 1980.

1965

The first Debutantes Ball is organised. It was initiated by Zygmunt and Maureen Słowiński on the advice of Alex and Furela Smith. It was not only an excellent fundraising event but also a great way of introducing young people into adult society. The Balls were always a great success and ran till 1978. The last ball was organised one more time in November 1998.

At the General Meeting of the Polish Association in Midland-Bellevue decided to become incorporated in 1966, the year of the Millennium of Christianity in Poland. The new name for the club was also decided. Unanimously, all members voted for the name "Polish Club General Władysław Sikorski Inc. WA".

1966

Polish Club General Władysław Sikorski Inc. WA was officially incorporated on 26 April 1966.

The club's new Constitution highlighted the main goals and objectives. All activities varied over the years, being adjusted according to the circumstances; however, major aims and objectives still remain the same.

1968

The Building Committee was selected, and Czesław Mania was elected as the Chairman. A bold plan was approved to build the biggest ethnic club at the time. The cornerstone for the club was blessed by His Excellency bishop Władysław Rubin on 3 March 1968.

1969

Polish Dance Ensemble, under the leadership of Longin Szymański, was formed. It performed to perfection, but only for two years. Afterwards, Szymański created the independent Folk Theatre Group Mazowsze.

1971

Stanisław Michalak established the Polish Dance Group. This group continued its excellent work for eight years not only for the local audience but also in Hyde Park, Perth Concert Hall, Perth Entertainment Centre to name a few. They were also performing on live TV.

1972

For 4 years, Czesław Mania and his Building Committee worked hard together with countless volunteers to complete the project of building the Polish Community Centre: Sikorski Club.

During weekdays, Club members and other Polish community volunteers worked in their regular employment, but on weekends, they worked at the building site from sunrise to sunset. Some worked there on weekdays while having an annual leave from work. Ladies cooked meals for lunch and dinner and delivered them to hard-working men.

1972 cont

It was a hard time for the families, but everybody understood and made sacrifices for their common goal. It is hard to name all who participated, and we apologise to those we might have omitted.

Plans were prepared by Polish engineer Wiesław Szczęsny, the building supervisor was Lionel Keith Sharpe (a local builder). Materials, where possible, were organised at no cost or with huge discounts; many members helped where they could. Jan Rzepecki and Edward Spadek organised steel mesh, Jan Wonica – concrete, Roman Miłosz – bricks, Krysia Dymitrowski – cement, Edward Mróz – roof sheeting (asbestos, replaced in 1998 with steel by Jan Mania), all timber – from timber mill in Wundowie, structural – jarrah, flooring – wandoo, Herrick McCleghnan – fabric for stage curtains and windows dressing, Bronisław Mazurak – doors, Benio Małecki – wood panelling for stage, Teodor Ługowski – vinyl protective cover, Czesław Mania – bitumen base and blue metal for hardening the parking.

Polish coat of arms – Eagle was carved from wood by Stanisław Wasilewski.

All members worked together to clear the land and dig the trenches. Professional bricklaying by a team led by Zygmunt Bagiński (3 days a week paid, 3 days a week for free), internal brick laying volunteers: Jan Kubiak, Jan Majewski, Czesław Mania, Stanisław Milewski, Paweł Pawlukiewicz, Stanisław Ragus, Stefan Tobias. Cleaning second-hand bricks by the team: Franciszek Bujnowski, Wiktor Dostal, Bazyli Głowacki, Eugeniusz Marczewski, Stanisław Michalak, Jan Naturalny, Janek Sochacki, Zygmunt Słowiński, Czesław Zawada, Genowefa Kujawski. Electrical installation – Mr Schultz.

Timber works (including stage design): Józef Budziński, Stanisław Milewski, François Sekulla, Jan Majewski, Czesław Mania, Jan Naturalny, Janek Sochacki. Window dressing fitted by Zosia Mania. Project Kitchen by ladies: Maria Budziński, Helena Duniec, Jadwiga Grygorciewicz, Maria Leweczka, Zofia Majewski, Zofia Mania, Bronisława Miłosz, Maria Pawlukiewicz, Janina Ragus, Patrisia Zawada. Fitting and gluing wall vinyl: Teodor Ługowski, Stanisław Ragus. Erecting the fence around the Club: Czesław Mania, Jan Naturalny, and François Sekulla.

The project was completed by the end of 1971, with minor works to be finalised in 1972. The Main Hall measuring 33.8m x 18.5m (626 m2) and the kitchen 18m x 5.7m (103 m2), costing \$34,000 (around \$500,000 value in 2019 dollars). No bank loans were taken; all the money was collected and saved for years by the tireless fundraising efforts of the Polish community. When finished, the "General Sikorski Memorial Hall" was the largest ethnic community centre in Western Australia.

22.04.1972 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Premier of Western Australia, Hon. John T. Tonkin MLA, officially declared "Open" the General Sikorski Memorial Hall in Bellevue. In his address, Premier Tonkin said: "The gathering here today was magnificent and a very significant one for the Polish people and the State. You are helping to develop this great State... You are noted for your spirit and determination and have brought to us a type of culture which we never before possessed... it is my pleasure to declare this hall 'officially open' and congratulate you all on your achievement"

After the official opening came the official blessing of the hall and the club's banner (sztandar) by Monsignor Witold Dziecioł. Banner's godparents were: Krystyna Linowska, Stanisław Mania and Zenon Pawlukiewicz.

In his address, Monsignor Dziecioł said: "...Polish people have been well received by the people of Australia, and were thankful for the help and encouragement received from them, and were indeed happy to be able to preserve their own traditions and also comply with those which were new to them."

On that day, Monsignor Witold Dziecioł also presented 30 members with a Certificate and a Medal 'Exsuli Bene De Ecclesia Merito' for their contribution in the building of the Hall. They were: Czesław Mania, Zofia Mania, Jan Mania, Stanisław Mania, Janina Ragus, Stanisław Ragus, Jadwiga Grygorciewicz, Roman Grygorciewicz, Eugeniusz Marczewski, Jan Kubiak, Stanisław Milewski, Kazimiera Bujnowska, Franciszek Bujnowski, Maria Pawlukiewicz, Paweł Pawlukiewicz, Zbigniew Pawlukiewicz, Stanisław Michalak, Maria Budzińska, Zofia Majewska, Helena Duniec, Benio Małecki, Wiktor Dostal, Roman Miłosz, Wojciech Borowiec, Czesław Kieliszewski, Czesław Zawada, Franciszek Para, Wawrzyniec Rębiesz, Jan Naturalny, Zygmunt Słowiński.

The certificates were signed by His Excellency Bishop Władysław Rubin, the Polish Primate's delegate for the Polish migrants.

The official ceremony was ended by unveiling and blessing of a sculpture of the club's patron, General Władysław Sikorski. The bust was sculpted by Adam Szczepański, a renowned master craftsman and lecturer at the Technical Colleges in Fremantle and Leederville. Unveiling was performed by Eugeniusz Hardy, President of the Federal Council of Polish Associations in Australia, blessed by Bishop Szczepan Wesoly, the Delegate of the Primate of Poland.

28.02.1973

Official visit of the Club by His Eminence Cardinal Karol Wojtyła. Future Pope John Paul II visited the General Sikorski Polish Club.

Monsignor Witold Dziecioł, Minister of the Poles in Western Australia and Zygmunt Słowiński, President of the Sikorski Club, in accordance with the old Polish tradition and protocol, welcomed the distinguished guest by presenting bread and salt.

Archbishop of Perth Sir Launcelot Goody, in his opening speech, welcomed Cardinal Karol Józef Wojtyła, the future Pope John Paul II.

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28.02.1973 cont

The official party included: Cardinal Karol Wojtyła, Archbishop Launcelot Goody, Bishop Władysław Rubin, Monsignor Witold Dziecioł, and Mr Zygmunt Słowiński.

There was a big gathering, MC was Bazyli Marcinkiewicz, Eugeniusz Hardy conducted a Polish choir, a piano recital by Stanisław Grygorciewicz, dance: Folklore Group Mazowsze and school children presented dances and recitations.

1977

The Polish Ladies Group was formed.

Maria Leweczko was elected the President. The Group worked on developing social links and building a social network beyond the Club. This group helped with organising various club functions. This ladies' group has done many fundraisers for charities and worked amongst others in helping Polish families to settle in Australia.

1978

Ex-Servicemen's group was formed under the banner of the Club.

The Group worked closely with the Returned and Services League (RSL) branch in Bellevue. This group took an active part in Anzac Day marches, laying of wreaths and participating in social gatherings after the events. In 2001, the club took over this role and, to this day, actively participates in these services.

1980

Reopening of the Polish School at the Club due to the influx of new emigrants.

Again, the school carried out its duties teaching the Polish language, traditions, customs and culture. The school was active for five more years. Children learnt also learned Polish poetry, songs and dance. There were concerts and academia organised together with the Maylands "Adam Mickiewicz" Polish School that drew big crowds.

From its beginning until 1985, the Polish Club in Bellevue run Polish school. Amongst its teachers were: Dorota Jarnicki, Zofia Mania, Bogumiła Herodziński, and Janusz Michalczyk.

1981

Sponsoring Polish Refugees

After the Martial Law was imposed in Poland by the communist regime, the Australian Government approved bringing Polish refugees to Australia. The Sikorski Club took the initiative and applied to the Federal Department of Immigration for help in sponsoring Polish families. Over the period of 3 years, 60 people were sponsored, mainly families from refugee camps in Austria. The work involved looking after the welfare of the new arrivals and assisting with various formalities and settlement. Mrs Janina Ragus was in charge of the entire initiative and settlement of the newcomers.

1984

Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee was approved by the members to pursue the project of building the lesser hall (now called a Function Room).

The Management Committee was authorised to begin the planning process with the establishment of a Building Committee. Tomasz Ratajczak was appointed Chairman of the Committee. He was charged with the responsibility of facilitating the planning process through wide consultations with the membership. Other members of the Committee included Tadeusz Budziński, Bazyli Głowacki, Jan Kubiak and Bolesław Naturalny. John Dryker was engaged to draw the plans for the proposed lesser hall. His brief was to design a building that would include a functional open area, a small stage, bar facilities and conveniences. The external elevation would be in keeping with the existing main hall and reflect occupational health and safety standards. Dryker developed a series of designs that accommodated the various ideas put forward by the members and the general design brief provided by the Management Committee through the Building Committee. The members voted on the design, which was then submitted to the Shire of Swan. The proposed design was subsequently approved by the Council.



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1985

Commencement of the building of the Lesser Hall. It took nine years to complete, as all work was done by volunteers in their spare time.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1985, Tadeusz Budziński was elected to the position of President. The outcome was a watershed for the organisation. The mantle of leadership had been formally handed to the next generation. The young generation takes over the Club. Children of the Founding Members are elected to the leading positions. With a jubilant and congratulatory atmosphere, Budziński paid tribute to the founding members of the Polish Club and the need to safeguard their vision for future generations. All members were genuinely appreciative of their tireless efforts and sacrifices to build the organisation. Despite the earlier generational tensions, the organisation was now well placed to move ahead. The Polish Club was on the move and looking forward.

Tadeusz Budziński to date is the second longest serving President of the Polish Club – 11 years (1985-1995).

With the election out of the way and the new Management Committee settled in, the building program for the lesser hall commenced. As with the building of the Memorial Hall during 1968— 1971, members gave their time voluntarily. Although the scale of the project could not be compared to that of the main hall, members worked long hours after work and during the weekends to progress the building program. Volunteers, including Józef Budziński, Tadeusz Budziński, Ken Critch, Jim Cusack, Bazyli Glowacki, Jan Majewski, Jan Mania, Joseph Mania, Eugeniusz Marczewski, Stanisław Michalak, Stanisław Ragus, Tomasz Ratajczak and Francois Sekulla, were integral in the supply of manual labour on site at various times.

Jan Kubiak was eager to put his skills as a bricklayer at the disposal of the Building Committee. Kubiak was a bricklayer by trade and was recognised for his fine work. Unlike the main hall which had no internal face brickwork, the lesser hall had predominantly internal feature brickwork that required careful attention. In keeping with the existing Memorial Hall, roof tiles were not used. Instead, industrial colourbond sheeting was used as a durable option. All electrical work was completed by Bolesław Naturalny. Naturalny is a qualified electrician who generously provided his services throughout the building program. In addition, he donated the required materials and resources required to ensure that the work was achieved to the highest standard.

Ten years after construction began, the building program was completed. Despite the odd complaint by a vocal minority, the program was successful. The lesser hall was another positive example of what can be achieved when people work together for the greater good. The majority of members were proud of the outcome. As they witnessed the project taking shape, members could see that it was money well spent. At completion in 1994, the lesser hall cost \$56,000 to build (a value of \$105,000 in 2019 dollars) and was an invaluable addition to the Memorial Hall.

1991

Creation of Polonia-Bellevue Soccer Club, within the Polish Club Sikorski, the Polonia Bellevue Soccer Club is formed. The club entered the Soccer Amateur Provincial League. It played there till 1994. In 1992, barely two years after its inception, the Polonia-Bellevue Soccer Club won the championship in the Provincial Division of Western Australia. It was a success beyond all expectations. It is a credit to the founding team, three people who started it together, Henryk Wywiorski, Artur Leskiewicz and Marek Kuligowski. They had built the Club up to the level that The West Australian newspaper found it newsworthy.

The initial squad was:

1-Piotr Kolikow, 2-Krzysiu Statkiewicz, 3-Olek Pawłowski, 4-Janusz Borowy, 5- Janusz Rados, 6-Marek Kuligowski, 7-Władek Radło, 8- Olek Pawłowski, 9-Szymek Maciolek, 10-Jacek Jakowski, 11-Artur Leskiewicz, Coach – Krzysztof Gbylek.

Then other players joined in: Kazik Bak, Janusz Bloch, Tadek Krzysiak, Maciek Prosiński, Marek Wojtasik. During the period 1992-1993, other players joined the team. They were: Marek Bloch, Janusz Borowy, Marek Brak, Zdzisław Brzeski, Robert Domaniak, Waldemar Grzeskowiak, Arek Jakubowski, Jacek Jaskowski, Jacek Jezierski, Karol Juszczyk, Marian Koleszko, Piotr Kolikow, Jan Krawczyk, Tadek Krzysiak, Father Leonard Macionczyk, Janusz Lerner, Marcin Łyszkowicz, Krzysio Piotrowski, Marek Piotrowski, Piotr Piśkula and Father Mirosław Redwan.

Many people worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support the Polonia-Bellevue Soccer Club. Some had been there from the inception of the Club, while others joined along the way. The regular supporters included: Marek Bloch, Eddy Czekalowski, Robert Dominiak, Mariusz and Tadeusz Dubicki, Rafał and Jurek Hamer, Kazimierz and Michał Jackiewicz, Arek Jakubowski, Jacek Jezierski, Karol Juszczyk, Adam Kiljanski, Chris Klysz, Robert Mazgaj, Stanisław Partyka, Piotr Sujkowski, Stanisław Warzocha, Mariusz Wierchos, and Jacek Wolny.

1994

Completion of the construction of the Lesser Hall. Today it is known as the Function Room.

Since 1994, subsequent Management Committees have further improved the functionality of the lesser hall. In 1998, Jan and Joseph Mania expanded the bar facilities to cater for the increase in membership patronage during social functions and gatherings on weekend afternoons. Furthermore, they advanced the original plans for a barbecue area and a covered alfresco at the rear of the lesser hall. A gas barbecue to be used in the alfresco area was generously donated to the Club by Stanisław Mania. In 2002, the President of the Club, Kazimierz Jackiewicz, explored further improvements to the bar facilities. Stanisław Bartoszewicz and Marek Piotrowski generously donated money and time to renovate and redesign the existing bar using Italian granite. This was followed in 2003 with further renovations and refurbishments to the remainder of the interior of the lesser hall. The work completed in this area complemented the elegant and modern bar facilities.

1995

In 1995, a new cultural group was formed, called Polonez.

Its aim was to promote Polish culture by reviving the passion for music and other performances at social functions. Under the direction of Weronika Czerwec, Polonez performed regularly at the Polish Club functions, singing, dancing and reciting poetry. Members of the group included: Stefania Błaszczuk, Bronisława Borowiec, Franciszek Czerwec, Helena Gear, Bazyli Glowacki, Eugeniusz Marczewski, Stefania Mazurak, Bronisława Miłosz, Maria Winiewski and Patrisia Zawada. Throughout the 1990s, their extensive repertoire entertained many audiences and their outstanding performances reinforced Polish customs and traditions. Eventually, ill-health and age resulted in the group disbanding in 2000.

1996

On the 17 August, the 30th Anniversary Ball. The Honorary Membership was awarded to: Tadeusz Budziński, Józef Budziński, Franciszek Czerwec, Stanisław Ragus, Alfons Knitter.

‘Centre of the Polish Culture’ is formed. Every Saturday, children and youth met to study and rehearse their parts in various plays. The first performances were: ‘Christmas play’ and ‘Pan Tadeusz’. The current Polish Youth Theatre Scena ‘98 still has members who began their acting careers at the Sikorski Club.

1997

‘A Literary-Musical Evening’ on 23 August with performances by Polish artists. It raised over \$2,000 for the victims of the floods in Poland. The artists were: Ludwika Amer – poetry, Marta Kaczmarek – poetry, Dorota Sławomirska – music, Gosia Sławomirska – singing and the best young performers out of Polish schools in WA.

Sponsors were: Alpine Restaurant, BP Ascot, Bostech Drilling Pty. Ltd., DrillWest, House of Gold, Jaros Engineering Pty. Ltd., Polski Kurier, Polska Księgarnia “Contal”, Vavel Travel, White Eagle Travel.

1998

Asbestos roof removed from the club’s Main Hall building; erection of the pergola and installation of the air conditioning in the Main Hall.

Volleyball field is created. Regular friendly matches of volleyball continue for years to come.

2001

Creation of the General Sikorski Club Seniors Group.

Weronika Czerwec was elected the President and carried out her duties till 2004. Since 2005, to this day, the group has been led by Elżbieta Kuligowska. Seniors organise for themselves many different activities, but also actively take part in the life of the Club. Also, the Seniors Group take part in charities, the most prominent of which is The Biggest Morning Tea.

2002

Renovation of Lesser Hall (Function Room). Installed the bar and cool room, changed ceilings and rendered the walls.

30th Anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Hall on 27 April. Special guests and representatives took part in the celebrations, including Members of the State Government, representatives from the Swan City Council, Polish organisations in Western Australia, the Consul of the Republic of Poland and the Salvation Army Fathers.

2003

Renovation of the kitchen – tiling of the walls and installation of the new stove and oven.

2003

24 August 2005, “Ham on the spit”

Provided by Bożena and Janusz Dzidek. The occasion was a meeting with Polish workers who came to work on contract for Midland Bricks. They presented the Club with the figurine of Łajkonik.

7-9 October 2005, Excursion to the Stirling Range

To conquer the highest peaks of Western Australia: Bluff Knoll and Mt. Trio.

19 November 2005, Busy Bee, “Ham on the spit”

Supplied to all working by Jaros Engineering Pty. Ltd.

2006

13 October 2006

Adding a projector and a screen to the Function room. Purchase of 6 new round tables and 36 chairs.

3 November 2006

Vlodek Biłski starts organising regular pool competitions. They became more and more popular over the years. Now in the Calendar of General Sikorski Club, there are three major annual tournaments: Pearl Cup, Premier League and President’s Cup.

2007

15 April 2007

Club members: Irek Kaliniewicz, John and Bożena Dzidek, Vlodek and Barbara Biłski donated \$500 each for the purchase of the pool table.

11 May 2007

Installation of an industrial dishwasher in a Bar, by Ziggy Bruszewski and Roman Grzelak, copper piping provided by Ken Jackiewicz.

8 July 2007

Sikorski Day. Awarded the Honorary Membership to: John Dzidek, Edward Nagajek, Ireneusz Kaliniewicz, Peter Wolinski.

14 October 2007

“Dinner with Ildefons” – a night of music and poetry by Konstanty Ildefons Gałczyński. It was a fantastic enactment prepared and performed by Jolanta Nagajek, Jacek Sławomirski, Andrzej Basiński and other members of the Polish Australian Cultural Society of WA.

9 December 2007

Promotion and celebration of the newly released book: “Our Dream Our Future – A History of the Midland-Bellevue Polish Community 1950 – 2006” by George P. Sekulla and Krystyna and Robert Legge.

2008

7 March 2008

The Club donated \$200, Club members collected \$215 and sent it to Poland to support the Youth Rally in Australia.

18 April 2008

Purchase of a new LCD TV for the Function Room.

6 May 2008

The Seniors Club organised the „Biggest Morning Tea”; the Club donated \$200.

16 May 2008

Dinner with Polish Consul General Mr Ryszard Sarkowicz. Consul presented the Club with the embroidery of White Eagle, the Polish Coat of Arms.

6 June 2008

Mr and Mrs Gosia and Robert Godula donated to the Club the sound system.

6 July 2008, Sikorski Day

Formal lunch. Honorary Membership was awarded to Krystyna Legge (nee Naturalny), Robert Legge, George Sekulla, and Franciszek Sekulla.

24 October 2008

Mr and Mrs Halina and Jan Kochmański donated tablecloths for the round tables in the Function Room.

2009

11 January 2009

While celebrating the Christmas Wafer, we honoured the 60th Wedding Anniversary of two couples, Janina and Stanisław Ragus, and Stefania and Bronisław Mazurak.

16 January 2009

The Club donated \$200 to build the chapel of the Golgotha of the East at Jasna Góra in Poland.

15 February 2009

Zdzisław Bruszewski founded and installed, with the help of Mirek Orkiszewski, lighting in the small Hall.

Andrew Dzidek (brother of the current President of the Club), while on a visit to Australia, donated to the Club a tapestry depicting an eagle – the Polish coat of arms.

30 May 2009

LotteryWest founded the bitumen in the front parking lot – Grant \$15,000. June – the Club has donated \$350 to the Dance Group Kukuleczka.

July – the dinner on the anniversary of the death of the patron of the Club, General Władysław Sikorski. Prizes were awarded for a big contribution to the activities of the Club. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Edyta Grzelak, Bożena Dzidek, Ireneusz Kaliniewicz, Peter Durczak, Włodzimierz Biłski, and Alicja Bruszewski. For the continuing long-term work for the Club and also for the Polish community, for outstanding work and dedication to the Honorary Membership were awarded to: Halina Jackiewicz, Zdzisław Bruszewski, Mirosław Orkiszewski.

31 July 2009

After 12 weeks of competition, the biggest pool competition so far in our Club. Perla Cup was sponsored by P & H Imports, owned by Mr Peter and Ms Helen Durczak.



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2009

18 September 2009

Visit of Vice Consul Ms Dominika Mosek.
Polish Vice Consul from Sydney Consulate made an unofficial visit to our Club.
Our Friday night at the Club became a memorable one thanks to visit of Consul Ms Dominika Mosek. And it really was a very special event. Consul Ms Mosek familiarised herself with the club, met board members, answered many questions and had a nice and friendly chat with many of us. She also found some time to play a couple of games of pool. It was our great privilege that our Consul officially opened our pool competition “Puchar Prezesa 2009”!
Thank you Ms Dominika.

21 September 2009

Presentation Gala, which was attended by over 40 players and guests.
Winners: Singles – Vlodek Bilski, Doubles – Vlodek Bilski, Janusz Dzidek, Teams – Janusz Dzidek, Vlodek Bilski,
Overall – Vlodek Bilski.

26 September 2009

Big Fundraising Ball for the Saint Mary’s Cathedral Appeal took place.
We raised \$1,500 and had a lot of fun in the process.

28 November 2009, Andrzejki

Almost 80 people attended this night of fun and dancing. We danced to the rhythms of the ‘Ocean Nights Cabaret Band’.

12 December 2009

Presentation Gala for the winners of the 8-Ball pool competition, fully sponsored by the President of the General Sikorski Polish Club, Mr Janusz Dzidek.
Winners of the Competition: Singles – Andrew Pietrzak, Doubles – Vlodek Bilski, Kazik Jackiewicz, Teams – Andrew Pietrzak, Piotr Durczak, Overall – Vlodek Bilski.
The Presentation Gala was attended by over 30 players and guests.
Among them was our guest of honour, Australian 8-Ball Champion Justin Sajich.

Sylvester 2009 – New Year’s Eve 2010 Ball

Great night with over 100 people attending. We had a band with three female singers, a spacious dancing floor, modern dancing music and a few Polish hits from the 60’s and 70’s.

2010

24 January 2010, Christmas Wafer

During the celebration of “Oplatek” led by Fr Karol Kulczycki from St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Greenmount, all attendees shared a wafer and had a traditional Christmas meal.
It was a very nice, friendly and uplifting family event..

12 February 2010, Official visit of Polish Consul General

Polish Consul General from the Sydney Consulate, Mr Daniel Gromann, visited our Club.
It was a great experience for all attending. We all had a chance to meet our Consul and to learn about the new passport and Polish citizenship regulations. There was also “question time” when everybody could ask questions relating to consular affairs.

14 February 2010

The official internet website of the Club was opened:
www.polishclubsikorski.com by Webmaster Vlodek Bilski.

20 February 2010, End of Carnival

Traditional Polish Śledzik was attended by over 40 Club members and visitors.
We all had a good time. Have a look at the photo gallery.

26 March 2010, Premier League 2010 finished

1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Janusz Dzidek, 3. Staszek Konczynski, 4. Irek Kaliniewicz, 5. Andrew Pietrzak, 6. Mirek Orkiszewski.

25 April 2010, ANZAC Day

The President of the General Sikorski Polish Club, Mr Janusz Dzidek and his wife, Bożena represented our Club at the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service.
On behalf of the Club, they laid a wreath at the War Memorial.

2 July 2010, Pearl Cup 2010 Presentation Gala

Winners are: Singles: 1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Troy Boromini, 3 – Mirek Orkiszewski
Doubles: 1. Sharks, Piotr Sobczyk, Vlodek Bilski, 2. Gentlemen, Andrew Pietrzak, Mirek Orkiszewski, 3. B-Team, Justine Bird, Troy Boromini
Teams: 1. Sharks, Vlodek Bilski, Piotr Sobczyk, 2. Gentlemen, Mirek Orkiszewski, Andrew Pietrzak, 3. B-Team, Troy Boromini, Justine Bird
Best Overall: 1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Mirek Orkiszewski, 3. Troy Boromini.

4 July 2010, General Sikorski Memorial Day

Mass at St Anthony’s Catholic Church – celebrant was Father Adam. Afterwards, members met for dinner in the Club’s Function Room. With a minute of silence, all gathered honoured the passing of Ms Weronika Czerwicz, former President and one of the most deserving, respected, and devoted members of the Club.

10 July 2009

Our Czech and Slovak friends used our Club to organise an interesting function. We all enjoyed this unique Czech, Slovak and Polish gathering.
This time Czechs and Slovaks were gracious hosts, presenting some national dishes from the traditional “zabijacka”. There was a cultural presentation, music, and we couldn’t miss the best Czech beers.

18 September 2010, Ham on a Spit and a big Bonfire!

All of the over 60 attendees enjoyed delicious ham. It was slowly cooked on a spit for more than 8 hours.

27 November 2010, Andrzejki – St. Andrew’s Day

Like last year, the ‘Oceanites Cabaret Band’ played during this beautiful night of fun and dancing.

2010 cont

17 December 2010, President’s Cup 2010 Presentation Gala

This 8-Ball pool competition was fully sponsored by the President of the General Sikorski Polish Club, Mr Janusz Dzidek. Record number of players: 18. Organizer and Head referee – Vlodek Bilski.

Here are the Final Results:

Singles: 1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Troy Boromini, 3. Janusz Dzidek
Doubles: 1. Okonie, Irek Kaliniewicz, Wiesiek Cichy, 2. Pyry ze Sledziami, Andrew Pietrzak, Piotr Sobczyk, 3. B-Team, Justine Bird, Troy Boromini
Teams: 1. Lions, Vlodek Bilski, Darek Kalinowski, 2. Pyry ze Sledziami, Andrew Pietrzak, Piotr Sobczyk, 3. B-Team, Justine Bird, Troy Boromini
Overall: 1. Troy Boromini, 2. Vlodek Bilski, 3. Andrew Pietrzak.

28 December 2010, Busy-Bee

Day of action: where eagles dare. Replacing an old and deteriorated wall sign “GEN. WŁ. SIKORSKI MEMORIAL HALL” made out of styrofoam with a new one made of red with black outline acrylic lettering on stainless steel backing. New sign reads “GENERAL SIKORSKI CLUB”. Major sponsors of the upgrade are owners of Cadcut Pty Ltd, Mariola and Peter Sobczyk – Thank you. Cadcut provided perfect laser cutting of letters and a steel plate. Site work was done by “Eagles” team: Aaron Durczak, Mirek Orkiszewski, Waldek Riedel, Peter Durczak, Irek Kaliniewicz, Peter Wolinski, and Vlodek Bilski.

31 December 2010, NYE Ball - Sylwester

As always excellent New Year’s Eve Ball with good music and a fantastic four-course dinner. Attendance 85.

2011

9 January 2011, Oplatek

“Oplatek” was led by Fr Adam Babinski with the assistance of Fr Leonard Macionczyk from St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Greenmount. Edyta Grzelak, with Adam Sadkowski playing guitar, sang carols, and we all joined in singing. After a few words from Fr Adam and God’s blessing, we all shared the Christmas wafer.

6 February 2011, Flood Appeal

On Sunday, 6 February, the Club conducted a collection for the Australian Red Cross Flood Appeal to help flood victims in Queensland.
Members collected \$370 for the Flood Appeal that was matched by the Club.
So, in total \$740 was donated to the Australian Red Cross Flood Appeal to help flood victims in Queensland.

Donations: Peter & Helen Durczak \$50, Edyta & Pawel Grzelak \$20, Adam Sadkowski \$20, Janusz & Bożena Dzidek \$20, Peter Wolinski \$10, Ela & Wladek Radlo \$10, Halina & Leszek Weglewski \$20, Mirek Orkiszewski \$20, Zofia & Genek Marczewski \$50, Basia & Vlodek Bilski \$20, Stefania Blaszczyk \$5, Halina & Kazik Jackiewicz \$100, Wieslaw Cichy \$5, Irena & Leon Rudychowscy \$10, Joanna & Antoni Weryk \$10.

6 February 2011, Annual General Meeting

Some changes were introduced to the Constitution. The new Management Committee was elected. Vlodek Bilski was unanimously elected as the new President and Webmaster.

Two Vice-Presidents: John Dzidek, Waldemar Riedel, Secretary Barbara Bilski, Treasurer Genek Marczewski.

25 February 2011

President Vlodek Bilski officially opened the new Bistro “Polonus”, which will be serving traditional Polish meals with Chef Zbigniew Czanowicki.

5 March 2011, Śledzik

Traditional Polish Śledzik (last day of Carnival) was attended by over 60 guests.
Good food, nice music, both modern and not so, with a good selection of always beautiful old Polish hits from the 60’s and 70’s.

25 March 2011

Electronic banking was introduced by Vlodek Bilski. The Westpac EFTPOS terminal was installed at the Club.

26 March 2011

Premier League 2011
1 – Vlodek Bilski, 2 – Janusz Dzidek, 3 – Mirek Orkiszewski, 4 – Wiesiek Cichy, 5 – Irek Kaliniewicz, 6 – Piotr Durczak
Champions League 2011
1 – Michael Bruszewski, 2 – Ziggy Bruszewski, 3 – Darek Kalinowski, 4 – Piotr Sobczyk, 5 – Marek Blaszczyk, 6 – Michael Weryk

15 April 2011, Premiere: screening of the fantastic movie “Who was the winner of the President’s Cup 2010”

Movie buffs and sports fans were invited for a treat: a film by world-famous in Łódź (Poland) Ryszard Jabłoński about one of the greatest competitions ever held in our Club.

25 April 2011, ANZAC Day Service

President Vlodek Bilski and Secretary Barbara Bilski attended the Service and laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Bellevue.

1 May 2011, Święcone

This is a traditional Polish Easter lunch. Around fifty people visited our Club for this beautiful celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. First, Mass was celebrated at St Anthony’s Catholic Church. Then we met for a meal at the Club.
Our Easter meal was blessed as per Polish Easter traditions by Father Adam.

1 May 2011, 3rd May, Constitution Day 1791

A commemorative concert had taken place at the Polish Centre, 33 Eight Ave, Maylands, organised by the Polish Community Council of Australia, Western Australian Branch.

On the occasion, medals for work for the Polish community in Australia were awarded.

Our Club’s longest serving Secretary, Mrs Halina Jackiewicz and Club’s longest serving Treasurer, Mr Genek Marczewski, both have been awarded by the Polish Community Council of Australia Testimonial Medals as a tribute to their many years in service of the community, for their support of the Polish cause and the tremendous work they’ve done for Polish and Australian people.

2011 cont

20 May 2011, Live Music

Debut of two musicians performing in our Club: Rysiek Bieńkowski – violin and solo, and Maciek Warzycki – guitar and keyboard. From now on, every Friday we have live music! Thanks to Rysiek and Maciek.

24/26 May 2011, Biggest Morning Tea 2011

It became a tradition for our Seniors Club that Mrs Elzbieta Kuligowska and her team of Seniors organise the „Biggest Morning Tea” – Cancer Council fundraiser. And this year it was a big success. General Sikorski Seniors Club collected a total of \$1,057 for cancer treatment research. It was a tremendous charity event!

18 June 2011, Ham on a spit

Bonfire and Ham on a spit with additional major attraction – live music – Rysiek and Maciek. There were over 50 guests. Ham was delicious thanks to Kazik Jackiewicz, Peter Wolinski and Peter Durczak.

3 July 2011, General Sikorski Day

On the big occasion of General Sikorski Day on the 3rd of July 2011, awards were given to a selected number of members for their great contribution to the Club in the last 12 months. Recipients were: Irek Kaliniewicz, Piotr Sobczyk, Piotr Durczak, Waldek Riedel, Janusz Dzidek, Genek Marczewski.
Congratulations to all, and in particular to Genek Marczewski for his 45 years of hard work for the Club, and to his wife Zofia Marczewski for supporting him and at the same time the Polish cause.

9 July 2011, Starts renovation of the big hall

The President of the Club, Vlodek Bilski, manages all work. Interior design by Jacek Trzcinski.

Most of works is done for free by the Management Committee members and a handful of volunteers. Big thank you to everyone for your priceless effort.

22 July 2011 and Sunday 24 July 2011, Exhibition and Sale of Polish modern art!

On display were the finest pieces of well-known Polish artists. This was a rare occasion never to be repeated. After the exhibition, all exhibits would go to Queensland and will never come back. Both paintings and sculptures were priced well below market value. Provider was Waldek Mazurkiewicz.

29 July 2011, Presentation Gala

The Eight Ball Pool Tournament Pearl Cup 2011 has finished, and on the night was a beautiful award ceremony with dinner and live music.
The winners are:

Singles: 1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Andrew Pietrzak, 3. Irek Kaliniewicz
Doubles: 1. Odra – Peter Durczak, Vlodek Bilski, 2. Cheers – Janusz Dzidek, Piotr Kasprzak, 3. Zaperleni – Darek Kalinowski, Piotr Sobczyk
Teams: 1. Odra – Peter Durczak, Vlodek Bilski, 2. Okonie – Irek Kaliniewicz, Wiesiek Cichy, 3. Ramzes – Andrew Pietrzak, Michael Weryk
Overall: 1. Vlodek Bilski, 2. Irek Kaliniewicz, 3. Janusz Dzidek and Piotr Durczak

9 July, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 21 August, 3, 4, 10, 11, 25 September, 2, 15, 16, 25, 28, 30 October, 12, 13, 20, 26, 27 November, 31 December 2011, 1 January 2012 - Busy Bee Days

Here are listed our hard-working volunteers (in brackets, number of days attending):

Jacek Trzcinski (15), Mirek Orkiszewski (14), Vlodek Bilski (13), Ziggy Bruszewski (10), Ziggi Czanowicki (10), Waldek Riedel (9), Kazik Jackiewicz (9), Piotr Wolinski (8), Janusz Dzidek (7), Piotr Durczak (7), Leszek Weglewski (7), Irek Kaliniewicz (6), Halina Weglewski (5), Adam Sadkowski (5), Wladek Radlo (3), Ala Bruszewski (2), Barbara Bilski (2), Halina Jackiewicz (2), Tosiek Weryk (2), Adam Bilski (1), Andrzej Burzynski (1), Bożena Dzidek (1), Edyta Grzelak (1), Glen Burns (1), Iza Czanowicki (1), Krysia Walker (1), Romek Grzelak (1).
Big Thank You to ALL for their hard work!

17 September 2011, Hop Harvest Festival

On the afternoon of the 17th of September 2011, we had a fundraising event called “Hop Harvest Festival”. It was a big gathering, we had around 300 guests. There were Polish, Czech, German, and Australian beers, good food, music, raffle, bonfire, dance and on top of that– The Eagles won! It was a huge success. Both for the Eagles and for our Club.

Thank you to all our guests for coming and to our sponsors for supporting our cause: Renovation of the Big Hall, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary in April next year.

Thank you to our sponsors: Adriatic Butchers, Bożena & Janusz Dzidek, De Vine Cellars, Jaros Engineering, Ludwik & Son, Midland Toyota, P & H Imports, Rosmoynne Family Meats, Varkapol.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who made Hop Harvest Festival such a great event, in particular to Ken Jackiewicz and Peter Durczak – the instigators and organisers. And there were others helping, cooking, serving, arranging, playing, selling tickets, tidying up and doing whatever was needed: Mariola Sobczyk (perfect sausages), Peter Wolinski, Waldek Riedel, Ala Bruszewski, Iza Czanowicki (best pączki – polish donuts), Ziggi Czanowicki, Halina Jackiewicz, Basia Bilski, Halina Weglewski, Krysia Walker, Aggie Bouckley with her friend, Asia Weryk, Gosia Manowiecka, Edyta Grzelak, Jadwiga Bilski, Bożena Dzidek, Wiesia Grzelak, Pawel Grzelak, Irek Kaliniewicz, Mirek Orkiszewski, Adam Sadkowski and the best duo of all Maciek Warzycki and Rysiek Bienkowski, our lucky girl running our lottery – Victoria and announcer Vlodek Bilski.

Saturday 15, Sunday 16 October 2011, Erecting a light pole in the front parking lot - The front of our Club is now very nicely lit.

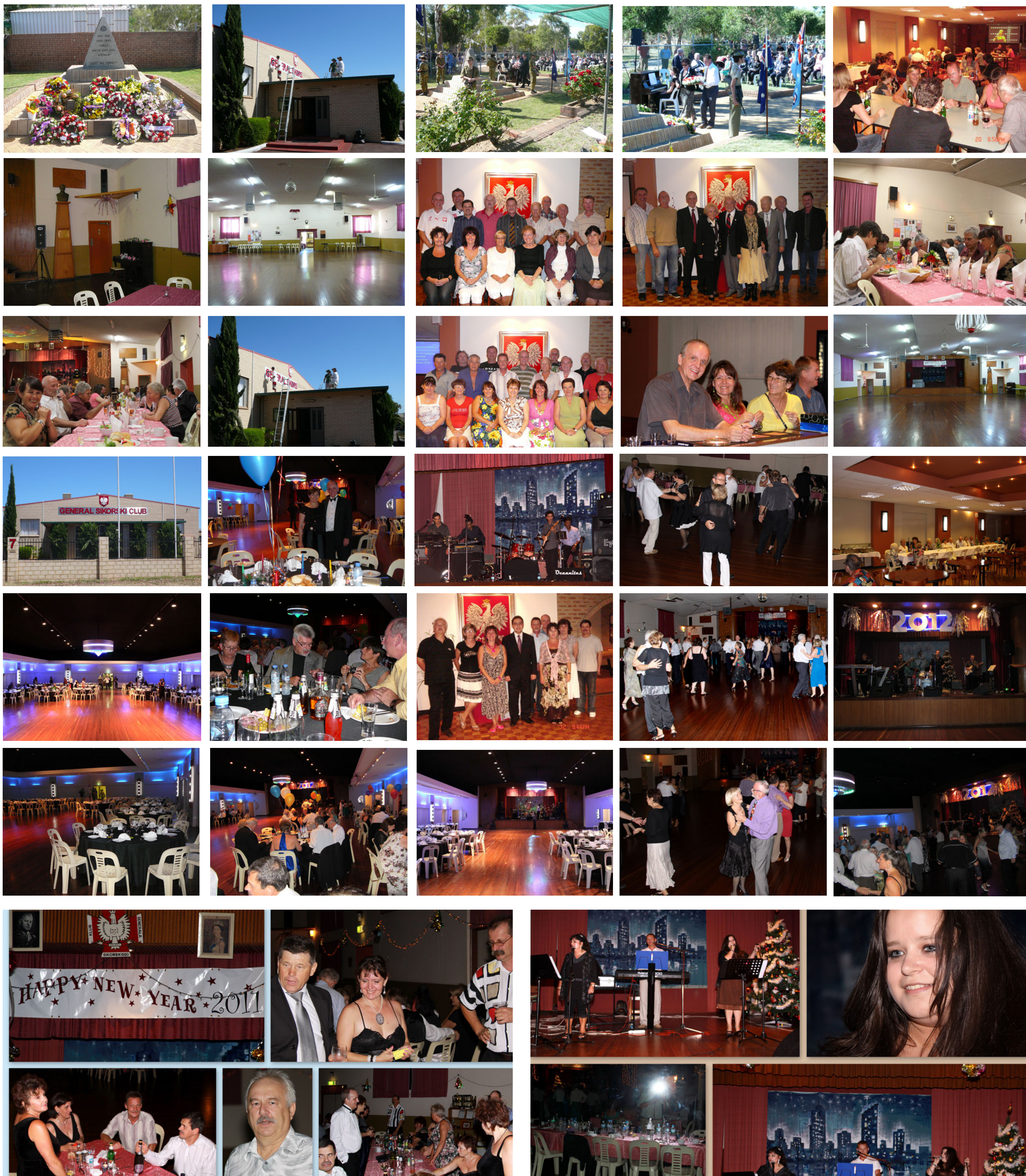
Thanks to the work of: Halina Weglewski, Leszek Weglewski, Piotr Durczak, Piotr Wolinski, Romek Grzelak, Jacek Trzcinski, Adam Bilski, Glen, Tosiek Weryk, Wladek Radlo, Zbyszek Czanowicki, Mirek Orkiszewski, Ziggy Bruszewski, Adam Sadkowski, Vlodek Bilski.



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2011 cont

20 November 2011, Renovation of the Main Hall completed

The finishing touch was the chandelier. The aluminium body was delivered by Peter and Mariola Sobczyk, steel parts by Ken Jackiewicz, and the rest was delivered, compiled and assembled by Jacek Trzcinski. Installation by Mirek Orkiszewski, Vlodek Bilski, electrical by Ziggy Bruszewski.

Renovation lasted four and a half months, over 1000 man-hours of volunteer work, 24 official Busy Bees and some more unofficial. Big Thank You to those who participated in the renovation.

Saturday 26 November 2011, Andrzejki – St Andrew’s Night

The newly renovated hall set the authentic Ballroom atmosphere; there are very few places in Perth with such a beautiful look and a warm, welcoming ambience. Designer Jacek Trzcinski can be proud of his work. The promise of the makeover definitely attracted a record crowd – 200! It was a full house.

We had two young, very attractive MC’s running the show. Magdalena Dudek and Daniel Kalinowski explained everything so that young people could learn about the old Polish “Andrzejki” traditions. We had a Gypsy woman selling fortune cookies, wax pouring and a wizard clarifying and teaching how to read the future from shapely wax.

There was a Raffle with very nice prizes, thanks to the sponsors: Suchowskimedia, Midland Toyota, B & J Dzidek, P & H Imports, Buffman Exclusive Car Detailing and the Management Committee of General Sikorski Polish Club.

Special thanks go to Gosia Manowiecka (Gypsy Woman), Kazik Jackiewicz (Wizard), Gosia Manowiecka, Ala Bruszewski and a crew of volunteers for planning and preparation of the night’s events. Like last year, the ‘Oceanites Cabaret Band’ played very well to the satisfaction of everyone. Bistro Polonus provided high-standard catering.

Saturday 31 December 2011, Sylwester – New Year’s Eve Ball

Our beautiful Ballroom was specially decorated for the occasion, and a festive, jubilant atmosphere was created. For good measure and good luck, the chimney-sweep man (kominiarz) came over with the best wishes for the New Year!

According to the old Polish traditions, it was extremely Good Luck if you had seen a chimney-sweep man on New Year’s Eve. You could multiply your luck if you stole one of his coat’s buttons, or any button for that matter. Aware of this, and not wanting to lose his attire, the chimney-sweep man walked very briskly from table to table...

Music was grand with the big chunks of great Rock’n Roll by the Mercury Band. During intervals, Des and his teachers from our local In Step Dance Studio performed exquisite pieces of classical ballroom dancing. Thanks again Kazik, for showing up in your new vocation: sweeping chimneys, or rather, for what you usually do the best: bringing a smile to everyone!

2012

25 April 2012, ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

As every year, members of the General Sikorski Polish Club took part in the Service. This time, Members of the Floripari Ensemble also paid tribute to the ANZACS.

As per our tradition, the President Vlodek Bilski and the Secretary Barbara Bilski of the General Sikorski Polish Club, on behalf of Club members, laid a wreath at the War Memorial.

29 April 2012, Easter Egg – Świącone

This is a traditional Polish Easter lunch. Father Adam was with us for this beautiful celebration of Christ’s Resurrection.

6 May 2012, 3rd May Constitution Day 1791

At the Commemorative concert that had taken place at the Polish Centre, 33 Eight Ave, Maylands, organised by the Polish Community Council of Australia, Western Australian Branch, three members of the General Sikorski Club: Janusz Dzidek, Kazimierz Jackiewicz and Piotr Woliński were awarded Medals of Merit by the Polish Community Council of Australia.

16 June 2012, Autumn Feast by the Bon Fire

There was Ham on a Spit, grilled sausages, cake, tea, coffee, and most importantly, fantastic Polish beers, and other beverages. There was music, hits from the 80’s 90’s and 2000’s. There was also a raffle and, of course, a bonfire. The weather was not too good, but still, we had a nice turnout of over 150 guests.

1 July 2012, General Sikorski Day

Mass for the soul of General Władysław Sikorski was held by Fr Adam Babiński at St Anthony’s Catholic Church, Greenmount. After the mass, the Commemorative Ceremony was held at the club, followed by the Dinner.

Traditionally, on the General Sikorski Day, we evaluate our own past year’s achievements, and we reward the best of us for their hard work. First, the Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution in Renovation of the Club were awarded to Zdzisław Bruszewski, Mirosław Orkiszewski, and Jacek Trzciński. Next the Certificates of Appreciation for the Preparation of the 40th Anniversary of the Club were awarded to: Daniel Bruszewski, Michał Bruszewski, Magdalena Dudek, Daniel Kalinowski, Dariusz Kalinowski, Elżbieta Pantuchewicz, Ireneusz Zimoch.

For the first time in 5 years, came the most important Award – The Honorary Membership. It is the highest accolade that the General Sikorski Polish Club rewards its members. The recipients were: Alicja Bruszewski, Wiesław Cichy, Piotr Durczak, Waldemar Riedel.

2012 cont

28 July 2012, Quiz Night – PolArt 2012

The General Sikorski Club provided the venue for this fantastic fundraiser for the Festival of Polish Visual and Performing Arts, PolArt 2012 Perth. 29 teams fought bravely to win many attractive prizes. The quiz was beautifully run by the volunteers from PolArt, led by Magdalena Dudek. Young organisers prepared a fantastic event full of fun and surprises with poise and professional efficiency.

4 August 2012, 60th Anniversary of Polish School in Perth

The General Sikorski Polish Club was the venue for the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Ethnic School in Perth. The master of the ceremony was Magdalena Dudek, and the head of the Organising Committee was the School’s Principal – Mr Witold Pszczola. The whole event was prepared by children, parents, staff and volunteers from the school. An interesting official program was enriched by the students’ performances: recitals, singing, and dances. The official part was followed by dinner and dancing.

Among many official guests were: Mr Frank Alban MLA representing the Premier of WA the Honourable Colin Barnett MLA, Mr Ian Britza MLA representing the Honourable John Castrilli MLA, Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, Mr Paul Bittorf Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Western Australia, Ms Halina Szunejko President of the Polish Community Council in Western Australia, Dr Andy Sierakowski President of PolArt 2012 – School Sponsor, Mrs Halina Mr Kazimierz Jackiewicz from Jaros Engineering – School Sponsors.

24 August 2012, Pearl Cup 2012 Presentation Gala

Winners: Singles 1 Irek Kaliniewicz, 2 Janusz Dzidek, 3 Zbyszek Soszka Doubles 1 Cue Power (Zbyszek Soszka & Vlodek Bilski), 2 Okonie (Irek Kaliniewicz & Wiesiek Cichy), 3 Black Caviar (Janusz Dzidek & Michael Weryk), Teams 1 Cue Power (Zbyszek Soszka & Vlodek Bilski), 2 Okonie (Irek Kaliniewicz & Wiesiek Cichy), 3 Black Caviar (Janusz Dzidek & Michael Weryk) Best Over-all 1 Irek Kaliniewicz, 2 Zbyszek Soszka, 3 Janusz Dzidek.

20 October 2012, Oktoberfest

Incredible event – some said – better than the original! Why? Because it had everything: fantastic traditional Polish food, huge selection of European beers, big bon-fire, live music by Trilogy, great selection of recorded music, intricate jumping castle for kids, volleyball for youngsters, plenty of tables and chairs in great outdoors, dance floor filling quick particularly at the late hours, huge selection of prizes in the raffle and the most important thing of all: fantastic festive atmosphere! Big thank you to the sponsors: B&J Dzidek, Bistro Polonus, BJP International, CadCut Pty Ltd, Ludwik & Son, P&H Imports, Rosmoyn Family Meats, Seaview Aquariums, Sikorski Club, Varkapol, ZRID Pty Ltd.

24 November 2012, St Andrew’s Ball

After last year’s 200 crowd, this year’s 80 made the hall look huge. Oceanites Cabaret Band played, as always, fantastic music. Wax pouring was popular also among the men! Lynda the Magician showed tricks at all tables.

30 November 2012, President’s Cup 2012 Presentation Gala

Singles: 1. Zbyszek Soszka, 2. Janusz Dzidek, 3. Vlodek Bilski Doubles: 1. Black Caviar (Janusz Dzidek & Michael Weryk), 2. Cue Power (Zbyszek Soszka & Vlodek Bilski), 3. Szczupaki (Mirek Orkiszewski & Wiesiek Cichy) Teams: 1. Cue Power (Zbyszek Soszka & Vlodek Bilski), 2. Black Caviar (Janusz Dzidek & Michael Weryk), 3. Szczupaki (Mirek Orkiszewski & Wiesiek Cichy) Overall: 1. Zbyszek Soszka, 2. Janusz Dzidek, 3. Michael Weryk Best Team (Name): Pierony (Darek Kalinowski, Piotr Sobczyk) Quiz winner: Alicja Bruszewski.

6 December 2012, General Sikorski Club on 6PR Radio

One of the most popular radio stations in WA, 6PR 882 kHz, invited the President of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski Mr Vlodek Bilski, for a live interview about the history and current activities of the Sikorski Club. Famous radio personality Steve Gordon and Vlodek Bilski talked about the history of Polish presence in WA dating from 1696, through waves of Polish emigration in the early 50’s and then 80’s. About the school in 1954, Polish Association in 1961, Incorporation in 1966, Grand opening in 1972, and a multitude of activities over the years: cultural, educational, social, Polish emigrants sponsoring, fundraising, sporting, promoting traditions and customs and many more.

31 December 2012, New Year’s Eve Ball

Ball Room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A crowd of 160 enjoyed and celebrated the coming of the new year 2013. Count down displayed on a big screen added to the excitement. The music was played by the band Mercury.

2013

4 January 2013, Windows of Cracow – PolArt 2012

The musical “Windows of Cracow” was about the life and work of Karol Wojtyła, who became the most incredible Pope, John Paul II. The show was presented by the John Paul II Music Ensemble in Sydney. It is incredibly coincidental (or is it?) that the show comes to the Sikorski Club on the 40th Anniversary of the visit of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła to the Sikorski Club on 28 February 1973. The actors led us through the life and adventures of young Karol, from Wadowice to Cracow and then to Rome. They used a beautiful language of poetry and music to portray the events, joys and sorrows of Karol Wojtyła’s life. For the convenience of the English-speaking spectators, there were subtitles on a big screen.

6 January 2013, Oplatek – The Christmas Wafer

Fr Adam Babinski and Richard Sadowski from the St Anthony Parish came to the Club to celebrate the Christmas Wafer. The prayer by Fr Adam was followed by sharing the wafer, singing carols by Adam Sadowski (guitar) and Maria Stańczak.

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20 January 2013, Annual General Meeting

During the AGM, some changes to the General Sikorski Club Constitution were introduced.

President Vlodek Bilski, on behalf of the Management Committee, nominated new Honorary Members of the Club for their outstanding contribution to the Club and the whole community.

The official Certificates were handed to: Mrs Joanna Weryk, Mrs Bożena Dzidek, Mr Adam Sadowski

The New Management Committee was elected for the term 2013 – 2014. President – Vlodek Bilski, Vice President – John Dzidek, Vice President – Waldek Riedel, Secretary – Barbara Bilski, Deputy Secretary – Joanna Weryk, Treasurer – Mariola Sobczyk, Deputy Treasurer – Gienek Marczewski, Property Manager – Mirek Orkiszewski, 1st Deputy of Property Manager – Ziggy Bruszewski, 2nd Deputy of Property Manager – Wiesiek Cichy, Bar Manager – Peter Wolinski, Bartenders – Peter Wolinski, Janusz Dzidek, Joanna Weryk, Celina Soszka, Piotr Sobczyk, Reserve: Piotr Durczak, Waldek Riedel, Irek Kaliniewicz, Kazik Jackiewicz, Advertising Manager – Zbigniew Soszka, Memberships and Registrar – Edyta Grzelak, Webmaster – Vlodek Bilski, Deputy Webmaster – Michał Weryk, Arbitration Committee – Leszek Weglewski (Chair), Bożena Dzidek, Halina Weglewski, Social Committee – Waldek Riedel (Chair), Christine Walker, Ordinary Members – Ala Bruszewski, Halina Jackiewicz, Tosiek Weryk.

9 February 2013, Carnival Ball

Traditionally called in Polish “Ostatki” or “Śledzik”, this was an internationally styled carnival Ball with a Polish touch and taste. Our professional DJ played the best international hits, the finest and the most memorable Polish dancing tunes. As for the taste, there was a nice dinner with the śledzik (hearing) as an appetiser! Over 90 patrons enjoyed the night, which also had some nice Valentine’s Day accents.

24 February 2013, Concert of the world-famous Czech Band “Olympic”

Olympic celebrated their Golden Anniversary in the only concert in Perth at the General Sikorski Polish Club.

Over 200 fans, followers and music lovers had the best time during this world-class music event. The artists showed the highest level of professionalism, but also the passion of teenagers. Their selection of the biggest hits was astonishing, and no surprise that the public was ecstatic.

The band “Olympic” is called the “Rolling Stones of Prague” – and that’s the compliment to the Rolling Stones. The Concert was organised by the Czech and Slovak Association of WA – thank you!

30 March 2013, Sikorski Club on 6EBA Radio

Radio “Voice of Polonia” invited our Club to participate in a popular weekly show regularly, starting from 30 March 2013. Our broadcasting team, Darek Kalinowski and Alina Lewandowski, will be making a full one-hour show on every fifth Saturday of the month at 5 PM on 6EBA FM 95.3 MHz. The first program on the 30th of March was a broader introduction of the Sikorski Club to the public. Darek did interviews with club members, talking about history, achievements and the current affairs. It was interesting, enjoyable, with a good pace and subtle sense of humour. Darek’s music selection and Alina’s interesting stories and anecdotes were professional and entertaining.

7 April 2013, Easter Egg – Świącone

We celebrated this traditional Polish Easter lunch with Father Richard Sadowski, who blessed the meal and celebrated with us Christ’s Resurrection.

25 April 2013, ANZAC Day

The President and the Secretary of the General Sikorski Polish Club, on behalf of Club members, laid a wreath at the War Memorial.

18 May 2013, Autumn Feast by the Bonfire

It was a very successful event. Not only because of the record number of visitors of over 500, but also because of the good preparation and excellent work of the Team Sikorski. Volunteers from the Management Committee and friends of the Club did a splendid job making sure everybody felt welcome and got the best possible service. Food was excellent, beer great, and live music by Edie’s band just fantastic. The bonfire was big, kids loved the bouncing castle, and youngsters enjoyed the volleyball.

4 May 2013, Erection of the lighting pole in the backyard

8 June 2013, Grand Opening of Bistro Polonia

This splendid event was run in conjunction with the Premier League 2013 Presentation Gala. First, new cooks Eva and Alex were introduced and warmly welcomed by the public. Then, President Vlodek Bilski officially declared: “Bistro Polonia is now Open”. Over 60 people gathered for the occasion. Presentation Gala was quite exciting, not only because of the drums by Peter Durczak, not necessarily in the expected sequence, but also because of the trivia, with prizes, that was included in the program. Afterwards was a fantastic Disco prepared and run by Darek Kalinowski, with great music, plenty of smoke, flashing colourful lights and incredible lasers.

3 July 2013, Dinner with the Consul General of the Republic of Poland

General Sikorski Club invited Mr Daniel Gromann, the Consul General, on his last official visit to Perth, to the Farewell Dinner at the Club. In August 2013, Mr Gromann left for Poland at the end of his 4-year tenure as a Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney.

During the dinner, Mr Consul shared with us his most interesting stories, impressions and reflections. He congratulated us on the remarkable achievements during this time as he visited us for the first time in February 2010. Consul General handed to the President, Vlodek Bilski, a Certificate of Appreciation for his role in the development of the Club and for outstanding service to the Polish community.



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7 July 2013, General Sikorski Day

Mass at St Anthony's Catholic Church was beautiful and uplifting. The altar was aesthetically decorated by Father Richard Sadowski with the portrait of General Sikorski as its centrepiece, and the celebrant was the Parish Dean Father Bronislaw Pietrusewicz.

Fr. Bronislaw was preaching about the history, hopes and sacrifices. It was a mass for the soul of General Wladyslaw Sikorski, the Polish Patriot, Prime Minister, Head of the Polish Armed Forces, a man of impeccable character, the statesman of the highest morale, the politician with integrity. The Ambassador of the Polish cause, the fighter for the Polish interests.

Traditionally, the best volunteers of the Club in recent times were acknowledged:

- In appreciation of the volunteer work for the Polish Community and for the work for the Senior's Club of General Sikorski Polish Club, the Certificate of Appreciation was received by Józefa Kata and Maria Stancza
- In appreciation of his Distinguished Service, innovative work and initiative in renovation of the Club's kitchen and many hours of voluntary work for General Sikorski Polish Club, the Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Ziggy Bruszewski

The most important moment of the day was the announcement of awarding the Honorary Membership of General Sikorski Polish Club to the most deserving members of the Club. This year, on the General Sikorski Day, the Honorary Membership was awarded to Mrs Elizabeth Kuligowski and Mr Lech Weglewski.

Ms Kuligowski is a President of the Seniors Club for the last 12 years, leading, supporting, organising, taking care of, and making sure everything is all right with our seniors.

Mr Weglewski, member of the Management Committee, Chair of the Arbitration Committee, long-time volunteer with hundreds of hours of invaluable work for the Club.

17 August 2013, Polish Music Days Concert

Marta Magdalena Lelek – violin and Anna Miernik-Sobula – piano presenting works of Witold Lutoslawski, Fryderyk Chopin, Ignacy Jan Paderewski.

After PolArt 2012, this concert was the greatest Polish cultural event of 2013 in Perth.

A small group of highly rated in the world Polish professionals came to Perth, courtesy of the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Poland. In the program were works of the most famous and most extraordinary Polish composers: Witold Lutoslawski, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, and Fryderyk Chopin. Except for Chopin, these composers were not known or played in Australia. This concert was indeed a rare occasion to get acquainted with the style and depth of originality of the compositions, but also to admire their complexity and beauty.

Very talented young Polish musicians Marta Magdalena Lelek – violin and Anna Miernik-Sobula – piano made the concert a huge artistic event; Concert of the Year! A very important aspect of the concert was the presence of young announcer Wojciech Woclaw, who, with great charm, was talking about the composers, their music and the history behind the pieces being played. Finally, the manager of the whole project, "Polish Music Days 2013", Marian Sobula, a great pianist himself, ensured the concert was a fantastic artistic success.

Sikorski Club Hall, after the renovation, has proven excellent acoustics, great for concerts and shows, and the Club has provided for the event a formidable Petrof grand piano (thanks to Mr Jacek Slawomirski and courtesy of SoundCentre, Morley) – all that significantly contributed to the artistic success of the concert.

17 August 2013, Thank You to our sponsor

During the interval of the concert of Polish Music Days, Ms Margaret Gutowska donated to the General Sikorski Polish Club \$500 for the Club's development. Thank you!

5 October 2013

Concert of the Slovak singer Peter Nagy.

Peter Nagy, a famous Slovak singer on a tour in Australia. He came to Perth for a one-man show and played guitar and sang live. He was singing his most popular hits and songs he loved the most. The concert was organised by the Czech and Slovak Association of WA.

Sunday 13 October 2013, Excursion to Kalgoorlie

The Volunteers, who were working hard for the Polish Club and Polish community, were rewarded with the excursion to Kalgoorlie. Invited were the most dedicated volunteers, including the whole team of the Management Committee. In the program was site seeing places like Kalgoorlie, Super Pit, Menzies, Lake Ballard, Niagara Dam, Boulder.

26 October 2013, a concert by a Polish singer Lidia Bednarz

Very well known in the Polish communities in Poland and abroad. The concert was a selection of songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's, hits from Anna Jantar, Czeslaw Niemen, Grazyna Lobaszewska, Edyta Geppert, Maryla Rodowicz, Seweryn Krajewski and more.

Lidia sang solo to the playback and to the accompaniment of the guitarist Steve Stevens. The public was overwhelmed by her beautiful, powerful and versatile voice and her ability to sing the most challenging pieces with ease, character and authority.

2013 cont

9 November 2013, Oktoberfest 2013

Hop Harvest Festival was a great success. Not only did our guests like it, but it drew a record crowd!

There were attractions for everyone, a jumping castle for kids, volleyball for youngsters, a big bonfire, live music by Polpers, fantastic traditional Polish food, a huge selection of European beers, a good selection of prizes in the raffle and the most important thing of all: a fantastic festive atmosphere!

To top it off, there was a great performance of Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka presenting Dances from Rzeszow and afterwards the Little Kukuleczka showed the Krakowiak. This time, another record was broken of over 700 guests.

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30 November 2013, St Andrew's Ball

Fantastic Ball with all attractions as promised. The crowd of over 130 enjoyed good music played by Oceanites Cabaret Band. There was a stage show by Lady Lynda the Magician, where she danced and made things disappear. In the Function Room was the wax pouring with complimentary foretelling by Peter the Wizard, who made the viewers burst with laughter every single fortune-telling case.

31 December 2013, New Year's Eve Ball

The club's beautifully renovated ballroom and elegant décor made the New Year's Eve Ball a night to remember, filled with great entertainment, food and dancing. Islanders Band performed admirably, and fantastic singer Peter Robins transformed his appearance into a concert that everybody loved. 250 guests welcomed the new 2014 with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine, and 400 balloons showered the dancing crowd at the stroke of midnight. Countdown on a big screen next to the stage showed accurately passing seconds synchronised with the World Clock.

2014

5 January 2014, Christmas Wafer

During the Polish Mass at the St Anthony's Church, Fr Leonard talked about the traditions, Christmas spirit and our Polish carols. Carols, he said, are the most beautiful element of our celebrations of welcoming Jesus to our lives; carols are the most powerful in their simplicity of showing the Christ message of love and care.

At the Sikorski Club, we welcomed Fr Bronek Pietrusewicz, Fr Leonard Macionczyk and Fr Ryszard Sadowski from the St Anthony Parish who came to celebrate the Christmas Wafer with all of us. The prayer by Fr Bronek was followed by sharing the wafer, singing carols to the music by Adam Sadkowski (guitar), Andrew Burzynski (guitar) and Ryszard Bienkowski (violin).

12 January 2014, Annual General Meeting – Informative

The President, Treasurer and other heads of Committees presented the Annual Reports.

14 February 2014, Valentine's Day

In the Function Room, Valentine's Day was organised with dinner and music. Nicely decorated room, good atmosphere drew a crowd of over 40 guests.

22 February 2014, Carnival Festival in the Beer Garden

Good food, excellent beer, a bouncing castle, volleyball, and live music. We had a splendid performance by the Prestige Dance & Performance Company. They are home to some of the best dancers in Western Australia.

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25 April 2014, ANZAC Day Service

As every year, Club members attend the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service. The President of the General Sikorski Polish Club, on behalf of the Club lay a wreath at the War Memorial..

27 April 2014, Easter Egg – Świąconie

This is a traditional Polish Easter lunch. It is a beautiful celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Firstly, the Mass was celebrated at St Anthony's Catholic Church. Afterwards, we met for the Easter meal at the Club. Our Easter meal was blessed by Fr Richard Sadowski.

1 May 2014, Guitar Guinness World Record

Traditionally, on the 1st of May in Wroclaw, Poland, fans of guitar music gather together to play "Hey Joe" by Jimi Hendrix. This year it was already the 12th edition of Guitar Guinness World Record as part of the Thanks Jimi Festival. The event is becoming a cult event, and every year, people from across Poland and the rest of Europe gather in Wroclaw Market Square, attempting to beat the Guinness World Record in the collaborative guitar rendition of "Hey Joe". This year, participants attempted to beat their own record from 2012, when the song resounded, while being played through 7273 guitars. Now it has become GLOBAL by joining guitarists from all over the world.

At the Polish Club Sikorski in Perth, over 40 guitarists and music lovers gather together to help beat the record. Via internet link, we joined the fans in Wroclaw and on our big screen was a direct telecast from the Market Square in Wroclaw.

This year the record was broken again – 7344!. Congratulations, Wroclaw, congratulations Leszek Cichonski (the instigator and main organiser). In Perth, the promoter and force behind the idea to join was Adam Murcha, and everything could happen due to the technical wizardry of Stefan Ziemianski.

2014 cont

3 May 2014, Jazz, Blues and Rock Jamboree with Australian and Polish Stars

To celebrate 223 Anniversary of the First in Europe Democratic Constitution – 3rd of May Polish Constitution 1791, Polish Club General W. Sikorski organised a Concert of Billy Neal Band with guest appearances of world- famous Polish jazzmen: Adam Czerwinski and Tomasz Kupiec. General Sikorski Club Ballroom was transformed into a Jazz Club.

Also invited were our own local stars: Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka and Polish Youth Theatre Group Scena 98!

This was one of the greatest concerts at the Sikorski Club.

17 May 2014, Autumn Feast by the Bonfire

Traditional already open-air event at the Polish Club Sikorski is synonymous with excellent European beer, ham on a spit, pea soup with insert, traditional homemade hunter's stew, sausage sizzle, hot dogs, dancing to good live music, raffle, beer garden, cake, coffee, tea, and more...

Great live music by the Polpers and as always a jumping castle for kids, Volleyball for youngsters and a Big Bonfire!

More than 400 visited the Club and had a good time.

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Polish School in Perth ran a fundraiser during the evening and collected over \$700!

6 July 2014, General Sikorski Day

Mass took place at St Anthony's Catholic Church. The altar was aesthetically decorated by Father Richard Sadowski with the portrait of General Sikorski as its centrepiece. Father Richard was also the celebrant of the Mass.

Newsreel from 1941/42 showed the Polish Armed Forces in the East and a visit there by General Sikorski.

19 July 2014, Kalamunda Rotary Club International Night – Poland

Members of the Kalamunda Rotary Club gathered at the Polish Club General Sikorski WA Inc for a special dinner on the occasion of the International Day, where the members were expecting full information about Poland.

And there it was:

- Map, flag, coat of arms, national anthem and the history of the Polish Club Sikorski were presented by the President of the Polish Club, Mr Vlodek Bilski
- Kukuleczka presented beautiful and vibrant four Polish folklore dances, then mingled with the crowd, talking about Polish traditions, dances, and costumes
- Bistro served a selection of traditional Polish meals
- Key speaker for the night was the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Perth, Mr Paul Bitdorf. Mr Bitdorf, with great expertise and also passion, talked about Poland, history, tragedies, struggle, recovery, and achievements. From the greatness of the most powerful European country in the 17th century to its collapse under the conspiracy of three big neighbours in the 18th century. About great Polish heroes, thinkers, and artists. Successes of the post-communist Poland, sound economy, and leadership role in modern Europe. But also, about Poles in Australia, big names and successes of hard-working polish emigrants.

6 September 2014, Back to the 80's Ball Extravaganza!

Great Ball! The decor was just fantastic – straight from the 80's! Fantastic professional job by Agnieszka Arto and Ela Przybylska. The Master of Ceremony Pawel Bilski allowed us all to go back to the old good 80's with a giggle and laughter. Islanders Band played the music of the era. During the breaks we had, as a background, Polish music from the 80's expertly selected by Darek Kalinowski. Fantastic Ball, great music, lots of laughter and fun.

9 August 2014 – Disco: Don't keep your nose in the air, come along and have fun with us!

Fantastic Disco at the Function Room was prepared and run by Darek Kalinowski. Disco lights, smoke and a selection of music were great. Darek was also a DJ, an announcer and a music historian and expert. A large number of our members and non-members showed up, enjoying the music and dance.

27 September 2014, Tadeusz Drozda Jubilee Show

One of the greatest, if not the greatest, Polish comedians and satirist came to Australia for the continent-wide tour invited by Vlodek Bilski, President of the Polish Club Sikorski.

The Concert was a big success, with over 230 people attending the show. There was nonstop laughter. Everybody loved the show.

Tadeusz started an after-show "Party at Tadek's" – it was also great fun.

In a week leading to the show, Tadeusz played plenty of golf, and on the 25th September, there was a big golf competition named "Drozda Cup" sponsored by the Sikorski Club.

Winners were Włodzimierz Niedźwiedz and Zdzisław Gardula (The Best Score) . Thank you to the golf week organisers: Janusz Biegański and Zbyszek Soszka.

13 September 2014 – Bogan Bingo – Fundraiser for In Step Dance Studio

Des Gee and his dance school are raising funds to be able to go to the Dance Competition in Sydney. The night was a great success with over 230 attending and having a huge fun. Mission accomplished!



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2014 cont

18 October 2014, Oktoberfest 2014

Also known as Hop Harvest Festival – was a great day. The weather was quite bad with rain and hail, with only some glimpses of sunshine. But it didn't scare the public, our friends, followers and supporters came in huge numbers. There were attractions for everyone, a jumping castle for kids (not for long unfortunately), volleyball for youngsters, a big bonfire, live music by the Polpers and fantastic traditional Polish food, a huge selection of European beers, a good selection of prizes in the raffle and the most important thing of all: fantastic festive atmosphere! We had a great performance of Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka. This time, another record was broken for the number of guests. It was a great Festival.

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1 November 2014, Visit of the Ambassador and Consul General of the Republic of Poland

Concert and Dance Party on the occasion of the meeting of the Ambassador and Consul General of the Republic of Poland with the Polish diaspora of Western Australia.

Soon after the arrival of the special guest and welcome by the Sikorski Club's representatives in the foyer, the short official part started. Master of Ceremony Mrs Anna Niedzwiedek opened the proceedings.

Then the President of the Club, Mr Vloděk Bilski, welcomed all the guests, especially distinguished guests representing the Government of the Republic of Poland:

- His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Australia, Mr Paweł Milewski
- Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney, Mrs Regina Jurkowska
- Honorary Consul in Perth, Mr Paul Bitdorf
- Honorary Consul in Adelaide, Ms Gosia Hill
- Honorary Consul in Brisbane, Mr Brian Kilmartin
- Consul Ms Magdalena Słubowska
- Vice Consul Ms Dorota Preda

Address by the co-host, Honorary Consul in Perth, Mr Paul Bitdorf
Address by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland - Mr Paweł Milewski
Address by the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney - Mrs Regina Jurkowska

The Ceremony of awarding medals for highly deserving and accomplished members of the Western Australian Polish Community. The medals were presented by the Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Mrs Regina Jurkowska

- Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to Ms Halina Szunejko
- Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to Mr Eugeniusz Marczewski – member of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc
- Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to Ms Janina Ragus – member of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc
- Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to Mr Stanisław Ragus (posthumously) – member of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc
- Badge of Honour of Merit for Polish Culture was awarded to Mrs Anna Niedzwiedek

Next Mrs Anna Niedzwiedek announced the start of the Concert
Niezapominajki – children's choir
Pospolite Ruszenie – music band
Kukuleczka – children's dance group
Billy Neal & Peter Wilkinson – unplugged set of blues and original jazz songs

After the Concert the Dance Party started in the Big Hall.

31 December 2014, New Year's Eve Ball

The club's beautiful ballroom was, as always, nicely decorated. Islanders Band performed again, and singer Peter Robins excelled as always.

140 guests welcomed the new year 2015 with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

2015 cont

12 April 2015, AGM Part 2

Election of the new President and Management Committee of the Polish Club Sikorski. Ken Jackiewicz was elected, by the majority of votes, the new President of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc.

18 April 2015, Who Just Wanna Have Fun?

Big Party organised in cooperation with Eventador with great music selection by DJ – Artur Szulakowski, who is known in Europe as Marco Khaan. Big party for the younger generation; however, slightly older folks were also represented, and the entertainment was just splendid! Job well done, Eventador!

16 May 2015, Autumn Feast by the Bonfire

Another community event for the families is open to everybody for free. Live entertainment, traditional Polish food, and fun for kids.

16 June - 3 July 2015, Polish Film Festival

Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc. became a sponsor of the new Polish Film Festival in Perth. The First edition of the Polish Film Festival was organised under the auspices of the Polish Club Sikorski.

5 July 2015, General Sikorski Day

Mass for the General took place at St Anthony's Catholic Church.

After the Mass, there was a gathering at the Club with the official presentation of Thumbnails of the Polish Community Council of Australia, handed to the nominees, who have been awarded the Medal of Merit of the Polish Community Council of Australia. Among the recipients were members of the Club: Jadwiga Bilska, Janusz Dzidek, Halina Jackiewicz, Kazimierz Jackiewicz, Eugeniusz Marczewski, and Piotr Woliński.

15 August 2015, Quiz Night

Fundraiser for The Ripple Effect Development Association Inc.

18 September 2015, Meeting with bike riders

Pushbike riders from Poland travelling around the world, Adela and Kris visited the Club to share their stories of joy, hardship, kindness and friendship while riding throughout the Middle East, Africa and both Americas. 5 years, 48,000 kilometres, 31 countries, 4 continents.

20 September 2015, Polish Business Expo 2015

Organised by the Positive Women's Club, instigated and coordinated by Aneta Gradek, the Polish Business Expo 2015 was a great success. Some 50 businesses were represented, showing great depth and variety of Polish entrepreneurs. Congratulations to Aneta Gradek and the Positive Women's Club team. The entire profit of \$750 from the sale of the EXPO Calendar was donated to the Polish School in Perth. Thank you, Positive Women's Club!

10 October 2015, Hop Harvest Festival

The traditional outdoor Family event was another great success for the Club. There was a good attendance, and the club's Management Committee made sure everything was perfect.

As always, there was something for everybody, good live music and fantastic traditional Polish food.

31 December 2015, New Year's Eve Ball

Traditional New Year's Eve Ball. Good music, good fun.

2016

9 April 2016, "Dancing Soul and Blues"

Bill Neal, Vocal/Sax, Lez Karski, Guitar/Vocals, Tony King, Bass, Paul Mayers, Drums.

Two Australian blues legends joined forces to produce an unrivalled show for blues and soul fans.

Their music is great to listen to, made your feet move as well. It was a concert to look, listen and dance!

25 April 2016, ANZAC Day Service

The President of the General Sikorski Polish Club laid a wreath at the War Memorial.

30 April 2016, Artur Dutkiewicz Piano Virtuoso

In May 2015, Artur Dutkiewicz took part in the Perth Jazz Festival; he was then invited by Aneta Gradek for a concert in Perth in 2016. And indeed, Eventador managed to bring one of the greatest Polish Jazz Pianists to Perth for just one concert at the Polish Club Sikorski. The artist showed his musical genius, mesmerising the crowd.

28 May 2016, Family Feast by the Bonfire

Another big family event with music, traditional Polish food and fun for the whole family.

10 July 2016, Sikorski Day

Traditional Mass and then lunch at the Club. This time we had a guest speaker, Juliusz Bogacki.

28 August 2016, Father's Day

This Sunday was very special when we put a bouncing castle in the Main Hall and provided BBQ with sausages, homemade cakes, and pool tables to celebrate our Fathers. The weather wasn't great, but we had fun.

8 October 2016, Hop Harvest Festival

It became a tradition for our Polish version of Oktoberfest for Polish and local Australian communities. However, our festival is more family-oriented. And as always, there was good food, music, and fun for kids.

2016 cont

30 October 2016, Polish Athletes

World Master Athletics Perth 2016 came to an end, and we brought Polish athletes to congratulate them on their performances and say farewell before they departed for Poland. We had a nice BBQ and a good time listening to their stories and exchanging our own experiences.

26 November 2016, "A Man Almost Perfect"

Incredible performance by very talented Polish actor and vocalist Artur Gotz, "Mężczyzna Prawie Doskonały". The show was full of hits written and composed by Agnieszka Chrzanowska. Fantastic, unforgettable night. Artur visited our Club on his tour of Australia.

27 November 2016, Children's Show "Wawel Dragon"

Solo performance by Artur Gotz for kids of all ages. The show is based on the old Polish legend about a dragon living in the cave under the King's Castle in Cracow called Wawel.

The legend is full of drama, bravery, honour and wits. It ends well thank to the heroism and smartness of a young man...or isn't it?

31 December 2016, New Year's Eve Rock Concert

This time, there was a party, instead of the traditional Ball, just for a change. The entry was only \$20, and the band was really good, well, their name is Moonlighters, and that was why perhaps quite a good crowd showed up – over 150. Bar and Restaurant were opened as well.

2017

22 January 2017, "Pastorałka" – eng. Pastorate.

A show prepared and produced by Scena 98 – Polish Youth Theatre Group in association with Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka and Pospolite Ruszenie – Polish Band. It was a fantastic show full of young and very young performers. Congratulations to all, and to the show's director, Fr Tomasz Bujakowski.

Saturday 28 January 2017, AGM

New Management Committee unanimously elected Vloděk Bilski as President and Beata Bednarczyk and Peter Sobczyk as Vice Presidents. Treasurer – Maria Sobczyk, Deputy Treasurer – Arek Soszka, Secretary- Barbara Bilski, Assistant Secretary – Joanna Weryk, Property Manager – Mirek Orkiszewski, Deputy of Property Manager – John Sadko, Bar Manager, Celina Soszka, Development Manager – Darek Kalinowski, Technical Support – Michael Weryk, Sales & Marketing - Anna Bienkowski and Sylwia Sadko.

12 March 2017, Woman's Day

A special day for women was celebrated with the meeting of the special guests: Yoga teacher Ritu, cosmetics specialist Marta Wawrzyniak and psychologist and philosopher Mira Danielewska. It was a very interesting and informative meeting, not only for the ladies but for all men present as well.

Also, all the ladies, when they entered the Club, were greeted with a glass of good champagne.

17 March 2017, Saint Patrick's Day

Why not celebrate with Irish – let's go green. Some thirty people showed up with something green. And Guinness was aplenty. We all had a good fun and the music was good too.

23 April 2017, Easter Egg

Club members celebrated a traditional Polish Easter lunch. Firstly, there was a Mass at St Anthony's Catholic Church. Afterwards, we met for the Easter meal at the Club. Our Easter meal was blessed by Fr Richard Sadowski.

25 April 2017, ANZAC Day

The President of the Club and the Secretary, on behalf of the Club, laid a wreath at the War Memorial.

13 May 2017, Family Feast By the Bonfire

There was a traditional Polish food: our famous hunter's stew, split pea and ham soup, sausage sizzle, hot dogs, and something rare: bread with homemade drippings and dill cucumber!

There was more...Dancing to good music, just to burn some calories, and for some excitement, a Raffle with nice prizes. There was a jumping castle for kids, volleyball for youngsters and for all big BONFIRE. Our MC and DJ for the day was Kat Kupsch, Radio Announcer from 102.5 FM. Special entertainment presentation by: Prestige Dance & Performance Company.

Attendance was very good, over 300 people, and what is now becoming a norm, it is a growing number of Australians taking part in celebrations alongside the Poles. Special guest at the Family Feast by the Bonfire was Councillor Mr Ian Johnson, representing the City of Swan, Mayor Mr Mick Wainwright. Ian was accompanied by his daughter and her friend.

21 May 2017, Meetings with Interesting People Part 1

'Club of a Positive Woman' in association with Sikorski Club invited to the first event of the series of the "Meetings with Interesting People". And our guest was Antonina McNamara.

2 July 2017, General Sikorski Day

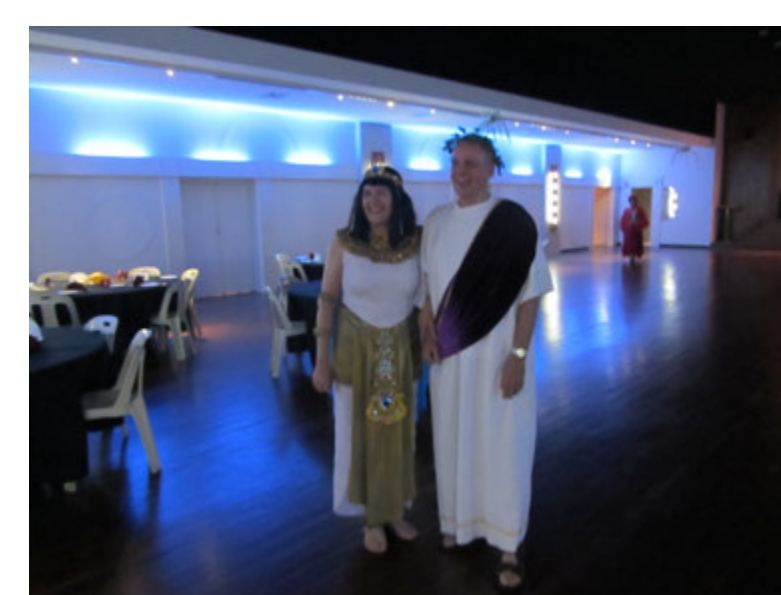
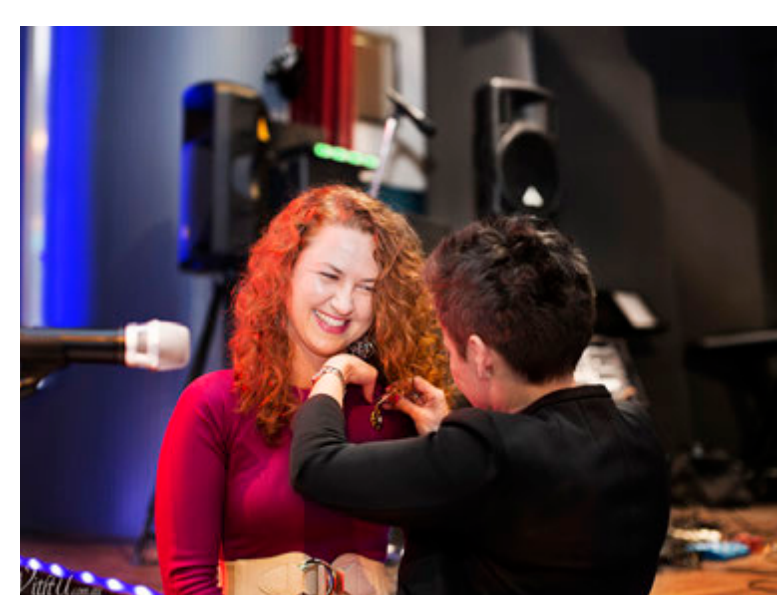
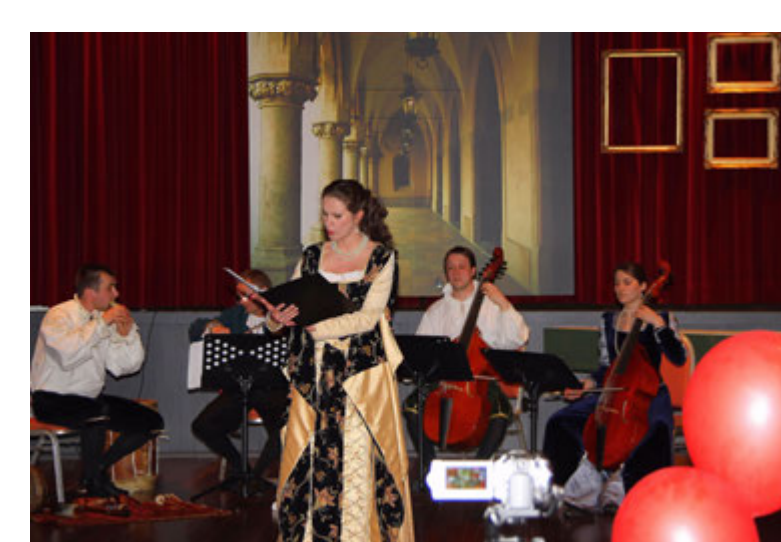
Mass for General Władysław Sikorski was held at St. Anthony Church in Greenmount. Afterwards was an official Lunch at the Sikorski Club. The club's President showed a short film about the burial of the General in the crypt at the Wawel Castle in Cracow 50 years after he died in Gibraltar. Finally, he was brought to rest on Polish soil, among Polish Kings.



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2017 cont

22 July 2017, Adventure with Poetry and Art

This is the first instalment of the special meetings devoted to the arts in their many forms and shapes.

Inspiration for the evening was Anna Winczura Modzelewski, a very talented writer and poet. Anna lives in Melbourne but occasionally visits Perth. And on her last visit, we gently persuaded her to meet with the lovers of arts and poetry in particular. Thus started “Poezja przy świecach i kawie”.

The evening became a real poetry happening with reciting, discussions and other participants sharing their poems with a fully packed Function Room. While we enjoyed the poetry, Halina Rosa had on display some samples of her art collection. She is painting and designing textiles. Painting is her great passion, joy of life, the voice of her soul and the realisation of the divine plans. Her favourite topics are roses, landscapes of Tatry Mountains and crocus flowers.

To top it off, we managed to bring a special guest, one of the most talented Polish Australian opera singers, Magda Lisek, who highlighted the evening with some beautiful pieces of her choice. Her voice filled the room and made it so small for Magda’s huge talent. The producer and the Master of the Ceremony was our Beata Larcombe. Fantastic job Beata!

15 September 2017, Urban Jam, Rock Concert

Live Music comes back to the Sikorski Club on Friday nights. Bands will perform on the third Friday of each month. It is nice to have dinner, enjoy great live music, and have a dance. Opening Concert by Urban Jam was a great success; the 6-person band had a good Jam session.

17 September 2017, “Colourful markets “

It was a Fundraiser for the Polish Copernicus Association Perth Inc.

The Copernicus Association is a newly established group whose primary objective is to promote and encourage recreational and cultural activities. This fundraiser was multifaceted, consisting of a swap meet with mostly Polish suppliers of a variety of products from bread and cakes to cosmetics and pyjamas, and then there was a bouncing castle for kids, live music, good Polish food, a bonfire and other attractions.

23 September 2017, Andrzej Kołakowski Concert

The title of this concert was “The Testament of Steadfast Soldiers”; it was dedicated to soldiers fighting the spread of soviet forced communism in post WWII Poland.

First, Anna Kołakowska, historian and teacher, provided the historical and factual background to set the stage for Andrew’s songs. Then Andrew “The Bard of the Patriots” sang about men and women, boys and girls, about their love for Poland, about heroism and their sacrifices.

The Concert was a history lesson, so beautifully presented, so sad and tragic at times, but full of hope, with the final realisation that the good will always prevail. The sacrifices of the Steadfast Soldiers will never be forgotten!

Big Thank You to the Association “Nasza Polonia” and Henryk Sawicki in particular, who invited Andrzej Kołakowski and made this informative, moving and emotional evening possible.

24 September 2017, Jamming by Richard and his Friends

Richard Bienkowski, accompanied by Maciek Warzycki and their friends, had a good time playing and singing. What a good idea to have lunch and have nice live music.

8 October 2017, Meeting with 1944 Warsaw Uprising Soldiers

The meeting began with Darek Kalinowski presenting the history of Poland in a brief but fascinating show with a lively narrative to lay the background for the Warsaw Uprising chronicle. He managed to present 1050 years in 45 minutes!

Then the hostesses Hania Lilpop Michańków and Beata Larcombe interviewed two Warsaw Uprising soldiers who live in Western Australia; Stanislaw Mackiewicz (93) and Zbigniew Muszynski (91).

Now in their 90’s, the heroic fighters shared their stories, re-lived their agonies, anguishes, hopes and sorrows. They talked about the political and social background of the events surrounding the Uprising, but the most fascinating part was when they shared their personal stories during and after the Uprising. With Stanislaw ending up as a POW and Zbigniew’s horrors of getting through three concentration camps, where he almost perished in a heap of dead bodies.

It was a fascinating afternoon when we all were taught a history lesson about these incredible events of hope, freedom fighting, sacrifice, heroism and tragedy.

Big thank you also for the team behind the scenes, who helped this meeting to be such a great history classroom: Anna Bienkowski – coordinator, Artur Bienkowski – video recording, Richard Bienkowski – photography.

20 October 2017, 3rd Friday of the Month Live Music

This time we had a Polish band “Pro Musica”.

The band is at the development stage, but still plays fantastic music, including all-time Polish favourites. Well done, Richard and Maciek.

21 October 2017, Literary Salon

We invited lovers of poetry and prose to the second meeting of the series: Adventure with Poetry and Art. This time we called it informally “Kawiarenka Poetycko-Artystyczna” or formally “Literary Salon at Sikorski”. The host was Beata Larcombe, who skilfully engaged the authors and the public to actively participate in the evening proceedings.

There were around 30 participants, and among them were many poets who shared their creations. Thank you to Romek, Mirek, Barbara, Maja and Beata for their writings and Janusz for his incredible interpretation of Mirek’s poetry. Also, the bravery award went to Dave for reciting a poem about cats in Chinese.

2017 cont

The format of the meeting was an open microphone for all, a forum where everybody could participate, regardless of their artistic preferences. Because of that, we found amid our ranks an opera singer, Daniela. Daniela sang a few songs, and at the conclusion of the evening, we all followed her, singing a song “Szła Dzieweczka do Laseczka”.

We also invited Richard Bienkowski to fill in the intervals, whose violin improvisations made the night complete.

Thank you all for your participation, and Beata for putting it all together. This was a great success, and now we believe that Literary Salon will take a permanent place in the Sikorski Club Event Calendar. We are already looking forward to the next edition.

22 and 29 October, Live music

Richard, on behalf of the Club, invited Kalamunda Live and the Irish band Iron Bark. Music was great, you won’t hear this class of performance in any pub around.

Real enjoyment! Fantastic! What a standard of play!

11 November 2017, Celebrating Poland’s Independence

On the 99th Anniversary of regaining independence by Poland after 123 years of partitions, we at the Polish Club Sikorski were celebrating the freedom and independence, which are the cornerstones of any democracy and are the basics of self-reliance and prosperity of any nation. Independence carries a promise, if not an assurance, of basic human rights.

We chose to run the Festivities at the Polish Club Sikorski under the banner: Happy Independence Day, Poland! And we celebrated it with Polish food, dance and music.

Over 600 people attended; Poles and Australians.

There was also an artistic program where Mezzo-soprano Daniela Birch sang a few beautiful Polish and Italian songs. This was a short program prepared by Daniela almost ad hoc.

The hearts of all guests were taken by young and very young dancers from the Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka. The young performers presented two fantastic folklore dances. They gave us youthful energy, rhythm, and a lot of smiles. We all loved the dance, the colours, and the music. The music was provided by Polish duo Polperth, Ula Sikorska and Ed Maryjewski.

The Raffle was huge, we had 37 sponsors (businesses and private persons alike) who provided a variety of presents. Big thank you to:

Adrian’s Continental Smallgoods, Adriatyk Butchers, Bozena & Janusz Dzidek, Chopin, Colway International, ECO Bread, Europarcel, Eva’s Tasty Dumplings, Eva & Andrew Polanski, Forrest Honey, Gallery Lumino, Grace Beauty, Hairdressing & Thermomix, Jaros Engineering, Joanna & Marcin Photography, Key Residential Real Estate Agency, Landmark Residential, Ludwik & Son, Maria’s Dental Laboratory, Natural Beauty System, Niche Living, NuGlass, Olla’s Candles, P & H Imports, Party Day, Photos by Kasia, Pixtory Studio, Ray White Bursmac Real Estate Agency, Roman Gabriel Therapy, Rossmoyne Family Meats, Sew it Seams, Sikorski Bistro, Sondergaard Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors, Study in Perth, The Hire Guys, The Salt Room, West Cost Marble & Granite.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who made this outstanding event a great success. Over 30 people worked tirelessly to make sure that the Independence Day of Poland was full of joy, fun, and smiles.

25 November 2017, St Andrew Rocks Through the Ages

The club’s beautifully decorated ballroom made the New Year’s Eve Ball a night to remember, entertainment was great, good food and dancing. Moonlighters Band performed very well and fantastic singers Marge and Simon transformed this into a concert. 125 guests welcomed the new 2018 with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

2018

7 January, 2018, Christmas Wafer – Live Music

16 February, 2018, Valentine’s Day

9 March 2018, Aleksander & Mirosława Zacharek resigned after 4 years of running the Kitchen. Thank you for your contribution to the Polish Club. Ania Wrona and Radek Kotts won the tender to run the Bistro.

17 March 2018, Comedy “Time for Love” by Theatre from Warsaw, Poland ‘Mam Teatr’

18 March 2018, Play “Neighbourly Help” Premiere by Theatre from Warsaw, Poland ‘Mam Teatr’

24 March 2018, Polish-Hungarian Friendship Day – Outdoor Festival with Polish and Hungarian food, dance and music!

25 April 2018, ANZAC Day, Laying a wreath at the War Memorial by the Polish Club

5 May 2018, Family Feast by the Bonfire – Big family outdoor event with Polish food, children attractions, music and dance

12 May 2018, Volunteers BBQ

19 May 2018, Literary Salon, Poetry by Roman Gabriel

Our guest of honour was Roman Gabriel. A professional builder with hypnosis as a hobby and poetry as a secret lover. Roman showed us his love for his family in a touching, honest way and open heart. His poetry, very personal and full of emotions, showed how vulnerable we all are.

2018 cont

You could see how many of us were deeply touched by his words, his love for his wife, kids and his father.

We also had some poetry samples of Danuta Duszyńska, “Australijka”, and Mirek Szadkowski, ‘s was read by very talented John Turel.

After the interval, Roman showed us a path to hypnosis. His attempt was at least calming and soothing to some and led some others to deep relaxation. Thank you, Roman, for this night where we could rediscover our inner self with the depth of your words and later with the imaginary world of the past, or was it a future?

The night of poetry was enriched by the music performed by Adam Sadkowski, guitar and Richard Bienkowski, violin. Big Thank you to our MC Mrs Beata Larcombe.

2 June 2018, Traktoriada - travelling with a tractor across the Andes - Adventurer Marcin Oblak

16 June 2018, Quiz Night - Kukuleczka

30 June 2018, Pierogi Feast - Open Market for Polish Pierogi organised by Ania Wrona and Radek Kotts.

1 July 2018, Sikorski Day The Mass for the soul of General Władysław Sikorski was held at St Anthony’s Catholic Church. The celebrant was the Parish Dean, Father Marian Brzozowski. Readings by Vlodek Bilski, psalms sung by Maria Stańczak.

Commemorative Lunch took place at the Function Room of the Sikorski Club. A short film about the recent history of Poland was shown. At the conclusion, we had a dance presented by 8-10 years old dancers from the Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka.

The most important moment of the day was the announcement of the award of the Honorary Membership – the highest accolade awarded by the General Sikorski Polish Club.

It is presented to the most deserving members of the Club. This year (last award ceremony was 5 years ago), the Honorary Membership was awarded to:
– Mrs Maria Sobczyk
– Mr Piotr Sobczyk

Ms Maria Sobczyk was a Treasurer for 5 years, and her husband, Mr Piotr Sobczyk, is the current Vice President. They both were members of the Management Committee for over 6 years. They both supported the Club and the Polish cause and helped in the promotion of Poland and Polish culture in Western Australia. The support wasn’t just volunteer work; it was their hospitality, leadership, and financial support of the Club.

Congratulations and thank you so much to both award recipients!

6 October 2018, Literary Salon, Poetry by Mirek Szadkowski Poetry Café – author’s meeting with the poet Mirek Szadkowski.

This is the fourth edition of the Poetry Café for the Polish Club Sikorski. Mirek Szadkowski is one of the most talented poets of the Polish emigration of the 1980s. His poetry is characterised by great imagination, deep humour and an interesting view of the world. It reads very well. We listened to his poetry interpreted by our local talented actors and singers; his poetry was both recited and sung. The realisation of this evening was possible thanks to the commitment and dedication of a group of local artists, musicians, reciters, singers and singers.

19 October 2018, Douglas Band performing

20 October 2018, Czech & Slovak 100 Anniversary Ball

4 November 2018, Live Music with Kalamunda Live

10 November 2018, Celebrating 100 years of Poland’s Regained Independence Family Event with Official Ceremony and Special Entertainment for all ages. Dancing, raffle, bouncing castle for the kids, an outdoor bonfire and special performances by the Polish Folkloric Dance Group Kukuleczka.

23 November 2018, Cabaret of Distinguished Gentlemen by Artur Gotz from Warsaw, Poland

24 November 2018, ST Andrew’s Night with Kukuleczka and Copernicus

25 November 2018, Artur Gotz presents “Toruńskie Pierniki” a performance for children from the series “Polish Legends”

8 December 2018, “Colours and Shadows of Frederic Chopin” presented by Musical Theatre John Paul II in Sydney, Australia

CAST: Piano - Chris Malek, Actors & narrators - Andrzej Switakowski, Bogumiła Filip, Mariola Pokorski, Piotr Pokorski, Written and directed by - Bogumiła Filip, Scenography - Bogumiła Filip, Mariola Pokorski

SYNOPSIS: The show is a musical based on the biography of Frederic Chopin. It tells about his love for the piano, family, for the fatherland and the women in his life. His feelings will flow through his music, interpreted brilliantly by the best Chopin player in Australia, Chris Malek.

9 December 2018, the Czech and Slovak Association presents: “Come and meet St. Nicholas, Angel and Devil”

14 December 2018, Scena 98 presents Molière’s Play “Tartuffe”

15 December 2018, New City Theatre Presents play: “Jealousy”

21 December 2018, President’s Cup Winners Gala

31 December 2018, New Year’s Eve Ball 2019



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2019

6 January 2019, Christmas Wafer – Live Music

17 February 2019, Exhibition – “Time for Heroes” 17.02.2019 – 7.03.2019

Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc., in association with Pilecki Project Committee and Polish Political Prisoners Association invite everyone to the Exhibition „Time for Heroes”.

This incredible exhibition was presented in Perth in the Western Australian Parliament House for one week in November 2018. The exhibition created great interest and some turbulence among the Australian public and Polish diaspora in particular. Not only does it show parts of history unknown to many, but it also presents the real facts either overlooked or intentionally hidden by the powers of the day.

The Exhibition is rich in facts, it contains over 60 exhibits and presents not widely known facts from WWII, including:

- Warsaw Uprising 1944, heroism, fight, pride and sacrifices.
- Story of a great hero, Captain Witold Pilecki – Polish spy who volunteered for imprisonment in Auschwitz – German Concentration Camp to gather evidence and escape to reveal to the world the truth about German Nazis Concentration Camps.
- Horrors of the Holocaust.
- Poles saving Jews – Żegota Polish Council to Aid Jews, it helped some 60,000 Jews.

The Exhibition was prepared by the Pilecki Project Committee and brought to Perth by the Polish Political Prisoners Association. It created great interest among Parliamentarians and the public at large. Unfortunately, only one week on display at Parliament House did not allow many people to see it.

22 February 2019, Darek Machut takes over the Kitchen. Darek is a professional chef with over 30 years of experience

2 March 2019, Carnival – Party

9 March 2019, Comedy “Life after Summer” by Theatre from Warsaw, Poland ‘Mam Teatr’

Marzanna Graff and Alex Mikołajczak are back in Perth with another piece of theater, by “Mam Teatr” (I have a theatre). “I have a Theater” is Marzanna Graff and Aleksander Mikołajczak, who, for the fourth time, are visiting Australia, and for the second time our Club. Actors can boast of many distinctions and prizes. At the end of 2017 were awarded the ‘Golden Laurel of the Stage’.

10 March 2019, AGM. Elected New Management Committee

President Włodzimierz (Vlodek) Bilski, Vice President – Beata Larcombe, Vice President – Piotr Sobczyk, Treasurer – Zbigniew Soszka, Deputy Treasurer – Maria Sobczyk, Secretary – Barbara Bilski, Assistant Secretary – Sylwia Sadko, Bar Manager – Celina Soszka, Property Manager – Mirek Orkiszewski, Deputy of Property Manager – John Sadko, Technical Support – Michael Weryk, Sales & Marketing – Anna Bienkowski, Ordinary members – Bożena Dzidek, Janusz Dzidek.

10 March 2019, Play “Blue Express” Premiere by Theatre from Warsaw, Poland ‘Mam Teatr’

Starring: Marzanna Graff and Aleksander Mikołajczak.

The play is based on historical facts describing the fate of exiles from the times of the Second World War.

23 March 2019, Polish-Hungarian Friendship Day

Outdoor Festival with Polish and Hungarian food, dance and music!

There were performances by Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka and Keszkenő Hungarian Folk Dance Group, and there was other entertainment. There was Polish and Hungarian food, dance and music. And many more attractions!

13 April 2019, Andrzej Cierniewski Concert at the Main Hall

He is a multi-talented artist. First of all, he sings, but also composes many of his songs. Music and singing have always been his greatest passion, a love that consumed his heart, thoughts and time. Andrzej Cierniewski’s repertoire consists primarily of songs about love, about interpersonal relationships. For many, this artist is rightly associated with work dedicated to the emigrant’s longing for his native country, but also with a muse with a beautiful Slavic note.

25 April 2019, ANZAC Day, Laying a wreath at the War Memorial by the President of the Polish Club

11 May 2019, Literary Salon, Poetry by Danuta Duszyńska

Since 1991, she has lived in Perth, Western Australia. Her passion is writing, in a very broad sense. Playing with the words of the beautiful Polish language, for an immigrant woman of 28 years, is like a balm for the soul. She writes poems, stories, memoirs, creates family albums, as well as travel to many interesting parts of the world, discovering the beauty of sites. Her works have found a place in individual and collective publications, as well as on the pages of newspapers, portals, poetic recitations and videos on YouTube. She is an optimist; she loves the surrounding world and the people.

18 May 2019, Family Feast by the Bonfire – Big family outdoor event with Polish food, children’s attractions, music and dance

30 June 2019, Sikorski Day

On the Anniversary of the death of General Władysław Sikorski, we commemorate with two events, firstly the Holy Mass (in Polish) for the soul of General in St. Anthony’s Church and then with a meeting at the Club and a short historical and informative presentation, followed by lunch. General Sikorski Day is traditionally the occasion to award the most deserving volunteers working for the Club.

This year, the Honorary Membership – the highest accolade awarded by the General Sikorski Polish Club was presented to:

– Mrs Celina Soszka
– Mr Zbigniew Soszka

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Ms Celina Soszka is the Club’s Bar Manager and a member of the Management Committee since 2013. Mr Zbigniew Soszka has been a Treasurer and a member of the Management Committee since 2013.

They both worked countless hours for the good of the Club and the community; their involvement in managing and overseeing the Club’s activities was, and is, extremely positive. They both showed leadership in the areas of their domain and made a huge positive influence in guiding the Club into the future.

20 July 2019, Travellers Club - Maria & Staszek Godwich

17 August 2019, Concert and Dance Party ‘Can’t Stop the Music!’

1 September 2019, Father’s Day, Live Music

6 September 2019, Concert: The songs with good texts – sings Katarzyna Żak
Showcasing for almost an hour and a half recital titled “Songs with a good text.”

Katarzyna Żak is best known for her roles in the television series “The Honey-mooners” and “The Ranch”. But she played many Theatre roles – performed in the Teatr Współczesny, Teatr Rampa, and she is also associated with the Warsaw Comedy Theatre. The recital will contain songs of contemporary artists, Wojciech Młynarski, Agnieszka Osiecka, and Jan Jakub Należyty. The audience can count on stories and anecdotes from the life of the actress, which will provide a lot of positive energy.

Sunday, 8 September, 2019, Comedy “Thief” by Theatre from Poland

Starring Renata Dancewicz, Katarzyna Żak, Cezary Żak, Rafał Królikowski, Leszek Lichota. “Thief” is a comedy by one of the most popular British authors, Eric Chappell, directed by Cezary Żak. “Thief” is an all-star cast: Renata Dancewicz, Katarzyna Żak, Cezary Żak, Rafał Królikowski, Leszek Lichota, intelligent story and above all, a lot of humour.

22 September 2019, Indian – Pacific International Dance Festival

5 October 2019, Unveiling “Battle of Grunwald”

5 October 2019, Travellers Club - Margaret Wątraba

Margaret Watraba, a mountaineering star from Perth, who is the only Polish woman who twice stood at the apex of the world’s highest peak, Mount Everest. The first entry from the South was made on May 12, 2011, and from the north two years later on May 22, 2013.

19 October 2019, OktoberFest - Latin Edition with Band Tropicalia

It was a rare event that showcased Afro-Cuban music style with the best of the beers in the OktoberFest – Latin Edition. Dance a hot Salsa or as sensual Bachata with all the comfort of one of the largest dancing floors in Perth. Tropicalia brought a full show mixing live music, there were also Brazilian Dancers, and much more.

9 November 2019, Celebrating 101 years of Poland’s Regained Independence

We commemorated those who sacrificed their lives for our country and celebrated Poland’s regained independence. The public was encouraged to dress in white and red.

Very successful family event starting with the official opening and Special Entertainment. There was entertainment for all ages. Dancing, raffle, bouncing castle for the kids and special performances by the Polish Folkloric Dance Group Kukuleczka!

30 November 2019, St Andrew’s Night

We followed some of the old Polish traditions of Andrzejki. There was Music, Mystery, Witchcraft.

Live music by “Imma the Gem”, disco dance hits by DJ John Biegański.

31 December 2019, New Year’s Eve Ball

Excellent Band Candela. Great music, beautiful Ballroom, fantastic dance floor, succulent dinner, nice ambience, nice drinks selection at the bar.

2020

5 January 2020, Christmas Wafer – Live Music

24 January 2020, President’s Cup 2018 and 2019 Winners Presentation Gala

14 February 2020, Valentine’s Day

21 February 2020, Pool - Premier League, singles competition

22 February 2020, Last Saturday of Carnival

Celebration of Carnival on the last Saturday of Carnival!
Dance to the music by “Cabaret Band Luna”

14 March 2020, Comedy „Hard to Believe” theatre from Warsaw ,Mam Teatr’
Comedy as exciting as a good crime story!
Starring: Marzanna Graff and Aleksander Mikołajczak

21 March 2020, Comedy „Married Mystified” theatre from Warsaw ,Mam Teatr’
Starring: Marzanna Graff and Aleksander Mikołajczak

14 August 2020, Reopening of the Club with a new Restaurant with Chef Jurek Biegański

15 August 2020, Fortnightly Texas Country Music Club with music and dance

23 August 2020, AGM

6 September 2020, Father’s Day, Live Music

13 September 2020, Indian – Pacific International Dance Festival

2 October 2020, the President’s Cup starts

2020 cont

17 October 2020, Oktoberfest - Latin Edition

7 November 2020, Celebrating 102 years of Poland’s Regained Independence

First was the Official opening and Special Entertainment. In the Main Hall, there was an exhibition ‘First to fight’ (about Poles on all fronts of WW2) prepared by the Polish Roman Catholic Centre.

There was entertainment for all ages. Dancing, raffle, bouncing castle for the kids, craft corner and special performances by the Polish Folkloric Dance Group Kukuleczka!

21 November 2020, Karaoke with Jo Cicchini and Ken Wyatt

28 November 2020, Emigrant’s Day - 40 years young

40 years passed by like a single day!

Emigrants of the 80s have a time to play!

Celebration of 40 years since the second big wave of emigration from Poland to Australia.

Many Polish migrants went through refugee camps in Austria and Germany before arriving in Perth and living temporarily at Graylands Migrant Hostel. Many of them came by other routes or through different countries, like New Zealand.

Live music mixed with DJ. Songs of the 80s and more.

Competition for the best outfit of the 80s (won by John and Sylwia Sadko)

Thursday 31 December 2020, New Year’s Eve Ball

Band Inside Cover. Great music, beautiful Ballroom, fantastic dance floor, succulent dinner, nice ambience, nice drinks selection at the bar.

2021

15 January 2021, Opening of the Club after Christmas break

31 January 2021, Christmas Wafel

19 February 2021, Theatre Scena 98 presents the play “Apple”

Polish Theatre Group Scena 98 presents the play by Vern Thiessen “Apple”. Intriguing drama, a must-see cultural event.

The play is not easy to read and thematically quite dark and gloomy, but at the same time deeply reflective on the meaning of life. Questions: Is illness a gift or a curse? Can love conquer human weakness? Should we absolutely keep the promises made? will always remain relevant.

Starring: Grzegorz Niedźwiadek, Anna Gołąb, Sonia Kuklińska. The Exhibition was prepared by the Pilecki Project Committee and brought to Perth by the Polish Political Prisoners Association. It created great interest among Parliamentarians and the public at large. Unfortunately, only one week on display at Parliament House did not allow many people to see it.

20 February 2021, Brazilian Carnival Night

Brazilian Carnival is the World Largest celebration with Samba Dancers and the unmistakable Rio Sabor (taste)

As usual, Tropicalia Band performed a wide selection of Salsas, Bachatas, Samba, Merengues, Timba and much More...

20 March 2021, Polish-Hungarian Friendship Day

Outdoor Festival with Polish and Hungarian food, dance and music. We are celebrating a Millennium of Friendship between our two nations! Performances by Polish Dance group Kukuleczka and Keszkenő Hungarian Folk Dance Group. Raffle, Fun games. Children’s activities by Polish and Hungarian Schools. Good music at all times, including Polish and Hungarian hits. Great food! Tasty Polish dishes and Hungarian specials!
„Polak, Węgier – dwa bratanki!” „Lengyel, Magyar – két jó barát!” “Pole, Hungarian – brothers to be!”

28 March 2021, AGM

President – Vlodek Bilski.

Election of the new Executive Committee – for the year 2021-2022.

Vice President – Beata Larcombe, Vice President – Peter Sobczyk,

Treasurer – Zbigniew Soszka,

Secretary – Barbara Bilski.

Management Committee: Celina Soszka, Mirosław Orkiszewski, Janusz Dzidek, Bożena Dzidek, Anna Bienkowski, Michael Weryk, Maria Sobczyk, Teresa Grek, Przemysław Grek, Jan Turel, Gosia Walus.

15 May 2021, Family Feast

Big family outdoor event with Polish food, children’s attractions, music and dance.

21 May 2021, Pool - Pearl Cup, singles competition

12 June 2021, Zumba Party in Blue

An amazing 2hr Zumba fundraiser for a great cause & with the best local Zumba instructors is coming your way. By hosting this event, we want to raise awareness about men’s health and support Men’s Health and Wellbeing WA Foundation.

26 June 2021, Literary Salon “Love in Poetry and Music”

Poetry and musical evening entitled “Love in Poetry and Music”, in a collection of poetry from famous poets and local talent.



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4 July 2021, General Sikorski Day, with a Holy Mass at the main Hall
We renew our tradition of having the Holy Mass at the Sikorski Club.
The celebrant was the Greenmount Parish Dean Father Leonard Maciończyk.
Readings by Vlodek Bilski, psalms sung by Maria Stańczyk.
Commemorative Lunch took place at the Function Room of the Sikorski Club.
A short film about the recent history of Poland was shown. Music for the Mass was provided by Daniela Birch, Maciek Warzycki, Rysiek Bieńkowski, Andrzej Burzyński.
The most important moment of the day was the announcement of the awarding of Honorary Membership – the highest distinction conferred by the Polish Club Sikorski.

This year, Honorary Membership was awarded to: Ms Barbara Bilski

Ms Barbara Bilski has served as the Club's Secretary for 9 years and has been a member of the Management Committee for over 9 years. She has been a member of the Club for more than 15 years. Over the past four years, in addition to her duties as Secretary, she has also been responsible for the Club's accounting, including matters related to GST. The Club's GST registration in 2017 enabled us to apply for grants exceeding \$15,000 in value. Through her dedication and hard work, Ms Bilski has made a significant contribution to the development of the Club, as well as to the promotion of Poland and Polish culture in Western Australia. Her contribution has extended beyond voluntary service — it has also included exemplary commitment and financial support for the Club.

24 July 2021, Emigrant's Day - 40 years young

1 August 2021, Scena98 presents comedy by Marian Hemar, "Square root of -1"
The author touches on the eternal and unsolvable problem of good and evil, slipping more than one profound reflection and more than one revealing truth between the quick-witted exchanges.

A comedic variation on the Faustian motif — a peculiar illustration of the age-old struggle between good and evil. The characters in Marian Hemar's comedy take part in truly devilish games, playing with happiness and misfortune, chance, and the mysteries of fate.

Starring: Dominika Ziółkowska, Katarzyna Milarski, Andrzej Bieś, Witold Milarski, Robert Panasewicz.

4 September 2021, A Social Evening of Folk Sing-Along Music
Polish Club Sikorski invites you to "An Evening with Polish Festive Songs."

The program will feature a selection of traditional Polish sing along songs. We warmly invite everyone to join in the singing and enjoy the music together.

The performers for the evening will be Ania Pastusiak, Ania Gołąb, Maciek Prusiński, and Robert Panasewicz.

5 September 2021, Father's Day, Live Music

18 September 2021, "Gus' Fearless Fight" Fundraising Gala
Augustyn fondly known as Gus or Gucio is 4 years old, and on the 2nd of May 2021, Gus' little world changed beyond comprehension. Gus was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL). At that moment, his life and the lives of his mum, Lindsay, dad Michael, and younger sister Edith changed in an instant. The financial burden on the family is immediate with both parents caring for Gus, doing a tag team at his bedside, while also caring for Edith.

Sikorski Club is organising this Gala Ball to support Gus and his Family at this difficult time. All the proceeds from this Event will go to the Weryk Family.

There will be an auction with many items donated by friends and the general public. A GOFUNDME page has been set up, and any donation is highly appreciated.

2 October 2021, Santana Tribute Show
Sikorski Club invites all to a great party with Machete Cover Band for a fantastic music and dance fest, "Santana Tribute Show". The club has the best dance floor, tremendous acoustics and lighting.

Machete is a 7-member band playing fantastic Santana hits and all your dance favorites including Latin rock, rumba rhythms, Sumba, cha-cha and more!

16 October 2021, Oktoberfest - Latin Edition
After the Successful Oktoberfest parties in the last couple of years, Tropicalia band is back at the Sikorski club to showcase all our Latin music: Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Cumbia, Latin Pop and more.

- Free Salsa Class by Salsanation
- Special Show by Aire Flamenco directed by Valeria Gonzalez
- Prizes to the Best OKTOBERFEST dress.

29 October 2021, the President's Cup starts

30 October 2021, Czech and Slovak Film Festival Ball

13 November 2021, Celebrating 103 years of Poland's Regained Independence
Celebrating the regaining of independence by Poland!
Let's make this day white and red!
The official opening and special performances of Kukuleczka. In the large hall, there will be an exhibition 'Independence of Poland' prepared by the Association of Former Polish Political Prisoners.
Dance, raffle, jumping castle for children, artistic corner and special dances of the Polish Folklore Dance Group Kukuleczka!

21 November 2021, Evening with author Barbara Nawratowicz
"About Her, for Her" Evening with author Barbara Nawratowicz and some cabaret pieces ...

The author's evening of Mrs. Barbara Nawratowicz, co-founder, actress and singer of Krakow's Piwnica Pod Baranami, a long-time journalist of Radio of Free Europe. This evening will be combined with the promotion of her book "Cabaret Piwnica Pod Baranami.

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A phenomenon in the culture of the People's Republic of Poland", which can be purchased with the autograph of Mrs. Barbara. The culmination of this evening will be recreation of some pieces of the cabaret "Piwnica pod Baranami" performed by our great Artistic Group: Anna Gołąb, Anna Pastusiak, Maciej Prusiński, Robert Panasiewicz and Tomasz Bujakowski.

17 December 2021, President's Cup 2021 Winners Presentation Gala.

2022

23 January 2022, Christmas Wafer
Lighting a candle
Singing Christmas Carols
Reading of the Gospel passage according to Luke 2:1-20
Blessing of wafers, prayer and explanation of the meaning of breaking the wafer
Breaking wafers and making wishes to each other
Singing Christmas carols
Music and arrangement by Maciej Warzycki.
Instruments and vocals Maciej Warzycki, Daniela Birch, Andrzej Burzyński.
Singing: everyone (the text will be on the screen).

25 April 2022, ANZAC Day
Laying a wreath at the War Memorial by the Polish Club.

14 May 2022, Festival of Polish-Hungarian Friendship Family Event
Many attractions: Petting Zoo for kids. Performances by Polish Dance group Kukuleczka and Keszkenő Hungarian Folk Dance Group, Raffle, Fun games, Children activities by Polish and Hungarian Schools. Good music at all times including Polish and Hungarian hits.

12 June 2022, AGM

10 July 2022, General Sikorski Day
We are having our traditional Holy Mass at the Sikorski Club.
Then short academia and lunch. Commemorative Lunch in the Sikorski Club will follow. After that there will be a live music, jam session.

6 August 2022, Kukuleczka Quiz Night
Quiz Night – Are you smarter than a KUKU bird?! This year's theme is – "Heroes"!

26 August 2022, Scena 98: The Morality of Mrs. Dulska
The Scena 98 Theatre Group presents The Morality of Mrs. Dulska, directed by the outstanding director Tomasz Bujakowski. This play was written by Gabriela Zapolska in 1906.

15 October 2022, Oktoberfest Latino style
For the fourth consecutive year, Polish Club Sikorski presents OktoberFest Latin edition; Featuring Tropicalia Band and Frenesi Salsa performers.

28 October 2022, Concert - Band Vechi Acum from Poland
Explore Poland's rich tapestry of ethno-folk music this October with our international guests – Vechi Acum!

Vechi Acum (meaning "where old meets new" in Romanian) are a group of musicians from different ethnic regions of Poland, playing a fresh mix of gypsy, jazz and ethno-folk.
Their concert programme includes traditional songs from Southern Poland, Slovakia, Macedonia, Serbia and Romania, performed in their unique style and original musical arrangements.

Vechi Acum features: Barbara Motyka – vocals and violin,
Wojciech Bochenek – vocals, Dominik Pietraszek – violin,
Jakub Hubicki – accordion, Bartłomiej Chojnacki – double bass.

Saturday 12 November 2022, Festival of Polish Culture - Family Feast
Outdoor family event with artistic program, music, dance, fun competitions, activities for children, including petting zoo, arts and crafts corner, historical exhibitions, stalls with food, stands with sweets, bread, smallgoods, and many other attractions for all ages, there will be also a special kiosk with Polish gadgets and paraphernalia and information stall for Polish-Australian Business Forum.

Sunday 13 November 2022, Festival of Polish Culture – Concert
In the afternoon, the Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc hosted the official ceremony of the Festival of Polish Culture, followed by a concert of classical music.

Ania Niedźwiadek and Vlodek Bilski welcomed special guests, and they were: Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Western Australia Mr Paul Bitdorf, Hon Michelle Roberts MLA, Member for Midland representing Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, Hon Dr David Honey MLA Leader of the Liberal Party of Western Australia on behalf of the Opposition Alliance, Deputy Mayor of City of Swan Cr Mel Congerton, Ania Niedźwiadek, also representing Małgorzata Kwiatkowska, President of the Polish Community Council of Australia, Ania Niedźwiadek and Vlodek Bilski expressed their gratitude and thanked the City of Swan for sponsoring the Festival.

Paul Bitdorf presented a short historical outline of the Polish Independence Day and invited to view historical exhibitions.
Michelle Roberts, David Honey and Mel Congerton then spoke, thanking for the invitations and expressing recognition for Polish emigrants, and thanking them for their contribution to the development of modern Australia.

Official ceremony followed by concert of classical music. Violinist, conductor and music animator Jacek Sławomirski presents program containing works of renowned Polish composers, Stanisław Moniuszko, Stanisław Wiechowicz, Mieczysław Karłowicz, Henryk Wieniawski and Fryderyk Chopin. The masterpieces were performed by the Varsovie String Quartet comprised of: Anna Chomiczka, Barbara Malinowska, Jacek Sławomirski and Joanna Wolny, the Soprano Anna Pastusiak and the Pianist Yi-Yun Loei.

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20 November 2022, Author's meeting D Duszyńska & V Longman
The book "An Angel Watched Over Me" is dedicated to the memory of Jan Tyrka (from Perth) – a scout of the Grey Ranks (Szarych Szeregów) from Tarnów, who, for his underground activities, spent five years in the prison in Tarnów and in the concentration camps Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

The program includes readings from the book, recitations of poems from original camp poetry diaries performed by actors of Scena98, patriotic and scouting songs, and piano music.

Vanda Longman will present the life of her father and show camp documents and the mentioned poetry diaries.

31 December 2022, NYE Ball
Welcome New Year 2023 In style with fantastic Latino Band Candela.

2023

22 January 2023, Christmas Wafer

28 January 2023, Mam Teatr presents "Date at the Bistro"
Starring: Marzanna Graff, Aleksander Mikołajczak, Guest: Anna Gołąb

4 February 2023, Mam Teatr presents "Swept"
Starring: Marzanna Graff, Aleksander Mikołajczak, Guest: Dominika Laura Ziółkowska

26 February 2023, AGM
Elected President – Vlodek Bilski.

Election of the new Executive Committee – for the year 2021-2022.
Vice President – Beata Larcombe, Vice President – Peter Sobczyk, Treasurer – Margaret Walus, Secretary – Barbara Bilski.
Management Committee: Anna Bienkowski, Bożena Dzidek, Celina Soszka, Janusz Dzidek, Maria Sobczyk, Michael Weryk, Mirosław Orkiszewski, Zbigniew Soszka, John Walus, Jerzy Rudnicki, Bogdan Leczynski.

Audit Committee Halina Jackiewicz (chairperson), Kazimierz Jackiewicz and Piotr Wolinski.

18 March 2023, Festival of Polish-Hungarian Friendship Family Event
We are celebrating a Millennium of Friendship between our two nations!

29 April 2023, Hey Joe Guitar World Record
Hey Joe!
Bring your guitar and break a World Record
Break the Guinness world record for largest guitar ensemble, by playing Jimmy Hendrix's "Hey Joe". Together with as many guitarists around the world as possible!

30 April 2023, Oh, How Beautiful the World Is – Musical
Oh, How Beautiful the World Is!
A colourful poetic and musical spectacle took place.
In the performance – in the roles of universe, mother earth, four seasons – the actors of SCENA 98 plus others took part in recitations. There was a music band, piano playing, and ballet dance with classical music. Poetry and songs about the beauty of the world and about love.

11 June 2023, General Sikorski Day and Mass

8 July 2023, W.A. Allcomers Rock & Roll Championships

1 September 2023, President's Cup 2023 starts

16 September 2023, Polish Stand-up Comedy with Agata Kolasinska
Rising Star of Polish Stand-up Comedy: Agata Kolasinska!

Agata Kolasinska – improviser from Szczecin, screenwriter and producer of cultural events has prepared her own comedy show, in which she will tell how in 2019 she left everything and started studying in Australia. You will hear comic stories of a Polish woman who tried to find herself on the exotic, eastern coast of Australia. Perhaps in these stories you will also find yourselves and years later you will laugh at them out loud in good company. Laughter is health, and health is the most important thing!

23 September 2023, TCMC Entertainment

29 September 2023, Krzysztof Kaczmarek in "The Spring"
"Spring" – as a monodrama – was created from the adaptation of the short story under the same title. From the perspective of 40 years, from the perspective of the current Polish reality, the Spring has become a document of that reality of Polish sport and system of government. In the format of the monodrama – a black grotesque – painfully shows the rotten morality surrounding our hero, a simple, naïve man whose faith in the sense of success and family life, would be confined in the power of the blow, in his tighten fists" (S. Mrowiński). But "Spring" is also about each of us and our ability to find ourselves in a reality that does not necessarily resonate with our imaginations.

Performer: Krzysztof Kaczmarek (in Polish)



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28 October 2023, Scena 98 - 25th Anniversary
Scena '98 presents the musical comedy for adults and children The Legend of the Wawel Dragon

Celebrating 25th Anniversary of the Youth Theatre Group Scena '98

The Anniversary brought a number of dignitaries, most prominent being His Excellency Professor Dr. Maciej Chmieleński, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Australia together with his wife Małgorzata. Mr. Paweł Bitdorf Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Western Australia with his wife Halina. Father Tomasz Bujakowski founder of Stage 98, creator, director, promoter, actor, set designer, mentor, patron of Polish culture in Australia.

On this special occasion, the Ambassador presented high state decorations conferred by the President of Poland.
Father Tomasz Bujakowski, Founder of Scena 98, was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit, while Włodzimierz Bilski, President of the Polish Club General W. Sikorski, was awarded the Silver Cross of Merit.

28 October 2023, Edmund Strzelecki Exhibition
Exhibition about Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki was brought to the Club by Mrs Anna Habryn. The exhibition was open for three weeks.

11 November 2023, Polish Cultural Extravaganza - Day1 - Family Festival
Celebration of Polish culture on the occasion of the 105th anniversary of regaining independence by Poland.

This is a two-day event:
Day 1 – Family Festival
Outdoor family event with artistic program, music, dance, fun competitions, activities for children, including petting zoo, arts and crafts corner, historical exhibition about Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki, stalls with food, stands with sweets, bread, smallgoods, and many other attractions for all ages, there will be also information stall for Polish-Australian Business Forum.

12 November 2023, Polish Cultural Extravaganza Concert - Day 2 – Patrycja Piekutowska
Official ceremony, there were official speeches by Mr Paul Bitdorf, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, the Honourable Michelle Roberts MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Midland, Councillor Tanya Richardson, Mayor of the City of Swan. Then was a concert of non-classical music.

World famous violinist virtuoso Patrycja Piekutowska presented delightful artistic program “My Journey” containing songs about 12 cities across 4 continents, with which the artist has a special connection. the Concert was easy to listen and full of positive emotions music is enriched with videos and pictures from the cities changing on the big screen in the rhythm of the songs.

25 November 2023, Concert “Facebook Love” by Artur Gotz
Artur Gotz’s fourth album entitled “Love from Facebook” is a game of conventions. Musically, it refers to vintage-pop, and lyrically it is close to satire and cabaret.

The artist will also sing songs from his previous albums, i.e. “Sexual object”, “Almost perfect man” and “Kabaret Starszych Panów”. The hits of all time are sung by Artur Gotz”. We will also hear the song “Będzie dobrze” with music by Artur Gotz to the text by Marta Fox from the fifth album “Artur Gotz dzieciom. Bajki i piosenki”.

26 November 2023, Concert for Kids “Green Nikola” by Artur Gotz
Artur Gotz’s fifth album is a unique family album, which consists of two parts. The first of them are premiere songs with music by Artur Gotz and lyrics by Marta Fox and Artur Gotz in modern arrangements using electronic instruments.

31 December 2023, NYE Ball
Welcome New Year 2024 in style with the fantastic Latino Band Candela.

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7 January 2024, Christmas Wafer
The new restaurant is open. Manager Marta Kozłowska-Rychlewicz and Chef Patryk Olczyk started on the 2nd of January 2024. The restaurant name is Eco Jar, and they will specialise in Polish cuisine. One of the new and unique traits is selling food in jars.

20 January 2024, Cezary Pazura Stand-up Comedy
A highly popular actor and brilliant cabaret performer has arrived in Perth. A full house — and Cezary had everyone laughing to tears.

4 February 2024, Movie “Teddy Bear”

11 February 2024, Gala Concert “Valentine’s Day in Vienna”
Anna Pastusiak – soprano, Jacek Sławomirski – violin, Jakub Hubicki – accordion
The programme includes the most beautiful melodies and songs: waltzes, polkas, arias from operettas, gypsy melodies, czardas... Strauß, Lehar, Kalman, Brahms, Kreisler..

2024 cont

18 February 2024, Good and Evil in poetry and music
1. Prologue – “Paweł i Gaweł” by Aleksander Fredro
Screenwriter and director Maryla Kuźmicka
2. Part I – “Carousel of Feelings”
Screenwriter and director Anna Habryn
3. Part II – “We will overcome the waves”
Screenwriter and director Danuta Duszyńska
Participants of the event:
Reciters: Anna Habryn, Ewa Habryn Wilczyńska, Anna Gołąb, Anna Pastusiak, Joanna Bukara, Monika Piwowarek, Dominika Laura Ziółkowski, Elżbieta Halladin, Ewa Kiesz, Fr. Tomasz Bujakowski, Włodzimierz Halladin, Roman Gabriel, Robert Panasiewicz and Bart Foster

Vocalists – Daniela Birch, Richard Bieńkowski and Bart Foster
Musicians – Henryk Paliński, Jake Smith, Richard Bieńkowski

Authors of poetry and lyrics: Ewa Habryn Wilczyńska, Anna Habryn, Danuta Duszyńska, Tomasz Bujakowski and other great Polish poets
Production – Roman Gabriel
Artistic supervision – Danuta Duszyńska
Director’s cooperation, set design, choreography – Scena 98 Directors
Father Tomasz Bujakowski and Maryla Kuźmicka

3 March 2024, Bouncy Castle, Live Music, Marcin Chereżinski

9 March 2024, Mam Teatr presents “Dżunio”
Junio – almost a crime comedy. A mysterious man moves into the apartment building, who does not want to reveal his name, profession, and his behavior and preferences are becoming more and more suspicious.

Starring: Marzanna Graff, Julia Pękalska and Aleksander Mikołajczak

16 March 2024, Mam Teatr presents “Confusion, A Fairy Tale for Every Age”
Confusion – it’s a crazy fairy tale for any age. Whether you’re 5 or 55 or 105, you’ll laugh until you cry.)
Think you know traditional fairy tales? You may be surprised.
Starring: Marzanna Graff, Julia Pękalska and Aleksander Mikołajczak

17 March 2024, St. Patric’s Special

23 March 2024, Harmony Day; Polish, Hungarian, Czech & Slovak
This Festival is also called Poles and Friends Festival and it is a celebration of culture of the Visegrád Group members, including traditional food, music and dance.

24 March 2024, AGM – Informative

24 March 2024, Polish Cabaret on a Big Screen

7 April 2024, Easter Egg Lunch

13 April 2024, Festive Polish Dance Party
Vocalist and DJ Marcin Chareziński invited to Festive Polish Dance Party. Modern style, newest hits, Great music selection. Fantastic solo performance. We’ll welcome you with a complimentary glass of wine and a little snack, amazing Eco Jar special: slice of bread with Polish bacon spread with cracklings!

14 April 2024, Cooking Pizza - Workshop for kids

21 April 2024, Bouncy Castle, Free ice cream for kids

28 April 2024, Movie “Forbidden songs”

5 May 2024, BBQ Black Pudding & Beer

18 May 2024, Mother’s Day - Flower Crowns Workshop

2 June 2024, Fairy tales movies

15 June 2024, Traditional Polish Wedding Party
Polish Club Sikorski invites you to a Traditional Polish Wedding with Master of Ceremonies and DJ Marcin Chareziński. It was a fake, done as a real thing, just for you to experience a Traditional Polish Wedding Party!

7 July 2024, General Sikorski Day and Mass
This year, Honorary Membership was awarded to:
– Ms Beata Larcombe
Ms Beata Larcombe has served as the Club’s Vice-President for 7 years and has been a member of the Management Committee for over 7 years.

21 July 2024, Culinary Workshop for Children

27 July 2024, Pierogi Workshop

17 August 2024, Festival for Children: A Magical World
“Give the children the sunshine, all the rays from heaven, so that they can dance, and sing.” (Written by Wanda Chotomska).
Welcome to the Children’s Festival: A Magical World
Children, Parents, Grandparents, friends, please come and join us for a fun-filled day at the Polish Club Sikorski! Don’t miss out on this exciting event where kids from all Polish organisations will be showcasing their talents through music, theatre, poetry and dance. There will be games, activities, a DISCO and a free lunch for all children.
The Polish organisations that will perform: Polish School WA, Polish Ethnic School, Polish Dance Group Kukuleczka, Kolonia Perth, Polish Youth Theatre Group Scena 98.

18 August 2024, Culinary Workshop for Children

2024 cont

24 August 2024, Party: Disco Fever
Boogie on Down to Disco Fever, Baby! Totally Rad 70s, Groovy 80s & 90s Jam!
The disco ball’s gonna be droppin’, the smoke machine pumpin’, and the disco lights strobin’! Get ready for a sensory overload of pure 70s, 80s & 90s vibes!
DJ Marcin will be spinnin’ all your fave disco anthems, so bust a move and boogie on down like it’s your favorite year!

1 September 2024, Father’s Day

6 September 2024, Concert K.Żak & H. Śleszyńska
Singing their favourites. Only one concert in Perth! A concert of two famous Polish actresses who are also great singers.
They’ll sing well known Polish songs of such authors like Wojciech Młynarski, Agnieszka Osiecka and others.

7 September 2024, Thatre: Hearts in Rehab
The Broadway comedy hit “Hearts in Rehab”, written by Murray Schisgal – the author of the screenplay for the unforgettable film “Tootsie” with Dustin Hoffman, is a story in which the characters prove that it is never too late for love. And life is worth giving a chance for happiness! All you need to do is overcome stereotypes or try unconventional methods.

Starring: Hanna Śleszyńska, Michał Piel, Katarzyna Żak, Cezary Żak

28 September 2024, Party: Sail Away
Polish Club Sikorski transforms into a dazzling cruise ship for a globe-trotting extravaganza.

Our World Tour Stops: Australia, India, Greece, Italy, UK, Poland, Korea, North America, Latin America, Brazil ... the list goes on, all those places and their music and sound, rhythm, and drinks...

13 October 2024, Eroticism in Poetry and Music
We had a special concert, “A Star Fell from the Sky – Erotically in Poetry and Music.” This event has been organised by the Poetry Group to support flood victims in Poland.
This concert is especially appealing to those in love, but everyone who has ever loved, is in love, or dreams of love will find something for themselves.

9 November 2024, Polish Cultural Extravaganza - Day 1 - Family Festival
Celebration of Polish culture on the occasion of the 106th anniversary of regaining independence.

This is a two-day event:
Day 1 – Family Festival – Saturday
Outdoor family event, Live Music, Animal Farm, Polish Folk Dance, Arts and crafts corner, Traditional Polish Food and Information stall by the Polish-Australian Business Forum.

16 November 2024, Polish Cultural Extravaganza - Day 2 - Concert Beata Wald
Day 2 – Concert – Saturday

Official ceremony followed by a concert of contemporary music.
Special guests included: Mr Paul Bitdorf, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in WA, Hon Michelle Roberts MLA representing the Premier and Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, Hon Shane Love MLA, Leader of the Opposition, and Mayor of the City of Swan, Cr Tanya Richardson

After the official ceremony, including speeches, the Concert started.
Very talented vocalist Beata Wald presented a delightful artistic program from her rich and versatile repertoire.

17 November 2024, Scena 98: Husband died, but he is better now
Real life begins after death.

The actors of the Scena 98 theatre group will present the story of Zofia, who strives to achieve her goal over anyone, alive or dead... Unfortunately, not everything goes according to her plan. Well, even the most intricate plan carries the risk of failure...
After the official ceremony, including speeches, the Concert started.
Very talented vocalist Beata Wald presented a delightful artistic program from her rich and versatile repertoire.

8 December 2024, St Nicolas celebration - Czech & Slovak Association

15 December 2024, Christmas Tree Kids Party

1 September 2024, Father’s Day

31 December 2024, NYE Ball
Welcome 2025 – New Year’s Eve – Hollywood Glam Party at the Polish Club Sikorski

Step into a world of sophistication and charm, where the ambience sparkles and the atmosphere are filled with anticipation. The night will feature the incredible talents of DJ Marcin, who will keep the energy high with the best hits, ensuring the dance floor is alive all night long.
As you revel in the festivities, indulge in a fabulous three-course fine dining experience, meticulously crafted by Eco Jar Polish Food Restaurant. Each dish is a celebration of flavour, designed to delight your palate. Complement your meal with a selection of excellent drinks that will keep your spirits high throughout the night.
This is not just a celebration; it’s an experience you won’t want to miss.

Lights and visual effects: Bart Foster, deco: Matt Bednarski.



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2025

5 January 2025, Christmas Wafer

26 January 2024, Australia Day Festival, BBQ, Cricket
We had Barbie and few beers, then the Big Match Poland v Australia. Poland won! Congratulations. This will be an annual event we would call the Bellevue Shield.

1 February 2025, Marcin Daniec Stand-up Comedy
Marcin Daniec is one of the most popular satirists in the history of Polish cabaret.

22 February 2025, Mam Teatr presents “My Dad is getting married”
A perverse comedy that answers the question of whether love has age limits. Starring: Aleksander Mikołajczak, Marzanna Graff, and Anna Gołąb.

9 March 2025, Women’s Day Beauty Workshop

16 March 2025, Once Again – Concert
Poetry Group Jeszcze Raz (Once Again) presents a Concert entitled “Somewhat Frivolous in Poetry and Music”. This light-hearted concert, full of humour, has been specially prepared at the request of the audience. Directed and scripted by Danuta Duszyńska and Anna Habryn, the performance features poetry and texts from both local poets and Polish literary classics. The concert will showcase local reciters, singers, and musicians, creating an unforgettable cultural experience.

22 March 2025, Harmony Day; Polish, Hungarian, Czech & Slovak
There were special guests, Steve Catania MLA, Member for Midland, representing Honourable Dr Tony Buti MLA, Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; Tertiary and International Education; Multicultural Interests, Rosemine Mutamuliza, Community Engagement Officer, representing Ms Lanie Chopping, Director General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Ms Kate Rowlands Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests.

The Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA, the Hungarian Association of WA, and the Czech & Slovak Association of WA are inviting to the Poles and Friends Festival in celebration of Harmony Week 2025.

Poles, Hungarians, Czechs, and Slovaks share a long and rich history of friendship, understanding, and cooperation. The Poles and Friends Festival celebrates the culture, food, music, and dance of the Visegrád Group, promoting harmony, tolerance, and unity. It is a tribute to the peaceful coexistence of our nations —each with its own language, yet united by a spirit of mutual support and collaboration.

The festival will feature vibrant performances by folkloric dance groups, including the Polish Kukuleczka and the Hungarian Keszkenő, as well as talented Czech and Slovak musicians. A DJ will keep the energy high with popular hits from all four nations.

5th April 2025, Scena 98 Theatre – Dinner for Four Hands
A unique and sophisticated play by Paul Barz, depicting a fictional encounter between two musical geniuses – Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel.
Starring: Jacek Sławomirski, Robert Panasewicz

20 April 2025, Easter Lunch

14 February 2025, Valentine’s Day

25 April 2025, ANZAC Day

4 May 2025, AGM
Election of a new Executive Committee
President – Włodzimierz Bilski
Vice-President for Events – Beata Larcombe
Vice-President for Technical Matters – Piotr Sobczyk
Treasurer – Margaret Walus
The Secretary – Barbara Bilski

Election of other members of the Management Committee. The President proposed that all members of the previous Committee to move to the new Committee.
It was voted unanimously to keep the previous Committee in place.
Anna Bienkowski, Bogdan Leczyński, Bożena Dzidek, Celina Soszka, Janusz Dzidek, Jerzy Rudnicki, John Walus, Maria Sobczyk, Michael Weryk, Mirek Orkiszewski, Zbigniew Soszka, Marta Kozłowska-Rychlewicz
The election of the Audit Committee: Halina Jackiewicz, Audit Committee Chairperson, Kazimierz Jackiewicz, Piotr Wolinski

11 May 2025, Mother’s Day

17 May 2025, PRL Party – We Apologize for the Inconvenience
Comrade! Citizen! Tired of everyday struggles? Meat lines too long? Neighbor stealing your milk again? No worries! We’re throwing a PRL-style party at Polish Club Sikorski, and you’re invited!

LIVE BAND – playing the biggest hits of the era, so you can dance like it’s a true socialist disco!
AUTHENTIC PRL-STYLE MENU – enjoy classics like schnitzel, bigos, pierogi... the kind of food you once had to bribe the butcher for, but now it’s on your plate!
BEST COSTUME CONTEST – break out your berets, tracksuits, thick glasses, and police uniforms – the best-dressed comrades will win prizes!
VODKA & JELLIED MEAT – because a PRL party without them just wouldn’t be right!

There was on display “Maluch” - Fiat 126p! Babcia kłozetowa (toilet attendant) and separate table for the First Secretary and high members of the Central Committee and Minister for National Defence.

24 May 2025, Volunteers Day

2025 cont

25 May 2025, Once More: Forgotten Number
The Poetic Group Jeszcze Raz once again invites you a poetic performance dedicated to camp poetry written during World War II. This time, the creators will present their work in a unique format, combining poetry, music, and multimedia elements to give voice to those who survived and those who left their testimonies in words.

The performance is divided into two parts, each with a distinct character, yet forming a cohesive whole.

The first part, directed by Bart Foster, will take place on the main stage and promises to be a true artistic spectacle. The audience will experience a powerful blend of beautiful music, evocative visuals, and moving recitations enriched with elements of theatrical performance. The multimedia setting and modern form of storytelling will make this an event like no other seen before at the Polish Club. It will be an artistic journey through the words of camp poets whose voices endured despite tragic circumstances and are now brought back to life in a powerful new form.

The second part of the performance – directed by Danuta Duszyńska – will take on a more intimate tone. This segment will focus on personal memories and reflections, presented by the artists and the family members of those who experienced life in the camps. The atmosphere will allow for a deeper, more personal connection to the emotions carried by camp poetry – pain, hope, and remembrance.

This event is not only a tribute to poets and witnesses of history, but also a rare opportunity to engage with difficult yet important topics through an artistic lens

7 June 2025, Magical World of Childhood
A colourful day full of fun, magic, and creativity – a perfect event for kids and families!

The entire event will be presented by Grupa Poetycka Jeszcze Raz.
We’ll kick off the day with painting, paper crafts, origami and more – a great way to spark your child’s imagination!
Art corner and dance activities are prepared by Polish School WA.
Magic Show!
A 40-minute stage performance filled with laughter, surprises, and classic illusions. After the Show – Bubble Fun!
We’ll head outside for a fantastic bubble show – hundreds of bubbles to chase, pop and enjoy.

22 June 2025, Closet to Closet – Flea Clothing Market

28 June 2025, Karaoke Night
Karaoke hosted by Alicja and Malwina — full of energy and positive vibes, they’ll make sure the atmosphere is great and give everyone the courage to grab the microphone!

3 August 2025, General Sikorski Day
During the Academia came the announcement of the awarding of Honorary Membership – the highest distinction conferred by the Polish Club Sikorski. It is awarded to the most distinguished members of the Club.

This year, Honorary Membership was awarded to:
– Mr Robert Popiel
Mr Robert Popiel has served as the Barman and Bar supply officer for 15 years.

24 August 2025, Author Event: Meet Barbara McNaught, author of Hello Darlink! book
Join us for an inspiring afternoon with Barbara McNaught, Polish-born actress, philanthropist, and talk show host, as she presents her captivating memoir Hello Darlink!

From humble beginnings in Poland to the glamour of international show business, Barbara’s journey is filled with charm, humour, and resilience.

In Hello Darlink!, she shares her life alongside legendary actors, her personal triumphs, and the unexpected twists that led her to become one of Australia’s most beloved community figures.

6 September 2025, Polish Theatre: “Dinner for two couples”
Polish Club Sikorski in association with Polish Stars Down Under – presents: Dinner for Two Couples, Theatre Performance

Fantastic actors:
Leszek Lichota –One of the most compelling actors of his generation.
Ilona Wrońska –acclaimed stage and cabaret actress with incredible charm and humor.
Przemysław Sadowski – film, stage, and musical actor charismatic and full of energy.
Agnieszka Castellanos – a stage veteran admired for her natural presence, comic talent, and vibrant stage personality.
Four personalities. Two couples. One dinner – and endless surprises.

12 September 2025, Polish-Australian Chamber of Commerce

3 October 2025, Krzysztof Kaczmarek’s monodrama “People, Where Have You Come To?”
A story of losing a home and finding a new one. A tale of migration, disappointment, and success.

Based on the memories of Alek Silber, this monodrama takes the audience on a journey through time. Krzysztof Kaczmarek paints vivid portraits of a migrant’s life – hopes, failures, and the joys of building a new existence in an unfamiliar world.

4 October 2025, Zumbathon® Party in Pink
Fun-filled evening raising funds for the Breast Cancer Research Centre – WA

10 October 2025, Film “Vinci”, Polish Film Festival

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19 October 2025, Ewa Habryn-Wilczyńska – Sinusoidal Feelings – Author’s Evening
During the event, poems by Ewa Habryn-Wilczyńska were presented. She has been writing poetry for many years, but it was her collaboration with the Poetry Group “Jeszcze raz” that allowed her to share her work with a wider Polish audience.

The title of the evening — “Sinusoidal Feelings” — is no coincidence. The symbolic axis of the sine wave reflects two chapters of the author’s life: the one “above the equator” and the one “below it.” Her poetry reveals emotions that fluctuate between positive and negative, just as human life and experiences constantly shift and shape each person’s unique journey.

26 October 2025, Kids Halloween Party

8 November 2025, Polish Cultural Extravaganza Otwarty Festiwal Rodzinny
Celebration of Polish Culture on the occasion of the 107th anniversary of Poland regaining independence.

This is three events within two-weekends celebration:
Day 1 – Family Festival – Saturday Outdoor family event, Live Music, Animal Farm, Polish Folk Dance, Arts and crafts corner.
Day 2 – Sunday Official Ceremony and Concert “My Piaf” Sings: Paulina Czechanowska
Day 3 – Sunday 16 November 2025
Comedy “Sexy Laundry”.
Starring: Paulina Czechanowska & Bart Foster

9 November 2025, Official Ceremony & Concert Tribute Concert “My Edith Piaf” - Paulina Czechanowska
Welcome by Ania Niedźwiadek, President of Polonia WA and Vlodek Bilski, P resident of Polish Club Sikorski.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests
• Dr Piotr Rakowski Consul General of Poland in Sydney.
• Honourable Steve Catania MLA, Representative of the Premier of Western Australia and Minister for Multicultural Interests
• Honourable Basil Zempilas MLA Leader of the Opposition
• Mrs Tanya Richardson, Mayor of the City of Swan

Concert by Paulina Czechanowska.

My Piaf, “Every woman carries within herself her own song – sometimes joyful, sometimes filled with pain, but always true.”
My Piaf is a moving musical monodrama inspired by the life and artistry of Édith Piaf. It takes audiences on a journey through emotion, passion, and feminine strength.
It is a story of women’s lives – their loves, disappointments, hopes, and dreams – universal and timeless, transcending cultures and generations.
In the leading role is Paulina Czechanowska,

Screenplay, set design, lighting and visual effects, direction – Bart Foster

16 November 2025, Play “Sexy Laundry” Paulina Czechanowska & Bart Foster
Sexy Laundry by Michele Rimi
A humorous and moving story about a couple married for twenty years.

Starring: Paulina Czechanowska & Bart Foster
Screenplay, set design, lighting and visual effects, direction – Bart Foster

6 December 2025, Polish Santa Claus

13 December 2025, Kukuleczka End of Year Concert

14 December 2025, St Nicolas celebration - Czech & Slovak Association

31 December 2025, NYE Ball
The Wonderland Gala – a celebration of magic, colours, and music.
Pulse-pounding sets by DJ JYE – taking you through till midnight and beyond
A stunning circus-like performance – the night’s highlight, bringing beauty, drama and just the right touch of surreal
A fabulous three-course dinner by Polish Jar Restaurant
Midnight bubbles and cake to welcome 2026 in true style
Mesmerising lights, immersive effects, and a dreamlike atmosphere.

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18 January 2026, Jerzy Kryszczak Live
Jerzy Kryszak is one of the most recognizable and respected Polish actors, satirists, and cabaret artists. He began his career in dramatic theatres, including the Słowacki Theatre in Kraków and the Ateneum Theatre in Warsaw, where he became known for his expressive and often comedic roles. He gained widespread popularity through his appearances in films and TV series such as: Alternatywy 4, Miłość ci wszystko wybaczy, Podróż Pana Kleksa, Zmiennicy and Polskie Drogi.

26 January 2026, Australia Day Festival, BBQ, Cricket
Weather was fantastic, Barbeque was great, and a Match brilliant. A crashing victory of Poland. Next year Australia promised revenge

26 January 2026, Australia Day Festival, BBQ, Cricket
The Poetry Group “Jeszcze Raz” returns with echoes of PolArt — a colourful, dynamic and magical festival held in Adelaide from 27 December 2025 to 5 January this year.
The magic of the festival was born from song, dance, colour, theatre and poetry — but above all from a strong sense of community that brought together artists from Australia and New Zealand. For the first time in PolArt’s history, a poetry group from Perth took part, presenting a poetic and musical performance enriched with a visual presentation.



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