



Polonia

Polish Association of QLD, Inc.

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THE POLONIA (PAQ) PERPETUAL FUND CHARTER

The Polonia (PAQ) Perpetual Fund comprises moneys from the sale of Polonia's rural property, 'Zakopane', which was purchased by dedicated and forward-thinking members of Polonia in 1985 and sold in 2023 for the purpose of helping to secure the medium to long term future of Polonia and to provide funding for support of cultural and social assistance activities through a perpetual fund.

Grants from The Polonia (PAQ) Perpetual Fund will be decided annually, within three months of the completion of the financial year, by the Polonia Management Committee following advice from an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will be chaired by a member of the Management Committee and include up to five (5) representatives from Polish youth and cultural organisations in Queensland, as determined from time to time by the Management Committee.

The total value of grants from the Fund in any given year will be capped at the level of interest earnings derived from the Fund in the previously completed financial year. No other withdrawal of moneys from the Fund can be made without the prior approval of a General Meeting of Polonia members.

The Polonia Management Committee, advised by The Polonia (PAQ) Perpetual Fund Advisory Committee may fully fund, or partially fund, or not accept any funding application.

GRANTING PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Donations can be given to the following aims and objectives:
 - (i) to promote and encourage the education of the Polish language and culture in Queensland; or
 - (ii) to aid the organisation of Polish youth development in Queensland; or
 - (iii) to support the activities of Polish guides and scouts in Queensland; or
 - (iv) to raise awareness of Poland, its culture, history and current position in Queensland society by promoting Polish literature, music and all other forms of Polish arts; or
 - (v) to support activities promoting Polish achievements and heritage via scientific, educational, publishing, exhibiting and cultural undertakings; or
 - (vi) to raise awareness of the contribution of Polish migrants to Queensland community; or
 - (vii) to support the documentation of the Polish community heritage and achievements in Queensland, including its conservation and preservation; or
 - (viii) to assist members in social difficulties; or





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- (ix) to assist Polish charitable bodies.
2. Donations will not be given to any of the following:
 - (i) organisations that fail to fulfil the purpose of the Fund;
 - (ii) other Funds or Foundations;
 - (iii) political organisations;
 - (iv) profit-making organisations;
 - (v) employer and/or employee associations or organisations;
 - (vi) Government agencies (Local, State and/or Federal).
3. The following activities will not be funded:
 - (i) political activities;
 - (ii) administrative expenses;
 - (iii) payment of debts, loans or mortgages;
 - (iv) capital expenditure, such as: renovations, land purchase, construction etc;
 - (v) commercial or business ventures;
 - (vi) community / social welfare programs funded by Government agencies;
 - (vii) undertakings which have already commenced or been completed.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

- (i) Grants for organisational support of up to \$1,000 for recurrent needs; and
- (ii) Grants of up to \$3,000 for projects of significant impact.

ELIGIBILITY

Organisations applying for a donation must:

- (i) be Queensland based;
- (ii) be non-profit and non-political;
- (iii) keep proper accounting records and at least yearly financial statements or reports; and
- (iv) provide information about ABN, tax status and GST registration, where applicable.

Successful applicants must acknowledge the Fund in all their promotional materials.