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**REMEMBERING THE POET OF THE WARSAW UPRISING, 1944 – ZBIGNIEW JASIŃSKI –  
80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION, 2024**

The year 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Uprising in Poland, 1 August – 5 October 1944 during World War II, which ended in the annihilation of some 168,000 Poles.

It also marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poet's death in Bermagui, NSW.

Zbigniew Jasiński, known as 'Rudy' was a Polish journalist and poet. He is, among other things, the author of the most popular and famous poem written during the Warsaw Uprising 1944. Entitled "***We demand ammunition!***" („***Żądamy amunicji!***") it caught the attention of the entire world through its radio broadcasts and subsequent translations into many languages.

*Here, we have wolves' teeth and caps skewed,  
Here, no one cries in Warsaw at war.*

*Tu zęby mamy wilcze, a czapki na bakier,  
Tu u nas nikt nie płacze w walczącej Warszawie.*

The poem was an emotional appeal to the Allies for urgent aid for the Polish underground Home Army, the AK (Armia Krajowa), in halting the razing of the capital Warsaw by her Nazi German occupiers under orders from Hitler. It became a symbol of heroism, resistance and faith in freedom.

Jasiński was a second lieutenant in the Home Army and an employee of its radio station 'Błyskawica', ('Lightning'). He was born on 12 November 1908 in Łódź, Poland, settled in Australia in 1952 and died on 5 February 1984 in Bermagui, New South Wales.

Each year Poland and her diaspora stand still to honour the fallen of the Warsaw Uprising.

This year a commemoration to Jasiński will be held at his graveside (') to honour this forgotten fighter for the Polish cause for freedom and independence, an emigrant and exile buried in a distant foreign land.

The ceremony will be held on Sunday 4 February 2024 at Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney at 1.45pm.

Grave location: Rookwood Catholic Cemetery - Grave of Zbigniew Jasinski - Monumental Lawn Grave - A - Grave 977.

It will be attended by representatives of the Consulate General in Sydney, the Polish Community Council of Australia, the Polish Scouting Association of Australia and members of the Polish community in Australia. Members of the public are also invited.

There are graves that history should save so their survival can bear witness to the past for future generations. Zbigniew Jasiński's grave is one of these. The restoration of Jasiński's grave is the initiative of Dr. Żongołłowicz as there are no living family members.

Bogumiła Żongołłowicz is a researcher of the post-war Polish community in Australia and author of biographical books dedicated to the distinguished figures of this wave of Polish emigration to the Antipodes. She is currently writing a biography on Zbigniew Jasiński to be published in 2024.

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