



## 2020 Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention

10th-13th September 2020  
Auckland NZ

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### **Kia Ora Everyone,**

This is the first in a series of newsletters that will help you find your way through the maze of events, contests, social gatherings, venues, times, dates, who is coming, guests of honour (e.g. the Headline Quartet and the Judges), etc., etc. We can't do everything at once and so while this newsletter will kick off the communication, you shouldn't expect another one until the New Year. But there is plenty to digest in this one, so sit back and enjoy the read.

These newsletters will also be available at the Pan Pac 2020 Website:

<https://www.convention.barbershopharmony.nz>

(why not bookmark it now?!)

### **Where is the Convention to be held?**

The first Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention was held in 1994 in Auckland NZ, and was hosted by the City of Sails Barbershop Chorus Inc. (or "City of Sails" for short). We are pleased to host it again 26 years later.

The contest venue will be the Victory Convention Centre, Auckland. The venue is well suited to our kind of convention, with generous spaces and a good sized auditorium. See

<http://www.victoryconventioncentre.co.nz> for more information.

### **When is it?**

Registration will open on the morning of Thursday 9 September 2020 and the contests will commence soon after. The final event will be the Farewell Luncheon on Sunday 13 September 2020.

The intention is to run the NZ Young Singers in Harmony National Contest in the same week, probably starting Wednesday 8 September.

### **Who will be competing?**

This convention presents the opportunity for Barbershop Harmony New Zealand (BNHZ) and Barbershop Harmony Australia (BHA) to stage their

national contests for affiliated choruses and quartets. It also gives everyone in the Pan Pacific area, including BHNZ and BHA, the opportunity to compete in the Pan Pacific Barbershop Contest 2020. The same performance will be used to judge for both Pan Pacific and National contests. The finer details are still in the planning stages.

And the event has expanded dramatically. Following the lead of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) in the USA, BHNZ has embraced the 'Everyone in Harmony' principle. This means there will be contests available for Men's Choruses and Quartets, Mixed Choruses and Quartets, and Ladies Choruses and Quartets.

### **Who is coming?**

Everyone involved in Barbershop singing in the Pan Pacific area is warmly invited to attend. We have already had responses from BHNZ Choruses and BHA Choruses who have stated their intention to be there and enquiries from others. (If your Chorus hasn't responded yet, give your Pres. a nudge.)

### **Headline Quartet**



We feel very lucky and privileged to have secured the services of 2017 International Quartet Champions *Main Street* (Mike McGee, Myron Whittlesey, Tony DeRosa and Roger Ross) as the headline quartet for

our convention. These guys are all about entertainment – see <http://mainstreetquartet.weebly.com/> for more on the quartet, and we will have some more detail about them in future newsletters.

### The Logo

Our logo was specially commissioned for Pan Pac 2020.



- The circle is a symbol of inclusiveness (e.g. countries, men and women, young and old).
- The shape and colours represent the Pacific - blue for the Pacific Ocean and red for the “ring of fire” of volcanic activity that surrounds the Pacific.
- The colours are also the traditional barbershop colours of red, white and blue.

### In Closing ...

Please email us if you have any questions about the contest, the venue, accommodation, Auckland City in general – anything at all in fact. Auckland is a fun, vibrant city with plenty to do and see (when the power is on, the streets aren’t being dug up for a rail link, and the place isn’t on fire, at least).

City of Sails are keen to make your PanPac 2020 convention experience one to remember (for all the right reasons!).

Warm regards,  
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