

He Awa Whiria - 2025 BHNZ National Convention

# NEWSLETTER 5 - The Rapids

September 12 2025



**Kia ora, welcome.**

We are now at the conclusion of our journey down He Awa Whiria – The Braided River, where all the branches of the River come together at the **Confluence of Harmony**, our National Barbershop Convention 2025, in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

All the weekly practicing, singing in the spare room or the car, are finished and it is time to **CRUSH THOSE BARBERSHOP CHORDS**. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the **James Hay Theatre** in the Christchurch Town Hall.

This newsletter will give you information that will make your convention run smoothly. Please approach our Convention Desk helpers if you have any queries while you are in Christchurch.

I will see you next week.

Carl McGregor – Chairman of Convention 2025,

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## Convention Programme

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025			
Time		Activity	Location
8.00 am		Registration Desk Opens = 8.00 > 4.00 then from 6.00pm	Town Hall Foyer
9.30am	to 10.10am	Opening Ceremony	James Hay Theatre, Town Hall
10.30am	to 12.25pm	Quartet Contest Session 1 = 10 Mins x 10	10 Quartets
12.25pm	to 1.15pm	<b>Lunch Break == 50 mins</b>	
1.15pm	to 3.05pm	Quartet Contest Session 2 = 10 Mins x 11	11 Quartets
3.05pm	to 3.20pm	<b>BREAK == 15 Mins</b>	
3.20pm	to 3.35pm	Announce Finalists	
3.40pm	to 5.10pm	Quartet Evaluations - Non Finalists	11 Quartets - 2 x 45 min sessions
5.10pm	to 7.00pm	<b>Dinner Break = 1.50 hrs</b>	
7.00pm	to 9.00pm	Quartet Finals = 10 x 10 min	James Hay Theatre, Town Hall
9.00pm	to 9.15pm	Special Item	
9.15pm	to 9.30pm	Quartet Medal Presentations	
9.30pm	to 11.45pm	Afterglow = CATERED = PYO Alcohol	Crowne Plaza Hotel
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2025			
Time		Activity	Location
8.30am		Registration Desk Opens	Town Hall Foyer
10.00am	to 11.25am	Chorus Contest Session 1 = 10 Mins x 8	8 Choruses
11.25am	to 11.45am	<b>BREAK == 20 Mins</b>	
11.45am	to 12.55pm	Chorus Contest Session 2 = 10 Mins x 7	7 Choruses
12.55pm	to 1.05pm	BH NZ Member Recognition	
1.05pm	to 1.15pm	Swan Song Set == Pacific Connection	
1.15pm	to 1.35pm	Chorus Medal Presentations	
1.35pm	to 2.00pm	<b>Lunch Break = 25 minutes</b>	
1.40pm	to 3.10pm	<b>Quartet Evaluations - Finalists</b>	James Hay Theatre, Town Hall
2.00pm	to 2.40pm	Mass Sing	Bridge of Remembrance = Cashel Street
3.00pm	to 3.30pm	Sing With The Champs == 30.00 minutes	Town Hall
3.30pm	to 5.30pm	<b>Chorus Evaluations = 2 Sessions</b>	James Hay Theatre, Town Hall
5.30pm	to 7.00pm	<b>Dinner Break = 1.30 hrs</b>	
5.30pm	to 6.30pm	BH NZ Presidents' = BBSHOP Foundation Meeting	1851 Bar = Crowne Plaza
7.00pm	to 9.30pm	<b>A Confluence of Harmony Convention Show</b>	James Hay Theatre, Town Hall
9.30pm	to 11.45pm	Afterglow = CATERED = PYO Alcohol	Limes Room, Town Hall
SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2025			
Time		Activity	Location
10.00am	to 10.55am	BH NZ AGM	Wakefield Room = Court Theatre
11.00am	to 11.55am	<b>"Gold Medal Hour - With Three and a Half Men"</b>	Wakefield Room = Court Theatre
12.00pm	to 2.00pm	<b>Convention 2025 = Closing Lunch</b>	Golden Fleece Rm = Crowne Plaza

Welcome to Christchurch from Harmony Waitaha and Barbershop Harmony New Zealand

## Quartet Semi Finals Appearance Order

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### BHNZ Nationals 2025

### All Quartets Competition, Round 1 : Semi Finals

Order	Ensemble Name	Contests	Report	On Stage
<b>Session Nbr 1 - 19 Sep 2025, 10:30</b>				
0	Three and a Half Men			10:30
1	Mixolydian	Open, Senior	10:26	10:45
2	Chordiality	Open	10:36	10:55
3	Promenade	Open, Most Improved	10:46	11:05
4	Resonation	Open	10:56	11:15
5	Phase 4	Senior	11:06	11:25
6	Magnetic	Open, Novice	11:16	11:35
7	Young at Heart	Open, Most Improved, Senior	11:26	11:45
8	The Usual Suspects	Open	11:36	11:55
9	REDemption	Open	11:46	12:05
10	Decadence	Open, Novice	11:56	12:15
<b>Session Nbr 2 - 19 Sep 2025, 13:15</b>				
11	The Note-ifications	Open, Most Improved	12:56	13:15
12	The People's Quartet	Open, Novice	13:06	13:25
13	Four Square	Open, Novice	13:16	13:35
14	Double Bass	Open, Most Improved	13:26	13:45
15	Pīwakawaka	Open	13:36	13:55
16	Nor'Westers	Open	13:46	14:05
17	The B Flat - 52's	Open, Novice	13:56	14:15
18	Q4	Open, Senior	14:06	14:25
19	Block of Flats	Open	14:16	14:35

### Appearance Order: BHNZ Nationals 2025, All Quartets Competition, Round 1 Continued

Order	Ensemble Name	Contests	Report	On Stage
20	Centreplace	Open	14:26	14:45
21	The Remarkables	Open	14:36	14:55

# Chorus Finals Appearance Order

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### BHNZ Nationals 2025

#### All Choruses Competition, Round 1 : Finals

Order	Ensemble Name	Contests	Report	On Stage
<b>Session Nbr 1 - 20 Sep 2025, 10:00</b>				
0	Announcements			10:00
1	City of Sails Chorus	Open, Most Improved	09:40	10:05
2	Marlborough Sounds	Open, Most Improved, Senior, Small Chapter	09:50	10:15
3	Mighty River Harmony	Open, Most Improved	10:00	10:25
4	Manawatunes	Open, Most Improved, Small Chapter	10:10	10:35
5	The Plainsmen	Open, Most Improved	10:20	10:45
6	Tasmonics	Open, Senior, Small Chapter	10:30	10:55
7	Harbour Capital Chorus	Open, Most Improved	10:40	11:05
8	Auckland Mixed Barbershop Chorus	Open	10:50	11:15
<b>Session Nbr 2 - 20 Sep 2025, 11:45</b>				
9	Quantum Acoustics	Open, Most Improved	11:20	11:45
10	Height of Harmony	Open, Senior, Small Chapter	11:30	11:55
11	Sounds of the Shore	Open	11:40	12:05
12	Top of the South	Invitation	11:50	12:15
13	Manu Mātātahi	Open, Most Improved	12:00	12:25
14	OMC	Open	12:10	12:35
15	Vocal FX	Open	12:20	12:45

## Judge Evaluations Timetable

Session	Duration	Time
<i><b>Friday</b></i> <i>September 19th</i>		
<b>Quartet Evaluations - Non Finalists</b>	1h 30m	
Session 1 = Times will be given at 3.20pm	45m	3:40pm - 4:25pm
Session 2 = Times will be given at 3.20pm	45m	4:25pm - 5:10pm
<i><b>Saturday</b></i> <i>September 20th</i>		
<b>Quartet Evaluations - Finalists</b>	1h 30m	1:40pm - 3:10pm
<b>Chorus Evaluations</b>	2h	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Session 1 = See below for times	1h	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Session 2 = See below for times.	1h	4:30pm - 5:30pm



# Chorus Judge Evaluations Timetable

## Summary of Evaluations

### Evaluation Schedule, Session 1, 20 Sep 2025, Panel 1

	James Hay Theatre	James Hay Theatre	James Hay Theatre	James Hay Theatre
	City of Sails Chorus	Marlborough Sounds	Mighty River Harmony	Manawatunes
15:30	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly	Bye
15:45	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly	Bye	Jay Butterfield
16:00	Mike Kelly	Bye	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris
16:15	Bye	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly
	Quantum Acoustics	Height of Harmony	Vocal FX	Top of the South
16:30	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly	Bye
16:45	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly	Bye	Jay Butterfield
17:00	Mike Kelly	Bye	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris
17:15	Bye	Jay Butterfield	Alex Morris	Mike Kelly

### Evaluation Schedule, Session 1, 20 Sep 2025, Panel 2

	Eval Room 4	Eval Room 5	Eval Room 6	Eval Room 8
	The Plainsmen	Tasmonics	Harbour Capital Chorus	Auckland Mixed Barbershop Chorus
15:30	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve	Bye
15:45	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve	Bye	Rob Sequeira
16:00	Richard Reeve	Bye	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland
16:15	Bye	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve
	Manu Mātātahi	OMC	Sounds of the Shore	Empty Time Slot
16:30	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve	Bye
16:45	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve	Bye	Rob Sequeira
17:00	Richard Reeve	Bye	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland
17:15	Bye	Rob Sequeira	Ian Mulholland	Richard Reeve

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## The Massed Sing!

- What** The HIGHLIGHT of the convention! A chance to let off some steam after the Chorus Contest on Saturday and sing a few Barbershop Classics with your new best friends!
- When** Saturday - September 20th  
2:00pm - 2:40pm
- Where** 📍 Bridge of Remembrance

## Song List

Polecats and Well Known Songs for BHNZ Massed Sing (Note - these pitches are for Lower Voices)

Song	Key
Better Be Home Soon	C
Down By The Riverside	Bb
Down Our Way	Bb
From The First Hello	F
Heart of My Heart	Bb
Hello Mary-Lou	Bb
Let Me Call You Sweetheart	Bb
Pōkarekare Ana	Ab
Shine on Me	Bb
Sweet & Lovely	F



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## Sing with the Champs

<b>Who</b>	Three and a Half Men Quartet, 2024 International Barbershop Quartet Champions <b>and YOU</b>
<b>What</b>	<p>You get to sing with the quartet and at the same time contribute \$50 to The Barbershop Foundation supporting their work in providing further learning experiences such as scholarships to Harmony University for BHNZ members.</p> <p>Take the place of one of the quartet, choose a song from the list below and have your turn to "Sing with the Champs"</p>
<b>When</b>	3:00 pm, Saturday, 20 September 2025,
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Your donation of \$50 can be made in cash or to: the Barbershop Foundation bank account: 38-9011-0446412-01</b>
<b>Book</b>	Bookings can be made at the Registration Desk in The Town Hall
<b>Where</b>	James Hay Theatre Foyer, 86 Kilmore Street, Christchurch
<b>Songs</b>	<p>After You Gone As Long As I Got You As Long As I Live Bye Bye Blues Everybody Needs a Best Friend Hello My Baby Old Black Magic Their Hearts Were Full of Spring You Didn't Know Me When Where the Southern Roses Grow</p> <p><b>Polecats:</b> Heart of My Heart Let Me Call You Sweetheart My Wild Irish Rose Shine On Me</p>

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## Convention 2025 – Other Information

### Registration & Welcome

When you arrive at the **Christchurch Town Hall**, you will receive:

- Your **ID Tag**
- A **Convention Brochure**
- A **He Awa Whiria Convention Pen**
- Your **Convention Pin**

The **Convention Desk** will be available to assist with any questions or information you may need.

### Opening Ceremony

Where: **James Hay Theatre**

When: **Friday 19 September, 9:30am**

Be welcomed by our local **Kaumātua** and a performance from the **Lincoln High School Kapa Haka group**.

### Competition Sessions

Your **ID Tag** provides access to all competition events:

- **Quartet Semi-Finals** – Friday 19 September
- **Quartet Finals** – Friday 19 September
- **Chorus Finals** – Saturday 20 September

Exact times will be printed on your ID Tag.

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## Live Streaming & *Live Contest Performance Schedule*

- All contest sessions (Quartet Semi-Finals, Finals, Chorus Finals, Award Ceremonies, and the *Confluence of Harmony* Saturday Concert) will be **live-streamed**
- Access the stream via the **BHNZ website** or **Convention website**.
- **Whosup.live/bhnz25** will provide up-to-date performance order information! Please support Michael Black by using the website. You can **scan the QR code** to the right to access Whosup!



## Afterglows (ID Tag Required)

- **Friday Night:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 9:30pm – 11:45pm
- **Saturday Night:** Limes Room, Christchurch Town Hall (Upstairs), 9:30pm – 11:45pm

Light food refreshments provided.

Liquid refreshments available for purchase.

## Sunday Events

- **BHNZ Annual General Meeting**  
Where: The Court Theatre  
When: 10:00am  
Help shape the future of Barbershop Harmony in New Zealand for the next five years.
- **Gold Medal Hour**  
Where: The Court Theatre  
When: 11:00am  
Hosted by *Three and a Half Men*.  
Priority seating for AGM attendees.
- **Sunday Closing Lunch**  
Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel  
When: 12:00pm

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Barbershop Harmony New Zealand

Convention - 2025

19th to 21st September, 2025.

James Hay Theatre.

Christchurch Outautahi.