



**2023 Pan Pacific
Barbershop
Convention**
Auckland NZ

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PAN PAC 2023

Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 September 2023

THE BUSINESS EDITION

Kia Ora / Hi Everyone,

Here's the one you have been waiting for. The one that reveals the Registration Fees. Also included is a brief mention of some of the events that are planned for the Convention and how to find out the details.

The Pan Pac 2023 Website

Find it at <https://www.convention.barbershopharmony.nz>

Don't forget to refer to previous Newsletters, which can be accessed under **NEWS** on the main convention website. These contain interesting information about Pan Pac.

Registration

First, let's get the fees out of the way and then we can talk about it.

	Early Bird Rate	Standard rate
Contestants (aged 26 and over)	NZ\$ 380	NZ\$ 450
Youth Contestants (aged 25 and under)	NZ\$ 228	NZ\$ 270
Partners and Friends	NZ\$ 152	NZ\$ 180



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The **Early Bird** Rate lasts until midnight 14 July 2023. That is midnight 14 July 2023 in whatever time zone you live in. (The Early Bird date has been put back from the end of June to allow for potential registrants to take account of the Quartet qualification results which may not be available until the end of June.)

The Registration Site is under **REGISTER** on the main convention website.

To ease the task of the Contest Administrators, we will ask for your ID number if you belong to BHNZ or BHA. Among other things, this ensures you are paid up because non-financial members can't enter contests. There will be a clue on how to find your ID number on the Registration Site. (If you are from the USA or any other country except NZ and Australia, you won't need to have a BHNZ/BHA ID.)

Payment of Registration Fees

We will only accept payments made with either Credit Cards (or Bank issued Debit Cards). This means we will not accept cash, cheques, or electronic bank transfers. If you can't make use of a card, please discuss payment with a colleague who has a card and would be willing to make the payment on your behalf. The reason for limiting the method of payment is purely administrative – with so many people registering from different countries it makes the handling of funds, and the management of any agreed refunds, much easier.

Merchandise

We are offering a Pan Pac unisex polo shirt, a Pan Pac unisex tee shirt and a Pan Pac cap for sale. We hope these will be a great souvenir of your involvement with Pan Pac 2023. Please see the Registration Site and under **MERCHANDISE** on the main convention website, for details.

Important Notes:

- 1. You can purchase merchandise only through the Registration Site, at the time of Registration.*
- 2. There will not be any sale of Pan Pac merchandise at the convention itself.*

Sunday Brunch Tickets

Details of this fun and traditional event are under **EVENTS** on the main convention website. Tickets are not included with Registration but can be purchased on the Registration Site for \$45 (NZD) per person. While we have allowed for many attendees, there is an upper limit on numbers – first come first served.

Harbour Cruise Tickets

Please see the Harbour Cruise tab under **EVENTS** on the main convention website for more details on this interesting dinner cruise around Auckland Harbour. Tickets are not included with Registration but can be purchased on the Registration Site for \$65 (NZD) per person. There is an upper limit on numbers – first come first served.



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John Buckley Show

The John Buckley show is free to watch although we may seek a gold coin donation. For those wishing to perform, we are developing a booking system. General information about the gig will be posted under **EVENTS** on the main convention website when we are ready to go.

The Convention Programme

When we put together a programme for the overall convention, we must take special notice of the Contest Schedule. The Contest Schedule is close to being finalized but until it is, we will not publish a detailed programme. (Note the Contest Schedule is about the timing of performances, and the numbers of quartets and choruses who will be able to perform. It is not about the names of the quartets or choruses, or the order in which they will appear, or the pre-qualification process for quartets.) The outline programme has not changed since Newsletter No.3.

The Māori Language for Visitors

Te reo Māori (the Māori language) is a Pacific Island language. It is very close to the language spoken in the Cook Islands and not dissimilar to Hawaiian or Tahitian.

NZ is one of the last places settled by peoples from Asia as they gradually explored the Pacific. The theory is the migration started in south and east Asia and peoples mixed and mingled in a generally easterly direction from island group to island group over thousands of years, ending up with a reverse flow to New Zealand, which had not previously been settled by man. Māori legend has it that the ancestral land from which the Māori people hailed is Hawaiki, which is thought to be to the east (of everywhere). Modern studies of the Polynesian migration and the stories handed down from generation to generation suggest the people who eventually settled in New Zealand originated from as far afield as Tahiti, via Hawaii and the Cook Islands.

The idea that Māori voyagers set off in their waka without knowing where they might end up is a myth. Polynesians were advanced and precise navigators who could always find their way home if they wished to. The common Māori crop of Kumara (a type of sweet potato) originated in South America, which is a solid indication that Polynesian voyagers had been to South America, and returned home, as part of their travels.



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The Watermark Image

You may be interested to know what the watermark image is on this Newsletter. It is an image of the Tūi, one of the best-known New Zealand birds. Also known as the Parson Bird, for obvious reasons when you see the white ruff at its throat. Tūi belong to the honeyeater family, which means they feed mainly on nectar from flowers of native plants. They're also convincing mimics (of other birds, not barbershoppers).

Nga mihi mahana (Warm regards),

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