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# PAN PAC 2023

## Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 September 2023

**KIA ORA / HI EVERYONE,**

Nearly there. See you soon. This is the last Newsletter. There is plenty in it so settle back and have a good read. Any breaking news from now on will be posted on the Convention Website.

### **LIVE STREAMING OF THE CONTESTS**

The main link to the live stream is on the Pan Pac Convention Website at <https://convention.barbershopharmony.nz/livestream>

For Facebook users, you can find it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/barbershopharmonynz>

For Instagram users, you can find it here:

<https://www.instagram.com/barbershopharmonynewzealand/>

The links will not become live until 9:30am New Zealand Time on Thursday 14 September, and all times referred to will be in New Zealand Time.

### **THE QUARTET AND CONTEST DRAWS AND IMPORTANT CONTEST INFORMATION**

The draws, and important information about the contest process, are available on the Convention Website [BHNZ Convention PanPac 2023 Contests \(barbershopharmony.nz\)](https://convention.barbershopharmony.nz/contests).

#### **Evaluations**

The Contest Administration Team has put together a comprehensive plan for evaluations. Information on evaluations for both Quartets and Choruses is recommended reading and is available at the above link.

### **CALL FOR SINGING VOLUNTEERS**

We need to have a scratch chorus for a Sound Check at 8:45am on Saturday 16 September. This presents a bit of a challenge as most of us will be getting ready to perform later in the day. But there are some of you guys who are not in a chorus, and we would love to give you time in the spotlight on stage. Can you be there ready to sing at 8:45am? Please give it a go.



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## FOOD OUTLETS

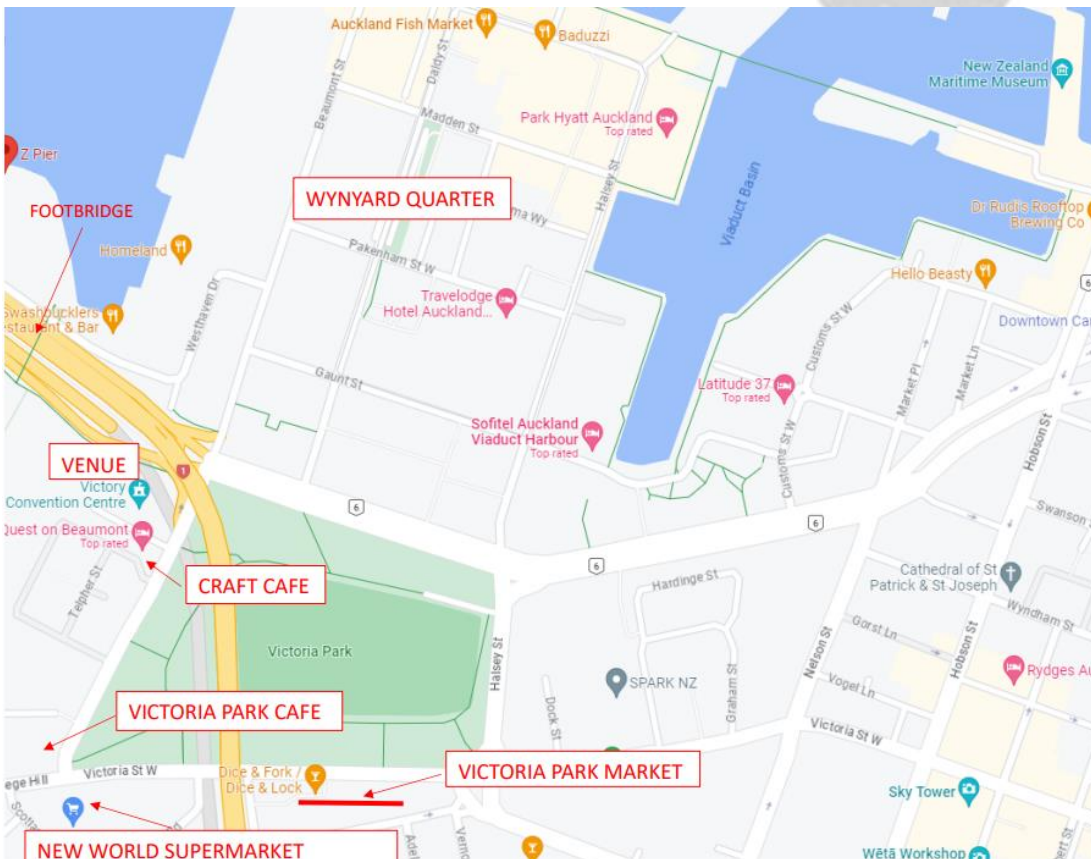
The venue itself is not a conventional theatre and does not have in house catering outlets such as a café or other food retailing spaces. We have addressed this by engaging food trucks and coffee carts on site which will be available from about 10:00am through to about 3:30pm.

There are several cafés nearby, the closest, the Craft Café, being immediately outside the Victory Convention Centre, although it is quite small. Further along the road (Beaumont Street) is the Victoria Park Café, and on the opposite corner to that is a New World Supermarket which has an excellent delicatessen that caters for take way lunches and snacks in general.

There are several cafés at the Victoria Park Market, just across Victoria Park. And in the Wynyard Quarter, just across the Motorway, that can be accessed by a footbridge over the Motorway or by going down to Beaumont Street and across a busy intersection.

Google maps is your friend!

An additional note: Food and drink is not allowed inside the auditorium. This includes chewing gum, but bottled water is OK. (These rules are only applicable to the auditorium, not the foyer or outside the building.)





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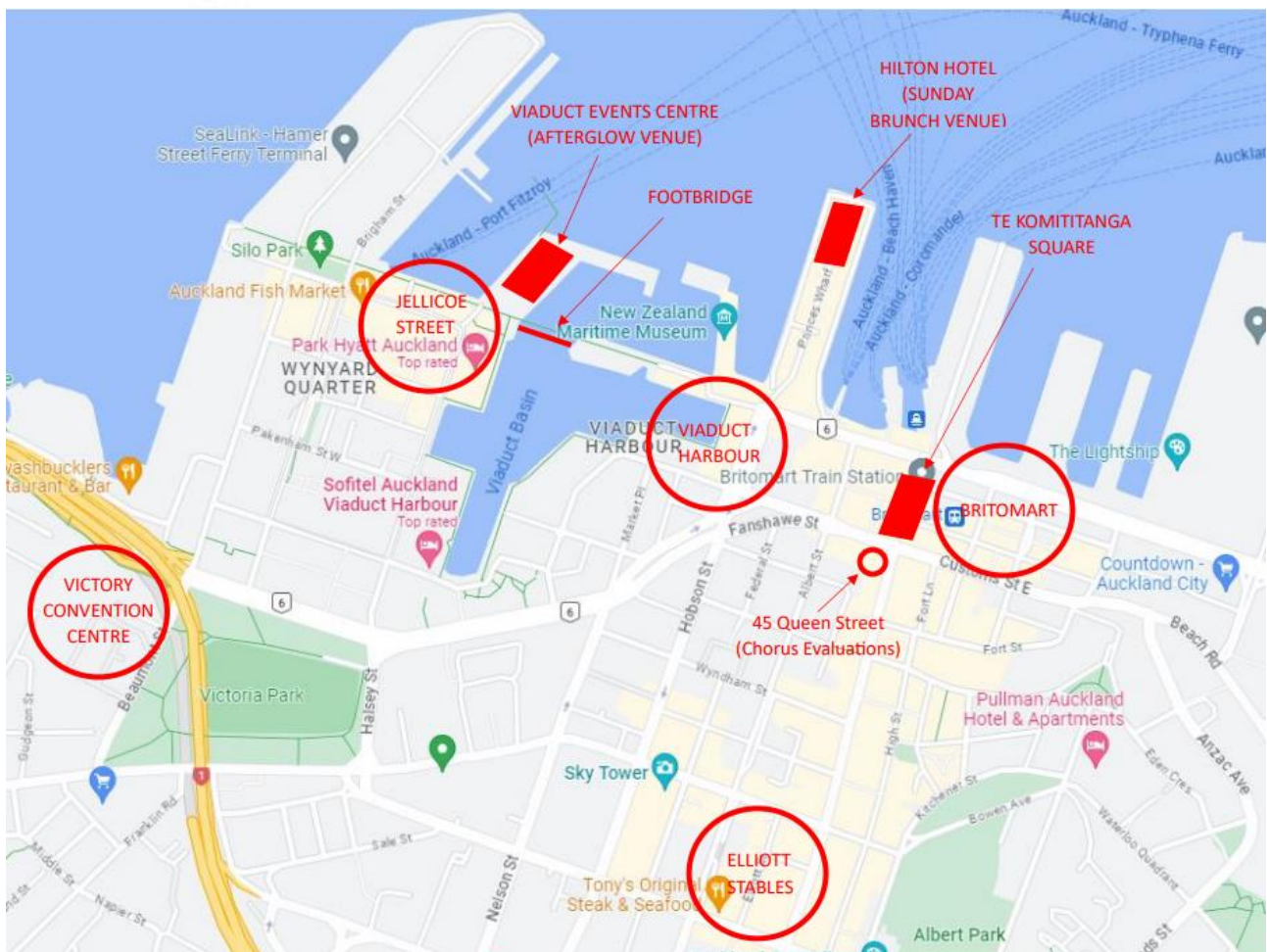
## WHERE TO DINE IN THE EVENING

There are many bars and restaurants in the city. Far too many to list. Again, Google Maps is your friend. But here are some ideas.

The eastern half of Jellicoe Street in the Wynyard Quarter (a 10-minute walk from the Victory Convention Centre) is a fun zone. (It is also where the Viaducts Events Centre is located – the venue for the Saturday Night Afterglow).

Further from the Victory Convention Centre:

- A number of restaurants and bars around the Viaduct Harbour.
- A lively food court at Elliott Stables.
- A number of restaurants around the Britomart area.





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Beware that:

- Some restaurants require a booking to be made.
- Not all places billed as bars and restaurants are actually bars – some of them are just restaurants where they serve alcohol.
- Cafes close late afternoon.

## OTHER VENUE LOCATIONS

The preceding map also shows the location of other venues in use over the Pan Pac Convention.

## HARBOUR CRUISE TICKETS

The Harbour Cruise on Thursday evening is no longer Sold Out and we have a few spaces available. If you would like to take the opportunity to go on the cruise (the details are at [BHNZ Convention Pan-Pacific 2023 - Harbour Cruise \(barbershopharmony.nz\)](https://www.bhnzconventionpan-pacific.com.au/2023-harbour-cruise)), tickets are available at the Help Desk, or Registration Desk, in the venue foyer (at \$65) - until they run out.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

We do not plan to have a formal Church Service associated with the Pan Pac Convention on Sunday morning. There are Church Services at St. Matthew-in-the-City at 132 Hobson Street, which is an Anglican Church where people of all faiths are welcome, at 8:00am and 10am. (St Mathews-in-the-City is also the venue for the John Buckley Show on Wednesday evening).

However, we have listed below places of worship for various faiths and the time of their services, should you prefer that.

St Patrick's Cathedral  
(Catholic)  
43 Wyndham Street  
Sunday mass 8am and 11am

Elim (Pentecostal)  
74 Cook Street  
Sunday Services 9am and  
11am

Auckland Hebrew  
Congregation  
514 Remuera Road, Remuera  
Phone 09 373 2908

Highrise (Presbyterian)  
First Floor, 25 Union St  
Sunday Service 10am

Ponsonby Masjid (Muslim)  
17 Vermont Street, Ponsonby  
Phone 09 378 8200

Sri Radha Krishna Mandir  
(Hindu)  
145 New North Road, Eden  
Terrace  
Phone 09 379 4463

Auckland Baptist Tabernacle  
429 Queen Street  
Sunday Services 10:30



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## THE WEATHER IN AUCKLAND IN SEPTEMBER

What can one say? We are on the cusp of rainy spring weather and beautiful summer sunshine. Probably closer to the former, but you never know. Auckland is one of those four seasons in one day places. The current long-range forecast is quite good, but you would be wise to prepare for a bit of rain.

## HARMONY SPECTACULAR!



Do you have any friends and acquaintances who might enjoy the Harmony Spectacular! who do not already have tickets?

Go to [BHNZ Convention Pan-Pacific 2023 - Harmony Spectacular \(barbershopharmony.nz\)](https://barbershopharmony.nz) to find out more.





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## THE WATERMARK IMAGE

These are the logos of Barbershop Harmony New Zealand, Barbershop Harmony Australia, The Barbershop Harmony Society, and an image of the Tokyo Barbers Chorus.

Nga mihi mahana (Warm regards),

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