

It's green for GO - convention registration opens

Kia ora koutou,

The waiting is over - I'm pleased to announce that registration for the SING Wellington convention is now **OPEN**, and you can all register to attend and register your quartet or chorus for convention contests. All you have to do is go to the convention website, where everything has been made easy for you to get on board with everything on offer at the convention.



Landing on the right prices for the convention wasn't easy. We've had to navigate high and rising prices for venues and services to deliver a memorable event in the context of inflation and a cost-of-living crisis. We've done our best to find the right balance despite pretty much everything costing more these days so I'm happy to advise that we've been able to keep the price for registration to the same as the Pan Pacific convention last year in Auckland.

The best way to register at the lowest price is to buy an early bird package – which will be available until 20 August. I strongly urge you to take advantage of the discount, which also applies to BHNZ youth members, and to partners and non-competitors. Best not to leave it to the last minute and get caught out.

Take your time to go through this newsletter – there's a lot of detail, but it's pretty much everything you need to know about securing your place at this fantastic event.

Ngā mihi

Antony Currington
Chair, Host Management Committee, SING Wellington



Registration timeline	
NOW	Attendee and contest registrations are OPEN.
20 Aug.	Early Bird registration ends
31 Aug.	Contest registration closes - draws for chorus and quartet contests will occur shortly after this date.
1 Sept.	Merchandise sales end (to allow time for manufacturing).
10 Sept.	Registration closes.
27-29 Sept.	SING Wellington kicks off.

Sing With The Champs

We've had a few requests for info on the songs for Sing With The Champs that we'll have with **Signature**.

Here's the list of songs that Singature would love you to sing with them:

- Dance With My Father
- Blame It On The Boogie
- Proud Mary
- Drown In My Own Tears
- I Have Nothing
- Midnight Train To Georgia
- Come Fly With Me
- When I Lift Up My Head
- Heart of my Heart (Story of the Rose)
- Wild Irish Rose



All these songs are on YouTube, so get busy preparing to participate.

Further details about how to book and the cost of this will be in the next newsletter.

Registration costs

Packages available	Early-bird (to 20 Aug.)	Standard (21 Aug. to 10 Sept)
BHNZ Member - full registration, BHNZ ID needed.	NZ\$380	NZ\$450
BHNZ Partner and non-competitor – for non-competitors	NZ\$152	NZ\$180
BHNZ Youth Member - 25 or under on competition date. BHNZ ID needed.	NZ\$228	NZ\$270

How to register for SING 2024

For attending the convention

- To register for **attending the convention**, go to: <https://convention.barbershopharmony.nz/>, which is the convention website address, and select the option to Register for Convention from the Register menu at the top of the page. Simply follow the fields and prompts.
- Before you start your registration, you will be asked to provide your BHNZ Member ID. You can find that out here: <https://www.barbershopharmony.nz/MemberID>.
- If your chapter is paying for your convention registration on your behalf (where, for example, it is providing a subsidy for members), this option will be enabled on the registration site. When selecting

the payment method at the end of your purchase, you will have two options - to pay via credit card, or "My chorus will pay" – select which is appropriate.

- Your chorus chapter will no doubt have informed you if it will pay fees on your behalf, but if it has not confirmed that with the convention team, then the only option for payment is via credit card.

Registrations include admission to:

- ✓ All contest sessions, including all rounds of the quartet and chorus contests.
- ✓ The convention opening ceremony.
- ✓ The Saturday evening concert featuring the champion quartets and choruses.

For convention contests

There are two primary convention competitions, for choruses and quartets, each having various award categories.

Registering for chorus competitions is usually done by one person in a chapter on behalf of the whole chorus. Registering for the quartet competition should be done by one quartet member. Those completing online entry need to be a registered delegate of the convention. One day should be allowed after registration as an attendee for your details to appear as the system synchronises your registration overnight to the contest database.

To register for contests, go to <https://contests.barbershopharmony.nz> and follow the instructions for either the quartet or chorus entry options. Only registered quartets who have qualified at regionals are eligible to compete and one nominated representative of that group should complete the entry.

Please note that if some members of the quartet have not registered for the convention or song details haven't been confirmed, these sections can be skipped and completed at a later stage.

Any questions about entering the contest can be directed to Kevin Day, Administrative Judge
- kday@xtra.co.nz

How to buy your tickets to other convention events

It's a great idea to round out your convention experience by getting fully involved in what's going on. Here are some options.

Closing lunch tickets are also available to purchase as part of the registration process. There is a limit on the number of seats available at the lunch, so please make sure you add these to your order. Once they're gone, they're gone.

Additional contest sessions and Saturday evening show tickets are also available, which can be purchased directly from **TicketMaster**. We are just in the final stages of having this set up so we'll share the prices and the link for these events once they're available, hopefully within the next week. The show will be General Admission, so there's no worry about not sitting next to your friends/family.



Look *sharp* at the convention!

We've also got three great merchandise options in – what else? – Wellington's signature black, which positively sings sophistication. First in, best dressed, so don't miss out.
Guaranteed to boost your performance.



Sing Wellington 2024 Cap - NZ\$25.00

The official SING Wellington cap. This brushed cotton cap is in a smart black colour and co-ordinates well with the polo and t-shirts. It is a low-profile cap and comes with the embroidered convention logo



Sing Wellington 2024 Polo Shirt - NZ\$55.00

A smart black polo shirt to go with the cap you have ordered!

- Black unisex polo shirt with elegant collar stripe.
- 100% cotton jersey knit for maximum comfort and breathability
- Sun protection UFP 50+
- Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 5XL



SING Wellington 2024 Tee Shirt - NZ\$35.00

A black tee shirt that will also go well with the cap you have ordered!

- Black unisex lightweight tee shirt
- Jersey sports knit with soft smooth finish
- Anti shrink, anti-fade, sun protection UFP 50+
- Sizes: XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 5XL

Who to contact if you have Issues?

Don't worry, help is at hand for any aspect of the registration.

If you can't find your BHNZ Member ID on the website, please check in with your chapter Treasurer and/or Membership person in the first instance, to confirm that your details were submitted to BHNZ as part of the recent membership submission process. If you're still unable to find it after chatting with your local team, please contact the convention registration email noted below, and they should be able to help.

For issues relating to your registration, or any queries about the process in general, please email convreg@barbershopharmony.nz – our team will be able to investigate what is happening behind the scenes to ensure you can get registered.

Note for Chapter Treasurers - If you want to have the "My chorus will pay" option enabled so that your chapter members can select this, please send an email to convreg@barbershopharmony.nz ASAP with your chapter name included, and they will turn this facility on for you.

As mentioned above, if you have any issues registering for the contests, please contact Kevin Day, Administrative Judge via his email: kday@xtra.co.nz

Stay in touch!

Want to know more about convention as the information comes out?

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