



# THE POWER OF HARMONY CONVENTION 2021

24-26 September



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## CONVENTION COMES TO PALMY

For the first time since Heartsong 2000, Manawatunes are delighted to be hosting the annual BHNZ convention in beautiful Palmerston North.

Inspired by the breath which underpins our singing and the breath of nature generating power through the windfarms which overlook our city, this convention is called

*The Power of Harmony*

The convention will be centered around the historic Regent Theatre. First opened in 1930 and restored in the late '90s, this centrally located theatre boasts modern, comfortable amenities and almost 1400 seats for our delegates, their loved ones and the expected audience.

Following the Young Singers in Harmony contest from 22-23 September, *The Power of Harmony* will kick off on Friday 24 September. The planned program can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

The President's Reception, AGM and Sunday Lunch will be held at the Distinction Hotel, five minutes walk away on picturesque Cuba Street and the Big Sing will happen under the Clock Tower in The Square.

Coinciding with the 150th Birthday of Palmerston North and the 25th of the Manawatunes Chorus, this all local event will be one to remember. Registrations open soon, we look forward to seeing you there!

### In the next issue

Catch the worm with the early birds  
Meet our feature quartet  
September in Palmy



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN?

# Convention Programme

### Friday 24 September

10.00am	Registration Opens
12.00 noon	Sound Check
1.30pm	Competitors' Briefing
3.00pm	Quartet Semi-finals for Senior Men, Women and Mixed Quartets
5.00pm	Opening Ceremony
6.00pm	Dinner Break
7.30pm	Quartet Semi-finals for Men
At Conclusion	Afterglow

### Saturday 25 September

9.30am	Chorus Competition
At Conclusion	Swansong – City of Sails Foundation Presentation Chorus Medal Ceremony
12.30pm	Lunch Break
1.30pm	Sing with the Champs President's Forum
2.30pm	Education Classes
3.30pm	Quartet Finals
At Conclusion	Swansong – The Vocal Network Anniversary Pin Presentation Quartet Medal Ceremony
5.30pm	Dinner Break and President's Reception
7.30pm	Show of Champions
10.00pm	Afterglow

### Sunday 26 September

9.00am	Church Service
11.00am	AGM and Foundation Fundraiser
12.00 – 2.00pm	Luncheon

This programme is contingent on the Covid-19 status in New Zealand allowing the convention to proceed

## WHO'S WHO?

# Meet the Team



### *Warwick McWha - Contest Planning Group Chair*

Warwick sings bass with the Mighty River Harmony Chorus and has been a barbershopper for 10 years. He sang with the mixed quartet Espresso for several years and is now embarking on singing with a brand-new mixed quartet, Mixed Meta Four. Although he has served as treasurer, president and currently manager of Mighty River Harmony, he has only this year joined the board of BHNZ and taken on the role of CPG chair.

A recently retired civil engineer and project manager, Warwick enjoys mountain biking, working out in the gym, a good red wine, motorhoming with his partner Jill and of course singing barbershop.



### *Greg Thomson - Host Committee Chair*

Greg has been a Barbershopper for 22 years and sings bass with the Manawatunes Chorus and the quartet Expressoblend. He serves as secretary of the chorus, the role who traditionally does all the work while the chorus enjoys singing.

In his daily life, Greg works for Noske-Kaeser Rail & Vehicle, based in Palmerston North, as a CAD Designer and Programmer, creating specialized Air Conditioning designs for Rolling stock all over the World.

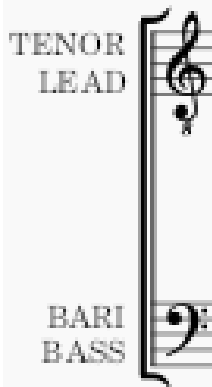
He is thoroughly looking forward to welcoming you to *The Power of Harmony*.

## Expression of Interest

This year the convention is being opened up to Everyone in Harmony so there is the potential that we will have many more choruses than we have had at previous conventions. To assist us with catering, we are asking that a leader from each chorus provides us with an early indication of whether or not their chorus intends to attend. While this is not a firm commitment, it will assist the organisers greatly. This information is required by 30 April 2021 and should be sent to the CPG Chairman, Warwick McWha, at [mcwha21ad@gmail.com](mailto:mcwha21ad@gmail.com)

Please advise:

- Chorus name
- Intending to attend yes/no
- If yes, approximate number in chorus
- Category (men, women or mixed)
- Are any members of your chorus competing in another chorus and if so, how many?



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

# Chorus and Quartet Competition Membership and Rules

Under the recent introduction of Everyone in Harmony, BHNZ has opened its competition doors to Mixed and Women's choruses and quartets. At the upcoming Power of Harmony Convention 2021 hosted in Palmerston North in September, there will be separate contests for Men's, Women's and Mixed groups. The following information gives guidelines for how to join and the competition rules.

### Process for a Chorus to Join Barbershop Harmony New Zealand (BHNZ)

- All members of a chorus must first become a member of BHNZ:
- The chorus submits membership data to BHNZ Treasurer, Robert Kurz. Please ask your membership representative to contact Robert for further information on how to do this at [membership@barbershopharmony.nz](mailto:membership@barbershopharmony.nz)
- The chorus will receive an invoice covering all members
- Once the invoice is paid, the chorus members become full financial members of BHNZ
- The chorus is able to register and compete at the convention

### Process for a Quartet to Join Barbershop Harmony New Zealand

If the four individuals are already a member of BHNZ via their chorus, a quartet doesn't need to do anything further. For quartet members not already a financial member of BHNZ, please see instructions below to become a Member-at-Large. Quartets do not need to register with BHNZ as a separate entity.

### Process for an Individual to become a Member-at-Large

- Submit membership information to BHNZ Treasurer Robert Kurz via this link [membership@barbershopharmony.nz](mailto:membership@barbershopharmony.nz)
- You will receive an invoice
- Once paid you will become a full financial member of BHNZ
- You are able to register and compete at the convention

Membership of BHNZ (and subsequently affiliation to the US body Barbershop Harmony Society) requires the following information:

Full name

Address

Email

Phone contacts

Emergency contact

Birth date

Chorus name (if applicable)

Voice part

Quartet name (if applicable)

BHNZ competition rules can be found [here](#)

We look forward to welcoming you!

