VOICES AT VICTORY

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Meri Kirihimete!

I cannot believe we are only two weeks away from the end of 2022. What a big year it has been for so many of us, with all sorts of changes to our personal, professional, and Sweet Adeline lives. I, for one, am looking forward to closing the book on a lot of what this year has thrown at me. More importantly, though, I'm looking forward to what is ahead of us. So bring it on, 2023, and bring on our first 'real' convention since 2019!

VICTORY CONVENTION CENTRE / AFTERGLOW

A small group of us visited the Victory Convention Centre a couple of weeks ago. It's a fabulous venue and will be ideal for our contest days. It would also be perfect for our Afterglow. Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm that we will be holding an Afterglow as we still need someone to volunteer to lead the Afterglow party effort. Ideally it would be someone from Auckland, to have the local knowledge of caterers, DJ, etc.

If you are Auckland-based (or are EXTREMELY familiar with the providers available in Auckland) and feel you could lead the Afterglow coordination, please email me at **convention@sweetadelines.co.nz.** If we don't have a team in place for this in place by mid-January, we will have to look at other options for Saturday evening.

PARKING

The venue itself has limited parking available for those who plan to drive into the city. If it fills up, though, there is not a lot of parking available in the adjacent streets. The traffic-pattern vehicles will deliver quartets and choruses to the front door of the venue, so weigh up the pros and cons before bringing your car into central Auckland.

FOOD AND DRINK AT THE VENUE

There is a strict no-food-or-drink policy inside the auditorium at Victory Convention Centre (water bottles are the exception). Outside the auditorium there is ample seating in the foyer and in outdoor areas. We are intending to have two or three coffee carts on site for your caffeine fix, and there is a very conveniently located New World around five minutes' walk away. We checked out the NW when we visited and it is amazing, with an impressive deli section offering sandwiches, salads, and all sorts of other goodies (I particularly fancied the doughnuts, just saying!).

VOICES AT VICTORY 2023 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES

SANZ MEMBER	
Early Bird Registration *(1 February - 31 March 2023)*	$120
Late Registration *(1 - 30 April 2023)* *Note: Last day to register as a performer is 30 April 2023*	$160
NON-MEMBER	
Registration	$200

Registration Form

EMCEES

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of our emcees for Voices at Victory. Just as we did at Harmony Aotearoa in 2021, we will have three emcees who will tag-team over both days' contest.

Please welcome and congratulate Liz Moncrieff (Wellington City Chorus), Fy Tait (Taranaki Harmony), and Jackie Napier (Waikato Rivertones) who will be your Emcee team for our 2023 convention, Voices at Victory! I'm sure you will work very well together and look forward being entertained by you in May!

SOUND CHECK

The sound check is going to be with different songs this year, to provide a change and to encourage members to learn some of our massed songs. This year we will be carrying out the sound check with *A Million Dreams* and *Tuxedo Junction* as our soundcheck songs. The sound check will be directed by Kate Sinclair (Master Director, Waikato Rivertones) and organised by the sound check supremo, Sharon Connor.

Register here for Sound Check

NEW TRADITIONS

Again, in the interest of encouraging the learning of our NZ massed songs, and to celebrate the unique nature of Region 35, we intend to start proceedings on both contest days by singing *Haere Mai*.

If you don't know it already, best get learning!

THINGS YOU NEED TO DO

- ✓ Complete your registration form for convention now. You will find the form here.
- ✓ If you are eligible to sing in the STAR chorus, then register now using this link to the registration form.
- ✓ If you want to participate in the Sound Check, register here.

Five months to go … see you there!

Jacqui Binnie

CO-CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL CONVENTION

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