Countdown to the Blitz on Brisbane by Barbershoppers from around the Pacific Region continues apace with local events and distributions out and about to attempt to fill the 3000 seat Auditorium for the Saturday night Concert headlined by Storm Front before they head up into the Hinterland for three days of mentoring at the Mapleton Harmony College.

Benchmark has accepted an invitation to sing and thank their fans in the Queen Street Mall supported by Host Chorus River City Clippers at 12pm Saturday 27th August. This is part of a three Saturday program by the Clippers at this location where brochures will be handed out and conversations entered into by the eager beavers. I understand that there are still those from within Australia and maybe New Zealand who are still pondering whether they can / whether they will be coming to Brisbane in late September. DECIDE TODAY. We can still accommodate late registrants for this the biggest Barbershop event held in Australia.

And just to assist those people to transfer from Maybe to Must - let us remind you of what is on in Brisbane during this time, along with all the wonderful competition sessions:

**Wednesday evening—**
* Young Singers in Harmony in Concert with Storm Front.
* River Cruise on the Riverboat Paddle Steamer "Kookaburra Queen". Over 150 Barbershoppers have already booked on this one.

**Thursday 12 noon**  
* Mass Sing welcomed by the Lord Mayor at 12 noon at Central City Reddacliff Place.

**Saturday Night**  
* Storm Front headlines the Big Concert of Champions.

**And just for extras. Come earlier, leave later!**
All tourist events are on high alert with specials and discounts to attract visitors to make up for a disastrous start earlier in the year when we were badly hit by floods and storms.

Next door to the Convention Centre "Le Grand Cirque" is being staged at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Next door again at the Gallery of Modern Art will be the last week of "Surrealism. Poetry of Dreams" which has been a huge attraction.

And if you are in need of some nearby fresh air and nature the Mass Migration of hundreds of thousands of birds will be arriving at the Boondall Wetlands just in the North of the City. They come from Siberia, Korea, Mongolia and Russia to present a spectacle rarely seen by Urban dwellers.
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2011 AAMBS/PANPAC CONVENTION
28 SEPT - 02 OCT


We’re in for a great Convention with one of the highlights being the fantastic Welcome Dinner which will be held in the Plaza Ballroom of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Plaza Ballroom is built for banquets and will accommodate our numbers comfortably. The atmosphere generated by dining in a room almost full to capacity with friendly barber-shoppers will add to the occasion.

Promotion of the event has now commenced which will intensify as we approach 28th September.

To help publicise the event The Clippers are presenting further concerts in the Queens Street Mall, having performed the first one a week ago.

The second concert on the 27th August will have the brilliant Benchmark quartet (Australia’s Got Talent) appearing in the 12.30pm slot. The Benchmark boys have been extremely supportive of our efforts to promote River Harmony and for this support the River Harmony committee is truly grateful.

The Kookaburra Queen dinner cruise has proven to be very popular with already over 150 people having booked their places. This event will be an informal gathering of people who enjoy good company, good food together with the possibility of hearing 1 or 2 chords rung. Of course any delegates who are not going on the cruise should book now for the Young Singers in Harmony Concert which promises to be a night not to be missed and your first chance to hear our guest quartet, Storm Front, the 2010 International Champions.

The Church Service, always a highlight of our Conventions, will be exactly that on this occasion also.

Mark McCosker, a River Harmony committee member, has organised the service which will include some appropriate songs from our special guests - Storm Front.

There are still rooms available to hire for chorus rehearsals, details of which can be accessed on the convention website.

Last and certainly not least, I must mention our volunteers.

Without volunteers the show could not go on and I ask all involved with River Harmony, in whatever capacity, to show our team of volunteers the utmost respect by responding swiftly in a friendly manner to any request made by the volunteers.

Why not consider pre-ordering your convention DVD now? Details are on the Convention website (as above).

Only six weeks to go friends,

John Shelton
Chairman River Harmony Committee
Details of the Sunday Church Services have been posted onto the website together with some of the music for the hymns that we will sing.


The final entries for the two competitions are now in the hands of the Contest Administrator and the draw should be available in the fairly soon.

Orders for River Harmony merchandise will all close off shortly so if you intend buying a T-Shirt, Cap or BBQ Apron please get your orders in now.

The drink holder orders have already closed to enable the manufacturer time to make them.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Brisbane in about six weeks time

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**PROPOSED PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

*from the Convention Website 14.08.11*

**Note: Subject to change—times still to be confirmed**

**Wednesday 28 September 2011**
- Young Singers in Harmony Competition at St Laurence’s College
- Briefings of Pan Pac Marshalls, Competitors and Judges
- Quartet Contest (2 session in afternoon at Convention Centre)
- Young Singers in Harmony Evening Concert (tickets through YSIH Website)
- Evening River Dinner Cruise (Optional—book on Website)

**Thursday 29 September 2011**
- Quartet Contest (3 sessions at Convention Centre)
- Massed Sing
- Presentation of Senior Quartet Medals
- Announcement of Quartet Finalists
- 6pm — Presidents’ Reception (by invitation only)
- 7:30 pm — Welcome Dinner

**Friday 30 September 2011**
- Quartet Evaluations (non-finalists)
- Chorus Contest (2 sessions)
- Quartet Finals and Medal Presentation

**Saturday 1 October 2011**
- Chorus Contest (2 sessions) and Medal Presentation
- Chorus Evaluations
- Grand Concert

**Sunday 2 October 2011**
- Chorus Evaluations
- Church Service
- AAMBS Council Forum
- NZABS Meeting
- Farewell Lunch (optional—extra cost for registered delegates only)
- Depart for Harmony College
Plan of Convention Venue—Brisbane Conference & Exhibition Centre
Brisbane River City Clippers
INVITES YOU TO

28th September 2011 to 2nd October 2011
BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

THE 2011 AAMBS/PANPAC BARBERSHOP SINGING CONVENTION

A once in twenty year’s opportunity to enjoy some of the best that A Capella singing can offer

- Sounds of Aloha Hawaii
- City of Sails Auckland
- Southern Sourez Invercargill
- Marlborough Sounds Blenheim
- Tokyo Barbers
- Mighty River Harmony Hamilton
- Sounds Capital Wellington
- West’n Peak H New Plymouth

Plus 20 choruses from around Australia

INCLUDING A DEDICATED YOUNG SINGERS IN HARMONY COMPETITION

River Harmony Concert of Champions
1st October 2011 - MC 4BC’s Ian Maurice

Tickets $49.00 (group booking discounts available) from Ticketek info@panpac2011.org.au

www.panpac2011.org.au
Groups from 5 States of Australia and New Zealand will converge on Brisbane’s St Laurence’s College, Edmund Rice Auditorium, 85 Stephens Street, South Brisbane on Wednesday 28th September to kick off the River Harmony Barbershop Convention.

Ensembles, quartets and choruses will compete in front of the judges during the day in a battle for the titles of Pan Pacific and National Champions, after which they will celebrate with a Gala Youth Concert with all the Champions strutting their talent before being joined on stage by the Convention’s Guest Quartet, Storm Front, for their first performance in Australia.

Entry to the competition sessions will be free but you will need to buy your tickets for the concert as they are not part of the Pan Pacific registration package.

Tickets for the Gala Youth Concert starting at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 28th September, at St Laurence’s College are only -

$10.00 for adults
$5.00 for school age youth

So — to be sure you don’t miss out go to http://www.trybooking.com/KIW to book your tickets NOW. It will certainly be a great night of entertainment with lots of enthusiasm and energy from our Young Singers.

Steve Griffin
VP Youth Development
**Timely advice to Competing**

**COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN COPYRIGHT LAW**

AAMBS has a legal obligation to report to the Australian Copyright Performance Registration Authority (APRA), the particulars of songs presented in public performance by all contestants following the conclusion of the Convention.

At the time of the Pre-convention briefing you will need to hand to the AAMBS Secretary a strictly confidential list of the songs to be performed by your contestant Quartets or Choruses stating:

* the title of each song
* its composer
* the arranger
  and (if known)
* its copyright holder

These particulars will be held by the AAMBS Secretary under conditions of strict security and confidentiality until after the conclusion of the Convention.

See you in six weeks.

Kevin White—AAMBS Secretary

**A Wrap up from our President**

Reading the fourteen pages of this AAMBS Special Edition newsletter you'll see that Pan Pacs has it all!! A chance to meet and sing with barbershoppers from around the Pacific Rim; a great Young Singers in Harmony event; a river cruise; choruses and quartets competing to show how they've improved their performances; a beautiful city to explore in your spare time - if you can find any—and the funniest guest quartet in barbershop - Storm Front; and much, much more. And don't forget the AAMBS Forum where you can meet the eight Councillors that have been working so hard for you, and personally make any suggestions for improvements. John Shelton and the Convention Committee and volunteers have put in hundreds of hours planning and organizing this event for you, and will do literally hundreds more during the Convention. With a Judges and Contest Administrators School before the Convention, and a fantastic Harmony College immediately after, it's truly one-stop shopping for everything you could want in Barbershopping. So join the celebration, and barbershop 'til you drop!

Mike Donnelly
AAMBS President
### Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention—Brisbane 2011
### Quartets—Alphabetical List of Entries Received

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Can I get in?

There is still space in the Harmony College program for you and, yes, there is still time to enrol.

Who is already enrolled?

Go to the website (address below) and select the register tab. You can see who and how many are coming, right up to date.

Do I have to live in?

There is a daytime only option at a reduced cost. $220 gets you meals and tuition but no bed.

Are women allowed to participate?

There are already a number of female directors, delegates partners and SAI members enrolled.

Can I room with my partner/spouse?

The accommodation is bunk style dormitory rooms. It is unlikely that we will be able to allocate rooms for couples. By all means ask and we will see what is possible.

What courses are available?

Go to the website (address below) and have a look.

How do I choose my courses?

Go to the website (now!) and either:

  Register or log back into your account and fill in the on-line form

  OR

  Visit the documents page and obtain a copy of the course selection form, fill it in and send it as an attachment to the email address on the form.

I have a particular question/problem/need. Who do I ask?

Go to the website (still below) and use the Contact tab to send us a message.

When are entries and payments due?

The enrolments will be closed off on 31 Aug 2011. No more entries can be accepted after this date. We need time to allocate faculty and participants to classes. Payments are due by the same date.

What’s the website address?


How do I pay?

Go to the River Harmony website and select the Harmony College drop down menu on the right of the home page.


Richard Gardem
VP Conventions
Harmony College 2011 is shaping up to be the best educational barbershop experience held in Australia yet, and the faculty can hardly wait to have you attending this world-class event.

Being held at the Queensland Conference and Camping Centre at 70 Obi Obi Road, Mapleton, immediately following the Brisbane Convention, Harmony College is a three-day school for those of you who would like to learn how to perfect your barbershop craft, refine your skills, learn new techniques, and in general, have fun!

The courses are presented in themed streams (Director, Leadership, Quartet and General Streams), but you are not restricted to choosing courses entirely within any given stream. Many courses are offered at a range of levels. If you are not sure about your status with regard to the level of any course, please discuss it with your local music team.

Keep an eye out for emails a little nearer to Harmony College asking you to submit your course requests. Then, once we know final numbers and demand, we will make up the classes and publish the timetable. It is likely that the more popular courses will be offered multiple times within the program.

More information on Harmony College can be found at http://www.barbershopconvention.com.au/wsnguest/start.html

AAMBS / NZABS Judging School

As many of you may know, since 2004, Ian Mulholland, as Chair of the Australasian Guild of Judges, has been running a program to assist with certifying Australian and New Zealand Judges to judge our contests.

Well, this year, the AAMBS / NZABS Guild of Judges School will be held immediately before the Pan Pacs.

Quite a few new judging candidates will be attending this year’s school to learn all about judging and it is very encouraging to see so many new faces taking an interest. Of course, current judges will be honing their skills as they try to re-qualify.

With three and a half days of intensive training with some of the best judges the Barbershop Harmony Society can provide, this is an excellent educational experience for our judges and candidates which will have long-term benefits for all of our members.

Dan Millgate
VP Music
Your chance to help promote AAMBS

Here is copy for an advertisement which you can send to your local newspapers and also display on Community Notice Boards and at your rehearsal venues to encourage new members to come along to your Club rehearsals — all you have to do is change the contact name and phone number.

As seen on
Australia’s Got Talent!
Benchmark

“I’d love to be part of that group!”
Judge, Brian McFadden

You CAN be part of that group!
Join the 1000 men of all ages across Australia for great singing and fun in choruses and quartets like Benchmark

For info contact Ben on 0415 780 447 or music@aambs.org.au
Australia Really Has Got Talent

The fantastic success of the quartet Benchmark in the TV contest ‘Australia’s Got Talent’ can’t be allowed to pass without further mention. To achieve a position in the final of this amazing line-up was a huge triumph – and those guys just have to be congratulated. That it was achieved under such a distressing health challenge just adds to the wonder of it all. Congratulations, Benchmark.

The problem for the rest of us: barbershop is now no longer a secret. The fact that the judges showed their complete ignorance of our movement until they heard this quartet is sufficient proof that we had been invisible to the general populace for the past 25 years. But – no longer! Around three million Australians now know what good barbershop sounds like. And the challenge for us is to sound like Benchmark. (And not only sound like them; we should look like them as well.) So let’s continue improving both our stage presence and our singing. – We’ve got to, to maintain the good name of barbershop in Australia.

Bruce Okely

AAMBS Items for Sale

There will be a limited number of AAMBS’ Merchandise for sale at a special table in the foyer at the Convention:

- Pitch Pipes $30.00 each
- Pitch Pipe Holders—Black or Brown Leather $20.00 each
- AAMBS Label Badges $5.00 each
- Australian Barbershop Polecat Song Book $5.00 each
- The Great Australian Barbershop Song Book $10.00 each
**Your Website**
Council, Regional and International Barbershop information and contact details as well as application forms, competition results, calendars and much, much more is available on the AAMBS Website—www.aambs.org.au

**Your Newsletter Articles**
Deadline
5.30pm EDST on 15th day of each odd numbered month

Length
Articles to be 150—500 words maximum and in Georgia 10 pitch font. All articles will be edited for spelling, grammar and length.

Photos
Please remember to send photos as attachments - not embedded in your article

**Your Events**
Promote your Coming Events - send full details for inclusion in the AAMBS Calendar below and on the AAMBS Website

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**COMING EVENTS**

2011

Sept 25-27—AAMBS' Judges' School—
9 am Sun 25—5pm Tues 27, St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane
Qld 4101 Australia Guild of Australasian Barbershop Judges - phone 0418 956 492
or email mulholand@roxresources.com.au

Sept 28—Young Singers in Harmony Festival & Concert at St Laurence's College, Brisbane
Qld.

Sept 28–Oct 2 - AAMBS 11th Annual Convention and Pan Pacific Convention, Brisbane
Qld—Hosted by The Brisbane River City Clippers, followed by Harmony College
Contact: info@panpac2011.org.au
www.barbershopconvention.aambs.org.au

Oct 2-5—AAMBS Harmony College, Queensland Convention and Camping Centre, Mapleton
Queensland.

Oct 7-9 —Irish Association of Barbershop Singers' International Convention. Belfast, Ireland

Mar 2-4 The BinG! Barbershop Music Festival
Dortmund, Germany
www.konzerthaus-dortmund.de

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Mar 22-25 En Armonia 2012—Spanish Association of Barbershop Singers Convention, Malaga, Spain
www.sabs.es/cm2/?page_id=1229

May 31-Jun 3—Cracovia Cantans—3rd International Krakow Choir Festival, Krakow Poland.
www.krakowfestival.pl.

Jul 1-8 – BHS International Convention, Portland, Oregon USA

Jul 14-22—2nd Krakow Singing Week, Krakow, Poland
www.krakowsingingweek.pl

Oct 7-9 – Irish Association of Barbershop Singers’ International Convention. Dublin, Ireland

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Feb 23-24—European Barbershop Convention
Harrogate, England

Jun 27-Jul 4 – BHS International Convention,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Oct 4-6 – Irish Association of Barbershop Singers’ International Convention. Galway, Ireland

Jun 29-Jul 6 – BHS International Convention,
Minneapolis MN USA

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