



Convention Bulletin

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Sweet Adelines in Australia

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 2ND APRIL

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BECOME A VIP

Volunteer In Person at Convention

Now that Early Bird Registrations have closed we are thrilled that Sydney Convention 2014 is the largest one seen by Region 34. This brings with it the requirement for lots of hands to help with the running of Convention.

We would hate to the things that you like to see at Convention curtailed because we do not have enough volunteers. Let's try to ensure we don't have to outsource and pay for activities that we can do ourselves, due to a lack of our own members helping out.

Many hands make light work!

Please email our Volunteer Coordinators – Wollongong Harmony Chorus, Terri Pinkis, terrikp@gmail.com to let them know you can help out.

VIP'S WE NEED YOU

Don the Glitz and Glamour

Socialise, Sing & Sightsee

Cocktail and Canapes

Cocktail Harbour Cruise

Wednesday 14 May, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Departing and returning
Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Wharf
\$40.00 per person
(includes one drink and canapes)
Cash bar

OPTIONAL EVENT – OPEN TO ALL
(not included in registration)

Bookings Close 2nd April

SESSION AND SHOWCASE TICKETS

QUARTET AND CHORUS COMPETITION TICKETS will be available to purchase at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, on the day \$25.00 / \$15.00 (child/concession) per ticket, per day.*

SHOWCASE TICKETS will be available to purchase through www.ticketdirect.com.au from Monday 14 April.

They will also be available to purchase at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre during Convention and on the day. \$35.00 / \$25 (child concession)*

* Service fees apply

MASTERCLASS

SUNDAY 18 MAY, 10-11.30am

with

Kim Vaughn and Sue Beck

(stay tuned for more details)

NEW Regional Song

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, a new regional song has been released and will be showcased during Convention. All choruses can add this to their repertoire and provide the music and learning tracks to their members.

CELEBRATION

(8 – part arrangement by Renee Craig)

Send Your Anniversary Congratulations by Video!

We are asking all choruses to send a brief videoed "Happy 25th Anniversary" message to Region 34. The idea is to use all choruses' videos as a unique element of the Opening Ceremony at Convention.

In order to not slow down the timing for the Official Opening, your video should be **no more than 10 seconds** long and should be very simple – use a phone or ipad or a camera, whatever is easiest for you. Choose a time when a large number of your members are gathered together (eg at rehearsal or at a performance gig) and, perhaps, choose a location that is typical of the geographical area you're in. Send the footage of your members congratulating Region 34 to Debra Griffiths on events@sweetadelines.org.au by **1 April**. What a wonderful celebration this will be when we hear from all of our choruses!

REHEARSAL ROOMS

Each competing chorus will be allocated a one hour rehearsal time at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre between 8am-11am on either Friday or Saturday. Times will not be advised until after the Order of Appearance draw has been announced.

Additional riser rehearsal space has been organised at the Tennis Centre and will be available to choruses at \$100 per hour on Friday and Saturday. If your chorus is interested in booking additional rehearsal time, please email Kate Hawkins crcsaa@gmail.com by Friday 28 March.

JUDGING PANEL

Sound – Kim Vaughn
Music – Mary Ann Wydra
Expression & Panel Chair – Patti Burklund
Showmanship – Sue Beck

NEXT CONVENTION BULLETIN

* Showcase DVD * Order of Appearance *
Harmony Bazaar Stalls * First Timers * Details
how to book Sunday's Airport Coach *

CHORUS BANNERS

We are pleased to announce there will be a Chorus Banner Parade during the Opening Ceremony.

ALL choruses are requested to nominate a bearer who will carry your banner in the parade during the Opening Ceremony.

Your bearer will be required to assemble prior to the ceremony in the Eva Redfern Room at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre at 11.15am with the banner suitably affixed to a vertical pole.

Banners will not be displayed following the Opening Ceremony. Banner bearers will keep these and return them to their choruses following the ceremony.

If you haven't got a banner or want to invest in a new one for Sydney 2014, below are the guidelines for the banner:

Banner size: 85 cm (wide) x 140 cm (long) – these are GUIDELINES only.



STAR Chorus (Singing Together At Regional)

STAR Chorus is an opportunity for members not competing, to sing on the competition stage.

To help celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are also inviting female family and friends who sing to join the STAR Chorus in 2014, directed by Master Director, Carole Macintyre.

STAR Chorus rehearsals are being held 8.00-9.00am, Friday and Saturday on the risers in the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre Arena.

Detailed information about participation in the STAR Chorus will be sent to those who register. Any questions about the STAR Chorus should be directed to crcsaa@gmail.com.

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

YOU might be a judge!

New for Competition 2014! Contestants who have elected to compete in the Quartet and Chorus Open Division Competitions are eligible for the Audience Choice Award. Here's how it will work:

Booklets of coloured ballot papers will be handed out to 50 randomly selected audience members, who must agree to watch all the Open Division contestants and vote at the end of the contest. Audience members may be selected up until the first Open Division contestant competes – meaning Sweet Adelines members competing before the Open Division who have returned to the auditorium are eligible to be randomly selected. If you are a chosen audience member, you cast your vote by pulling the piece of paper out of the booklet that corresponds to the quartet or chorus you select. After the contest those pieces of paper will be collected from the chosen audience members, placed in bags and taken backstage to be counted.

Calling all Chorus Management Team and Board Members!

You're invited to the

2014 LEADERS' LUNCH

This year we are doing things a little differently and ask you to join us on **Thursday** of Convention, at the ANZ Stadium Millennium Room overlooking the Sydney Olympic Park.

This gathering is planned especially for **YOU** to recognise the time and passion you dedicate to your choruses!

If you are on your chorus Management Team or Board, please leave a space in your weekend agenda for this luncheon which will be followed by our AGM at 2.00pm. \$15.00 per head.

12 noon – 3pm on Thursday 15 May

Register through Cvents when the invitation is sent to your President/TC.

Your Regional Management Team

Harmony Bazaar

Hall of Legends, Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

3.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday, 15 May

9.00am to 7.00pm
Friday, 16 May

9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday, 17 May

If you or your chorus are interested in having a stall and would like an application form, contact

harmonybazaar@live.com

or contact Liz on **0410 413 393**

Bookings close 2nd April

MIC TESTING CHORUS

Once again this year we are again inviting competing quartets to be the mic testing chorus during the Official Inspection on Thursday afternoon. We ask all available quartet members to assemble in the **Eva Redfern Room*** at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre at 4.00pm.
*Change of venue since last Bulletin.

If you are in a competing quartet and can participate in the mic testing chorus, please confirm your availability to crcsaa@gmail.com no later than 1 May.

QUARTET CHORUS

Lea Baker will be directing the Quartet Chorus this year. The song being performed is 'We Are Family' arranged by Anna-Maria Nystrom.

If any competing quartets do not have the sheet music or learning tracks for this song, please contact Lea Baker on Education@sweetadelines.org.au as soon as possible.

A Quartet Chorus rehearsal will be held in the **Eva Redfern Room** at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre from 5.30-6.30pm on Thursday.

The Quartet Chorus will be performing at the end of the Quartet Competition, before the official announcement of results. You will be advised details where and when you will need to assemble closer to Convention.

QUARTET GET-TOGETHER

Quartets will be able to mingle in the Eva Redfern room between 7.30pm–9.30pm while the Quartet walkthroughs are on. There will be a cash bar with light refreshments available for purchase.

COPYRIGHT REMINDER

Please remember all Competition music needs to have cleared the copyright process. Failure to use cleared arrangements may result in competitors being disqualified. Because obtaining copyright can sometimes be quite a lengthy process, it is important you don't leave organising clearance of your songs to the last minute. There is a wealth of useful information about copyright on our Regional Website – see <http://www.sweetadelines.org.au/members-only/education-resource-centre/copyright> or contact Competition Coordinator, Sandy O'Neill (gsoneill@ozemail.com.au) if you have questions.

Forms will be sent out very shortly for completion and return to Sandy O'Neill by 20 April.

FROM OUT OF TOWN? GETTING TO SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AND LOCAL INFORMATION

Click on the link below to find information on options for travelling to and from Sydney Olympic Park.

You will also find a myriad of local information about restaurants, cafes and convenience stores in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct and the closest services and amenities. Thanks go to Aurora Australis for providing us with this information.

<http://www.auroraaustralis.org.au/Convention2014.html>

CONVENTION TRANSPORT

Cocktail Harbour Cruise

Guests booked on the Cocktail Harbour Cruise can catch the shuttle bus being provided from the Pullman Hotel to the wharf. The first bus will leave at 5.30pm and provide a loop service, with the last bus leaving at 6.15pm. It will also operate at the end of the cruise taking guests back to the Pullman Hotel.

There is a car park at the wharf and street parking for those who will be driving. Directions to Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Wharf (also known as Homebush Bay Wharf) <http://www.sydneyharboursescapes.com.au/a-z-packages/see-all-a-z-escapes/a-to-z/azid/108>

Sweet Adeline Express

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, registered delegates will be able to climb aboard the **Sweet Adeline Express** road train to get around Sydney Olympic Park. Wear your Convention lanyard and you can use this service to go between:

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre
Accor Hotels (Pullman, Novotel & Ibis)
Sydney Olympic Park Train Station
Sydney Olympic Park Quest Apartments

*stops are subject to change

Parramatta Shuttle

A shuttle service will be provided for delegates staying in the Parramatta area to get to Sydney Olympic Park for the start of each day's events. A return shuttle will be provided at the end of the day (except Sunday). The shuttle will stop at the Rosehill Quest Apartments, Mercure Hotel, Meriton Apartments and Fiori Apartments. More details will be provided in the next Bulletin.

Chorus Coaches

Transport is being provided all competing choruses to the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre on Chorus Competition day. Information will be available after the Order of Appearance has been released.

Sunday Airport Service

A coach service to the airport after Showcase is being providing for delegates at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Information how to book a seat on this service will be sent to all registered delegates.

TRAVELLING BY CAR TO SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre
Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park
(between Sarah Durack Avenue & Shirley Strickland Avenue)

Parking near the Sports Centre

Casual parking is available for \$4 per hour or \$20 per day (maximum).

Parking can be prebooked in a nominated parking station. Click on the following link if you want to prebook your parking http://www.sopa.nsw.gov.au/for_business/parking/prebooked

Listed in order of distance from the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

P7 Car Park

Entry: Australia Avenue (near Shirley Strickland Avenue)
Open air car park
Accessible parking for persons with a disability - nil
60m to the Sports Centre (1 minute walk*)

P3 Car Park

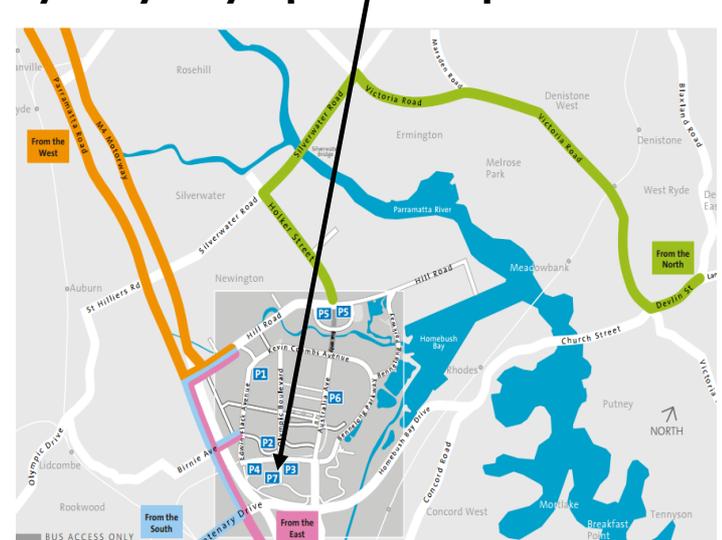
Entry: Sarah Durack Avenue
Undercover car park (height restriction 2.1m)
Accessible parking for persons with a disability - 46
290m (3.5 minute walk*)

P4 Car Park

Entry: Sarah Durack Avenue (corner of Edwin Flack Avenue)
Open air car park
Accessible parking for persons with a disability - 32
425m to the Sports Centre (5 minute walk*)

*calculated on approximate walking speed of 5km per hour

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre



Convention Photos 2014

QUARTET PHOTOS

Cost: 6x9 quartet photos @ \$15 each

Available for collection on Saturday

CHORUS PHOTOS

Two types: "formal" photos (end of chorus's competition performance) and "informal" photos (during the performance)

Cost: 8x12 formal chorus photos @ \$15, or a formal and informal photo purchased within the same order @ \$25 for the package

Available for collection on Sunday

OTHER PHOTOS

- STAR Chorus, awards ceremonies, Showcase performers and other choruses' photos can be ordered from:
www.tonymckendrick.com for up to one month after Convention

ORDERING

- A Photo Pre-order Form has been sent to choruses, with prices as above.
- Quartets may order direct from the Photographer's stall on Level 3 of the Sports Centre.
- Photos ordered via the website will cost \$20 each plus \$5 postage and handling added to each order

SPECIAL OFFER FOR CONVENTION 2014

If 80% of your members place an order for prints, Photomakers will provide digital files of your chorus's two main images at no extra charge. You will be able to use these in promotional activities.

MASS SING

Thursday 15 May
3.00pm, ANZ Stadium

We are excited to announce the Mass Sing will be held in the lower seating bowl of the ANZ Stadium arena.

For those attending the AGM, you will walk through the Stadium to get to the field. For those coming for the Mass Sing only, congregate at Gate 5 entry to the Stadium and you will be escorted to the Mass Sing.

Mass Sing Song List

My Country
Shelter
I'm Australia
It's My Song
True Blue
Waltzing Matilda
I am Australian

Download learning tracks for these songs from the Regional website (Members Only Areas). If you do not have a log in and password for the Members Only area, email communications@sweetadelines.org.au

DRAFT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 14 May 2014

6.30 – 9.00pm* Cocktail Harbour Cruise

Thursday, 15 May 2014

10.00 – 11.30am MC Briefing
12.00 – 1.45pm* Admin Leaders' Lunch
2.00 – 3.00pm Annual General Meeting
3.00 – 3.30pm Mass Sing
4.00pm Official Inspection
4.00-6.00pm Registration Desk Open - All
5.30 – 6.30pm Quartet Chorus Rehearsal
6.30 – 7.30pm Briefing and Walkthroughs for Directors, TC's/Presidents
7.00 – 7.30pm Quartet Briefing
7.30 – 9.00pm Quartet Walkthroughs

Friday, 16 May 2014

8.00 -9.00am# STAR Chorus Rehearsal
8.00 – 11.00am Chorus Rehearsals
9.00 – 11.30am Registration Desk Open – All
11.45am# Opening Ceremony
12.30pm Quartet Competition & Awards

Saturday, 17 May 2014

8.00 -9.00am# STAR Chorus Rehearsal
8.00 – 11.00am Chorus Rehearsals
12.00pm Chorus Competition & Awards
8.30 – 11.00pm* 25th Anniversary Celebration Party

Sunday, 18 May 2014

10 – 11.30am Master Class
1.30 – 3.30pm Showcase

* indicates an optional event not included in Registration
indicates a new event or change from the last Bulletin

IMPORTANT DATES

Quartet Competition Entry Deadline	Monday 17 March
Chorus Competition Entry Deadline	Tuesday 18 March
Draw for Order of Appearance	Monday 24 March
Quartet Late Entry Deadline	Tuesday 1 April
Chorus Late Entry Deadline	Wednesday 2 April
Convention Registrations Close	Wednesday 2 April
Harbour Cruise Bookings Close	Wednesday 2 April
Celebration Party Bookings Close	Wednesday 2 April
Harmony Bazaar Bookings Close	Wednesday 2 April
Showcase Tickets On Sale	Monday 14 April
Bookings Close for Airport Coach	Monday 14 April
Mic Testing RSVP's Close	Thursday 1 May



ADD MORE BLING! CELEBRATE OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Celebrate being part of Sweet Adelines Australia with this beautiful lapel pin, designed especially to commemorate our 25th Anniversary.

These pins will be offered at the very special discounted price of \$6 each when ordered in bulk through your chorus throughout the month of March. Ordering details and a sample pin are being sent to all choruses.

Following this special introductory offer, a very limited number will be available at the 2014 Convention RMT table at a regular price of \$8.

Convention T-shirt orders

Choruses are invited to submit bulk orders for the fabulous commemorative 25th Anniversary Sweet Adelines Convention T-shirts to Judith Livingston (judithjay@aapt.net.au) soon, as orders will close on 28 March.

There are two styles: Design One, and Design Two. These good quality cotton t-shirts are only \$25 this year (\$40 last year) and feature decorative coloured embroidery of the Anniversary logo on a stylish black background.

Before placing your order, **please get members to check their measurements** against the size charts sent to choruses. There will be no opportunity to substitute or change orders after the deadline.

Each chorus will be billed for their bulk order by our hard-working finance coordinator.

CAL members who wish to order a T-Shirt should send their size and shirt preference to Judith before the 28 March. The shirts will be available for collection at the RMT Stall in Harmony Bazaar on Thursday 15 May from 3pm. The T-shirt campaign is being coordinated by Brindabella Chorus.



Convention Contacts

Events Coordinator (EvC)
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Convention Registration Manager

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A full list of Convention Contacts can be found at <http://www.sweetadelines.org.au/convention/2014SydneyConventionContactListOctober2013.pdf>