

Venue Information for Band Events

C, D, and Youth Grades – Sir Noel Robinson Conference Centre, Due Drop Events Centre, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July 2024

The vehicle entrance is via the Main Gate off Great South Road, between the Centre and the Ramada Hotel.

Bus and Band drop-off: The drop-off point is on **Pacific Events Centre Drive**.

Buses can stop briefly close to the arena's entrance, unload band people, and then move on around this drive, which loops around the south car park. There is limited bus parking at the end of Pacific Events Centre Drive.

Other vehicles

Parking is available in the North Car Park or South Car Park.

Band people

- Enter the Due Drop Events Centre by the main front entrance by Pacific Events Centre Drive.
- Make your way into the Arena. Each band will be allotted an area to store their instrument cases.
- From there, you will be taken by stairs or lift to the Carter Holt Harvey Room Lounge, where you can warm up. This will happen approximately 30 minutes before you are due to perform. Music stands, and chairs will be in this area, and bands can warm up as a band blowing.
- Approx. 5 minutes before the end of the preceding bands' performance, bands will be escorted down to the backstage area in the Conference Centre. No blowing is permitted in this area.
- Please ensure you have a set-up crew to arrange the chairs/stands on stage and assist your percussion team.
- After your band's performance, the whole band exits by the right side of the stage; please assist your percussionist and return directly to the Arena and your instrument cases.
- Collect all your belongings and leave this area as quickly as possible. Another band may be waiting to move in. You can stay in the Arena and check out the Tarde Stands.

If a band performer has difficulty moving up to the Band warm-up area, it will be by stairs or lift. They can go directly to the band's backstage area and wait for their band if they wish.

Band photo:

If you have booked a band photo session on Saturday. After your Own Choice performance, you will return to the arena and collect your cases and belongings to move to the Lion Foundation Foyer. For a photo, bands can now book and pay directly with the photographer—Chris Street at chris@upandup.co.nz or Ethan Harris at ethan@upandup.co.nz. No photo will be taken on the day if your band hasn't booked and prepaid.

Entry for Audience: Sir Noel Robinson Conference Centre

Entry into the Sir Noel Robinson Conference Centre is from the double doors at the Southern end.

Trade Stands and refreshments

Trade stands will be in the area. Live streaming on Saturday.

Percussion unloading and collection.

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The loading bay entrance into the Sir Noel Robinson Conference Centre is via the Main Vehicle Entrance and then around the north end of the Event centre.

The loading area is at the northern end of the Conference Centre, directly behind the performance area. Loading and unloading can happen at any time.

Percussion instruments will be moved onto the stage during the breaks between band performances.

Please ensure that enough people move your percussion instruments safely and efficiently.
Please label all your percussion instruments with a name.

This load-in area is close to where the Parade of Bands will take place on Friday afternoon. On Friday, from 1.00 pm, vehicle access to the load-in area will be restricted, and bands will have to move their percussion gear from a drop-off area at the north end of the Due Drop Centre, approximately 30 metres.

Food and Drink options at the Due Drop Centre

A Coffee van will be in the Foyer daily from 8:30 am.

Natalia's Food Journey, <https://www.nataliasfoodjourney.co.nz/>, has a great selection and will be on-site from 11:00 am. to 7:00 pm. on Friday ONLY.

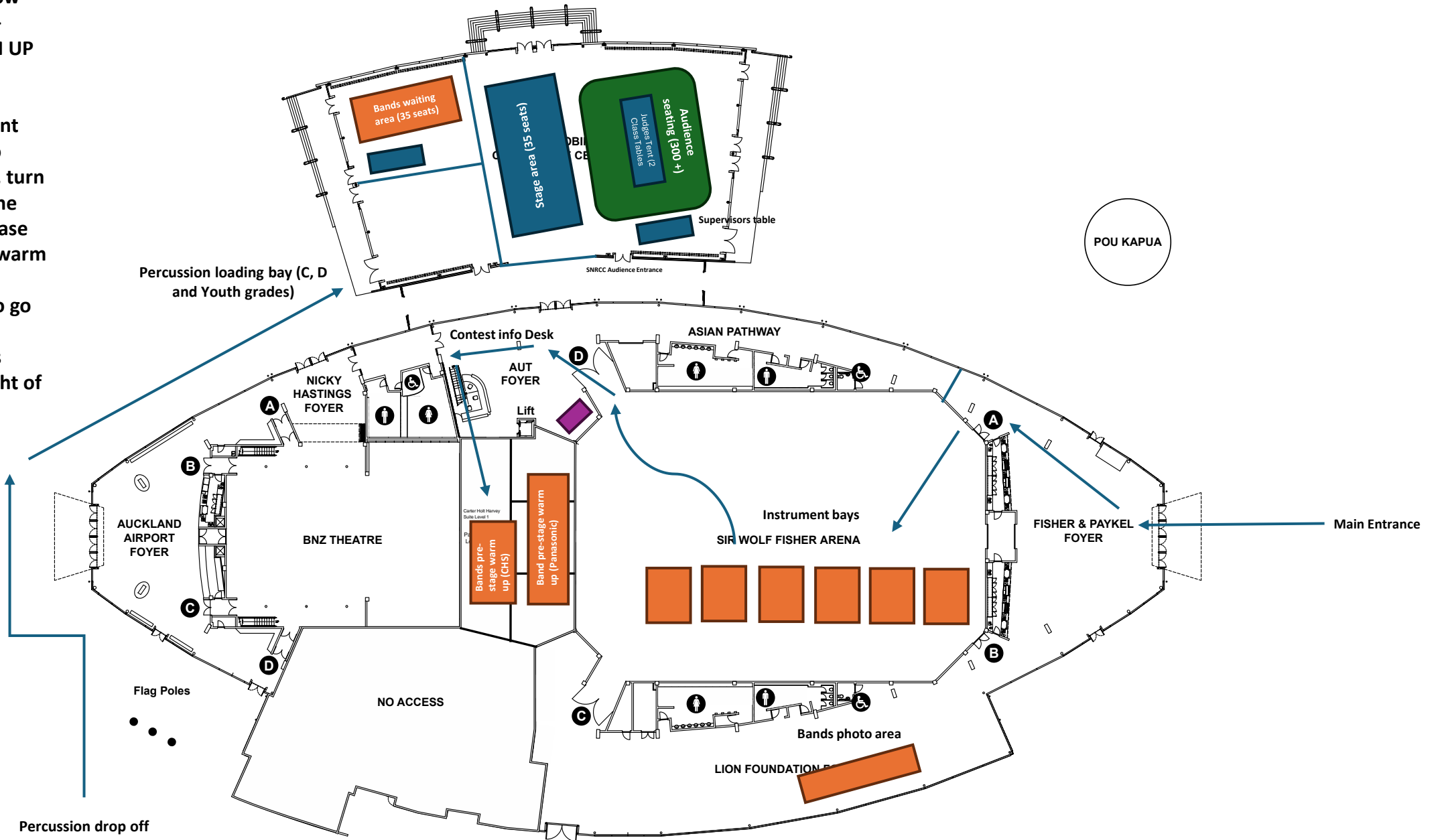
Collective is the contracted caterer and will have its retail bar open.

Wednesday, 4:00 - 8:00 pm: coffee, snacks, pies, and a selection of beer and wine, including Waitoa Beer.

Saturday, 1:00 pm -1:00 am: Same food and drink, but more hot food options 5:00 -9.00 pm.

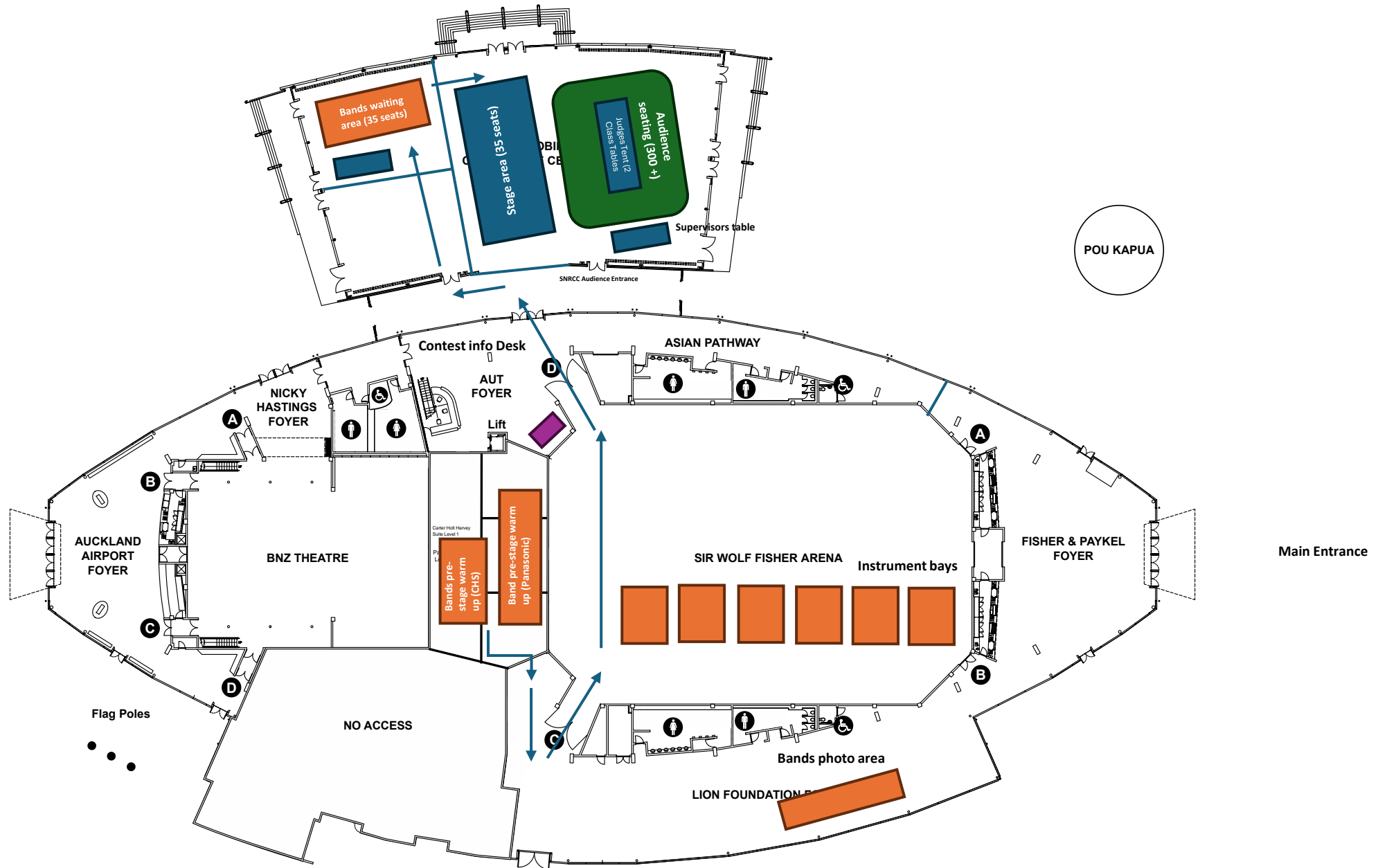
Day 3 and 4 – Band Flow
C D and Youth Grade –
ON STAGE – TO WARM UP
ROOM

1. From the instrument bays, bands will go through the exit D, turn left, and then up the office admin staircase to the Carter Holt warm up room
2. Bands only need to go up 1 flight of stairs (disability access is available to the right of exit D)



**Day 3 and 4 – Band Flow:
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STAGE – TO STAGE**

1. From the warm up room, bands will go downstairs using the opposite stairwell to come out of exit C.
2. From exit C, bands will move across to exit D again, this time moving straight ahead into the SNRCC foyer
3. Bands will move backstage in the band waiting area, and will enter from stage left.



**Day 3 and 4 – Band Flow:
C D and Youth Grade – OFF
STAGE**

1. Bands will exit stage right and move to the backstage area
2. Coming out the backstage door, they go back through exit D and directly to the instrument bays to collect their belongings and cases and move out of the bays

***Bands taking photos may go through to exit C and go into the Lion Foundation Foyer**

