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# Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018

I am delighted to welcome the Golden Oldies fraternity to the beautiful city of Christchurch.

The Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Christchurch Celebration 2018 is one of a kind. Not only will it be the largest participation sporting event ever held in Christchurch, it will also be the first time that all Golden Oldies Sports are played within the same city within the same month.

Established in 1979 with Golden Oldies Rugby staged in Auckland, Golden Oldies Sports Festivals have a strong 40 year history in successful, friendly international competition. As a result, the Golden Oldies Sports portfolio has grown to include an additional (to Rugby) nine other sports. Built on the ethos of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity the Festivals lead the way in the worldwide friendly participation mature sports movement.

Vintage Sport and Leisure are very grateful for the support from New Zealand Major Events, Christchurch City Council, Rata Foundation, Canterbury Tourism, Tourism New Zealand and Christchurch Casino as well as from the local sporting organisations which represent each of the ten sports.

Your stay in Christchurch will not only benefit yourself but also the wonderful people of Christchurch and New Zealand children living with illnesses. Proceeds from the Celebration will be distributed between Cure Kids and the purposefully created Leverage and Legacy Committee chaired by former Christchurch City Councillor and Christchurch media personality, Barry Corbett.

We are delighted to be managing the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 and we hope to see you in Christchurch so that you too can experience the passion!



*Peter McDermott*  
*Founder and Managing Director*

# Welcomes

## **Welcome Message from Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, Minister of Sport NZ**

New Zealand is delighted to welcome the thousands of athletes coming from across the globe to the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018.

We have a great track record of successfully hosting major international events here and we are excited to lay out the welcome mat for all of the Golden Oldies athletes plus their supporters and fans in 2018. We are sure you will enjoy your time in New Zealand, and hope you take the opportunity to look around this beautiful country as well as compete in your events.

The Golden Oldies movement is a great way to keep those over the age of 35 fit, active and involved in sport. The benefits of Golden Oldies sport run deeper than health and well-being. Lifelong friendships are formed, lasting memories are made and the love of sport is enhanced.

I congratulate you all on staying involved in your sports and look forward to seeing you in Christchurch in 2018.



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## **Mike Godinet- Christchurch General Manager**

I am pleased to welcome you all to the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 .

As a born and bred Cantabrian, I am delighted to be managing the Celebration which will assist in the regeneration of our wonderful city.

Golden Oldies is a fantastic opportunity for like-minded sporting enthusiasts to enjoy their chosen sport in the true spirit of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity.

I can guarantee that you will love your time in Christchurch, enjoying the many bars and restaurants, the wide open beautiful green spaces and the experience of moving around a redesigned and rebuilt 21st century city!

Canterbury is a region where there is no time to be bored, one minute you can be jet boating along the Waimakariri River then the next punting down the inner city Avon River, surfing in the morning at Sumner and snow skiing in the afternoon at Mt Hutt, then quality food and wine in the evening at any of the many inner city bars and restaurants in Christchurch.

You will meet old friends, make new friends and you will never forget your experience here in Christchurch.

So I encourage you to grab your gear and join us in Christchurch – The Garden City.



## **Barry Corbett - Chair of the Legacy and Leverage Committee**

I am very excited about my role as the Chair of the Leverage and Legacy Committee and can't wait to welcome you all to the fantastic city of Christchurch.

Having lived here most of my life and as a former City councillor I have seen Christchurch go through a large changes, nothing more than what is happening right now. By 2018 there will be a huge transformation of the inner city so most people will come with some awe and excitement when they see it. For those who came here a few years ago, your eyes will be wide open at how it has changed.

Christchurch will welcome you all in a huge way as well as being the perfect host for the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 because let's face it, Christchurch is one of the sporting capitals with so many different sports and sports stars having come from here.

I am pleased to be working with Vintage Sport and Leisure Ltd in developing a long lasting legacy for Christchurch, something that I believe it just as important as the Celebration month. We are looking at a number of different things and I am enthusiastic about the potential positive impact that the Celebration will have on the city for years to come.

The Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 is going to be wonderful for Christchurch. Most people will be blown away with how the new city turns out, I'm sure



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## **Brett Anderson- Christchurch Casino CEO**

Christchurch Casino is proud to be the naming sponsor of the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 to be held here in Christchurch, an event that will make the month of April in 2018 and one to be long remembered, not just by those taking part but by the city in general as we are fortunate to host the thousands of participants expected. As a long term supporter of Christchurch based events and sports teams, to be able to combine that support for an event of the magnitude that this is and knowing of the positive impact it will have on so many it is a privilege to be able to do so.

The team and I at Christchurch Casino look forward to welcoming and hosting you in Christchurch in 2018.



# What is Golden Oldies?

The Golden Oldies phenomenon had its origins in New Zealand when rugby administrator Tom Johnson sought a way to keep people involved in his game at a time when leisure time was under assault from a variety of sources.

Johnson, a New Zealand Rugby Football Union councillor, had seen the interest in past representative players getting together and having fun in semi-social games around New Zealand. In 1977 he organised some games as 20-minute curtain-raisers before matches played by the touring British and Irish Lions rugby side around New Zealand.

The interest in those games made him realise that there was potential for such a concept, none more than in Auckland where the local administrators didn't want to host a game. So he took it to a suburban ground where 5000 people turned up to watch a game between the New Zealand Barbarians and a team of former British international players. Johnson knew he was on the right track and a visit later that year, to North America where he watched veterans rugby in the United States and Canada and then discussed the Golden Oldies concept with two contacts there, saw him put the groundwork in place.

It was all about having fun, while also latching onto the desire of people over the age of 35, with no upper end age restriction, tying in their sport with international travel. The notion of 'Fun, Friendship and Fraternity' was central to the

whole concept and the first rugby Festival was staged in Auckland in 1979. It was a start.

Two years later it was held in Long Beach, California and then in 1983 it was staged in Sydney, Australia, and from there it took off. In 2016 the 21st Rugby Festival is being celebrated in Cardiff, Wales.

But along the way the Golden Oldies concept drew the attention of other codes.

In 1983 hockey joined the fold and it will stage its 18th Festival in Cape Town in 2017.

In 1984 cricket, a game tailor-made to the Golden Oldies requirements, was staged in Auckland with several former international players taking part. It hasn't looked back either.

Netball also joined in in 1984 and since then Festivals have been held in: Adelaide, Brisbane, Christchurch, the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Gold Coast, Singapore, Vancouver, Perth, Queenstown, San Diego and Hobart.

When Christchurch hosts the combined Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration in 2018, 10 sports will be involved during four weeks in April. Basketball, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby, Softball and Squash.

## The Event

**A sporting extravaganza with a difference, the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 will hit Christchurch in April 2018 and will be the biggest participation sports event of the modern era to be staged in the city.**

**Spread across 10 sports the Golden Oldies movement which had its origins in New Zealand in 1979 has captured a special niche on the sporting scene, catering as it does for over-35s with the accent on 'Fun, Friendship and Fraternity'. What makes Golden Oldies different is that it caters for all levels of sporting interest from the enthusiast to the retired**

**international player looking for a way to ease down their involvement in their sport.**

**It is a cliché to say but the playing field is levelled with law variations taking the competition out of games but still drawing on the skills special to the particular sports being played.**

**The action is not only confined to the playing fields but to the after-match which takes on a quality of its own and where many lasting friendships have been formed.**

# From the ocean to Christchurch and Canterbury The Perfect Hosts

Sport is synonymous with Christchurch and Canterbury. The South Island's largest city, and New Zealand's second-biggest city, has long been a fiercely-proud entity supporting the home colours red and black across a variety of sports codes.

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**A**rriving at Christchurch International Airport is a stunning entrée to New Zealand's South Island and an assured experience that would be hard to beat anywhere in the world.

Christchurch, New Zealand's second biggest city, is the gateway to the south and a multitude of sights and sounds to keep any tourist fully occupied. Queenstown and the remarkable Southern Lakes region is a five-hour drive, or an hour-long flight, south.

The quaint West Coast, with its historic mining and saw-milling background is a three-hour drive to the west and the coastal whale watch mecca of Kaikoura is a 90-minute drive to the north.

And then there's Christchurch itself. It's no accident that it is the host venue for the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018. It is a sporting hub par excellence catering for a variety of sports with facilities up to the best in the world.

Whether it is due to the harshness of the southern winters, the cooling effect of the easterly wind from the sea or the hot, dry summers, there is a genuine edge to Canterbury sport.

The area's rugby teams are famous - initially for the Canterbury teams which have more than one international scalp to their credit and then, when rugby went professional, the Crusaders, based in Christchurch, became the most successful side in Super Rugby and produced great players like Richie McCaw and Dan Carter.

But rugby isn't the only sport Cantabrians succeed in.

All of the other sports that are part of the Celebration are well represented on the domestic ladders of success and will ensure that visiting teams are well catered for by knowledgeable fans.

Christchurch regularly hosts international events with both rugby and cricket Tests being played at Hagley Park and Christchurch stadium while the world men's softball championships were played in 2004 and the world bowls championships were played in the city in 2008 and they returned in 2016. The women's world championships were also held in the city in 2008.

Golf has hosted international tournaments, especially at the Clearwater and Russley courses through the years while the city has been one of the strong centres for basketball, football and hockey in New Zealand.

Perhaps the greatest event staged in Christchurch was the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

So successful were they that they were known as 'The Friendly Games'.

But the Games struck a chord during a wonderful 10 days that opened with local runner Dick Talyer winning the 10,000m in a world-class time and ended with Filbert Bayi of Tanzania winning the 1500m in world-record time.

The unique blend that makes Canterbury sport so successful is reflected in the numbers of Cantabrians who regularly feature in New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams.

Nestled in the lea of the Port Hills, Christchurch literally has the best of both the winter and summer worlds. The Southern Alps with their skifields are an hour's drive away while beaches abound within 20 minutes drive of the central city. That spirit and legacy of sports history will be available for all to see during the staging of the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018.



# Cricket

## 1st - 8th April 2018

Christchurch has a strong place in the development of New Zealand's cricketers with the national High Performance Centre being located at Lincoln University where the Women's World Cup was held in 2000 and the ICC Junior Cricket World Cup was staged there in 2002.

Canterbury is one of the strongest domestic associations in both men's and women's cricket and regularly features near the top of the points tables in all forms of the game.

Canterbury was officially settled in 1850 and the first reports of club games appeared in local newspapers the following year.

A solid club structure has grown up around the facilities at Hagley Park, where the new base for the provincial game has been developed.

The return of international cricket to Christchurch was acknowledged when the new facilities at Hagley Park were used to open the 2015 Cricket World Cup. In keeping with the park's status, Hagley Park is to be the venue for the 2018 Golden Oldies World Cricket Festival.

## Ambassador: Rod Latham

Rod Latham is one of the most well-known sportsmen in Christchurch. He is one of a select group of players to have played first-class cricket and rugby for the province.

But it is in cricket that he made his greatest mark, playing four Tests and scoring a Test century while also playing 33 One-Day Internationals, most notably as an opening batsman in the 1992 World Cup.

Latham played 101 first-class matches for Canterbury in domestic cricket and he ranks fourth on the all-time Canterbury run scoring list with 5919 runs at an average of 37.22, including eight centuries. His career spanned from 1980-81 until 1994-95.

His highest score for the side was 237 not out against Northern

Districts at Rotorua in 1990-91. It is interesting that of the top five scores by Canterbury batsmen, three are by Lathams. Rod has one and his son Tom features twice on the list.

"Cricket in Canterbury is strong with 10 senior clubs based in Christchurch city while there are a lot of country clubs and some of those grounds will provide a great environment. The country experience could be very special. Clubs have been very supportive of each other under the circumstances and cricket has been helping people talk about their needs and there has been a lot of working together."

"I played a long time for Canterbury and the game is ingrained in me. Red and black are the colours and I'm very proud to have worn the colours. Cricket is still a big part of my life," Latham said.





# Programme

## Sunday 1st of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Late afternoon teams will transfer to the city centre for the Parade of Nations that will head to Hagley Park and then transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 2nd of April

Morning transfer to a range of local cricket clubs and Hagley Park for the first round of games. Official umpires will be appointed and a light lunch will be provided between innings followed by hospitality at clubs and at Hagley Park. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch.

## Tuesday 3rd of April

A day at leisure and a chance to take an optional excursion or to spend some time at the Christchurch Casino.

## Wednesday 4th of April

Teams will again transfer to local clubs and to Hagley Park for the second round of games with arrangements as for Monday's play. Post-match hospitality will be a feature of the days' cricket.

## Thursday 5th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Friday 6th of April

Teams will transfer to local clubs and Hagley Park for their final round of games with arrangements the same as the previous two playing days. Evening at leisure to enjoy local club hospitality and to again explore and enjoy the local restaurants and bars and maybe even a flutter at the Christchurch Casino.

## Saturday 7th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Sunday 8th of April

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# Netball

## 1st - 8th April 2018

Netball is the leading women's sport in New Zealand and the national team regularly contests the status of world champions with Australia.

One of the strongest centres for the game is in Christchurch, the venue for the 2018 Golden Oldies World Netball Festival.

Netball has been played in New Zealand since the start of the 20th Century when it was known as basketball. It became very popular in schools and by 1923 regular provincial competition at senior level started when Canterbury played Wellington.

A national governing body was formed in 1924 and the first national tournament was played in 1926. New Zealand made their first overseas tour, to Australia, in 1938.

An international association was formed in 1957, standardising the laws of the game and the first world championships were played in England in 1963.

## Ambassador: Julie Seymour

Julie Seymour is one of the most well-known faces in Canterbury netball, having played much of her netball in the province.

It was from Christchurch that she was first selected in 1994 for the New Zealand Silver Ferns for the first of her 92 Test matches, including several as captain, and by the time she retired from the game in 2009 she had made more than 80 appearances for the local Flames and Tactix sides in New Zealand's domestic netball championship.

As her coach of the day Helen Mahon-Stroud said, "She is part of the make-up of netball in this country."

Seymour played in three World Championships, in 1995, 1999 and 2007, for two silver medals and a bronze while she also won silver medals at the Commonwealth Games in 1998 and 2002.

Not satisfied with confining herself to the netball court,

Seymour demonstrated her versatility by finishing second in the 800m at the national track and field championships in 1998.

Seymour said that having lived most of her life in Christchurch she is really excited that it will be hosting the 2018 Golden Oldies World Netball Festival.

"Netball in Christchurch is very strong and what I love about it is Hagley Park where the netball will



be played."

"There are 40 courts all in one place and on a Saturday it is absolutely buzzing with netballers from all over the region and I love that it is all in one place - a very strong netball centre," she said.

"There is lots to do here in Christchurch, new bars and restaurants have been opening around the place, fantastic shopping which I know most people enjoy when they go on a netball trip."

"There are the mountains that are close by, great features, great walks and lots of tourist attractions that I am sure that people will enjoy doing. Christchurch is in the centre of Canterbury and it is not too far to travel if you want to go and see the mountains, the beach is right here on our door step and you can also travel up to Kaikoura to do the whale watching which is about an hour away. So there is plenty to see and do."

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## Monday 2nd of April

Morning transfer to the Christchurch Netball Centre for the first day of games. Official Golden Oldies umpires will be appointed and food and beverage will be available during the day. At the end of play teams will be transferred back to their accommodation in time to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Tuesday 3rd of April

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## Wednesday 4th of April

Morning transfer to the Christchurch Netball Centre for the second day of play. Official Golden Oldies umpires will be appointed and food and beverage will be available during the day. At the end of play teams will be transferred back to their accommodation in time to enjoy an evening visiting local restaurants and bars.

## Thursday 5th of April

A day at leisure and a chance to enjoy some of the attractions of Christchurch, to take an optional tour, to try a bit of retail therapy or just relax in one of the local bars or restaurants.

## Friday 6th of April

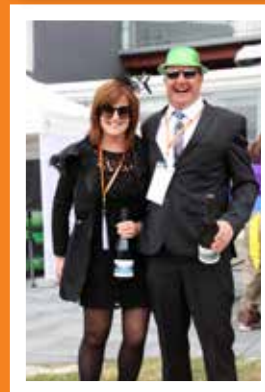
Morning transfer to Christchurch Netball Centre for the third and final days play. Umpires will be appointed and food and beverage will be available during the day. At the end of play teams will be transferred back to their accommodation in time to enjoy an evening visiting local restaurants and bars and maybe even a flutter at the Christchurch Casino.

## Saturday 7th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

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# Basketball

## 1st - 8th April 2018

Christchurch has a proud history in Basketball, its side, the Canterbury Rams, were a foundation member of the New Zealand League and they dominated the competition during the heyday of the league winning four championships in the late-1980s and early-1990s. They made eight finals before the team disbanded after the 2008 season.

Basketball began in New Zealand in 1908 when a student of the American founder of the game (Dr James Naismith, J.H. Greenwood), was appointed physical director of the Wellington YMCA. The game spread slowly but surely around the country and the first national tournament was played in Wellington in 1938.

With American servicemen providing the example during the war, the game found new supporters who also found greater facilities as many of the war memorial halls built around the country were of a size sufficient to allow basketball to be played.

Contact with Australia boosted the international links which were strengthened when the Oceania zone was set by the IBF. In 1978, the big day arrived when Australia were beaten for the first time and New Zealand went on to win a silver medal in the Commonwealth tournament that year. The national league was established in the early-1980s and with television coverage, interest in the game blossomed.

By 2000 New Zealand made the most of qualification for the Olympic Games, and two years later finished fourth at the world championships, ahead of the United States. Latterly New Zealand have fielded a side in the Australian league, the Breakers and they have been four-time winners of the championship.

## Ambassador: Brendon Pongia

Brendon Pongia played 14 seasons in the NBL and won international honours.

He played for several clubs and was a member of the NBL-winning Waikato Titans team in 2002. Pongia also played for the Hawke's Bay Hawkes, North Harbour Vikings and Wellington Saints during his career. He was a member of the New Zealand Tall Blacks who beat Australia, a rare feat, to qualify for the 2002 FIBA World Championships.

After taking a break from the game he returned in 2006 for the Saints before playing for the



Southland Flyers in the national provincial championships helping them to win the national title.

Pongia said he was rapt to take on the role of ambassador because there were not many opportunities to give something back to the game and while he had been able to remain supportive of the sport, his work commitments meant he couldn't do as much as he would have liked.

But Golden Oldies has provided him with a perfect vehicle and the connection with Cure Kids was also something he supported.

"Basketball is a game I love. It has opened up a lot of doors for me and really provided a platform for my life and I owe the game of basketball greatly so by being an ambassador and promoting what will be an amazing Golden Oldies tournament I am able to show some respect and give back to the game," he said. Pongia thinks the Golden Oldies Festival will be good both for basketball and for the city. "It will be that much further down the line in terms of its infrastructure."

"I remember playing at Cowles

Stadium [the Christchurch basketball base] when it was full due to the high interest in the game. And now the side is doing well again in the National League."

"A lot of great basketballers came out of the city, John Hill from the well-known local family, John 'Dutchie' Rademakers, Glen Denham...who knows they may come out of retirement and play if their knees are still holding up."

"We used to say that what happened between the lines, stayed between the lines but at least with Golden Oldies it is not so competitive and is more about taking part and then having a beer or two after, and that is great."

"Some of those older guys may still have the competitive instinct, because you never lose it, but being older and wiser they don't have to be so fast around the court and can still show off their skills." "Christchurch is a great place for the event, it will be good for the region and it will be exciting," he said.

Pongia is already anticipating his ambassadorship will not be confined to the sidelines.

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## Monday 2nd of April

Morning transfer to local basketball stadiums for the first round of games. Golden Oldies Referees will officiate. Food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch with maybe a visit to the Casino for a pleasant meal, entertainment and maybe a little flutter.

## Tuesday 3rd of April

Morning transfer to local basketball stadiums for the second round of games. Arrangements the same as Monday.

## Wednesday 4th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Thursday 5th of April

Morning transfer to local basketball stadiums for the third round of games. Arrangements the same as Monday.

## Friday 6th of April

Morning transfer to local basketball stadiums for the final round of games. Arrangements the same as Monday. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch or another visit to the Casino for a bit of a flutter, a pleasant meal and an enjoyable drink or two.

## Saturday 7th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

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# Softball

## 8th - 15th April 2018

Softball is a relatively young sport in New Zealand and the first national championships were played in only 1939.

While the game was strongest in Wellington and Auckland, it was a Canterbury team that won the first national title when beating Wellington 9-5 in the final.

Just how impressive that win was could be measured by the fact that Canterbury didn't win the national again until 1996-97 season. Canterbury's women have tended to win more titles on the national stage.

New Zealand teams have been active in international competition and have attended all world championships. The women's first was in 1965 and the men's a year later.

Christchurch has been important as the leading centre in the South Island and it hosted the men's world championships, won by New Zealand, in 2004.

## Ambassador: Cheryl Kemp

Cheryl Kemp is one of the giants of New Zealand women's softball. She was named New Zealand's female player of the decade from 1977-1986 when New Zealand Softball celebrated 80 years of existence. She has been inducted in the International Softball Federation's Hall of Fame twice, once as a player and once as a coach, and is the only person to do so. Kemp was a pitcher in the first New Zealand women's team to claim the world championship in 1982.

After her retirement from playing she moved into administration and is the chief executive of the Canterbury Softball Association based in Christchurch. In 2004 she was awarded the Canterbury Professional Sports administrator of the year award after the successful staging of the men's world championship in Christchurch.

"The softball community here in Christchurch is very excited about the Golden Oldies World Softball Festival."

"We anticipate a good turnout. Historically local teams have supported the Masters concept. We've had teams travel to Canada, Italy, Australia, and certainly on a regular basis to Australia, so we

would expect to get those Australian contacts visiting us in Christchurch in return".

"We've got the world championship venue from when we hosted the men's 2004 world championships so we have two international diamonds and immediately outside on the other field we have 14 grass diamonds."

"We are the second largest association in New Zealand, so for our population we punch above our weight. We have 10 Canterbury representative teams that travel every year. We own the Southern Cross Challenge international event with Queensland. We have that one year in Brisbane, the next year in Christchurch".

"The Park itself has been repaired and we held the National Fastpitch Championships here in February 2016. Since the park was built we have hosted 215 international or national tournaments here. So the team here is very experienced in hosting tournaments and events. Like all Golden Oldies sports, softballers will be able to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded interest in their game."

"Any opportunity to meet up again, sing the old songs and play the game. There will be a lot of partying, a lot of fun, a lot of telling of old tales which we all enjoy doing and Christchurch



itself, the mere fact that for the entire month we're going to be a sporting Mecca for the 35-plus-year-olds is going to be very, very special in itself.

Everyone taking part has a common denominator and that is the love of sport that has brought them back together again to share the good times. It doesn't really matter what sport you play, that is the attraction about it. Sport is one of those marvellous connectors of people, and especially team sports. I have a particular passion in what that teaches young people as well as the opportunity it affords us older people to reconnect and enjoy each-others company again."

# Programme

## Sunday 8th of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Late afternoon teams will transfer to the city centre for the Parade of Nations that will head to Hagley Park and then transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 9th of April

Morning transfer to Mizuno Ballpark for the first two rounds of games. Official umpires will be appointed and food, beverages and hospitality will be available throughout the day at the clubrooms. Late afternoon transfer back to accommodation for an evening free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch.

## Tuesday 10th of April

Morning transfer to Mizuno Ballpark for the third and fourth rounds of games. Same game day arrangements as per Monday.

## Wednesday 11th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Thursday 12th of April

Morning transfer to Mizuno Ballpark for the fifth and sixth rounds of games. Same game day arrangements as per Monday.

## Friday 13th of April

Morning transfer to Mizuno Ballpark for the seventh and eighth rounds of games (Finals Day). Same game day arrangements as per Monday.

## Saturday 14th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do a bit of last minute shopping, enjoy one of the many local attractions and prepare for an early evening coach transfer to the Finale Awards Dinner and Dance. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of fun, friendship and camaraderie at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Sunday 15th of April

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# Golf

## 8th - 14th April 2018

Golf has been played in Christchurch since at least 1873 when the first club was set up in the region.

Since then the game has flourished with many fine golf courses to be found throughout the Canterbury province, and many within Christchurch itself.

Visitors to the city will see the Hagley Park course as they travel to their accommodation, sitting as it does in the middle of the vast park area the city's forefathers created in the middle of the 19th Century.

Golf is New Zealand's biggest sport in terms of participation numbers and by the turn of the 21st century New Zealand had more than 400 golf courses, more per capita than any other country except Scotland. Thirty-eight golf courses are found in Canterbury from the highly-regarded Terrace Downs Resort in the west to the inner-city Christchurch Golf Club at Shirley.

When the first men's and women's amateur championships were first played, in 1893, Christchurch woman Lomax Smith won the first women's title.

## Ambassador: Sir Bob Charles



While not Canterbury born, Sir Bob Charles has made Canterbury his home for nearly 60 years since moving south from the Wairarapa in his employment with the Bank of New Zealand. Having won New Zealand's Golf Open as an 18-year-old amateur he turned professional in 1960, just as golf was about to take off thanks to extensive television coverage. He soon established himself as the game's best left-hander and achieved several firsts as a left-hander winning on the PGA tour. His finest moment was winning the 1963 Open Championship at

Royal Lytham and St. Annes in a play-off with Phil Rodgers of the United States.

Another high-ranked performance was winning the 1969 World Matchplay Championship. Once he moved to the Senior PGA tour he found more success, winning 23 titles.

He won the Senior British Open 30 years after winning his title in 1963 – the first major win by a left-hander. He now lives in Christchurch at Clearwater, overlooking a golf course he helped design.

"Christchurch has a number of excellent golf courses," Sir Bob said.

"The No.1 course would be the Christchurch Golf Club at Shirley, closely followed by Clearwater and then Russley would not be far behind that. All three are within 20 minutes of each other. But then you've got Waimairi Beach, Waitikiri, Avondale and you have McLeans Island and Coringa too. So Christchurch can accommodate quite a lot of golfers."

"A feature of Christchurch's courses is that they are all flat, so that means easy walking and there are golf carts available at the main courses," he said.

"The Christchurch Golf Club has hosted many New Zealand Open Championships over the years and in more recent years Clearwater

has been used quite a lot in tournament play and just recently the New Zealand Ladies' Open which Lydia Ko won and there's been an annual tournament here for the last 10 years or so at Clearwater which lends itself to major events because of the infrastructure, adequate parking, practice facilities and all the amenities you would want including hotel rooms on site."

"I was part of the team that designed Clearwater. It has come up very well. I think the layout with what ground we had to work with is pretty good."

"Golf to me is the game of a lifetime, my dad played until he was 90 years of age, my mother played well into her 80s and the great thing about golf is that you don't need an opponent. You make lifelong friends, it's a great social game. You go out and have a round of golf with your friends, or an opponent, and if you lose you buy the winner a drink. To be a member of the club, to meet up with all your friends whether at the weekend or whatever it's a great social occasion."

And the 2018 Golden Oldies World Golf Festival ambassador Sir Bob Charles is sure that will be the case in Christchurch as well.



# Programme

## Sunday 8th of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Early evening transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 9th of April

Morning transfer to the host Golf Clubs for the first round of play a Par Three Golden Oldies Golf Festival Day with a great series of awards and prizes – a really fun way to start an excellent week. Food and beverage will be available at the clubs during the day followed by hospitality at the end of play. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Tuesday 10th of April

Morning transfer to the host Golf Clubs for the second round of play – Stableford and Stroke play. Food and beverage will be available during the day followed by hospitality and awards at the end of play. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Wednesday 11th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Thursday 12th of April

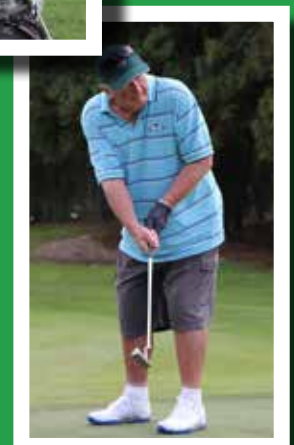
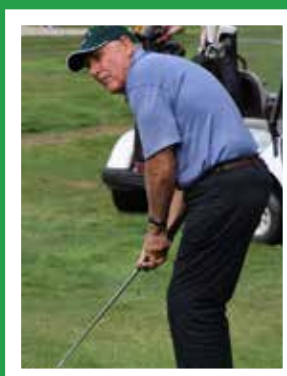
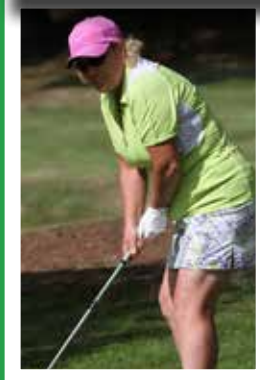
Morning transfer to the host Golf Clubs for the third round of play – Stableford and Stroke play. Food and beverage will be available during the day followed by hospitality and awards at the end of play. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Friday 13th of April

Morning transfer to the host Golf Clubs for the final round of play – Stableford and Stroke play. Food and beverage will be available during the day followed by hospitality and awards at the end of play. Early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards Evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Saturday 14th of April

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# Football

## 15th - 22nd April 2018

As in several other sports, Christchurch has a long history in football and the first provincial match was played at Lancaster Park between Canterbury and Otago in 1890. But the introduction of the national club competition, the Chatham Cup, in 1923 became the main focus of the game until the introduction of a national league was launched in 1970. Clubs from Christchurch have won the Cup on 14 occasions including the semi-professional Christchurch United completing a hat-trick of wins in the mid-1970s. Christchurch United was a six-time winner of the national league which was staged from 1970-1992 when it was disbanded for financial reasons. Christchurch has been one of the powerhouses of soccer in New Zealand and was the home town of the captain of the 2010 World Cup side and Blackburn Rovers defender Ryan Nelsen.

## Ambassador: Alan Stroud

Originally from the North Shore in Auckland, Alan Stroud went to University in Dunedin and played for Dunedin City in New Zealand's national league. From there he moved to Christchurch where he played for Christchurch United. Then he played for Rangers, now the Coastal Spirit, where he is on the club's board.

He played three internationals for New Zealand between 1986-1995 as a goal-keeper. His father Arthur Stroud also played for New Zealand on eight occasions in non-cap earning internationals. Alan Stroud is still involved in coaching soccer and playing in Over 45s Masters grades. He saw what Golden Oldies fraternity was like during the Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival played in Christchurch in 1995 and said it was a fantastic week and to have something similar in 2018, over ten sports for a month

would be great to showcase to the world that Christchurch's rebuild was well underway and the city was well on its way back. The FIFA Under-20 World Cup has been played in the city since then and there was a legacy from that in getting football back on a solid playing level again.



Another boost was the move to Christchurch by Russian businessman Slava Meyn who has built two turf pitches in Yaldhurst as part of the Christchurch Football Academy.

"They played a new secondary school competition there last year and they had three games back-to-back every Wednesday on each pitch, it was great," Stroud said.

Traditional grounds at Garrick Park and Ferrymead will also be likely to be available during the Festival.

Stroud has every intention of being among those who will strip for games during the Festival and expects interest to be high once word gets out about the event. "Things will start happening as we get closer to the event," he said.

# Programme

## Sunday 15th of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Late afternoon teams will transfer to the city centre for the Parade of Nations that will head to Hagley Park and then transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 16th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the first round of games. Golden Oldies Referees will officiate. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch with maybe a visit to the Casino for a pleasant meal, entertainment and perhaps a little flutter.

## Tuesday 17th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the second round of games with arrangements the same as for Day One. Official Golden Oldies Referees will officiate. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch.

## Wednesday 18th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Thursday 19th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the third round of games with arrangements the same as for Day One. Golden Oldies Referees will officiate. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch.

## Friday 20th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the final round of games with arrangements the same as for the previous three days. Official Golden Oldies Referees will officiate. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch or another visit to the Casino for a bit of a flutter, a pleasant meal and an enjoyable drink or two.

## Saturday 21st of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Sunday 22nd of April

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# Hockey

## 15th - 22nd April 2018

Hockey holds a prominent place in Christchurch's sporting structure and is one of the oldest organised sports in the region.

The game first appeared in Canterbury in the 1890s and New Zealand's first inter-provincial men's hockey match was played between Canterbury and Wellington in 1898. Women's hockey followed and while for much of their existence men's and women's hockey was administered separately until they combined to form Hockey New Zealand in 1989.

Christchurch was to play a key role in the game getting established with the first club game being played between Kaiapoi Hockey Club and Papanui Rovers in 1895. The game spread through the province, and the country had 17 provinces established by 1910.

New Zealand's growth in hockey has seen it win a place among the world's top hockey nations in both men's and women's hockey with both having been in Olympic Games contention in recent Olympiads. New Zealand Hockey's greatest moment was in 1976 when the men's team won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Montreal by beating Australia in the final.

## Ambassador: Dr. Selwyn Maister

Dr. Selwyn Maister is one of the members of New Zealand's gold medal-winning men's hockey team at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. He played representative hockey for Canterbury from 1965-1980 and captained New Zealand in 1973-74. The Rhodes Scholar played in three Olympics while also winning a Blue when playing for Oxford University. He coached after retiring from playing the game and was assistant coach of the New Zealand women's hockey team at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. Maister has been president of the New Zealand Olympians' Association and won New Zealand Sport's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. Most recently he has been appointed president of

Paralympics New Zealand. He said visitors would be well catered for with the city's main facility at Nunweek Park, the home of Hockey Canterbury. "It is a very fine complex and visitors will find everything they require to enjoy their games and they will be able to play in great surroundings." "Nunweek Park has three turf fields and three grass fields. Christchurch has a fantastically rich hockey history. The game in the South Island started in the district in Kaiapoi, Christchurch Ashburton and Tinwald. It was a very English tradition that grew out of the English-style schools in Christchurch. The city was the administrative centre of the game for New Zealand until it moved to Auckland in 1989. The men's

game especially was very strong during the 20th Century and that was largely due to the profound influence of Cyril Walter, the renowned hockey coach," he said.



# Programme

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## Monday 16th of April

Morning transfer to Nunweek Park for the first day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

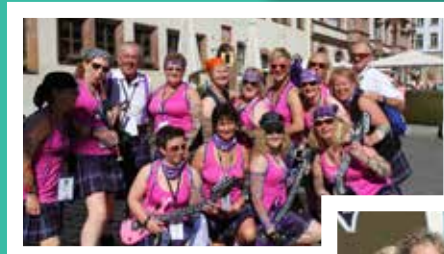


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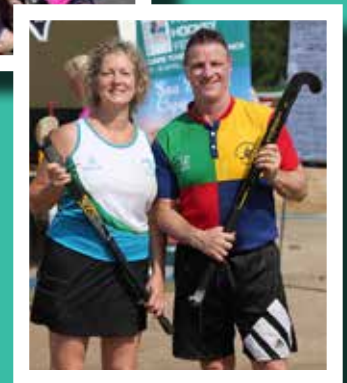
## Wednesday 18th of April

Morning transfer to Nunweek Park for the second day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.



## Thursday 19th of April

A day at leisure and a chance to enjoy some of the attractions of Christchurch, to take an optional tour, to try a bit of retail therapy or just relax in one of the local bars or restaurants.



## Friday 20th of April

Morning transfer to Nunweek Park for the final day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars and maybe even a flutter at the Christchurch Casino.

## Saturday 21st of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.



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# Squash

## 15th - 22nd April 2018

Compared to most of the other sports in the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration, squash is relatively young, but it has a long association with the Christchurch region. The game was introduced by New Zealanders who had encountered the game in England. The first national competitions were played at the Christchurch Club in 1932. Their courts, and those at the Devonport Naval Base in Auckland were the only courts suitable for national competitions.

The first public squash club was opened in 1933, just down the road from Christchurch in Timaru. By 1934 New Zealand squash players were playing in the Australian Championships.

Squash took time to catch hold but a visit by world champion Hashim Khan in 1952, and the appointment of Mohamed Dardir as national coach in 1967 were significant steps in the game's development.

But the real boost came when New Zealanders started to make their mark on the world stage during the 1970s. Bruce Brownlee became the first New Zealander to win the British Amateur title in 1976 and he featured prominently among a top group of players who made a huge impact on the game on their world circuit.

That impetus was extended when Susan Devoy dominated the world women's game throughout the 1980s. With four world titles and eight British Open victories she became one of the game's greatest players. Her feats gave the game a profile it rarely enjoys. New Zealanders continue to achieve success on the world stage with Joelle King, of Canterbury, the most recent top-level player who won the Australian women's open in Melbourne in 2016, making a successful comeback from a ruptured Achilles tendon suffered at the NZ national championships in 2014. And another Cantabrian, Paul Coll won the men's title at the Australian Open to complete a unique double for Canterbury.

## Ambassador: Barry Gardiner

Barry Gardiner has been playing squash for 56 years, as part of a busy sporting career, playing and administering the game. He's a former New Zealand rugby league representative and played representative rugby for South Canterbury. He was a South Canterbury tennis representative and was involved with squash in that province for 20 years. He's been a New Zealand Masters squash representative for 15 years and along the way has won world squash champion status in the over-50, over-60 and over-70 Masters grades. He was president of New Zealand Squash for two years and has helped organise world junior and masters squash championships. "I think it is great that

Christchurch has been awarded this event, the place is going to be buzzing," he said.

Gardiner played through the great era of the late 70's and early 80's when squash took hold in New Zealand.

"I don't know anybody who has played squash who hasn't said, 'What a great game'."

"Coming to New Zealand is a big enough attraction on its own, but when you've got a reason to come here that's even better. Players know you don't have to be the greatest player or represent your country to play in the 2018 Golden Oldies World Squash Festival and it has a great name for fun and friendship."

"They're not coming here to win trophies and all that, they're



coming for an entirely different reason. I believe there will be a lot of interested players in New Zealand. There will be those who played in the 1970s and '80s who would love the chance to play in something like this. Squash players in general are a very social animal," he said.

# Programme

## Sunday 15th of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Early evening transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment..

## Monday 16th of April

Players will meet at selected squash facilities for the first day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Tuesday 17th of April

Players will meet at selected squash facilities for the second day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Wednesday 18th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Thursday 19th of April

Players will meet at selected squash facilities for the third day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Friday 20th of April

Players will meet at selected squash facilities for the final day of games. Golden Oldies umpires will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars and maybe even a flutter at the Christchurch Casino.

## Saturday 21st of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

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# Lawn Bowls

## 22nd - 29th April 2018

Bowls has been played in Christchurch since 1875 and some of the first inter-district games played in New Zealand were between the Dunedin and Christchurch clubs in 1879. The game was controlled by a national body when the Dominion of New Zealand Bowling Association was created in 1913. By the time of the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018, Christchurch will have twice hosted the world outdoor bowls championships, firstly in 2008 and then in 2016. New Zealand's only bowler to achieve world champion status in the singles is Peter Belliss in Scotland in 1984. Four years later Belliss teamed with Rowan Brassey to win the world pairs title and the pair combined with Andrew Curtain to claim the triples in South Africa in 2000. Christchurch bowls personality Gary Lawson skipped the world champion fours-winning team in his home town in 2008 and led Russell Meyer to claim the world pairs title in the same championships. Christchurch also hosted the women's world championships in 2008, the third time they had been held in New Zealand. Wellington hosted the event in 1973 when the legendary Elsie Wilkie won the singles while in 2008 Val Smith claimed the singles title for New Zealand. Smith claimed the pairs title with Jo Edwards the same year. Over the years New Zealand have won seven men's world titles and nine women's titles, second only to the 18 titles Australia have won.

## Ambassador: Jo Edwards

Two-times world champion pairs bowler and double gold medallist at the Commonwealth Games, in pairs in 2002 and singles in 2014, Jo Edwards was bitten by the bowls bug when aged 20.

She had played a bit of sport, and had five years in the New Zealand women's football squad, and played the usual diet of indoor and outdoor cricket, softball and volleyball, but it was when playing in a business house competition, aged 20, that she first came into contact with bowls.

"I was pretty cocky as a 20-year-old thinking, 'This isn't hard', it was only aiming at a certain place and throwing at a certain weight and then it was like, 'This is a bit harder than I thought' and it's that whole consistency thing that grabs you and keeps you going back. It's probably the hardest sport I've ever played. I'm not talking physically, it's just a very mentally challenging game."

"The good thing about it is that it can be played by all ages and at all kinds of levels and people get so much enjoyment out of it, right from business house bowls to international bowls – it covers such a range of people and personalities. It makes you train, it makes you practice – it's not a game that you can ever feel like you've nailed it."

Edwards was sure the interest in the 2018 Golden Oldies World Lawn Bowls Festival would result in plenty of interest from Christchurch locals in the activities and that would make it more personal to people.

"April's a perfect month for it, the weather's quite settled, it will still be warm. The people down there, there's the old saying about the one-eyed Cantabs, and it is very, very true...but in a good way. They can't see past Christchurch but it shows they are very proud of their city, so I think they're going to get a lot of happy people down there." "Christchurch's facilities are top

notch with many fine bowling clubs that would be more than adequate to cope with the expected influx of visitors for the Festival."

Edwards bases that view on the city's record of hosting world championship events.

"In 2008 it was the first ever combined men's and women's world bowls championships with 24 countries and, again in November this year it is going to be the same. It just shows how good they are at organisation and the volunteers are unbelievable and it's just that whole package that makes it work."





# Programme

## Sunday 22nd of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Early evening transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 23rd of April

Players gather at local Lawn Bowls clubs for the first day of games. Food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch with maybe a visit to the Casino for a pleasant meal, entertainment and maybe a little flutter.

## Tuesday 24th of April

Players gather at local clubs for the second day of games. Food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch.

## Wednesday 25th of April

A day of rest and relaxation with the opportunity to enjoy one of the many attractions of Christchurch, an optional day trip, a bit of retail therapy or maybe a visit to Casino.

## Thursday 26th of April

Players gather at local clubs for the third day of games. Food and beverages will be available during the day. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch with maybe a visit to the Casino for a pleasant meal, entertainment and perhaps a little flutter.

## Friday 27th of April

Players gather at local clubs for the final day of games. Food and beverages will be available during the day and games can be followed by relaxation and even more friendly banter. The evening will be free to enjoy the restaurants and bars in Christchurch or another visit to the Casino for a bit of a flutter, a pleasant meal and an enjoyable drink or two.

## Saturday 28th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Sunday 29th of April

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# Rugby

## 22nd - 29th April 2018

Rugby and Canterbury go hand-in-hand. Even before the onset of Super Rugby the Canterbury province, of which Christchurch is the main centre, had a reputation for the quality of players it produced. It has been the same throughout the game's history but in more recent times names like Fergie McCormick, Alex 'Grizz' Wyllie, Robbie Deans, Wayne Smith and Craig Green were the forerunners of Justin Marshall, Andrew Mehrtens, Todd Blackadder, Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, Sam Whitelock and Israel Dagg since the onset of professional rugby.

Canterbury's history in the game was behind its rapid development once the game went professional, and while it wasn't an instant success, the knowledge was acquired and a coaching system was set up that produced not only seven Super Rugby titles but a dominance in the competition that is so far unparalleled.

It is also symptomatic of the legacy the game enjoys that former players returning as coaches have had a significant influence. Wyllie and Deans are the two most obvious examples but Wayne Smith's work with the All Blacks is evidence of his contribution while Blackadder is emerging in similar style.

Behind the success achieved has been a solid core of grass roots support which continues to provide the base by which Canterbury is able to continue to dominate. Its side won the lower tier, national provincial championship seven years in a row, was beaten in the semi-finals the next year and then won again in 2015. They enjoy one of the great records of Ranfurly Shield tenures.

Dotted all over the province, and all through the city of Christchurch, are rugby grounds that come alive at weekends, while also thriving centres of activity during midweek training for teams from across all grades and ages. Rugby is as much a part of Canterbury as the Port Hills, the plains and Christchurch Cathedral.

Participants in the 2018 Golden Oldies Festival will find a welcome to be remembered and facilities bound to make their experience a memorable one.

## Hagley Park

Hagley Park, which dominates central Christchurch, is the hub of much of the city's sporting activity and will be a centrepiece for the 2018 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival.

Few cities can have access to such a well-used sporting facility in their midst but those who laid out the plan for the settlement of Christchurch could never have envisaged how much of a boost the park would give to the sporting development of the city and the Canterbury region.

The Park is within easy walking distance of the city's entertainment and accommodation hubs in the central business district or suburban Riccarton on opposite sides of the Park. And at its northern end the Merivale entertainment hub is a short distance away. While situated at its southern end is Christchurch Hospital.

The Park covers 164.637 hectares (just over 400 acres) and included in its environs are the city's botanic gardens, Canterbury Museum and the



newly-created Test match cricket venue.

It has been the venue for many sporting and cultural events and among the most famous was the 1906 Australasian tennis championships. In those amateur days Christchurch was the home town of Wimbledon champion and Davis Cup specialist Anthony Wilding. Wilding won the Australasian championships. The nearest equivalent nowadays to the tournament would be the Australian Open.

## Ambassador: Todd Blackadder

An archetypal Canterbury son in the mould of legends who preceded him like Alex Wyllie, Tiny Hill, Dennis Young et al, Todd Blackadder has carved his own niche on the local rugby scene. Born at Rangiora, the 12-Test All Black, who also captained the side, made 126 appearances in the national provincial championship for Canterbury over 12 seasons while he also made 71 appearances for the Crusaders captaining them to a hat-trick of Super Rugby title wins in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Blackadder was also a member of the first New Zealand Sevens team at the World Sevens Cup. After a period playing professional rugby in Scotland where he captained the Edinburgh Gunners and made 41 appearances for the side, he started his coaching career in Scotland at both club and international level before returning to New Zealand as director of rugby, then coach, for the Tasman Union before moving into the Crusaders structure, initially as an assistant coach but then as head coach at the end of the 2008 campaign. "I know the Golden Oldies teams that come over here will love it. They'll see we're passionate about our rugby, cold beer and there's a lot of cold water so if anyone's got an injury they'll find some ice. They'll also find some great hospitality," he said.

"I think that's what rugby is, it's about meeting people, loving the game. They'll enjoy the nightlife and everything that goes with it. It will be a real rugby experience."  
"We're really looking forward to hosting all the Golden Oldies rugby teams in Christchurch and can't wait."



"I always like to play, I like to play halfback these days so that I don't have to put my body on the line but Golden Oldies rugby is certainly enjoyable. I play a couple of times a year for my old team."  
"I think all the people that are travelling from afar will love the experience. Golden Oldies rugby has something special about it. It's about playing rugby with your mates so it will be great."  
"After the earthquakes this is one of the biggest sporting occasions we have held. I think it's great for this Festival to be supporting Christchurch and I know that Christchurch will give it back tenfold. We'll really make it a great experience for everyone."

## Ambassador: Sir Graham Henry

Sir Graham Henry was the coach of the All Blacks when they won the Rugby World Cup for the second time in 1998 to take up the position of Wales coach who achieved 11 consecutive wins in 1999. Selected as British and Irish Lions coach for their 2001 tour to Australia he had one more season with Wales but resigned after a 10-54 loss to Ireland. He renewed his contact with the Blues working as defence coach in the side that won the 2003 Super 12 title.

"Canterbury sporting teams have done exceptionally well over the years and they have a big input into international teams so sport is very important."

"I grew up there, went to Christchurch Boys' High and loved playing



sport down there. I get down there quite a bit and I see the old club play which is High School Old Boys with some old mates. The standard and the expectation of club rugby down there is very good. There is a link with the past so they maintain standards, like the boys go along in their No.1s to rugby as a club XV. I think that is quite special so they've maintained that high standard of club rugby in Christchurch.

Tradition is a big factor but more recently the introduction of the Press Cup, contested among all the secondary schools in the Crusaders franchise area, has done much for the game."

That tradition will ensure Golden Oldies visitors will get a great welcome and be able to experience some of the flavour

of rugby in Christchurch, while bringing some of their own special camaraderie, something Sir Graham admires about the game.

"I've been lucky enough to go to a few World Cups and experience the camaraderie among people from all different nations. I remember at the World Cup last year the Scots were playing the Japanese and they were having a dram together before the game and had arms around each-others' shoulders."

"The camaraderie among rugby people all around the world is fantastic, you don't see that in very many sports. This [Golden Oldies] is an example and continuation of it with guys playing against others from all different countries and enjoying each-others' company, and learning from each other. It builds respect and tolerance and all those things and is much more important than the game itself I think. It's special," he said.



# Programme

## Sunday 22nd of April

Teams will arrive in Christchurch, settle into their selected Festival accommodation and enjoy their first afternoon in Christchurch. Late afternoon teams will transfer to the city centre for the Parade of Nations that will head to Hagley Park and then transfer to the Welcome Party. Visiting and local teams, officials and supporters will meet, mix and mingle and enjoy a three-hour session of substantial finger foods, an open bar and entertainment.

## Monday 23rd of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the first day of games. Golden Oldies referees will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day followed by relaxation and friendly banter at the Festival Bar. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Tuesday 24th of April

The popular Picnic Day will see teams transferred to an exciting venue for an enjoyable day of great Canterbury food and beverages in addition to local entertainment and some interesting and memorable activities. At the conclusion of a great day out in wonderful Canterbury, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and the chance to enjoy an evening at one of Christchurch's many excellent restaurants or bars including the Entertainment HQ at the Christchurch Casino.

## Wednesday 25th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the second day of games. Golden Oldies referees will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day followed by relaxation and friendly banter at the Festival Bar. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Thursday 26th of April

A day at leisure and a chance to enjoy some of the attractions of Christchurch, to take an optional tour, have a bit of a flutter at Christchurch Casino or just relax in one of the local bars or restaurants.

## Friday 27th of April

Morning transfer to Hagley Park for the final day of games. Golden Oldies referees will officiate and food and beverage will be available during the day followed by relaxation and friendly banter at the Festival Bar. The evening will be free to enjoy local restaurants and bars in the city.

## Saturday 28th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do last minute shopping and prepare for an early evening transfer to the Finale Dinner and Awards evening. A wonderful end to the week featuring a three course served meal, an open bar for beer, wine and juices, presentation of Festival Awards and some very special entertainment. Four to five hours of Fun, Friendship and Fraternity at the end of a great week in a fabulous city.

## Sunday 29th of April

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end. Teams depart for home or further travel.





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# Business Opportunities Ready to Happen:

Major earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 created substantial damage in a beautiful city including problems for the well-established business base. The recovery for the city has not been without its difficulties but remarkable progress has been made in the regeneration of Christchurch.

Christchurch is well on the way to becoming one of the world's newest cities and is establishing high standards with respect to living conditions, environment, facilities, entertainment, sports and most importantly business. Christchurch is building for a strong and successful future and the previously fractured business base has regenerated rapidly and offers excellent opportunities to visiting business people.

Substantial capital works and infrastructure building is taking place and innovative retail, professional office and significant manufacturing is part of the Christchurch present and future. Situated on the attractive Canterbury Plains and in good view of the Southern Alps, Christchurch is a major centre for tourist activity being the gateway to the spectacular South Island as well as being blessed with many attractions of its own.

Home to a wide range of restaurants and bars, Christchurch is a major part of a thriving beer and wine

industry with some of the finest wines in the world being produced in close proximity to the city. Top brand New Zealand beers mixed with unique craft beers ensure a strong brewing industry serving local and export markets.

A thriving and growing IT sector is established in Christchurch and a wide range of innovative developments are coming from the region. Being part of a major New Zealand agricultural region Christchurch provides world-class services to producers and farmers who are exporting quality products to all parts of the world.

Christchurch is internationally connected and has a major international airport on the fringes of the city and an excellent port a short drive from the city CBD. With innovative and professional organisations and personnel Christchurch is a great place to do business in New Zealand.

Golden Oldies Sports Festivals and its partners-Tourism New Zealand, Christchurch City Council and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise welcome visitors who may wish to establish mutually beneficial business opportunities. We are able to arrange meetings and organise connections for those who may wish to take advantage of Christchurch and its business networks.



# Golden Oldies Business Network

The Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration Month of April will see the launch of the Golden Oldies Business Network. Golden Oldies World Sports Festivals now operate over 10 sports-all of which are represented at the 2018 Month. Many of the visitors and participants are professional and business people who have expressed an interest in a Network of business people with sporting backgrounds and interests.

The Golden Oldies Business Network will be an opportunity for those business people who wish to create networks within their chosen fields and to enjoy the chance to establish a new and imaginative business network. Business and sport interact at many levels and sports people in business are very rarely anything but capable, trustworthy and professional.

The proposed Golden Oldies Business Network will give all Golden Oldies people the opportunity to enjoy the potential business benefits arising from meeting, mixing and mingling on a reasonably regular basis with like-minded people.

The Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration will allow

local and national businesses to display their material, products and services in a relaxed convivial atmosphere. It is proposed to stage Business Breakfasts on each Tuesday of the month of April and to provide the opportunity for interaction between visitors and quality New Zealand Companies and personnel.

Renowned as exporters of top quality primary produce, outstanding manufactured goods and excellent IT innovations, New Zealanders and Christchurch people in particular will welcome the opportunity to meet and host potential business partners, customers or suppliers.

Full details will be issued closer to the time but we will be extending invitations to all visitors to come and consider the business opportunities that New Zealand and its people offer. For contacts and introductions please do not hesitate to be in touch with the organisers of the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018.



# South Island Splendour

Christchurch is a delightful city with a wide range of attractions and activities that appeal to visitors who are fortunate enough to spend time in the city. From beautiful gardens to sophisticated restaurants to amazing international displays to one of the world's finest small Casinos, there is plenty to intrigue and delight international and national visitors.

While participation in the sport and social activities of the Golden Oldies Festivals are important, equally as appealing is the chance to interact with the people of Christchurch and to enjoy as many of their attractions as can be fitted in to a visit. Christchurch people are friendly, welcoming and enormously parochial. Proud of their rugby team, the culture, their history, their arts centre, their educational institutions and most importantly their city, the people of Christchurch will be pleased to show off the attributes of Christchurch at any opportunity.

The retail sector of Christchurch is characterised by innovative constructions such as the Central Restart Mall; the strongly traditional Ballantynes Department Store; the numerous well populated suburban malls and the range of specialty stores offering everything from fine wine to top of the range woollen clothing. Exploring retail outlets and markets is not a bad way to spend a day or so in Christchurch.

Delightful Hagley Park, host to the Rugby and Football Festivals is a short walk from the city centre and from many of the Festival accommodation properties. Situated in Hagley Park is the 21 hectares of the delightful Botanic Gardens. Within the Gardens is an impressive Visitor Centre that hosts an interactive permanent exhibition featuring the history of plants and gardening in Canterbury, New Zealand. With herb gardens, rose gardens, a fernery, a large Victorian Glasshouse, a conservatory and many other fine displays a stroll around the Botanic Gardens is a relaxing, informative and enjoyable experience not to be missed.

Other attractions include punting on the River Avon; a magnificent Arts Centre; the iconic Tram travelling through the city; the International Antarctic Centre; the Wigram Air Force Museum (that will host numerous functions during the Festivals) and the Willowbank Wildlife Centre and these are only some of the enjoyable things to be done while in Christchurch-a week is hardly long enough.





# Gateway to the South Island

In addition to all it has to offer, Christchurch is a superb gateway to the wonderful South Island. Whether by plane, train, coach or hire vehicle the trips from Christchurch to all parts of the South (and the North) Island are well worth considering.

Only a few days extension of your visit to your chosen Golden Oldies World Sports Festival in Christchurch, April 2018 will allow you the opportunity to visit some of the world's leading places and attractions. The South Island features spectacular mountain ranges, intriguing rain forests, beautiful coast lines, attractive lakes, thermal hot springs, great golf courses, scenic rail travel, whale watching second to none, wonderful nature walks, delightful wineries, enjoyable farmland and all is within an easy travel distance from Christchurch.

The organisers of the Festivals have been able to assemble some great tour opportunities that will suit any visitor on whatever budget and with whatever interests. In association with established tour organisers, Southern World Vacations of Christchurch; with Ngai Tahu Tourism and with Hertz Rental, Golden Oldies have organised a range of excellent tours that offer a range of South Island attractions including Jet Boating on the Shotover or the Dart Rivers (awesome

experiences not to be missed); walking in the Alps; relaxing in the Hot Pools; playing golf in the shadow of the Alps; cruising down Lake Wakatipu; trekking on the Holyford Track; helicoptering on to the Alps or whale watching-there is nothing we can't arrange for you.

Queenstown, Arrowtown, Hokitika, Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers, Dunedin, Wanaka, Blenheim, Nelson-wherever you want to go in the South Island we can put together an itinerary for you.

How about the North Island? Not a bad place to visit and enjoy-just a ferry ride from Picton to capital city, Wellington in the North Island opens up all sorts of other travel opportunities. Wineries in the Hawkes Bay, trout fishing in Taupo, thermal wonderlands in Rotorua, mountains in National Park, hustle and bustle of Auckland and the relaxation of the Bay of Islands.

New Zealand has so much to offer and as proud New Zealanders the team at Golden Oldies with support from their partners will really enjoy making sure you have worthwhile tours and memorable experiences in our country.





# Christchurch

## A City Reimagined

Christchurch/Otautahi has a mixture of modern architecture, historical buildings set within remarkable landscape making it one of the world's most innovative and unique destinations. Nestled between the Port Hills and the Southern Alps, Christchurch is the largest city in New Zealand's South Island and is often referred to as the 'Garden City' due to its stunning parks, gardens and tree lined streets.

Christchurch is a City Reimagined. There are several inspiring art projects and pioneering structures placed throughout the city, from the Re:START container mall to the Transitional Cathedral there will always be something to catch your eye. The Transitional "Cardboard" Cathedral is one of Christchurch's most innovative designs.

*"It's a fascinating building not only from an architectural and engineering point of view, but also because of the story it tells. It is a building which says much about Christchurch's resilience and creativity"*

– Tim Hunter, Chief Executive, Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism.



If you're looking to get away from city life then exploring Canterbury is a must, the region is made up of a range of national parks, bush trails and mountain ranges. Take a journey to Mount Sunday, also known as Endoras from Lord of the Rings, to see what all the fuss is really about. Whether or not you are a Lord of the Rings fan the scenery is sure to take your breath away!

Canterbury is home to the mighty Crusaders rugby franchise and the Mainland Tactix netball team. Both teams have hosted many of New Zealand's sporting legends including Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, Todd Blackadder, Maree Bowden and Julie Seymour. Why not go to a game while you're here?

Canterbury, like most of New Zealand, is home to nature's best. As you travel around the region you will almost certainly come across

a plethora of magnificent creatures such as orca's, sperm whales, dolphins, penguins, seals and albatross as well as our native pukeko.

Christchurch and the surrounding Canterbury region is a hive of activity where within just two hours of the international airport you could be bungee jumping, rafting, skiing, hot air ballooning, whale watching or sampling fine wine at the regions world class wineries. **Waipara Valley** is New Zealand's fastest growing wine region.

The valley is steeped in family tradition with the art of winemaking passed down through the generations. There are an abundance of cellar doors that are waiting for you to come over for a taste. If you like to take your time between wineries we suggest taking the Hurunui Trail and exploring the Waipara Valley by bike.



**The Tasman Glacier** is a truly spectacular sight but its only here for another 19 years! The great glacier can be explored by land, air or sea. Just jump in a kayak or helicopter or strap on your walking boots. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to touch 500-year old glacial crystals whilst getting up close with the multitude of icebergs. Need time to relax but your other half wants to play? **Hanmer Springs** is both a sanctuary and an adventure village. Gently float down the lazy river, take a dip in one of the village's natural alpine spa pools, unwind with a therapeutic massage or try your hand at bungee jumping and white water rafting, the choice is yours. Maori rock art can be seen carved into or painted on the limestone throughout South Canterbury. **Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre**

houses the largest collection of Maori rock art, teaching the traditions of Ngai Tahu the South Island Maori Iwi (tribe). Or visit the Weka Pass Historic Reserve, just one hour north of Christchurch, to discover the story telling pictures within the overhanging shelter. Christchurch's regeneration will be the largest economic undertaking in New Zealand's history and will continue through 2020's. There are many great plans for Christchurch including a new 35,000 seat covered stadium, convention centre, a Metro Sports Facility and plenty of open space. The Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 will be a great opportunity to be part of the revival of the city.



Tasman Glacier



Hanmer Springs



City Centre



Kaikoura Whale Watching



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# Festival Accommodation Options:

The following properties are the selected Accommodation Suppliers for the Celebration Month. All have been inspected and have been fully briefed on the requirements for Festival participants, officials, and their partners, families and supporters.

Brief descriptions are supplied and we are able to answer any queries and hopefully will be able to attend to any special requests. Space in all the properties is pre-booked at Golden Oldies rates and

it will be a matter of first in, first booked. If your accommodation request is not available we will arrange to make your booking at an equivalent property advising you accordingly. It will pay to make your accommodation requests early.

Prices, deposit requirements, terms and conditions and cancellation policies are all displayed on the website [www.christchurchgoldenoldies.com](http://www.christchurchgoldenoldies.com)

## Category A: (4.5 to 5 star)

**The George Hotel**, 50 Park Terrace, is a luxury, boutique, award-winning hotel situated across the road from the Avon River and overlooking Hagley Park. The George is only 15 minutes stroll from the city centre, the Christchurch Casino and the Christchurch Art Gallery and Centre. Home to two award winning restaurants, the George is regularly judged New Zealand's leading boutique hotel in World Travel Awards.



**The Hotel Montreal**, 363 Montreal St, is a recently established luxury boutique all-suite hotel. The spacious rooms all have private balconies, free Wi-Fi, kitchenette and 50 inch plasma television. Situated only a few minutes from Hagley Park and 10 minutes from the Christchurch Casino, city centre and an array of restaurants and bars, the Montreal is privately owned and managed and features the acclaimed Polo Bar and Restaurant.



**Rydgas Latimer Hotel**, 30 Latimer Square, is an excellent, relaxed hotel with modern rooms featuring free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, minibars, and tea and coffee-making facilities. It will be the Headquarters Hotel for the Festivals. A 10-minute walk from the city, the Christchurch Casino and 15 minutes from the Christchurch Arts Centre. The hotel has a relaxed spacious bar and restaurant and has a fully equipped gymnasium and an inviting sauna.



**Heritage Christchurch Hotel**, 28-30 Cathedral Square, is located in a charming old Government Department Building converted into a superb apartment style hotel. The various options offer self-contained apartments with full kitchen facilities, dishwasher, microwave and oven, open plan dining and lounge downstairs. Bedroom, bathroom and laundry are upstairs. Free Wi-Fi, excellent restaurant, lap pool, spa pool, sauna and gymnasium on site. Situated in the city centre and handy to restaurants, bars, shopping and Christchurch Casino.





## Category B: (3.5 to 4 star)

**Chateau on the Park Hotel**, 189 Deans Ave, Riccarton, is an iconic upscale luxurious hotel set in 5 acres of gardens, walking distance to the Hagley Park facilities and a slightly longer walk through the park and the Botanical Gardens to the Christchurch Casino. The hotel features an outdoor swimming pool, comfortable bars and restaurants, a gymnasium, coffee and tea facilities and a convenient guest laundry.



**Hotel 115**, 115 Worcester St, is a trendy, centrally located boutique hotel with a Christchurch Tram Line in the lobby. Unique rooms of different shapes and sizes (all pretty generous) feature complimentary Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities, flat screen TV and an extensive mini-bar. Hotel charge back facilities at local cafes and restaurants and very handy to the city centre and Christchurch Casino. Easy access to the iconic Christchurch Tram Services and easy to move around the city.



**The Pavilions Hotel**, 42 Papanui Rd, Merivale, is a unique, fun property very handy to the city, good restaurants and an excellent option. Family owned and operated the Pavilions has a very hospitable bar and excellent restaurant. Rooms feature tea and coffee making facilities, laundry facilities, free Wi-Fi and TV. A friendly comfortable hotel ideally situated.



**Quality Hotel**, Elms 456 Papanui Rd, Papanui, is a relaxed hotel approximately 5 kilometres from city in the thriving suburb of Papanui. Close to the South Island's largest mall, Northlands the hotel is in walking distance to a range of restaurants and bars. Renovated rooms feature free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities and Sky and Cable TV. The hotel features the Sapporo Gold Restaurant and Bar and is known for its hospitality and service.



## Category C: (3 to 3.5 star)

**Heartland Cotswold Hotel**, 88-96 Papanui Rd, Merivale, is a two-storied distinctive Tudor style property situated conveniently close to the city centre, Hagley Park and Christchurch Casino. A short stroll to the trendy boutique Merivale Mall and shopping precinct that is home to some excellent restaurants and bars. Rooms include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities and Sky TV. The hotel features the popular Tudor Restaurant and Bar.



**Best Western Camelot Motor Lodge**, 28 Papanui Rd, Merivale, is a comfortable motel style property walking distance from the city centre, Hagley Park and Christchurch Casino. All units include full cooking facilities, free Wi-Fi, TV and tea and coffee making facilities. The property has a full guest laundry, swimming pool, spa pool and free shuttle to and from the Casino. It is next door to the Pavilions Hotel and has charge back facilities.



## Category C: (3 to 3.5 star)

**Breakfree on Cashel**, 165 Cashel St, is a new urban trendy hotel situated in the city centre approximately 15 minutes stroll from the Christchurch Casino. Close to city restaurants, bars and shopping, the rooms feature free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities and TV. Other amenities include an exercise room and a relaxed bar and restaurant serving Western cuisine.



## Motels, Motor Inns and Holiday Camps:

**All Stars Inn on Bealey**, 263 Bealey, Edgware, Christchurch is located only 15 minutes from the city centre. All Stars offers a range of accommodation from motel units through to comfortable, well-appointed dormitory style. Motel rooms include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities, smart televisions and modern furnishing. The property is neighboured by the Speights Ale House Pub and there is a restaurant on the facilities. A modern, comfortable, well located option with laundry and BBQ facilities available.



**Christchurch Top 10 Holiday Park**, 39 Meadow St, Papanui is an excellent complex 5 minutes walk from Northlands Shopping Centre, supermarkets, restaurants, bars and cinema and 5km to city centre. The Top 10 offers a range of excellent accommodation options including studio, one and two bedroom fully serviced motel units through to units and cabins with shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom facilities. Motel units have full kitchens, Sky TV and modern comfortable furnishings.



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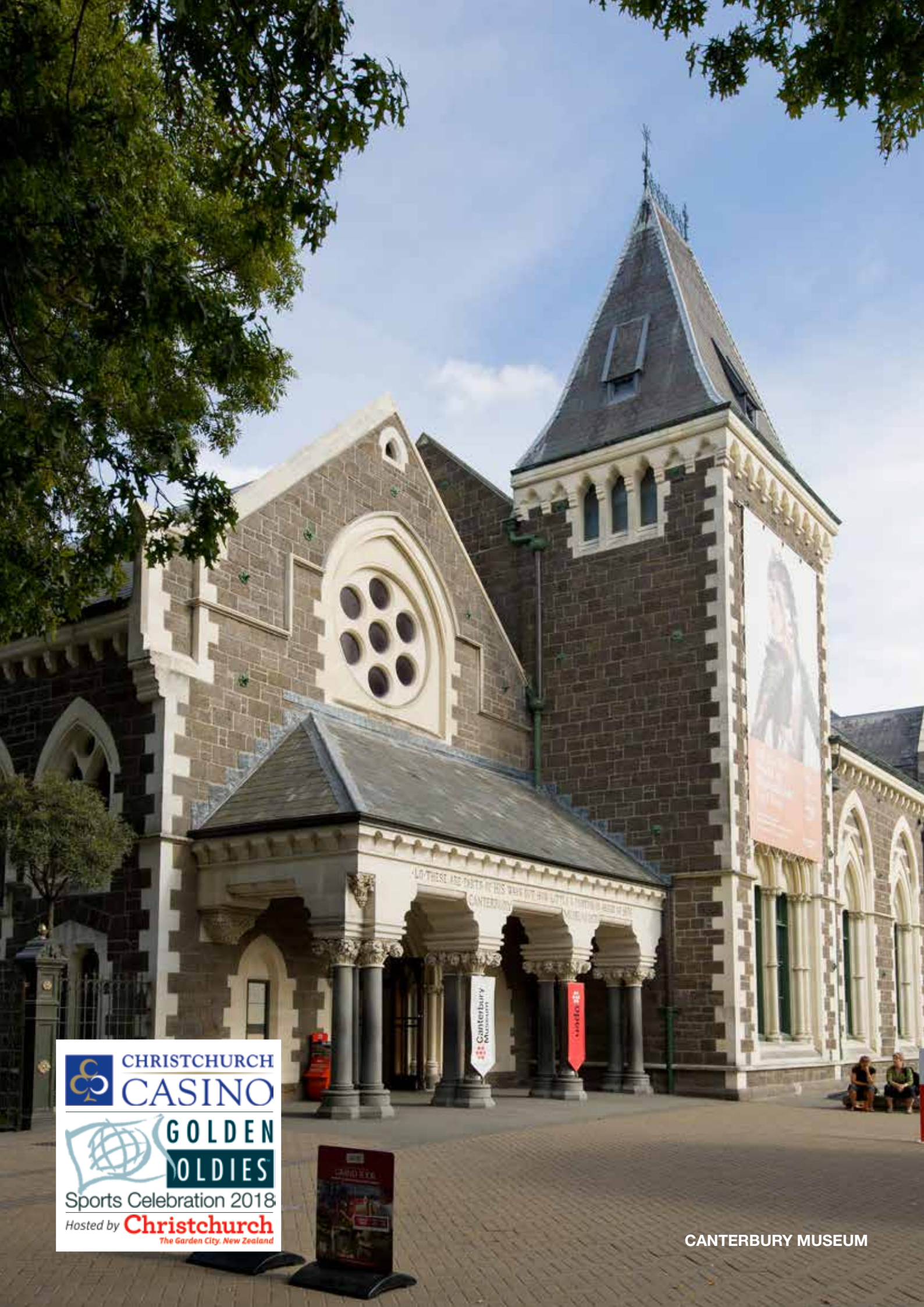
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