



2018 Golden Oldies World Softball Festival

A week long celebration of Softball built on Fun, Friendship and Fraternity

Christchurch • New Zealand • 8 - 15 April 2018



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Softball

8th - 15th April 2018

Make History and join us at the 2nd Golden Oldies World Softball Festival in Christchurch from the 8th to the 15th April, 2018.

2018 will be the first time that all Golden Oldies Sports Festivals will be held in one city during the same month. Over the course of April 2018 like-minded sporting enthusiasts aged 35 years and over will congregate in Christchurch to participate in Softball, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby and Squash. Experience the passion and great celebration of Softball at the 2018 Christchurch Golden Oldies World Softball Festival!

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. She has been inducted into 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 is very excited about the Golden Oldies World Softball Festival."

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."

"Since the park was built we have hosted 215 international or national tournaments here. Like all Golden Oldies sports, softballers will be able to enjoy the camaraderie of the like-minded interested 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. 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. 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."

Christchurch is a city in transformation and the Christchurch Casino Golden Oldies Sports Celebration 2018 will be a great opportunity to be part of a revival of spirit in this proud sporting city. Christchurch, the main centre of the Canterbury region, has a proud sporting history with many top quality performers and teams reaching international success across a variety of sports. In each of those sports making up the Celebration, Cantabrians are very familiar with the highest levels of their games. That would be enough on its

own to make the occasion memorable. It 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 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.

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

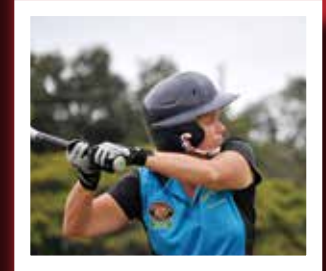
Morning transfer to Mizuno Ballpark for the seventh and eighth rounds of games (Finals Day). Same game day arrangements as per Monday.

Saturday 14th of April

A day at leisure to relax and enjoy Christchurch, do some 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

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



Festival Accommodation Options:

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

Brief descriptions are supplied and we will endeavour 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 on the Softball page on our website- 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. 15 minutes stroll from the city centre and the Christchurch Casino. Two award winning restaurants and regularly judged New Zealand's leading boutique hotel in World Travel Awards.

The Hotel Montreal, 363 Montreal St, is a luxury boutique all-suite hotel. The spacious rooms all have private balconies, free Wi-Fi, kitchenette and TV. A few minutes from Hagley Park and 10 minutes from the Christchurch Casino, city centre and an array of restaurants and bars. The Hotel Montreal features the acclaimed Polo Bar and Restaurant.

Rydges Latimer Hotel, 30 Latimer Square, is an excellent, relaxed hotel with modern rooms featuring free Wi-Fi, TV, minibar, and tea and coffee-making facilities. It will be the Headquarters Hotel for the Festivals. A 10-minute walk from the city and the Christchurch Casino. 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 accommodation 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.

The Pavilions Hotel, 42 Papanui Rd, Merivale, is a unique, fun property very handy to the city and good restaurants and is 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.

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 feature complimentary Wi-Fi, tea and coffee making facilities, 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.

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

Sudima Hotel, corner of Memorial Ave & Orchard Rd, Christchurch. Ideally located just five minutes' walk from Christchurch International and Domestic Airport, Sudima Christchurch Airport is the perfect stepping stone to the stunning South Island. The hotel offers complimentary on demand shuttle transfers to and from the airport as well as onsite parking. Boasting a brand new tower, facade and lobby, with an in house restaurant and bar, you won't need to leave the hotel before you travel further afield.

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 from their bar and restaurant.

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, Edgeware, 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 rooms. 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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