



# The World's Biggest Rugby Festival

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

Christchurch • New Zealand • 22 - 29 April 2018



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# Rugby

## 22nd - 29th April 2018

**Make History and join us at the 22nd Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival in Christchurch from the 22nd to the 29th 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 Rugby, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Squash and Softball. Experience the passion and great celebration of Rugby at the 2018 Christchurch Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival.

## Ambassadors: Sir Graham Henry & Todd Blackadder

**Sir GRAHAM HENRY** was the All Blacks coach when they won the Rugby World Cup for the second time in 2011 and had a long pedigree in coaching before that.

Born in Canterbury, he played rugby for the province, as well as representing Otago and Canterbury in cricket. But it was in coaching that he made his biggest impact. Starting out in club coaching he began his climb up the ranks when taking on the New Zealand Schoolboys in the early 1980s, and then appointed Auckland coach in 1992, a position he held until 1997. When rugby went professional in 1996 he also coached the Blues who won the Super Rugby title in 1996 and 1997. After missing out on the All Blacks coaching job he left New Zealand in 1998 to take up the position of Wales coach where he 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. He renewed his contract with the Blues working as defence coach in the side that won the 2003 Super 12 title.

**TODD BLACKADDER** is one of Canterbury's great Rugby legends. 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 Rugby Union franchise 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. Now longstanding Head Coach of the Crusaders, Blackadder started his coaching career in Scotland at both club and international level before returning to New Zealand as director of rugby, then coach and over the years has been involved in and has overseen the playing careers of a steady stream of outstanding players who successfully represented both their province and New Zealand.

A well respected and knowledgeable player, captain and coach, Todd is looking forward to welcoming Golden Oldies Rugby players, officials and supporters to Canterbury-one of the strongest nurseries for outstanding rugby players.



"Looking forward to being at the Christchurch Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in April 2018. A great place to play rugby with enormous rugby traditions. You can all be assured of a great time and a wonderful experience."

Rugby is ingrained in New Zealand culture with so many choosing to spend their weekends playing and cheering on their favourite team.

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. It is renowned for its many rugby heroes, most recently Richie McCaw

and Daniel Carter, and successful sports teams. 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 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. 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. 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. 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 some 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.



# 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 Rugby page on our 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. 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.

**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.

**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.

## CATEGORY B: (3.5 to 4 star)

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

**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.

**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/coffee making facilities and Sky TV. The hotel features the popular Tudor Restaurant and Bar.

**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.

**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.

**West Fitzroy Apartments**, located in a quiet corner of the city and only minutes walk to key city attractions such as Cathedral Square, Hagley Park, Botanic Gardens, Art Centre, Art Gallery, not to mention the many wonderful new shops, restaurants and cafes that Christchurch now has to offer. Fully self-contained, self-catering apartments all have full laundry and kitchen facilities, free Wi-Fi, balconies or courtyards and free secure car parking with lift access to all floors. There is a private gym on-site for guest use.

## MOTELS, MOTOR INNS and HOLIDAY CAMPS:

**All Stars Inn on Bealey**, 263 Bealey Ave, Edgware, 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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