

OVER 60'S VETERANS CRICKET WORLD CUP



2024

19TH FEBRUARY TO 2ND MARCH
CHENNAI, INDIA



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FOREWORD



MURRAY HARRISON
President
Veterans Cricket Australia

Following on from an extraordinary year for our Over 60's cricketers we now have the pleasure of sending our team to the World Cup in Chennai, India in February and March of 2024. International Veterans Cricket is now in full swing and our Over 60's team has played in Barbados, the UK and Canada in 2023 in what has been a great build-up to the second Over 60's World Cup in India.

I have no doubt that the Indian organizers, under the guidance of the International Masters Cricket Committee, will produce an outstanding event. We all know about India's love for the game of cricket, and I can't think of a better place to showcase the talents of the world's best players in this age group.

The first Over 60's World Cup, held on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland in 2022 proved to be a remarkable success, allowing many countries to participate at the international level in this age group for the first time. That event was the catalyst for the development of Over 60's cricket in a number of countries who have learnt from their experience and will no doubt be keen to unveil that development in Chennai.

Veterans cricket across the board is demonstrating that whilst the competition is important, especially during a World Cup, the simple fact that we are still playing at our age and the friendships formed across the world are no less important.

Veterans Cricket Australia wishes all the best for all involved, and to our players, partners, supporters and support staff, we know that you will represent your country with pride and expertise. The veterans' community in Australia will be following your fortunes intensely and on their behalf I say simply, enjoy the occasion, do your best and bring home the Cup!

TOUR GROUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY: Afternoon net session

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY: Practice match against local Chennai team

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY: Optional tour: Chennai City Tour (Start 8 am - Finish early afternoon)

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY: Team dinner at Novotel 7 pm

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY: Warm up match vs. Canada

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY: Opening Ceremony

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY: Match 1 VS. India (VB Nest – approx. 40 minutes)

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY: Match 2 VS. Bangladesh (Amir Mahal – approx. 50 minutes)

WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY: Optional tour: Food Trail in Sowcarpet Market (Start 3 pm – approx. 5 hours)

THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY: Optional tour: Pondicherry (Start 7.30 am approx. 11 hours)

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY: Match 3 VS. West Indies (Waheguru Ground B – approx. 30 minutes)

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY: Optional tour: George Town Bazaar Walk (Start 2.30 pm – approx. 5 hours)

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY: Optional tour: Mahabalipuram (Start 8 am – approx. 7-8 hours)

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY: Match 4 VS. Sri Lanka (Tagore Medical College – approx. 25 minutes)

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY: Match 5 VS. Pakistan (Amir Mahal – approx. 50 minutes)

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY: Optional tour: Kanchipuram (Start 8 am – approx. 8 hours)

THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY: Match 6 VS. Wales (Waheguru Ground B – approx. 30 minutes)

FRIDAY 1st MARCH: Semi Finals

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH: Finals

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH: Closing Ceremony

MATCH SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MATCHES	TEAM 1	GROUP	VS	TEAM 2	GROUP	VENUE
ROUND 1								
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 1	ENGLAND	A	VS	NEW ZEALAND	A	WAHEGURU GROUND A
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 2	CANADA	A	VS	USA	A	AMIR MAHAL
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 3	SOUTH AFRICA	A	VS	ZIMBABWE	A	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 4	PAKISTAN	B	VS	WALES	B	WAHEGURU GROUND B
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 5	AUSTRALIA	B	VS	INDIA	B	VB NEST
MONDAY	19.02.2024	MATCH 6	SRILANKA	B	VS	WEST INDIES	B	PEBL CITY
ROUND 2								
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 7	ENGLAND	A	VS	ZIMBABWE	A	WAHEGURU GROUND B
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 8	CANADA	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	VB NEST
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 9	USA	A	VS	SOUTH AFRICA	A	PEBL CITY
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 10	PAKISTAN	B	VS	WEST INDIES	B	WAHEGURU GROUND A
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 11	AUSTRALIA	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	AMIR MAHAL
TUESDAY	20.02.2024	MATCH 12	INDIA	B	VS	SRILANKA	B	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
ROUND 3								
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 13	USA	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	WAHEGURU GROUND A
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 14	ENGLAND	A	VS	SOUTH AFRICA	A	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 15	NEW ZEALAND	A	VS	ZIMBABWE	A	PEBL CITY
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 16	INDIA	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	WAHEGURU GROUND B
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 17	PAKISTAN	B	VS	SRILANKA	B	AMIR MAHAL
THURSDAY	22.02.2024	MATCH 18	WALES	B	VS	WEST INDIES	B	VB NEST
ROUND 4								
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 19	CANADA	A	VS	ZIMBABWE	A	WAHEGURU GROUND A
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 20	NEW ZEALAND	A	VS	SOUTH AFRICA	A	AMIR MAHAL
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 21	ENGLAND	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	VB NEST
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 22	AUSTRALIA	B	VS	WEST INDIES	B	WAHEGURU GROUND B
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 23	PAKISTAN	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
FRIDAY	23.02.2024	MATCH 24	WALES	B	VS	SRILANKA	B	PEBL CITY
ROUND 5								
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 25	CANADA	A	VS	SOUTH AFRICA	A	WAHEGURU GROUND B
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 26	USA	A	VS	ZIMBABWE	A	VB NEST
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 27	NEW ZEALAND	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	PEBL CITY
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 28	INDIA	B	VS	WEST INDIES	B	WAHEGURU GROUND A
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 29	WALES	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	AMIR MAHAL
MONDAY	26.02.2024	MATCH 30	AUSTRALIA	B	VS	SRILANKA	B	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
ROUND 6								
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 31	ZIMBABWE	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	WAHEGURU GROUND B
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 32	NEW ZEALAND	A	VS	USA	A	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 33	ENGLAND	A	VS	CANADA	A	VB NEST
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 34	WALES	B	VS	INDIA	B	WAHEGURU GROUND A
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 35	PAKISTAN	B	VS	AUSTRALIA	B	AMIR MAHAL
TUESDAY	27.02.2024	MATCH 36	WEST INDIES	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	PEBL CITY
CROSS-OVER MATCH								
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 37	NEW ZEALAND	A	VS	CANADA	A	WAHEGURU GROUND A
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 38	ENGLAND	A	VS	USA	A	AMIR MAHAL
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 39	SOUTH AFRICA	A	VS	REST of the WORLD	A	PEBL CITY
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 40	WALES	B	VS	AUSTRALIA	B	WAHEGURU GROUND B
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 41	PAKISTAN	B	VS	INDIA	B	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
THURSDAY	29.02.2024	MATCH 42	SRILANKA	B	VS	BANGLADESH	B	VB NEST
SEMI-FINALS								
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 43	TEAM 1 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 2 OF GROUP B	B	WAHEGURU GROUND A
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 44	TEAM 2 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 1 OF GROUP B	B	WAHEGURU GROUND B
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 45	TEAM 3 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 4 OF GROUP B	B	AMIR MAHAL
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 46	TEAM 4 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 3 OF GROUP B	B	TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 47	TEAM 5 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 6 OF GROUP B	B	VB NEST
FRIDAY	01.03.2024	MATCH 48	TEAM 6 OF GROUP A	A	VS	TEAM 5 OF GROUP B	B	PEBL CITY
FINALS								
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 49	WINNER OF MATCH 43		VS	WINNER OF MATCH 44		WAHEGURU GROUND A
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 50	LOSER OF MATCH 43		VS	LOSER OF MATCH 44		WAHEGURU GROUND B
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 51	WINNER OF MATCH 45		VS	WINNER OF MATCH 46		AMIR MAHAL
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 52	LOSER OF MATCH 45		VS	LOSER OF MATCH 46		TAGORE MEDICAL COLLEGE
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 53	WINNER OF MATCH 47		VS	WINNER OF MATCH 48		VB NEST
SATURDAY	02.03.2024	MATCH 54	LOSER OF MATCH 47		VS	LOSER OF MATCH 48		PEBL CITY

VCA 60's Cricket World Cup Touring Squad Chennai 2024



Peter Jensen (C)
Top Order Batter
Change Bowler
NSW



Peter Judd (VC)
Top Order Batter
Change Bowler
SA



Bill Blair
Opening Bowler
Middle Order Batter
VIC



Phil Jackson
Leg Spin Bowler
VIC



Chris Carr
Wicket Keeper
Batter
VIC



Graeme Pavey
Top Order Batter
VIC



Claude Orlando
Wicket Keeper
Batter
TAS



Peter O'Reilly
Opening Batter
Off Spin Bowler
NSW



Darren Smith
Opening Batter
Spin Bowler
NSW



Stuart Ridge
Opening Bowler
NSW



Tony Panecasio
Slow Left Arm
Orthodox Bowler
NSW



David Wenham
Middle Order Batter
Off Spin Bowler
SA



Richard Johnston
Left Arm Orthodox
Bowler / Top Order Bat
QLD



Andrew Watson
Opening Batter
QLD



Bob McGhee
Middle Order Batter
Medium Bowler
QLD



Geoff Patterson
Bowling All Rounder
NSW



Sam Davis
Top Order Batter
Slow Medium Bowler
WA



Garry Zealand
Trainer
QLD



Roger Bryce
Scorer
VIC



David Head
Manager
NSW

AUSTRALIAN TOURING SQUAD PROFILES



PETER JENSEN (Captain) - NSW

Pete has lived in Bowral in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW for some 30 years, but he and Ingrid are changing it up and are in the process moving to their house in the even more beautiful town of Narooma on the NSW South Coast.

He grew up playing cricket as a junior at Caulfield Cricket Club in Victoria, before switching to baseball when they changed their seasons from winter to summer.

forcing a choice. Many years later he found himself living in Bowral NSW near Bradman Oval where he happily found the opportunity to resume his love of cricket. He played for the Bradman Museum side for some years and enjoyed a tour to England and New Zealand during this time there.

He has since been heavily involved in Veterans Cricket and this year he was very happy to be a part of his Southern Highlands Club winning their first NSW State Title and NSW winning the National Title. He has been on two memorable Ashes tours in England, played England in a test series at home, the first World Cup in '22 In Australia, and also played in the inaugural Canada Cup this year.

Along with our squad, he's very excited to be heading to India and so looking forward to this World Cup and the challenge it will bring but more importantly the friendships he will renew and the new ones it will create.



PETER JUDD (Vice Captain) - SA

Peter was born in Adelaide in 1960 and lived there for all but five years in the late 60s. Married to Gayle for 39 years, they are both teachers, with a 33-year-old Archaeologist son and a 30-year-old Midwife daughter. Both are married with their daughter hopefully presenting them with their first grandchild in April, all going well. Peter has taught PE and Mathematics at the same school, St Paul's College, for the last 44 years.

Peter Toured with the Australian Over 50s, to UK in 2017 and NZ in 2018. He played 12 years of A Grade Premier League cricket and 15 years of A1 Adelaide Turf Cricket. The last seven seasons he has been back playing Adelaide Turf Cricket at B1 level as well as Seniors Cricket, after 12 years of coaching as A Grade and Senior Club Coach of Sturt, in Premier Grade cricket. Peter holds a Cricket Australia Level 3 Coaching Accreditation and for 10 seasons, has coached various South Australian Underage teams at National Carnivals.

His Cricket Highlights have been playing in two overseas Over 50's International Tours, the inaugural Over 60's World Cup in 2022, the Over 60's 2023 UK tour as vice-captain, Captaining South Australia in three National Over 50s carnivals, and two National Over 60s carnivals, playing in any of his 10 most senior level premierships and coaching Sturt to A Grade Premierships in Premier Cricket, in all three match formats. Peter has Coached premierships in all other grades across the Premier Cricket competition and was Assistant Coach of the winning South Australian team at the 2001 National Under 17 Championships in Brisbane.

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BILL BLAIR (3rd Selector) - VIC

Bill was born and bred in Melbourne, Victoria. He has played cricket since the age of 10, playing District / Premier Cricket for North Melbourne through the 80's before coaching Melton Sub-District to their first Subbies premiership. Bill Coached and Assistant Coached Coburg Sub-District with another premiership and is now playing in the Over 50's with Coburg.

Bill has travelled around the world playing cricket in UK (x5), West Indies (x2), Canada, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, South Africa (x3), Kuala Lumpur (x2) Thailand, New Zealand (x3), United Arab Emirates and Singapore (x2).

He had the opportunity to play in the Inaugural O50's World Cup in Sydney 2018. Also, Cape Town (South Africa) in 2020 and more recently the 2023 Grey Ashes in the UK.

Bill has also played baseball for 50 years and is now playing masters. He played in the World Masters for Baseball in Canada and Sydney and in the Masters World Series in Phoenix Arizona.

Outside of cricket, Bill enjoys a game of golf and watching his son play cricket. Bill is married to Cheryl who will be accompanying him on this trip, as she has on several occasions. They have two adult children, Jess (24) and Will (22).



DARREN SMITH - NSW

Darren was born in Gilgandra, Central NSW and played for country NSW U17 versus City in 1980. He then went to Sydney and played first grade for Sutherland and Randwick/Petersham District Cricket Clubs. Darren played for Australia in indoor and outdoor cricket and was awarded Best player in 2016 national O50's tournament held in Sydney.

Darren was a member of the Australian O50's Team who won the inaugural O50's World Cup in 2018, remaining undefeated, including three "Ashes" OD Is against England. He also played in the 2020 50's World Cup in Capetown. Darren is a top order Right hand bat and a right arm slow bowler.

A strong Christian family, Darren and Kylie have been married for 32 years and have three sons, Dylan, Shayne and Trent, and have fostered 17 children. The boys have played 1st grade for Sutherland, Randwick and St George in cricket, State for swimming and NSW for hockey, with Shayne going on to play for Australia. Darren is an NSW umpire and level 3 cricket coach.

He was a Qantas long haul flight attendant for 35 years and now works as a theatre assistant for St George Private Hospital.

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GRAEME PAVEY - VIC

Graeme, born in 1962, in Kandy, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), is commonly known as "Paves", and is a batter and medium pace Bowler.

He has played for East Preston, Preston Socials, Collingwood, Donvale, Glenroy, Eltham, Plenty, Greensborough, Lower Plenty, Lower Eltham, Essendon Victorian Clubs, being Captain/Coach of five of them. Graeme is still involved in coaching.

His Cricket Highlights have been winning three premierships pre 42 years of age, and since 2004, 16 Premierships (A grade and O40's Vets) from 17 Grand Finals, representing Victoria O50's and O60's and also winning National Championships.

Graeme has played AFL football, Squash and now Golf weekly. He worked as Procurement Manager in the Manufacturing Industry for 30 years and for the last eight years has been running his Gardener/Landscaper business.

Graeme is Married to Yvonne, and has a son, Daniel and two granddaughters (Billie & Riley). He promises to bring a little humour and lots of energy on the Tour!



PHIL JACKSON - VIC

Phil was Born 1958 in Kew, Victoria. He is a right-hand leg spin bowler and handy right-hand bat. He has played all his cricket in the Eastern Suburban leagues of Melbourne with 400 games for Heatherdale Cricket Club where he was honoured with life membership and over 200 games for Bayswater Cricket Club in the Sub-District Competition. Phil played in many premierships over the years.

He is currently playing at Yarra Valley Cricket Club Over 60's Veterans comp, which he has thoroughly enjoyed. Married to Leanne for 38 years with three children, Ben, Danielle, Mitch plus our fourth child, Indy the Blue Staffy and has two beautiful grandchildren, Harry and Charlie and another one on the way. Phil currently working part time with Australia Post as a postie, delivering on an electric pushbike.

In 2022 he played in the Nationals at Geelong with the Winning Victorian side and then played in the VCA Over 60's Veterans England Tour 2023 and is looking forward to the opportunity of playing with and against some of the best cricketers in Over 60's World Cup in India and enjoy the friendships made during the trip.

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CHRIS CARR - VIC

Chris Carr, born in Warrington UK in 1956 and emigrated to Geelong, Victoria in 1964. Started cricket at 11 playing under 13's at St Joseph's and started senior cricket at 15 playing for Highton in the afternoon whilst still playing juniors. Played for three senior clubs until the age of 57, the last being his beloved North Geelong where he played over 300 games for a total of over 450 senior games.

Chris is a right-hand bat/wicketkeeper who was Captain/Coach and President of Bannockburn Footballers before joining North Geelong Cricket Club at 28 where he was captain. He was a committee member for over 15 years and was made life member in early 2000.

Chris Returned to cricket after a 3-year break playing golf to play cricket for Geelong O60's and eventually Victoria where he was part of the victorious team in the Nationals in 2016, a highlight of his cricketing career. Also, Vice-Captain of the winning Vic Country team to defeat the England touring team in 2016, another career highlight. Chris was a member of the 2016/17/18 Victorian National Championship winning teams.

He Toured England in 2017, 2019, and 2023 and captained Australia in 2022 World Cup on the Sunshine Coast.



PETER O'REILLY - NSW

Peter hails from Sydney and is one of six representatives from NSW. He currently plays veterans representative cricket for NSW and Port Jackson and club cricket for Parramatta (O50) and Lindfield (O60).

Peter's selection for the Over 60's World Cup in Chennai is his third opportunity to wear the baggy green for Australia. In January-February 2023 in the Caribbean Cup in Barbados, Peter scored runs and took wickets in crucial matches against England and West Indies.

In August 2023, in the Canada Cup and ODI Series, Peter scored 378 runs at 95 average in the five games he played (all victories). He was awarded Player of the Match in three of these games and the overall Batter of the Series for the Canada Cup. Overall for the 2022-23 season, Peter scored over 1,400 runs at 61 and took 47 wickets at 14.8 average.

In his younger days Peter had a successful career in Sydney First Grade/Premier Division scoring over 7,000 runs with 13 seasons in the top grade with Premiership flags with Northern Districts and Campbelltown (including State title winners). In 1987, Peter was selected for the NSW Second XI after scoring heavily for Campbelltown DCC. Peter also represented the Australian Capital Territory in international matches against India, Pakistan and New Zealand in the 1980s and set batting records in the UK scoring over 1,000 runs in the South Wales League.

Fun Fact – Peter's cricket nickname has been "Radar" for many years. You will need to ask him if you want to know how this came about.

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BOB MCGHEE - QLD

Bob was born in Richmond, outback Queensland in 1963 and has lived in most western areas of the state. The father of four beautiful adult children, Bob has been a teacher for almost 40 years.

He has played cricket all around Australia, with a highlight representing Queensland in 1st class cricket.

Bob has toured England twice in recent years with the Over 50's and 60's Australian squads. He coaches premier cricket on the Sunshine coast, Queensland with a focus on bowling.

Bob sees as a highlight of these tours, the mateship and new friends we meet in other countries.



STUART RIDGE - NSW

Stuart grew up in Buckinghamshire in Southeast England, before emigrating to Sydney in 1987. He started with village cricket before moving to league cricket in the local Thames Valley league as well as spells in the Oxford and Surrey leagues as he moved with study and work.

Stuart represented Buckinghamshire in age group teams and in the Minor Counties Championship. He also represented Oxford University playing against a number of first-class counties and in the annual varsity match against Cambridge at Lords as well as achieving a "double blue" playing in the corresponding soccer fixture at Wembley.

In Australia, Stuart played a couple of seasons of lower grades with Randwick before joining his current club, Cricketers Club of NSW playing in Sydney's City and Suburban competition. After a long 'parental leave' break, he has played the last seven years in the Sydney Masters competitions (40's, 50's and now 60's) and since turning 60 has represented Port Jackson in NSW regional cricket, NSW at Nationals as well as Australia in tours to Barbados and Canada.

Working in the airline industry has given Stuart the opportunity tour widely playing cricket, rugby and football in North and South America, Southeast Asia, Europe, New Zealand and the Caribbean. One of many highlights, was getting to open the bowling with guest player Fred Trueman on Jamaica's Sabina Park.

Stuart has been married to Cathy for 30 years. They have two daughters who have both represented Australia at water polo, Meg at junior level and Amy at four world championships as well as the Tokyo Olympics.

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TONY PANECASIO - NSW

Tony was born in Melbourne in 1963 and lived there for a short time before his family moved to Sydney. Tony met wife Tracy at Westfield Sports High School. They have been married for 31 years and have two children, Steph 29 and Matt 27. They have lived in Kiama for the last 28 years. Tony, an ex-Teacher, now works casually for Drummond Golf in Shellharbour.

He represented Australia at Masters Indoor Cricket (35s back in 2005). Tony began his cricket journey in Sydney with the then Canterbury Shires after which he moved to Petersham where he played lower grades for two years. A Career decision saw Tony and Tracy leave Sydney and Tony had 10 years off before he returned to play first grade cricket for Lake Illawarra on the South Coast for 8 years where he took over 300 wickets.

Tony holds a Level 2 coaching certificate and is currently Manager of the Australian Men's Indoor Cricket team who won the World Cup in Melbourne last year.

His Veterans Cricket journey saw him join Southern Highlands Cricket Club this year where he was part of their inaugural 60s State Championship Winning team. This led to selection in the NSW Div 1 team in Perth from which he was selected into this World Cup team. Tony is thrilled to have this great opportunity to represent Australia at a World Cup.



DAVID WENHAM - SA

David was born in 1962 in Victor Harbor which is approximately 80 kms south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsular and has lived there for most of his life. He and partner Julie have 6 Adult children. For over 25 years David has worked in local government for the Yankallila Council in various roles, but the last ten years has led a small team in Parks and Garden maintenance.

David has played senior cricket in the local area for around 40 years, winning five A- Grade premierships and being awarded Cricketer of the Year for the Great Southern Cricket Association. He has also represented the GSCA in many carnivals and association games, and still play in Saturday competition.

In 2017 he joined Hills Fleurieu Cricket Club in the SAVCA over 50's team and won two premierships. He also represented the South Australian team playing in the Nationals. During his time in the SAVCA over 50s, David won Player of the Year for three consecutive years.

This is David's second year playing for HFCC in the over 60's, winning one premiership and representing South Australia in the Nationals twice, most recently in Perth. This is David's first Tour representing Australia in the Over 60's, and he is very much looking forward to playing in the World Cup in February 2024.

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RICHARD JOHNSTON - QLD

Richard was born in Brisbane in 1962 where he played all his junior and senior cricket. He was educated at the Church of England Grammar School renowned for its exceptional cricketing facilities. In Brisbane he played first grade for Valleys and Wests being selected in the Queensland Under 19 team.

Richard retired from playing cricket in the early 80's to pursue a career in aviation, returning to study Dental Science around 20 years later. After a hiatus of 35 years returning to play Veterans cricket for his club Brisbane where he received some excellent mentorship and encouragement. Richard played in the 2022 World Cup and Canada Cup in 2023.

Married to wife Andy, Richard continues to work as a Dental Surgeon on the Sunshine Coast. Veterans Cricket to Richard is Mateship and Camaraderie which motivates competitiveness.



ANDREW WATSON - QLD

Andrew was born in Canberra in 1962 and played cricket in the ACT. He represented the ACT at the Australian U19 Cricket Championships, played Grade Cricket in the ACT for approximately 10 years, while at high school and University. On graduation Andrew moved to Brisbane and played Grade Cricket for Norths District Cricket Club.

He met his wife Sharon (a Dietitian at the Royal Brisbane Hospital) and later moved to England for a master's degree in Heritage Architecture. They lived in the UK for three and a half years, and Andrew had the opportunity to play cricket for York and Lincoln.

Returning to Brisbane Andrew and Sharon settled back into Architecture and Dietetics. Andrew captained a Third-Grade team for Western Districts Cricket club before retiring in the mid-1990's. Andrew and Sharon have two children (twins), both now young adults recently completing university degrees. Andrew has a small architectural practice focusing on design, sustainability, and heritage architecture.

Cricket highlights include playing in the UK; Premiership win (in Norths Reserve grade), returning to play cricket in 2015 in Over 40's; the opportunity to open the batting with his son for five years in the Brisbane 'Warehouse' Competition; playing the last three years in Veterans' Cricket in the O50's and O60's; and selection to play for Australia at the O60's World Cup in India.

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CLAUDE ORLANDO - TAS

Claude was Born in Sydney NSW in 1963 but has lived majority of his life in Tasmania. He works as an Electrician and makes the most of any opportunity to play cricket whenever he can. Claude has four adult children and three grandchildren.

His cricket journey ended at 21 years of age due to having a young family at the time and travelling around Australia for work. Claude's wife suggested he start playing cricket when a new club formed in his area. He was 42 years old and has continuously played every Saturday since.

Claude was introduced to Vets cricket when he was 55 years old and has loved playing cricket, the way it should be played by men of his age, unlike the way we did when we were 19!

Claude has played for Tasmania in O50's since 2018 and this year for the first time O55's in Christchurch and O60's in Perth. He has been on two Veterans Cricket Australia Over 60's tours this year, Barbados, and Toronto.

When not playing cricket, he loves to go bushwalking.



GEOFF PATTERSON - NSW

Geoff was born in Gosford on the Central Coast of NSW in 1961 and has lived there most of his life. He studied at Armidale Teachers College and taught Primary and Secondary Industrial Art for 19 years. He left teaching in 2001 and started a rural fencing business which he is still operating.

Geoff met his wife Penny in England while he was playing Premier League Cricket for Sevenoaks Vine in Kent (1986-87). They were married in 1989 and have four sons, three granddaughters and one grandson.

Geoff has been privileged to play grade cricket with three of his sons, including 1st grade. He is a level 2 Coach and has coached junior and senior teams at both club and representative levels. His Cricket highlights include winning a first-grade premiership, Bradman cup carnivals and Kookaburra cup, culminating in a State Challenge win, played at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Geoff says that Veterans Cricket has given him a gift of continuing to play this great game with and against the many friends he has made over a lifetime of cricket. May there be many more.

AUSTRALIAN TOURING SQUAD PROFILES



SAM DAVIS - WA

Sam was born 1962 in Queenstown, Tasmania and in 1970 moved to Perth and has lived there ever since, apart from a couple of stints of working in country WA, including one year on a cattle station out of Halls Creek.

Sam and partner Barb (retired after 30 years working in book industry), together since 1981 have two sons, 40 (a Clinical Psychologist (PHD), and 38, (an economist who works in energy regulation in Sydney) plus two grandchildren.

Sam has been a PE and science teacher since 1992, and before that worked in Sport and Recreation, and corporate health industries. He has coordinated the John Forrest Secondary College Cricket Academy (his dream teaching job), since 1999.

Sam toured with the Over 60's to Barbados in 2023. He didn't play much cricket in his 20's due to night and weekend work. He played 10 years of 3/4th grade at Claremont-Nedlands Premier CC, mainly as captain and in junior development roles. In 2003 he moved to Western Suburbs Cricket Club as Captain/Coach in the Suburban Turf Competition. The highlight in the first four years was improving from last in 2003/04, to winning second grade in 2005/06, getting promoted and then making the Grand Final in their first year in 1st grade with NO paid players.

In recent years Sam has gradually dropped down the grades winning two-day flags in the 2nd XI 2019/20 (oldest son as captain), the 3rd XI 2020/21 and the 4th XI one/two-day double 2022/23.

Sam has a Level III CA coaching accreditation, and he coached the WA school boys' team to national carnivals for 10 years, the last in 2012. The highlight was four grand finals for three wins in the last six years. He also coached the Australian Schools Boys team on tours of the West Indies and India.

In Veterans Cricket, Sam trained with the WA 50's in 2020 and 2021 but didn't get out of WA due to COVID. 2022 was his first National Veterans Cricket carnival, when he played Division 4 in the 50's and captained WA Division 1 60's Nationals in 2023. Sam is proud to be selected to represent Australia at the world cup.



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GARRY ZEALAND - TRAINER - QLD

Garry was born and raised in Balmain, NSW, and became a sports trainer after retiring from playing competitive sports in 1980. He undertook formal sports medicine and first aid training and completed a diploma in remedial massage before working with AFL teams in Sydney including the Sydney Swans in the late 1980's.

Garry was chosen as a trainer for the NSW State of Origin AFL team in 1990. After moving to QLD in 1991 he worked with rugby league and rugby union teams and later the Sunshine Coast Falcons, and the QLD and Australian Police Rugby League teams touring NZ and Fiji.

Garry worked with the Australian Over 60's Cricket team at the 2022 World Cup on the Sunshine Coast and is still playing over 60's cricket. He is currently accredited as a Level 2 Sports Trainer with the NRL.



ROGER BRYCE – SCORER - VIC

Roger, by his own admission, is a very ordinary cricketer, but still plays occasionally for Canterbury over 60's in Melbourne.

He took up scoring in his early playing days in country Victoria to get out of umpiring (stating he couldn't see or hear). Having said that he is a passionate scorer and has been doing it in an official capacity for 40 years.

Roger was the official scorer for Australia in the recent World Cup event on the Sunshine Coast (September 2022) and went on the 2023 60's Tour of the UK as Scorer.



DAVID HEAD – MANAGER - NSW

David has been a long-term player and Administrator in Veterans Cricket. He toured South Africa in 2016 with the O60's and Managed Australia's 60's team in the 2023 World Cup on the Sunshine Coast.

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