Vintage Cricket Program for the Next Couple of Years:

Take a look at what Vintage Cricket has planned for the next couple of years and see if there is anything here that might interest you, your Veterans Grade team or players or anyone over 35 who wants to play some good cricket in pleasant cricket surroundings.

Vintage Cricket is open to any players over the age of 35 whatever their actual age, agility, ability or experience. Our players range from the late 30s to the late 70s with teams graded according to average age and self-assessed playing strength. Individuals, part teams and full teams are welcomed. Umpires are also welcomed as are wives, partners and supporters. Have a look and see if there is anything that may be of interest:

**May 2011:** The 3rd **Trans Tasman Vintage Cricket Carnival** will take place on the Gold Coast in Queensland between Sunday 22nd May and Saturday 28th May-a fantastic opportunity to play cricket during late Autumn on great pitches and at hospitable clubs. Accommodation Packages start from Au$955.00 per person and if teams want to do their own accommodation the price is Au$445.00 per person. Full details of the packages, what they contain and the Carnival are on the website at [www.vintagecricket.com](http://www.vintagecricket.com) Limited to 24 teams from Australia and New Zealand the 1st entries are in so if you are keen have a look at the website and enter your team. If you have any queries or want more information then feel free to email Peter McDermott at peter@vintagecricket.com or Kevin Pike of Wheatons Cricket team who will be assisting with hosting at kevanddiane@bigpond.com

**March 2012:** The 6th **World Vintage Cricket Carnival** will take place in Wellington between Sunday March 18 and Saturday March 24. To be hosted by Tawa Turtles Golden Oldies team and with support from Wellington Cricket Association, this promises to be a good one. Carnival Patron who is committed to playing is Ewen Chatfield and his efforts to encourage teams are supported by Bryan Waddle and Gavin Larsen. First entries are in from Australia, USA, New Zealand and Canada. Accommodation packages are available from NZ$1,295.00 per person with non-accommodation packages to be advised in the near future. Check out all the details on the website at [www.vintagecricket.com](http://www.vintagecricket.com) If you have any queries please do not hesitate to be in touch with Peter McDermott at peter@vintagecricket.com or local Organiser, Grant Baker (Tawa Turtles) at mrgaabaker@xtra.co.nz If you are interested it might pay to get your entry in soon as there will be a limit to the number of teams that we can accommodate at local clubs. Promises to be a well-attended Carnival with plenty of enquirey and enthusiasm from overseas teams.

Vintage Cricket has been in existence since 2001 and there have been successful and enjoyable World Carnivals at Adelaide (2003), Perth (2005), Barbados (2006), Stratford-upon-Avon (2008) and Cape Town (2010). Trans Tasman Carnivals have been played in Rotorua (2007) and Armidale (2009). Over 150 teams from 15 countries have taken part and enjoyed the relaxed, informal format and approach to what is intended to be a Celebration of Cricket amongst players, umpires, supporters, wives and partners from all parts of the cricket world. Vintage Cricket is managed by past Auckland University and Wellington College Old Boys Senior player, Peter McDermott with assistance from Auckland University Fingletoads member, Roger
Carroll and Auckland Cricket Society and Supporters Club Chairman, Geoff McLeod-Smith. Vintage Cricket World President is past South African representative, Barry Richards and Vintage Cricket Ambassadors have included Geoff Howarth, Gary Troup and Joel Garner.

Formed and managed by cricketers for the enjoyment of cricketers, regular Vintage Cricket Carnivals and soon to be introduced Vintage Cricket Tours are designed to allow mature cricketers to continue to enjoy their love of the game amongst like-minded people at great cricket destinations.

Additional Carnivals and Tours in planning or in place include:

July 2012: The Five Nations Vintage Cricket Tour which will include games in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland before a ten day tour of Ireland. Three weeks of fun and friendship touring the United Kingdom and Ireland. Details are currently being finalised but if you or any of your members are interested please register your interest with Peter McDermott at peter@vintagecricket.com or Kevin Pike at kevanddiane@bigpond.com

September 2012: Details are being finalised for an intriguing California Capers Vintage Cricket Carnival which will consist of 2 games in the San Francisco area and 2 games at the fantastic Los Angeles Worrell-Magnus Cricket Complex. In between participants will enjoy a 2 day drive down the magnificent California Pacific Coast with an overnight at Monterey (and a chance to play golf on the Monterey Peninsula) and a visit to the incredible Hearst Castle. Keep an eye on the website with full details to be released during August. Register your interest with Roger Carroll at roger@vintagecricket.com