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MEET & GREET

 **40 Mona Vale Avenue, Riccarton, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand**

On **17th February**, a vibrant afternoon **Meet & Greet ceremony** was held at **Mona Vale**, officially marking the grand opening of the **Over 70s Cricket World Cup**. The event brought together all eight participating teams in a wonderful display of unity, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship.

The teams present were **India, Australia, England, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Canada, USA, and ROW (Rest of the World)**. With every team in attendance, the gathering reflected the global spirit of the tournament and the shared passion for cricket that transcends age and borders.





During the Meet & Greet, a few inspiring words were shared by **Stirling Hamman, Chairman of IMC**. He warmly welcomed all teams and emphasized the importance of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and celebrating cricket as a lifelong journey.

The occasion was further enriched by motivational words from **Jeremy Wilson, Chairman of Veterans Cricket New Zealand**. His address encouraged players to enjoy the competition, play with pride, and continue inspiring the cricketing community through their commitment and love for the game.

The highlight of the afternoon was the ceremonial first ball being bowled, symbolically declaring the **Over 70s Cricket World Cup** officially open. This moment set the stage for an exciting tournament ahead, filled with **competitive cricket, mutual respect, and unforgettable memories**.

The Meet & Greet at Mona Vale perfectly captured the essence of the tournament—bringing nations together through cricket and reinforcing that the spirit of the game truly knows **no age**.

