



TENNIS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kia ora huihui mai nei tatou katoa.

2021 SEASON

The 2021 year has once again been a successful one despite significant portions of COVID time when courts were not available to members. Tennis continues to gain popularity, reflecting a positive atmosphere in the club. In 2021, multiple programmes were arranged for a range of groups each day of the week.

Thank you to our wonderful team of managers of these programmes, including Lynda McMillan, John Sheridan, Neville Hollands, Graeme Martin, and Jude Bower and Clive Wilkinson.

You have done a fantastic job this year for our sport.

A special thank you to Clive and Jude, who have recently returned to their homeland.

You've been wonderful club members, supporting everything we do.

We wish you both, and Eddie all the best in the new chapter in your lives.

FAST 4

This year we trialled a new programme of Fast 4 on Friday nights, on the suggestion of club member Peter Bryant. This was a great success, often with all courts being filled. A big thank you to Peter and Geoff Hurst for pulling it all together and making it a huge success.

RE-FURBISHMENT

A significant theme occupying the minds of the Tennis committee and members has been raising the funds necessary to replace our worn-out astroturf courts. Our first step was satisfied in January this year with two of the courts being replaced. The process took a significant effort from club members who had to strip the courts and shake out tons of sand. The result was epic, and the support shown on the day demonstrated what a great bunch of members we have at our club.

Thank you to all who helped on the day including the wonderful people who provided lots of food and drinks to keep the workers going. This year the fundraising momentum has continued with a quizz night, Mitre 10 bbqs and firewood working bees. This, plus the great work of club manager Wayne Peterson in applying for funds from Trusts, has given us enough to replace the final two courts.

This will occur early in 2022.



UP- KEEPING

Another success has been our application to the District Council for 25K to replace the surface of the public court. We expect the funds to be provided to us in 2022/2023, with any surplus to be used to recoat our three plexi courts which are now starting to show signs of some serious games of tennis.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A big thank you to the tennis committee for your unfailing commitment to our club.

Our club volunteers who do those tasks around the club to keep the club looking so neat & tidy, Neville Hollands, thank you!

An especially big thank you to Linda our President. Linda, you have done a fantastic job over many years.

We hope that you remain a member of our tennis team, but regardless of that, I'd like to acknowledge you for your work at the club.

We have been very lucky to have such a great leader.

THANK YOU

Finally a big thank you to the members of the Peterson whānau. First to our manager Wayne who is always going beyond the call of duty to ensure our club is well organised and a great place to spend a few hours doing what we love. Your recent success in winning a new position at Waikato Tennis reflects stellar performance here at Cambridge where you have demonstrated the great asset you are to us all. Your management and people skills will be a loss to us, but a gain to Waikato tennis, which is a good thing. We acknowledge your contribution to making Cambridge Racquets club the club of the year on multiple occasions. Nga mihi, nga mihi e te rangatira! Finally, I'd like to acknowledge Bob Peterson, who like the elves in the shoe makers shoe shop, is seldom seen, but does a wonderful job of keeping our club in tiptop shape – first just as a volunteer over a long period, and now as an employee. Nga mihi ki a koe e Bob.

I wish all club members and their whanau a safe and happy Xmas and 2022 year.

RICHIE HILL
TENNIS CHAIRMAN