Tennis Chair Report – AGM 2026

The 2026 tennis season has been a success, like previous years**.** We continue to run successful programs of tennis each night of the week and also the club days on Sunday. It is also great to see the continuing coaching programs being run at the club from Kiwi Tennis. The young coaches are delivering strong programs for all ages and we are seeing the success of that as we see the young players develop.

We had another successful **Love Tennis Open Day**, which drew good numbers eager to try tennis, squash. The weather on the day was average at best so big thanks to the volunteers who made it possible, especially Suzie for much of the preparation work and on the day.

Tournaments

We hosted another successful Masters tournament this year. Our event did not attract the numbers we had hoped for but the event was successful. The weather presented a few challenges but we managed to play through the two days. This event is set in the annual calendar for the Masters or Senior players (Over 30's….)

Our club championship was also a hit, with a BBQ and an enthusiastic crowd cheering on the players. Congratulations to all players and especially the winners. All matches were of a high calibre. The most pleasing aspect was the competitive play from our young juniors who pushed our senior players to the limits

Acknowledgments

Thank you to all the volunteers who have continued to be available for all working bees, support of events and in general keeping the club in good spirits. A notable fact in the tennis community of Waikato is the strength of the volunteer base at Cambridge Racquets.

Thank you to our wonderful tennis committee for your commitment to our club. It is a fantastic committee to be part of and the passion and energy everyone brings is amazing. A special note of thanks to Andrew McFeteridge and Carmel Stock for all their input and energy on the tennis committee as they are standing down due to personal commitments. They both have been of great value as we have continued to strengthen the club

Thanks to the Management Committee and Facilities Committee for all the time and support given to the club. Thanks to Dave Kilbride, our president for his insights, and Peter Bryant and Carli Van Zyl for their drive and passion to improve the facilities of the club.

As Chair, I look forward to welcoming new members to the tennis committee for another season of tennis and hopefully continued success

Graeme Martin