**Give tennis a go at a club near you over Love Tennis Weekend**

170 tennis clubs across NZ are busy preparing for the annual Love Tennis national open weekend, all with one goal in mind – to showcase tennis as the perfect sport for Kiwi’s young and old. Over 20,000 people from across the country will attend Love Tennis open days, held in September in nearly every corner of NZ.

“Love Tennis weekend is always a highlight for tennis in NZ. Our clubs are huge part of their communities and there is a sense of unity in working together through Love Tennis to promote our game. Tennis is a sport for everyone and Love Tennis Weekend is the perfect time to find out more about what your local club can offer. All the gear is provided, club members are on hand to offer tips and best of all it’s 100% free!” Said Tennis NZ CEO Julie Paterson.

Love Tennis 2020 saw over 19,000 participants enjoy tennis at their local club, making it one of the biggest mass participation events in NZ. This year promises to be even bigger with 170 venues from Kaitaia to Invercargill involved. Love Tennis National Coordinator Mel Jansen has been on the road visiting nearly every club nationwide in the lead up to the event through regional Love Tennis ‘Buzz Nights’. “It’s always incredible to meet the thousands of Love Tennis club volunteers up and down New Zealand. Together we share ideas on how to promote our sport and provide the best possible experience for Love Tennis attendees. Whether you’re an experienced player or have never picked up a racquet before -head along and give tennis a go!” Said Jansen.

Love Tennis 2021 takes place during weekends in September. It’s free to take part, all equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. There are hundreds of giveaways at every club, including vouchers from sponsors Rebel Sport. All attendees can enter the major prize draw for the ultimate West Coast Adventure for two thanks to Fox Glacier Guiding, Rainforest Retreat and Development West Coast.

To find participating clubs and for more info visit: [www.lovetennis.kiwi](http://www.lovetennis.kiwi) .

**DATES**

National Weekend: 18-19 September

Auckland Region: Sunday 19 September

Otago/Southland/Timaru: 25-26 September

Grass Court Clubs: 16-17 October

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