

With the continuation of the Covid Protection Framework at the Red Traffic Light level and recent announcements that New Zealand is now moving into Phase 2 with a rapidly increasing number of Omicron cases, combined with no clear direction as to when we will come out of Red, the Tennis Auckland interclub team has made the tough decision to **cancel** the Scarbro Caro Bowl Men's and Women's competition for the 2021-22 season.

The competition is traditionally played between late October and early December but due to lockdown we were forced to postpone the event. We hoped that we would be able to run the competition in February and March 2022 but several teams have withdrawn in recent weeks for various reasons including player availability, crowd and hospitality restrictions, conflict with other competitions and no Friday night contests.

Tennis Auckland and the interclub team are hugely disappointed to be making this announcement, but we believe the decision to cancel this year is the best one for the competition under the current circumstances.

We know this will be disappointing for some of the players and clubs who have supported one of Auckland's longest running club competitions. We are already looking forward to running the 2022-23 Scarbro Caro Bowl in October to December 2022 and working with our main sponsor, clubs and players to showcase tennis at the highest local level.