***Rod Laver Day AT***

***\*INSERT CLUB NAME\****

On **Friday 8 July**, players and clubs from around Queensland are getting into the **Wimbledon** spirit to **celebrate Rod Laver Day!**

Queenslanders are being encouraged to don their Wimbledon whites, share a snap of how they are celebrating on social media using **#RodLaverDay** and raise a racquet to a Queensland legend!

\*INSERT CLUB NAME\* are celebrating Rod Laver Day by \*INSERT DETAILS HERE\*.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Rod Laver’s first calendar grand slam in 1962 where he won all four slams in the calendar year. July 8 also coincides with the Wimbledon finals weekend and is a great way for the local community to get involved in the traditions of Wimbledon.

**Tennis Queensland General Manager, Elia Hill** said, “Rod Laver Day is a fantastic way to celebrate the success and impact of Rod Laver on tennis in Queensland, as well as celebrating Wimbledon”.

 “It is a day for everyone to get involved and showcase the inclusiveness of our great game and the rich history it has in Queensland.” Elia Hill said.

**Rod Laver Facts**

* Rod Laver, born in Rockhampton in 1938, won 11 Grand Slam singles titles, nine Grand Slam doubles titles and 5 Davis Cup titles spanning a 24-year career as an amateur and professional player.
* Known widely as the ‘Rocket’
* Ranked World No. 1 across nine different years (an all-time record in tennis).
* The only player to win all four grand slams in the same calendar year TWICE!
* Laver had a long-running friendly rivalry with fellow Queenslander Roy Emerson, another great Australian champion, which spanned across 67 matches!
* Laver was inducted as a Legend of Australian Sport in 2002 and the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame in 2009.
* Centre Court at Melbourne Park is named Rod Laver Arena in his honour.

For more information on our Rod Laver Day celebrations head to our Facebook page \*INSERT TENNIS CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE LINK\* or contact \*INSERT TENNIS CLUB CONTACT PERSON\*.