

NMTBC Trail Naming Procedure

Procedure statement

The Nelson Mountain Bike Club (NMTBC) recognises the importance of building relationships between tangata whenua and tangata tiriti as a core component of community development in Nelson, Whakatū, acknowledging mana whenua and the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Working with stakeholders and iwi remains a priority for NMTBC to achieve locally owned visions and goals. Central to this approach is to understand the importance of tangata whenua in Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui. In doing so NMTBC believes we enrich and provide integrity to our shared vision to engage and be part of our vibrant community.

The trails we use and develop for our sport are a way of connecting people with the land to interact with nature and facilitate health and well-being. Working with local iwi and our members to name trails provides an opportunity to build a positive, productive relationship between tangata whenua and tangata tiriti at a local level; In a small way, assisting in fostering and maintaining a collaborative partnership built on trust and good faith.

Purpose

To define a clear process of naming trails that are developed through a partnership between NMTBC, stakeholders and iwi. In the spirit of Te Tiriti, preference of trail names will be given to those in te reo Māori until balance is addressed across the trail network.

Scope

All mountain bike trail constructed and managed by NMTBC.

Procedure

Trail builders contracted by NMTBC for the construction of trails have visibility of this procedure.

- The trail builders are to provide a short brief about the trail that they have created and forward to NMTBC to allow their vision to be encapsulated in the name.
- Trails on Ngāti Koata land: Ngāti Koata Ltd/Trust given preference to name the trail based on the trail builders brief, or defer back to NMTBC.
- Trails on NCC managed land: NMTBC members to suggest ideas based on the trail builders brief. Final name approved by NMTBC Committee.
- Volunteer trail builds: Trail builders involved in the construction will forward the name of choice to NMTBC Committee for approval.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of NMTBC to establish and maintain relationships with local iwi, stakeholders and contractors and ensure that the process can be carried out in a timely manner, record data, and update GIS.