

Tasman District Council Mayor Candidates

- Mike Harvey
 - Tim King
 - Richard Osmaston

 - Maxwell Clark (no response)
 - Aly Cook (no response)
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Mike Harvey

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

The top of the South is a natural playground. Tasman is the only region in the entire country that faces north and has a vast natural basin encircled by mountain ranges to the South, it would be a crime not to grow mountain biking and other outdoor pursuits in our region. I enjoy mountain biking, cross-country walking and race moto-x so I'm with you.

What is your vision of general cycling for transport and recreation in Nelson Tasman

It's the future, e-bikes and scooters are reducing travel time to work in many places, this is reducing the impact of carbon fuels and the frustration of congested roads. Longer term, less road congestion equals less ratepayers' money being spent on maintaining high-use traffic zones. For recreation, the healthier the residents of Tasman are, the better off we all are, I say 'get on your bike and burn some calories rather than fossil fuels' and 'investment in cycle infrastructure is an investment in our people and future'.

Have you had any involvement, support or interest in mountain biking our members may be interested in?

I've completed the Rainbow Rage three times, the Maungatapu challenge twice, the Lake Hawea Epic once, the Greymouth 128K challenge once, the Grape Ride three times and enjoy all our local tracks when I get an opportunity.

What action do you plan to take in the next three years to support and realise your vision of mountain biking and cycling?

I'm saving for an electric bike so I can get out on the trails more because my uphill lets me down!

How would you further realise the economic benefits of the tens of millions of dollars that mountain biking brings to our region?

I support the club running events on council land and would actively engage with the compliance team at TDC to make sure that the club finds it easy to obtain the permits it needs.

How much funding are you prepared to invest to realise the potential of mountain biking over the next 3 years?

I'm simply not in a position to make an informed statement in relation to this question, I can say that I support investment in mountain biking and cycling, and if presented with a feasible and realistic growth plan, can see no reason why I would not support that given the share number of local residents that enjoy cycling in this region.

What support do you think Tasman District Council should provide to the \$20million mountain bike park known as the Wairoa Gorge Bike Park, which is an international mountain biking destination gifted to NZ, but currently enabled by NMTBC?

As I understand the park, it really is something quite special. Where our communities are fortunate enough to be gifted such spectacular treasures, it must be incumbent upon local councils to support the ongoing management of the assets. How that support looks would be different every time based on the needs of the asset.

Tim King

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

That our region continues to develop current and new locations that offer a wide range of trails at different grades that supports our reputation as one of the best mountain biking destinations in New Zealand linked together by the completed TGTT.

What is your vision of general cycling for transport and recreation in Nelson Tasman

To deliver the outcomes in the Tasman Walking and Cycling strategy to make cycling a safer and more attractive option in our Urban Areas to create more liveable communities and reduce our GHG emissions from transport and complete the TGTT and that links a number of our larger and smaller communities and provides a range of recreation opportunities for both locals and visitors.

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I am a strong advocate for both active transport and recreational cycling, an occasional mountain biker and have played a role in the investment in and development of the Kaiteriteri MTB park in my role as a member of the Recreation Reserve Board.

What action do you plan to take in the next three years to support and realise your vision of mountain biking and cycling?

To support the investment to implement the Walking and Cycling Strategy and the completion of the TGTT as well as the planned conversion of the Kingsland Forest behind Richmond into permanent forest species that enables the further development of walking and cycling tracks and links to the Silvan Hills MTB park

How would you further realise the economic benefits of the tens of millions of dollars that mountain biking brings to our region?

I see the economic benefits being realised by those running events or tourism businesses leveraging off the investments made by Councils private landowners and DoC in the underlying infrastructure.

How much funding are you prepared to invest to realise the potential of mountain biking over the next 3 years?

Given all the challenges facing the next Council I cannot commit to providing any funding directly to mountain biking over the next three years as the priority for investment in cycling is the delivery of the urban cycle way networks and complete the TGTT

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Very difficult question, as the park is owned by DoC I believe it is primarily their role to support the Park itself, the road access is equally challenging as there are many roads that Council doesn't maintain for the full length and any decision to increase funding to access the MTB Park will have to be weighed up against the other roads around the region that communities would like to see upgraded and maintained.

Richard Osmaston

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

Getting a bit elitist. We have a moral duty to ensure all our resources are accessible to all. But keep up the good work. Great progress, mostly by volunteers thus far.

What is your vision of general cycling for transport and recreation in Nelson Tasman

Bring it on. The transport basis for our future. And fun too. But don't let money spoil it. As it does everything good.

Have you had any involvement, support or interest in mountain biking our members may be interested in?

Started mountain/bmx in the '60s. Always clunkers from the dump. And still today! Commute daily today. Use round the farm instead of quad or tractor, mostly. Supported Lake Rotoiti area ongoing developments.

What action do you plan to take in the next three years to support and realise your vision of mountain biking and cycling?

Abandon the monetary system. Adopt a money free, Resource Based Economy, and free all humans to enjoy a lifestyle of responsibility, leisure and integrity. Bikes for all too.

How would you further realise the economic benefits of the tens of millions of dollars that mountain biking brings to our region?

Seriously? Please note; we have to comply with several important parameters if we are to survive. Namely; Stress, Climate, Resources, Inequality, Pollution and Technological Unemployment. Any system/entity/institution within the monetary system cannot. Thus we need to move. And fast.

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Whatever you need. The 'token \$\$' aren't real anyway. In the voluntary society we feel is imperative, we will have basically anything we want. Let's take care of the needy first. Ride after.

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Embrace the sentiment of the 'gift' and continue in that vein. When we move beyond the drag and toxicity of monetary market economics, we will all be free to 'gift' whatever we like. Out time, energy, resources. Not to mention integrity. I'm ready now. Imagine the scale of this legacy.
