

## Tasman District Council - Moutere-Waimea Ward Candidates 2022

- Dan Shallcrass
- Jono Trolove
- Kelvin Woodley
- Mike Kinimonth (no response)
- Christeen MacKenzie (no response)
- Dan Robinson (no response)

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### Dan Shallcrass

#### **What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman**

I would love to see the establishment of a dedicated jump/slope style/free ride facility, so that we can attract world class events such as Crankworx, Red Bull Hardline. I think it would bring variety to the mountain biking in the region, and add to growth.

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

Let's keep encouraging people to cycle, especially in our urban centres to reduce traffic congestion. I would like to see more safe storage for bikes in the town centres, maybe employers could affect some positive change on this. An incentive program for people buying e-bikes would improve access to them as an affordable mode of transport.

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

I love mountain biking. I ride socially and enjoy the level of technical tracks we have in Nelson/Tasman. I prefer riding a bike as a fitness activity, over any other exercise. And I love the sense of community with other riders. I was honoured to project manage the development of the McGazzaland facility in Wakefield, and am passionate about progressive skills parks as a way to learn techniques for safer riding on our big trails.

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

I would like to see better access to riding for the vulnerable in our community, especially our youth. Mountain biking can be very cost prohibitive, but I imagine a program that brings bikes to the people, and even some planned rides with basic coaching and mechanical workshops. I am supporting discussions with another community group to bring a progressive skills park to their town, based on my experience with McGazzaland.

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

I feel we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg, and i believe if we invest in our facilities and broaden services to those facilities then the growth will continue.

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

I am not able to give an answer on the amount of funding, as it would need to be allocated by both Nelson and Tasman District Councils in relation to each body and their strategy.

**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?**

Having ridden in the park myself I have a clear understanding of the standard of the gorge. It is a very large specialised facility, which in my view requires specialised care and management. The large build budget for the park would indicate a large maintenance budget to follow.

An equitable level of support from council would be reasonable in my view, as given to similar facilities, but also balanced with the number of users of the park and benefit for our region.

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**Jono Trolove**

**What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman**

The Nelson Tasman region is blessed with a huge amount of quality mountain bike tracks built by passionate individuals and clubs, these tracks are of enormous benefit to the region both in terms of recreation, health and the economy, I would like to see continued growth and improvement of existing tracks and ultimately an area with gondola or chairlift access capable of supporting international events. I would like the Nelson region to become the centre for mountain biking in New Zealand. Council should enthusiastically support any initiatives that support these goals.

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

The Nelson region already has some very good cycleways for commuters and recreation on easier terrain, the economic benefits from cycle tourism on these cycleways is clear. I would encourage a continued expansion and improvement of this network. I see cycleways that cater for scooters, pedestrians, and other small electrical modes of transport as the future for commuters and shoppers. I would like to see more cycle only corridors opened into our towns and rural areas making cycling safe and easier to access for young and old.

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

I am not an active mountain biker, although I have biked some of the tracks, my family has used many of the tracks, I have walked a lot of the tracks. I am definitely an advocate for mountain biking I don't know how anyone could be opposed to such a positive sport and recreation, to have these assets on everyone's backdoor step is incredible, children can get out there on their own, older guys and gals can enjoy the fitness benefits and camaraderie.

I personally enjoy the flatter ground with coffee and beer along the route. I am always surprised and encouraged by the huge range of ages and shapes who use our cycleways.

I have many middle aged friends who hammer the tracks and love it.

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

Without being fully familiar with current council policy and works that may or may not be supporting mountain biking and cycling it is difficult to be specific.

What I would like to see in the next three years is;

The region hosting world class mountain biking events.

An increase in dedicated commuter corridors for cycles and other personal electric transport.

Continued creation of separate vehicle and cycle zones in rural and urban environments.

Council land made available to groups wanting to expand and improve mountain bike tracks.

Public (council) Private (clubs/businesses) joint ventures that improve and create new tracks and cycleways along with positive environmental outcomes (tree planting, land stabilisation, etcetera)

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

Promote, Ease planning rules, Expand

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

It will be dependant on budget

**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?**

Full support meeting regulations, rules etc, financial support if budget allows

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**Kevin Woodley**

**What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman**

Mountain Biking as a very popular recreational activity needs to be fully embraced and supported by Council.

Planning needs to incorporate opportunities for tracks and trails to be included and extended over time so that the region continues to grow as a Mountain Biking destination

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

As a cyclist myself of many years I believe that enhancement of cycling opportunities just makes sense. Providing public transport is a challenge for our scattered regional population whereas inclusion of cycle trails and paths is a relatively cost effective and straight forward task, IF planned for.

The environmental and health benefits are undeniable.

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

I do own a mountain bike but rarely ride it. I have always been a road and track cyclist on and off over some 50 years. I have mainly used mountain bike trails as running routes! However each to their own. I am fully supportive of the whole mountain bike movement.

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

Any well thought out mountain biking initiative will receive my support. It just makes sense. If an advocacy group wanted to work with me as a representative to promote their plans and ideas I would be very happy to do so.

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

If we develop the environment the riders will come. So development of the environment seems to be the essential first step in the process.

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

I am not in a position to make such a statement beyond giving an assurance that well considered plans will receive my support.

**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 with all recreational activities, they will only flourish if the membership/users remain motivated and establish sustainable initiatives and activities.

Council should support and endorse initiatives and provide financial support through the usual grant systems. Infrastructure needs should be provided through the regional planning process and interest groups can ensure this through requests and submissions made to that planning process.

As a cyclist myself I am very happy to be an advocate and supporter.

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