

Tasman District Council – Motueka Ward Candidates 2022

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Richard Peter Brown

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

For Nelson/Tasman mountain biking sites to be world class in safety, enjoyment and health benefits for all participants.

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

For cycling to be the number one "go to" form of individual transport in urban areas, supported by safety education and bike lanes.

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

During the summer I use my bike as often as possible for commuting to the Motueka CBD as well as enjoying the shared bike trails around the area. I have not ventured into mountain biking.

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

To listen and understand the continued requirements of mountain biking and cycling so I can be an informed advocate at the council table.

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

By encouraging council to contribute to marketing investment to attract more keen bikers and cyclists to our region

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

Having not been on council before this is difficult for me to answer. Business sense tells me the funding contribution should be appropriate to the financial benefit

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?

Please see my previous answer

Nicholas Hughes

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

Government and local government have successfully made our region a huge success of making mountain bike trails a reality in our region , what more could we ask for ?

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

As above

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

I am a keen cyclist

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

None needed

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

The tapawera area is an example of what you speak of

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

That's up to the community !

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?

Up to the community to decide by way of a poll

Barbara Lewando

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

Build on our world-class trails. Everyone across Nelson/Tasman District has more access to great trails from close-to-home rides to iconic, more rural and adventurous experiences.

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

To grow the quantity and quality of cycling for transport and recreation of our communities across the region. Partner with new communities to enhance quality of trails.

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

Both a keen cyclist and an advocate

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

Stimulate behavioural change towards cycling with awareness campaigns; improvement of cycling infrastructure with safe and cohesive cycling network corridors; a future proof Motueka that focuses not only on cycling, but ensures with other modalities such as public transport, walking, and the car; Taking cycling as a mode of transport seriously, for example, by developing cycle-friendly policies and comprehensive infrastructure. Investing in cycling benefits not only cyclists but also local businesses. A fun adventurous mountain biking environment that ensure we continue to attract visitors to the region and provides an opportunity for people to connect while appreciating our beautiful natural environment.

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

Mountain biking is a strong component in our recreation economy. More can be done like investing in the promotion of national and international events; conferences, promote the multi-use of trails and the support infrastructure to encourage other uses such as walking/running, a combination of dedicated tracks for walkers and runners; continue to raise the profile of the Nelson-Tasman nationally and globally as a premier mountain bike destination. Include cultural, art, food packages to make attractive offer. Development of a shared Nelson-Tasman regional hub for mountain biking

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

I don't have a precise answer for this. I would estimate a couple of 10s of millions. I would suggest the need for Council to conduct a detailed mountain bike and cycling study to assess the level of investment needed. Partner and align with Waka Kothai and the private sector for the cycling part to attract further investment.

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?

Wairoa Gorge Bike Park is a jewel we are proud of and need to ensure proper investment is kept. Here too, I am sorry I don't have knowledge yet of numbers, nevertheless in collaboration with Nelson Tasman Mountain Bike Club and Nelson City Council Tasman District Council should consider providing proper funding and partner with government, business to ensure maintenance, longevity, enjoyment, respect, quality of the park.

Ian Palmer

What is your vision of mountain biking in Nelson Tasman

As a mountain biker myself, I would like to see a continuation of the development of the tracks and parks we have for our use. We are very fortunate to have some great facilities already. I see Councils as an important part of this development.

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

I fully support all avenues to continue to improve the safe access for cycling in our region. Our great taste trail is a fantastic asset. I support the continued creation of cycle ways as they create a much less stressful experience for the cyclist and the motorist. The popularity of E-bikes has opened up a much larger user base, which is terrific.

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

I am a mountain bike enthusiast, I currently have an E-bike. This has allowed me to get back into cycling and enjoy our great rides. I am a keen rider of the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike park and the Great Taste Trail. Cycling is my go to for fitness.

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

Advocate for continued investment in our cycle network of tracks and safe feeder routes. Keeping cyclists and motorists safe from each other is a critical component to future development of commuting tracks.

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

As the tracks and parks are continually improved, this brings in riders from other regions to experience what we have to offer. The Kaiteriteri MB Park is one of the best we have in NZ as it caters for all levels of skill. The economic benefits will flow themselves, I see councils role as making sure the underpinning development can continue to occur, realising the benefits

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

This is a difficult question to answer, as there are so many competing areas for funding. I consider funding in recreational areas to be a high priority as it offers direct benefit to the ratepayers and visitors to our region. If the business case stacks up for more funding, you won't find a stronger advocate for that funding than me.

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?

I do not have enough background on this to give a definitive answer at this time. If the business case put forward is sound, it will have my full support.
