

## Tasman District Council - Motueka Community Board Candidates 2022

- Claire Hutt
  - Barbara Lewando
  - Charmaine Petereit
  - David Armstrong (no response)
  - Dana Carter (no response)
  - Tania Corbett (no response)
  - Terina Graham (no response)
  - Nick Hughes (no response)
  - Ellie Kamphuis (no response)
  - Brent Maru (no response)
  - Margaret McCallum (no response)
  - Maureen Urwin (no response)
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### **Claire Hutt**

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

I have many friends that enjoy mountain biking and I absolutely feel that the tracks/facilities are well used and needed.

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

Well.... Interesting you ask that question - I have literally been out today on an e-bike with My Ride Motueka to check out the cycle ways and see how I feel cycling through Motueka township and residential areas. It was fabulous - I couldn't stop smiling

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

I have had no cycling experience, apart from taking mine and the kids bikes with us on holidays and doing tracks and trails while away. Very enjoyable.

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

After lots of discussion with cyclist friends and my experience today cycling around Motueka, I would definitely support any new cycleways and upgrading of current ones. I can't say in all honesty that I have a distinct vision of mountain biking or cycling over the next 3 years, but I certainly am an advocate for it and will support ideas with an open mind.

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

Our region is fabulous for mountain bikers, with so many areas to discover. This for me brings great economy benefits to the region. Staying here, exploring here, eating here, shopping here. It's a great asset to the region

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

The Community Board has limited funds each year. Any submissions for consultation on this spending is welcomed. Basically we have the funds and it goes to public consultation for prioritising the project/funds. Each Board Member can advocate and put forward these special projects.

**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?**

That's a big question for a potential Motueka Community Board member who will have no say on it whatsoever - however, I will say that this The Gorge Mountain Bike Park has massive benefits to the region for attracting national and international visitors & competitors for events.

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**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.

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**Charmaine Petereit**

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

My vision is that mountain biking in Nelson/Tasman includes contributing to restoring native habitats on public conservation land and reserves.

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

My vision is that general cycling supported by safe cycleways becomes an effective transport alternative.

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

The Takaka Hill Biodiversity Group Trust I co-founded and manage are keen to work with the Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club and the Takaka Hill Scenic Reserve mountain bike track currently under construction.

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

The Takaka Hill Scenic Reserve is part of the Trusts Community Agreement with the Department of Conservation Motueka office to undertake predator and pest species control. My vision is for the Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club to play an active role in restoring and protecting the Takaka Hill Scenic Reserve.

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

Some of that money is spent on restoring and protecting the natural areas that draws mountain bikers to the region

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

That depends on how much mountain biking is prepared to invest in restoring and protecting our natural areas.

**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 would prefer they invest money into protecting and restoring Tasman's Biodiversity

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