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Candidate for Motorcycling New Zealand board position, North Island Road.

Steve has had a long and mostly successful career as a research scientist and technologist, working all over the world, publishing nearly 40 papers and patents. He is now raising a teenage daughter (whose Mum is also a scientist) and working with a start-up in Wellington with the goal of finding technological uses for recycled textile materials.

Steve has been a member of MNZ since 1986 or so. He began racing in 250 Production around the golden era of the class and went reasonably well for someone with no budget or background in the sport and no coaching. After leaving New Zealand to pursue his science research career he returned and became involved in 125GP and 250GP racing with a best result of an NZSBK 250GP round win at Manfield and 3NZ in 250GP and several trophies along the way.

Along the way, Steve identified a significant gap in road racing in NZ in that specific and 'professional' coaching of young and novice riders was sparse or even non-existent. So, in 2008 he launched Moto Academy NZ with the goal of providing young and novice racers with an easier and more successful entry into racing. Moto Academy NZ was loosely based on the Red Bull Rookies Cup model which had launched the year before and which has gone on to have great success in the MotoGP sphere.

In the years between now and then, many riders have been a part of Moto Academy NZ in large or small ways. Some have gone on to race in World Championships, in Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup, in NZ National championships and club championships, while others have simply had a fun time and gone on to pursue other opportunities. One of the opportunities Moto Academy NZ generated very early on was to secure, from Rookies Cup, a Moto Academy NZ space at the Rookies Cup selection event each year. To date Moto Academy NZ has facilitated four young riders to Rookies Cup selection, which has culminated in the selection of Cormac Buchanan into Rookies Cup in 2021.

Steve has more recently designed and, with a team of talented Kiwi engineers and suppliers, built the IMD iM250 Pre-Moto3 racing bikes. In 2019 the two iM250s took it to ex-world championship Kalex KTM Moto3 bikes in the 2019 NZSBK championships, beating them on several occasions. The iM250 was instrumental in Cormacs development and will be instrumental in the development of the latest Moto Academy NZ student and students who follow.

So following that thread, Steve's personal focus in this board role will be on the development of youth road racing sport and the development of real pathways for young riders so that they may aspire to become NZ champions and even world champions. Steve believes strongly that given the right development pathways and support, a Kiwi rider can indeed become world champion in one of the several classes and racing structures (World Superbike, MotoE, MotoGP etc).

Steve is keen, while using the lessons of the past, to look forward, not backwards. His aim will be to build new initiatives and to support good existing initiatives that will support and grow youth participation and success in road racing rather than focussing on reliving past glories.

Steve has experience in running several small businesses along with over 30 years of devising, planning, securing funding, managing or governing, delivering and communicating science projects

both small (\$10k's and large (\$M's). Steve is very project focussed and if elected will attempt to bring a strong project management ethos to his time on the board.

