



# Moonee Valley City Council

## Myrnong Ward

### Myrnong candidate James Williams

#### **Do you own a bike and if you do, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Yes I do own a bike, and my favourite place is the Moonee Ponds trail, although I do like to take my bike out to the country and ride there as well

#### **If elected, how will you support making it easier for people to walk and ride in Moonee Valley Council?**

Some ideas I have had for a number of years, these are just examples, and I am actively sourcing other areas that need improvement

- Full implementation of the cycling route running parallel to the Craigieburn rail line from Buckley St. Essendon to Kensington
- Separated (a physical barrier between bikes and cars) cycling lanes in Mt Alexander Rd between Fletcher and Dean Streets, this is the first one I would do, but I am really focussed on separation to make it safer to ride.
- A safe east-west route connecting the Moonee Ponds Creek and Maribyrnong river through Ascot Vale
- Improvements (lighting and better signage) to the Moonee Ponds Creek cycling route into the city.
- A cycling route along quiet streets through Moonee Ponds from Mt Alexander Rd at Dean St. to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail at Ormond Park.
- Similar through Essendon, the Rail under Road at Essendon station destroyed the bike route through there.
- Connection of the Bike path in Essendon North that ends at Bulla Road, to connect to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail, I have a route worked out for that.
- Better and safer cycling access to local shopping centres and improved bike racks at shopping centres, making it more accessible for shoppers to ride their bike and shop.

#### **Are you satisfied with the progress currently being made with your council's bike strategy?**

No, they have done a little, like the Kent Street bridge, but far from enough in my opinion

#### **Will you support progressive initiatives such as outdoor dining, slower speeds, pop-up bike lanes, parklets etc. as a way to help businesses recover from COVID-19?**



I most definitely would, I would support pop up bike lanes, but I see this situation as an opportunity to provide more permanent separation. Plus parklets to assist with economic recovery.