



Moreland Bicycle User Group (Moreland BUG) is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers advocating for safer riding in Moreland. Each Council election we survey candidates on their commitment to issues affecting people as they get around by bike so that our members and the wider community can make an informed decision at election time.

Candidate Name: Sue Bolton

Candidate Affiliation: Sue Bolton Moreland Team

7% of Morelanders use their bicycles get to work. (MITS 2019) Others ride to school, the shops and other local destinations. What is your perception of safety for these people in Moreland?

Cycling can often be unsafe in Moreland. Many cyclists experience near misses which aren't recorded on any statistics anywhere. In addition to drivers disregarding cyclists, there are many hazards such as blind corners which obscure vision and other road safety issues, some of which could be fixed.

Road safety, community building, accessibility to transport choices, environmental and public health are public policy issues influenced by decisions Councillors make. What role do you see bicycle use having in these?

- Unrelated
- Some
- Significant part of the solution
- Other



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Which of these current projects/issues impact Moreland resident's transport choices?
(select as many as you believe apply)

- Cumberland Road Separated bike path (retaining parking)
- Glenlyon Road Bunnings Development
- Upfield Shared Path extension to Upfield
- Craigieburn express Shared Use path
- Separated bike lanes on Sydney Road
- Covid-19 Pop up Lanes
- Other

If you selected 'Other' tell us about them here:

In addition to these projects, we need more east-west cycling routes. We particularly need a good safe bike route between Glenroy and Fawkner to better link these two communities. We also need the missing link in the Upfield Shared Path (between Box Forest Rd and the M80 to be built).

What in your opinion, is the best solution to traffic congestion in an electorate like Moreland?

- Build more roads
- Make it easier for people to access transport options such as public transport and riding and walking.
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What is the most appropriate traffic speed for our local streets to ensure safety for all users?

- 30kph
- 40kph
- 50kph
- 60kph
- Other

If you selected 'Other' above please elaborate here;

I don't think you can have a blanket speed for all of Moreland. You have to look at it area by area. There are some local streets where 30kph is preferable, and other areas where 40kph is preferable.

The Moreland Integrated transport Strategy (2019) seeks to "Facilitate a demonstrable mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport that also targets a long-term reduction in car use." Do you support this aim?

- 100% yes
- Yes, with reservations
- No

If 'No' or 'With reservations', please elaborate here:

I fully support mode shift from cars to sustainable transport but I think MITS is quite limited in how approaches this question. Some elements of MITS are good eg proposals around lowering speed limits and traffic calming. It is less specific about pedestrian safety measures than the previous Pedestrian Strategy. It is very light on with regard to public transport advocacy. MITS pins all its hopes on parking restrictions and making it easy to have Zero Parking Developments. The reasons why people may or may not drive are much more complicated than access to free parking or not. If you genuinely want mode shift, you have to address the reasons why people drive.



What is the role of Council and Councillor decisions in promoting cycling in Moreland?

- None. There are more important issues
- Minimal - happy to lend passive support for projects funded by others
- Moderate
- Major – cycling is a local issue with significant local benefits
- Other

What are your aspirations for people who want to ride in Moreland over the next four years and what will your contribution to that be?

My aspirations are to expand safe cycling infrastructure in Moreland, particularly in the northern part of Moreland - Fawkner, Hadfield Glenroy. I would like to see all of the projects listed above.

I particularly want to see a trial of separated bike lanes on Sydney Rd, but this needs to be done sensitively and taking into account the needs of people with disabilities, and shops which don't have access to back laneways for deliveries. Each section of Sydney Road might need to be looked at separately. Such a trial can't be implemented in a bureaucratic way.

Candidate Name: Muhammad Nisar UI Murtaza

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

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In order to promote use of bicycles as mean of going to work, attend schools, shopping and as part of exercise, safe dedicated bike paths are need of time. Separating cyclists and motorists by installing cycleways, cycle paths and protected intersections reduces the likelihood of a crash. More people riding and walking



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provides additional opportunity for social interaction on the streets which can greatly enhance a sense of community and connection, improving mental wellbeing.

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Increasing participation in cycling brings many benefits such as health, environmental, economics and social benefits. If elected I will campaign for more safer bike paths, bike hire infrastructure and secure bike parking infrastructure.____

Candidate Name: Meghan Street

Candidate Affiliation: Sue Bolton Moreland Team

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There's a definite issue with biking and safety in Moreland, especially on busy streets such as Sydney Road.

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If 'No' or 'With reservations', please elaborate here:

I whole heartedly agree with encouraging and facilitating more bicycle usage in Moreland (I am a bicycle commuter) but it should not come with a punitive strategy to decrease car usage. Facilitation should be in the form of increasing safety, extending and networking bike paths and making it easier to ride in our community rather than harder to use a car.

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I believe council can play a crucial role in encouraging more bike usage in Moreland (in particular families with young children) by increasing safety, constructing separate bike lanes, and other strategies in consultation with residents in the community (who currently ride or who would like to ride if our paths and streets were safer and more accessible). Community consultation is key, strategies can be developed by listening to bike riders who use our paths and roads. As a bike commuter I want to see more dedicated bike lanes and would advocate for this on council.



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