



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: Shaun Minehan

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

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?

I would say poor, generally. Cars are king in Moreland and dedicated cycling infrastructure is lacking, particularly in Gowanbrae, Hadfield and Oak Park. Brunswick is a little better.

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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?

I'd like see all barriers removed so that everyday cycling can be the norm. I'm particularly passionate about abolishing mandatory helmet laws which are a major deterrent to cycling participation. I'd like to see residents in Hadfield be able to cycle to Coburg in dedicated lanes, not paint on the road. Paint is not infrastructure.



Candidate Name: Angelica Panopoulos

Candidate Affiliation: Greens

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Despite some positive measures promoting cycling infrastructure, safety for our bike users in Moreland needs to increase. This is through educating all people in Moreland about road safety - regardless of how they get around our city. There are major gaps in the cycling network across Moreland, particularly when considering those that want to travel from the east to the west. One of my top priorities, if elected, is to increase the physical links that connect one side of Moreland to the other. Separated bike lanes, including the Covid recovery 'pop-up' ones are part of the solution. Additionally, the North-West ward would greatly benefit from the speedy completion of the Craigieburn Express Shared Path.

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Given that Councils are responsible for approximately 90% of the road network, they are well-placed to significantly influence the transition towards active and sustainable transport by making our local streets safer, less stressful and more attractive to walk and cycle. That's why I'm committed to significantly increasing the cycling and walking budgets if elected to Council. I'm also committed to ensuring that the walking and cycling projects committed to in Council's own capital works plans are built.

I will also strongly advocate for:

- Protected bike lanes on Sydney and Cumberland Roads
 - Extending the Upfield Shared Path to Upfield
 - Completing the Craigieburn Express shared path
 - Delivery of the Covid 'pop-up' bike lanes, and explore opportunities for more of these

 - Getting the missing link finally built at the northern end of the Upfield shared path
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Increased awareness and availability of dedicated bike lanes are some of the ways to increase safety, however most importantly, the lack of awareness is the sad mitigating factor in too many accidents.

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A safer riding environment is my aspiration for all I would suggest comparing how some European countries encourage and facilitate an attitude change!

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Candidate Affiliation: Animal Justice

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As a cyclist of 8 yrs Competitively and commuting. I would say the Experience I have developed has definitely keep myself safer with They increased in traffic .

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To make cycling safe & an Efficient way to get around Moreland.

And to help growth of competitive cycling as a member of Cobourg cycling club the sport has been a big part of my life, I would love to see it grow.



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Candidate Name: Daniel Taylor

Candidate Affiliation: Victorian Socialists

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I use my bicycle to get to work, as well as to get around Moreland. I know it can be unsafe in many parts of Moreland. We need to improve cycling infrastructure in Moreland as well as take action such as reducing speed limits to protect cyclists.

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We need to improve public transport: a duplicated and extended upfield line, extended 19 and 58 trams, as well as better busses across suburbs. We also need to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and safety across Moreland to encourage more people to cycle or take public transport as a main form of transportation.

I don't however, support punitive measures to punish those who require a car. Shift workers, or those who work in areas with poor public transport should not be punished for using a car.

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I want to improve safety for cyclists in Moreland - this means expanding and improving bike paths and investing in road safety measures. I also want to oppose inappropriate development that threatens cyclist safety and discourages cycling such as the proposed Bunnings on Glenlyon Rd.



Candidate Name: Shanaka Perera

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

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I think there are people who want to ride but don't want to do it on the road for multiple reasons including safety and trying to avoid exhaust fumes. I think there would be more people riding generally if they could do so on a shared footpath.

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Embrace technology and emerging trends. Cars continue to evolve and in the near future we will have driver-less cars that produce no emissions and will reduce congestion/increase pedestrian safety by the very nature of being driver-less and full of technology and so we must plan for this now. Individualised, automated transport is and will be a desirable option for many people. Lets not forget our tradies and traders too who need their vehicles! I think all modes of transport can coexist together with the right planning and embracing smart technologies.

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If you selected 'Other' above please elaborate here;

It really depends on the street but we must embrace better technology to increase safety for all while also allowing fast and efficient movement of people, especially considering the economic situation we are in.



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I do agree with the need to advocate for better public transport though since it is shocking compared to global standards. Also encouraging walking/riding for all of us is good considering increasing obesity rates but I don't believe drastically changing the landscape in an attempt to socially engineer people to ride their bikes/walk will have the desired outcome in sprawling cities like Melbourne. It can work in ancient cities in Europe which are very compact and grew organically but Melbourne, from federation, was a master-planned city to include a range of transport options, that is spread so far and wide in an already massive country so I also don't want to see barriers to people moving and visiting other suburbs and patronising businesses because they are unable to access these areas easily or quickly. If congestion, pedestrian safety and emissions are the stated problems to address, there are technological solutions already in existence and are being embraced

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I would ride more often if I could do so on a shared path rather than feel anxious on the roads and as infrastructure is something I want to see Moreland use a majority of their budget for, I would support the increase of shared foot/bike paths considering there are more kms of footpath than there are of roads and especially older footpaths could get renewed at the same time.

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I would like to see more shared paths to encourage more bike riders and possibly advocating for a relaxation of helmet laws if riding exclusively on dedicated or shared bike paths. Riders on the road should always have helmets to protect against catastrophic injuries.

Interested in what Moreland BUG do to give more people in Moreland the option to ride? Sign up for our newsletter

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