



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: James Conlan

Candidate Affiliation: Greens

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?

As the former Convenor of the Moreland Bicycle User Group, former employee at Bicycle Network, and former committee member of Revitalise Sydney Road, improving the safety of riding a bike is a long-time passion of mine.

While Moreland is ahead of many other councils in terms of cycling infrastructure, much more needs to be done across the municipality to improve people's perception of safety when riding a bike. There are major missing links in the network, particularly for people travelling east-west. Also, the Upfield shared path is narrow and at capacity, and the back-street 'shimmies' require safety and signage upgrades. These gaps in the network mean that people riding a bike to school, the shops and other places are often forced to ride on dangerous roads. The Greens will address this by increasing cycling expenditure for low stress routes and rolling out council's 10 year capital works projects, including the recently promised, Covid recovery 'pop-up' bike lanes.



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- Unrelated
- Some
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If you answered 'Other' please elaborate here;

There are many more bike projects outlined in Moreland Council's 10 Year Capital Works Expenditure Plan, which I will not list here. Council has done good work in creating this plan, but now it needs to actually deliver those projects. As a passionate cycling advocate, I will champion the timely delivery of these projects if elected to council.



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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?

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

Also, the proposed Bunnings on Glenlyon Road poses serious safety issues to bike riders using that road. I'm extremely concerned about this project's impact on local cycling and will work closely with the community.



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Candidate Name: Lambros Tapinos

Candidate Affiliation: Labor

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Cycling safety needs to be improved. It involves education campaigns to drivers to be more aware of cyclists. It also involves better infrastructure repairing bike lanes.

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Combination of 30kph and 40kph

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Yes, I support the aim. Need to encourage people who can mode shift to do so, but acknowledge some people still need to drive cars. The MITS strategy should have more advocacy and support for public transport. But I don't support making it difficult for people to park and drive in order to achieve mode shift because some people don't have options and need to drive.

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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?

More cycling paths, complete the strategy and the network.

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Candidate Name: Mark Riley

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Also, Moreland has some of the highest bike use rates in Australia giving this greater import.

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Completing the Glenroy shared path along the Craigieburn line too.

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Getting the missing link finally built at the northern end of the Upfield shared path.



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Candidate Name: John Durant

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

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**Varied levels of safety (from unsafe to somewhat safe) dependent on the route due to inconsistent cycling infrastructure provided by local and state government.**

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Accelerated development and funding for cycling infrastructure in Moreland which can also support COVID economic stimulation. Consideration of cycling 'parking' needs in development applications.

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Candidate Name: Helen Breier

Candidate Affiliation: Labor

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It varies depending on their route. I`m a big time cyclist (being half dutch) and have commuted all my life but I take great care- cyclists will always come off second best in an accident and drivers are gradually becoming more aware and there have been improvements in cycle routes but still I think a need for more education of cyclists also in regards to road crossing and be seen be safe

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The aim is excellent but the policy is not. Currently the policy is disadvantaging the most vulnerable in our society and clogging our streets to the advantage only of developers. The current policy is not achieving the goals and needs to be re-dressed..

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Cycling in Moreland is growing strongly which is a great thing. Moreland council strategic plan and the Labor Policy certainly look towards further improvements for cyclists which includes more cycle paths, improvements to existing paths and community education for cyclists and drivers. Possibly also need different types of paths ie. those for speedy commuters and those for families, shoppers etc. There is no need for cycling to be in conflict with other community needs. Its a matter of collaboration and understanding by all. We all need to keep moving forward in regards to development of cycling infrastructure in Moreland

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Candidate Name: Jacob Andrewartha

Candidate Affiliation: Sue Bolton Moreland Team

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My perception and from my own experience as a cyclist is that cycling can be often unsafe - for starters the Upfield Bike Path is generally overcrowded (and also currently being impacted by construction) the Merri Creek bike path needs better lighting for riding at night, and going through the major roads sydney rd, lygon street.

Council needs to step up in terms of implementing infrastructure that improves the safety of cyclists. We also have to contend with near-misses, drivers disregarding cyclists and blind corners.

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Additionally we need more east-west cycling routes. For example imagine if we had a safe bike route between Glenroy and Fawkner to better link these two communities. We also need the implementation of the missing link in the Upfield Shared Path (between Box Forest Rd and the M80 to be built).

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I don't believe you can have a blanket speed for all of Moreland, however the council needs to step up in significantly in this area, consulting with the local community, and as a matter of urgency decrease the traffic speed for areas where it's clearly too high.

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I support a mode shift from cars to sustainable transport and as someone who doesn't own a car, nor do I have a desire to own one, I don't think it's practical to pin all the hopes on the implementation of parking restrictions as the solution to addressing the use of cars on the road, there are many reasons people have to drive, some don't have the luxury of having a job where they can ride to work and we



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need to address those systematic reasons as part of a strategy to facilitate a transition from cars to sustainable modes of transport such as walking, public transport and cycling.

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As a candidate for Sue Bolton Moreland Team we support a expansion of safe cycling infrastructure in Moreland, emphasising the-often neglected northern part of Moreland which includes Fawkner, Hadfield, Glenroy.

The inner parts of Moreland also need attention such as the Upfield Bike Path, the implementation of separated bike lanes on Sydney road will be a good first step but it needs to be done in a way that takes in account the needs of people.

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Candidate Name: Nahui Jimenez

Candidate Affiliation: Victorian Socialists

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We need to secure bike paths that so many people in our community use. We need to make sure the speed limits are low to avoid accidents. Make sure the bike paths are protected.

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I think we need better public transport, we need more frequent trams especially during peak hour, we need more frequent busses to cut across the city. While I support and encourage people to use public transport and cycling to work as the main form of transportation, I don't think we should be introducing punitive measures for people who for whatever reason have to use a car to go to work.

As someone who deeply cares for the environment this wasn't an option for me when I was at work. I had to work in Brooklyn which is in an industrial area at all hours of the day or night with no secure bike paths, or public transport nearby, when I had to work in the city I always took public transport without thinking about it twice. I think that by massively improving our public transport that this will have a profound effect on people choice of transportation to more environmentally friendly ones.

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I think Moreland City council can play a big role in connecting our communities by expanding bike paths, connecting the North to the city and making cycling more accessible to people. We need to continue to invest in road safety, making sure cyclists are safe when riding, and that everyone is educated in making sure everyone is safe on the road.



Candidate Name: Shea Evans

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

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My perception is that it's not safe enough and more needs to be done around traffic speed, increasing the amount of dedicated bike lanes and lower the incidents of car dooring. Council needs to use research and expert advice that has been produced over the last few years to better inform how MITS can increase the safety of bike users.

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If you selected Other please elaborate here:

Increasing the safety for pedestrians by improving the quality of paths, crossings and lighting would increase small trips by foot, and reduce traffic caused by small local trips/commutes. Having better infrastructure for PT in order to increase access. Improved tram and bus stops and integrated transport hubs that better connect modes of PT. In the South Ward making sure that that Brunswick East and Brunswick West shimmys have clearer, more delineated bike lanes and improving the safety measures (better lighting/barriers/bollards). Giving residents more options (that are safe) means that people can make better decisions about how they move around.

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Safety needs to be number one, more people will not begin to utilise cycling until they feel confident that they can travel safely, all road users have an equal role to play in this and for true success everyone needs to understand the dangers and solutions together. This includes improving the safety for cyclists on Sydney Rd needs to be a top priority - as one of Melbourne's most dangerous roads for cyclists Council needs to work closely with the State Government to come up with a better traffic management solution for Sydney Rd that involves bikes. I am a firm advocate for listening and learning from people, this includes community and experts in order to arrive at solutions that are effective.



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Candidate Name: Shirley Jackson

Candidate Affiliation: Labor

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As an active cyclist myself, I know too well the dangers that riding on our main arterial roads present. Before the pandemic, I would ride my bicycle to work in the CBD and always breathed a sigh of relief when I crossed Brunswick street onto the dedicated bike lane on Royal Parade. If elected, I want to work with community groups like yourselves and the local traders association to generate a plan that would accomodate greater safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and continues to provide ample parking for the thousands of visitors to our vital shopping strips.

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I believe that we need to accomodate a wide variety of transport users, whilst encouraging those who can avoid car usage to choose alternate transport options.

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I believe that we need to reduce unnecessary car usage, and that council can play a positive role in supporting community members to make more sustainable and healthier transport choices. I have some reservations about treating all transport users as homogenous, and implementing negative measures before positive ones.

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I want to see more Morelanders take advantage of healthier and more sustainable transport options. If I am fortunate enough to be elected as a local councillor, I will advocate for better cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that does not negatively impact our local economy; I will promote our current cycling infrastructure, and will engage with positive campaigns that encourage Morelanders to chose alternate



transport options; and, I will be available to community groups who are passionate about making positive change in our community.

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