

Moreland Bicycle User Group - Council Candidates Survey 2016

The Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) is conducting a survey of candidates for Moreland in the 2016 Council election to inform members of candidates' attitudes to cycling.

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes.

Your name *

Alex McGilvray

Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

The Australian Greens

How often do you ride a bicycle? *

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never
- Other:

Are you a member of any cycling organisations?

- Brunswick Cycling Club
- Coburg Cycling Club
- Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club
- Moreland BUG
- Bicycle Network (formerly Bicycle Victoria)
- Other BUG
- Other: Swinburne University Cycling Club

Which of the following are you familiar with?

- Brunswick Shimmy
- Craigieburn Shared Path (along Craigieburn railway corridor)
- Merri Creek Path
- O'Hea Street Bike Path
- Upfield Shared Path (along Upfield railway corridor)
- Other:

What is your perception of bicycle safety in Moreland? *

- About right
- Not very safe
- Very unsafe

- Other: Unfortunately, some places in Moreland are safer to ride than others. I feel safe riding in some parts of the Upfield Bike Path (especially around the Brunswick Baths – it is well lit and has upgraded asphalt). However as I ride further north on the path I feel less safe. Undoubtedly all of Sydney Road and Lygon Street are unsafe for riders, with not enough space between parked cars and cycle lanes.
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Road safety, environmental sustainability, greenhouse emissions and public health & obesity are important public policy issues which are influenced by decisions you will make if you are elected. Do you see bicycle riding helping to solve any of these problems? *

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

Do you think that the best solution to road traffic congestion is: *

- Building more roads
- Providing sustainable transport options such as public transport and safer cycling that take cars off the road
- Other:

What is the most appropriate traffic speed for our local streets to ensure safety for all users? *

- 30 km/h
- 40 km/h
- 50 km/h
- 60 km/h
- Other:

The Moreland Bicycle Strategy

(<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/key-docs/policy-strategy-plan/bicycle-strategy-2011-21.pdf>) states that "To deliver these projects Council will need to increase funding commitments beyond historic levels [\$5 per resident] and commit to increasing bicycle expenditure in response to growth in cyclist numbers, population and inflation." In your view is \$5 per resident: *

- Too much
- About right
- Not enough
- Other:

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

- None/there are other priorities to focus on
- Minimal - happy to lend passive support for projects funded by others
- Moderate
- Major - cycling is a local issue with significant local benefits
- Other:

Where do you see the role of cycling in Moreland in four years and what would your contribution to that be? Don't forget to press "SUBMIT" when you have finished. Thanks for you participation! *

Cycling has many benefits, for both individuals and the wider community. It improves our personal health and reduces pollution. On Council, I will advocate to increase funding for cycling and walking paths by 50%, as is consistent with Greens policy. This increase will allow council to implement the Moreland Bicycle Strategy 2011-2021 including: completing the upgrade and lighting of the Upfield bike path; completing gaps in the Merri Creek trail; improving bicycle parking at train stations and throughout the city and continuing to ensure developers integrate bicycle facilities into new dwellings.

I will also be a strong advocate for separate bike lanes on main roads in the municipality in order to improve safety for cyclists.

At the end of my 4 year term, I hope that cycling is even more embedded into our Moreland culture. I hope to see a broader range of our community cycling, which I believe can be achieved through improved safety. My contribution to this will be 4 years of strong and unwavering advocacy for cyclists – I will always have their best interests in mind.

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